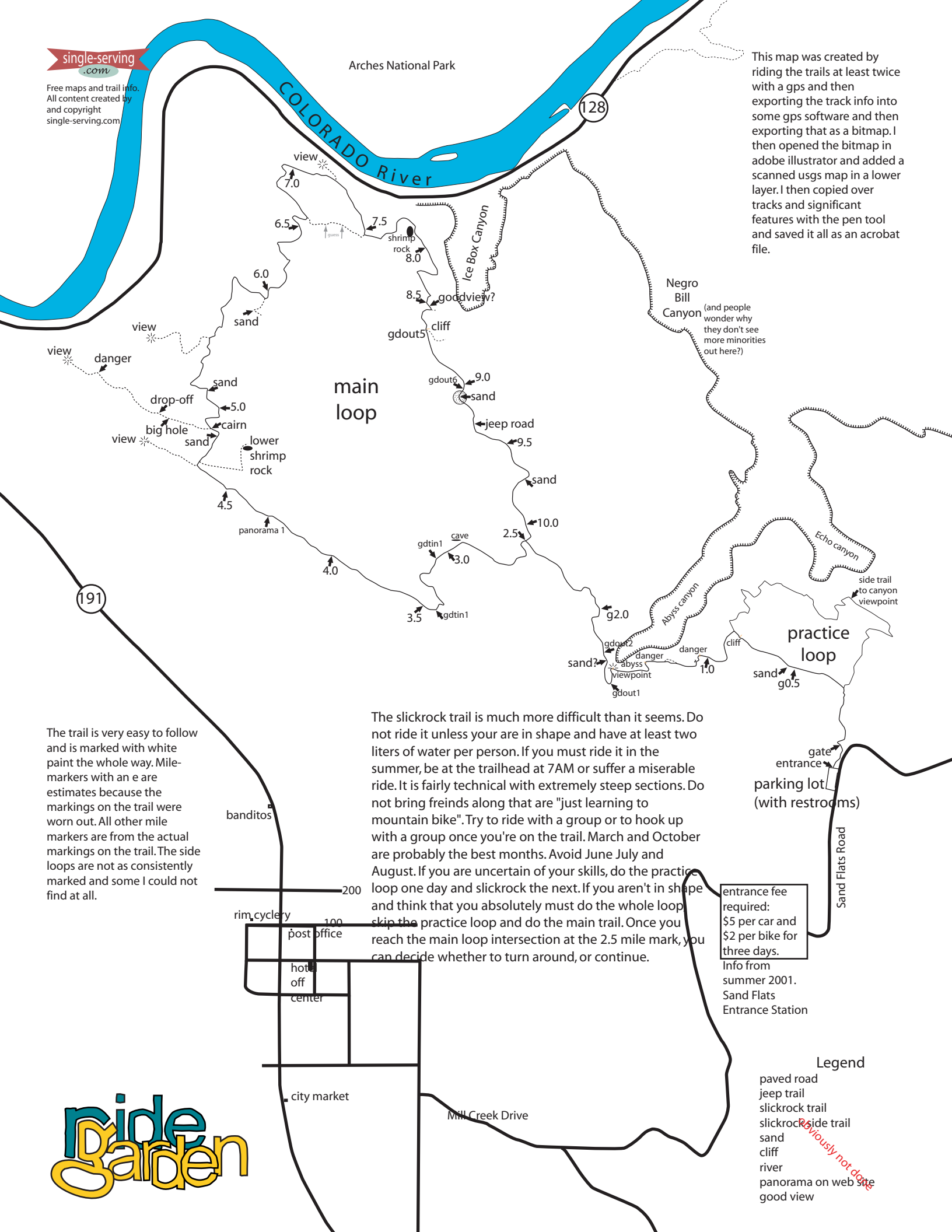


This map was created by riding the trails at least twice with a gps and then exporting the track info into some gps software and then exporting that as a bitmap. I then opened the bitmap in adobe illustrator and added a scanned usgs map in a lower layer. I then copied over tracks and significant features with the pen tool and saved it all as an acrobat file.



Arches National Park

COLORADO River

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view

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shrimp rock

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godview?

cliff

gdout5

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sand

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sand

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jeep road

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main loop

practice loop

parking lot (with restrooms)

entrance fee required: \$5 per car and \$2 per bike for three days. Info from summer 2001. Sand Flats Entrance Station

Legend

- paved road
- jeep trail
- slickrock trail
- slickrock side trail
- sand
- cliff
- river
- panorama on web site
- good view

The trail is very easy to follow and is marked with white paint the whole way. Mile markers with an e are estimates because the markings on the trail were worn out. All other mile markers are from the actual markings on the trail. The side loops are not as consistently marked and some I could not find at all.

The slickrock trail is much more difficult than it seems. Do not ride it unless you are in shape and have at least two liters of water per person. If you must ride it in the summer, be at the trailhead at 7AM or suffer a miserable ride. It is fairly technical with extremely steep sections. Do not bring freinds along that are "just learning to mountain bike". Try to ride with a group or to hook up with a group once you're on the trail. March and October are probably the best months. Avoid June July and August. If you are uncertain of your skills, do the practice loop one day and slickrock the next. If you aren't in shape and think that you absolutely must do the whole loop, skip the practice loop and do the main trail. Once you reach the main loop intersection at the 2.5 mile mark, you can decide whether to turn around, or continue.

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