

Trail Happenings

Moab's Epic Trails Get a New Look

A haven for outdoor enthusiasts, a canvas painted with fiery red rocks and carved by ancient rivers. This legendary destination beckons with an intricate network of trails, catering to every outdoor enthusiast interest and skill level. But like all landscapes, Moab's trails are subject to the whims of nature, and this summer's flash floods have left their mark.

Fear not, fellow adventurers! While the recent flooding caused some damage, the spirit of Moab's trail scene remains unbroken and our local trail crews are quickly tackling the most damaged areas. You can still experience the exhilaration of weaving through canyons and summiting slickrock climbs. However, it's important to be aware of the current trail conditions before you embark on your next Moab adventure.



A Landscape in Flux: What to Expect on the Trails

The recent floods have sculpted a new face onto some of Moab's beloved trails. Here's what you might encounter:

- **Rutted Trails:** Prepare to navigate sections with deeper grooves carved by rushing water. These ruts can make for a bumpier ride, so adjust your speed and line selection accordingly.
- **Washed-Out Sections:** Some trails may have sustained more significant damage, resulting in washouts or missing sections. Keep an eye out for loose rocks, and eroded channels that are prone to collapse.
- **Increased Sand:** Flash floods often leave behind an unwelcome souvenir – sand. Expect looser sections on the trails, which can require extra focus and finesse on your part.

Outerbike Back to Moab, Oct 4-6

by Brendon Cameron — Outerbike

Outerbike events are held all over the country. We are excited to be bringing the event back to where it started, right here at the Bar-M trails in Moab.

The Moab Outerbike is for everyone! The event is free & open to the public (Especially our Moab locals). We will have the latest & greatest from lots of Mountain bike brands as well as bike related gear, SWAG & info for everyone.



Outerbike is a mountain bike demo event as well. We still have a few tickets if any locals want to ride these bikes all weekend. There will be Bikes, Shuttles, Lunches provided by Moab Private Chef & a great live music happy hours for those that purchase a ticket. Because we love our locals, contact info@outerbike.com for a locals discount for tickets.

We will be shuttling ticket holders to the following locations on these dates:

- Oct 4: Amasa Back (Captain Ahab)
- Oct 5: Navajo Rocks
- Oct 6: Mag 7



Mountain bike local legend & trail builder, Tyson Swasey

Even if you don't purchase a ticket, come out anytime Oct 4-6th Gates open at 9am and close @ 5pm. Come give a "High-5" and a "Howdy" & grab a free limited edition 2024 Outerbike sticker created locally in Moab from Pipe Dream Apparel.

Can't wait to see you all soon!

Tips for Enjoying Moab's Trails After the Floods

- **Research and Plan:** Check trail conditions with local bike or gear shops and Moab's own Moab Trail Mix (@moabtrailmix on social media or www.Moabtrailmix.com). These resources will provide updates on closures and the severity of damage on specific trails. DiscoverMoab.com is also another great site for a vast array of information on the Moab area.
 - **Download Offline Maps:** Having offline maps on your GPS device/phone ensures you can navigate safely even if cell service is limited. Go beyond the digital limitations of your phone's battery and go extra prepared with an analog paper map.
 - **Stay Alert:** Be mindful of potential trail hazards and adjust your riding style accordingly. Minimize your impact by staying on designated trails and avoiding creating new lines.
 - **Recreate Safely:** Recreate within your ability, and go prepared. Make sure someone who is not with you knows where you are going and when you will be back.
- For mountain bikers, take more water than you think you need, first aid kit, tools and parts to repair your bike. Pinch flats are a common occurrence in the area due to sharp rocks, yes even with tubeless and sealant, so insure you have at least one tube if not multiple plus a patch kit. Get your bike tuned and checked by a professional before hitting the trails to insure it will not fail at the worst time.

Giving Back: Be Part of the Solution

Moab's trails are a community treasure, and the recent floods require a collective effort for repairs. If you're passionate about keeping these trails open and accessible, consider volunteering with Moab Trail Mix. They organize

By Grand County Active Transportation & Trails

regular volunteer events to clear debris, rebuild damaged sections, and maintain the integrity of the trail network.

Don't let the flood damage deter your Moab adventure. By staying informed, adjusting your riding approach, and embracing the evolving landscape, you can experience the timeless thrill of shredding (or strolling) through this iconic destination. Remember, your responsible enjoyment of the area and potential volunteer contributions will help ensure Moab's trails remain an epic playground for generations to come.

Website: www.moabtrailteam.com - (This redirects to our grand county page)



Email: Trailoutreach@grandcountyutah.net

Want to get involved? Check out www.MoabTrailTeam.com for volunteer opportunities and get involved with the Trail Mix Committee. The Trail Mix Committee is a Grand County Utah committee that advises the commission on non motorized trail happenings in the area. Meetings and membership are open to the public and are held the second Tuesday of every month.

Moab Ho Down Mountain Bike Festival is Back!!! October 24-27, 2024



The event is hosted by Moab's local IMBA chapter – Moab Bike Association.

After a 4-year hiatus the Ho Down, a much-loved bike festival in Moab, is back for 2024! Moab's local bike community has come together for this fun-filled weekend of bike riding, bike racing, bike jumping, costume wearing, laughter and our communities love for all things biking.

Moab Ho Down Mountain Bike Festival raises funds for our local bike park and has also helped to fund local trail projects over the years. Our local IMBA Chapter, Moab Mountain Bike Association dba Moab Bike Association, is the host of the event and has put together a schedule that brings together multiple opportunities of fun to be had on 2 wheels!

Moab Bike Association wants to thank our cash sponsors: Bighorn Mountain Biking, Chile Pepper Bike Shop (Enduro Race Sponsor), Coyote Shuttle, Magpie Cycling, Poison Spider Bicycles, Porcupine Shuttle, Rim Tours, Whole Shuttle Company, Suzanna Feuz with Sotheby's Realty (Spooky Cross Sponsor). And a thank you to product sponsorship: Western Spirit Cycling.

We are looking for more sponsorship cash or raffle products so if you or your business would like to sponsor the Moab Ho Down please email: info@moabhodown.com or call Tracy at 435-210-0042 for more information. And be sure to mention you read it in *Moab Happenings*.

We'll see you at the Moab Ho Down!!! For a schedule of events or to register please visit our website at www.moabhodown.com.

