

BIKE REQUIREMENTS

Your bike is the most important piece of equipment you will bring on this trip. Riders are responsible for arriving with a mountain bike that is in excellent working condition.

We strongly recommend having your bike professionally serviced prior to the trip, including at least a basic tune-up. This helps prevent mechanical issues on the trail and ensures you'll have the best possible experience.

At a minimum, your bike should be checked for:

- Reliable brakes with plenty of pad life
- Tires in good shape- tubeless strongly recommended
- A well-functioning drivetrain (chain, cassette, shifting)
- No loose bolts or mechanical concerns

While our guides can assist with minor repairs such as flat tires or basic adjustments, riders should not expect full bike shop support in the backcountry.

Here's the tools and supplies CME brings on every bike trip:

- Floor pump (for use in camp)
- Mini pumps (guides carry on trail)
- Tubeless sealant + valve cores + valve tool
- Tire plugs
- Spare tubes (mix of common sizes)
- Tire levers
- Patch kits
- Multi-tools with chain breaker
- Quick links
- Spare derailleur hanger(s) (as many as possible, rider-specific if known)
- Small selection of bolts (water bottle cage, rotor, cleat bolts)
- Chain lube + cleaning rag
- Duct tape + zip ties (always)
- Shock pump
- Spoke wrench + a few spare spokes

WHAT KIND OF BIKE SHOULD I BRING?

This trip covers nearly continuous singletrack on the Colorado Trail, including rocky terrain, technical descents, and sustained climbs at high elevation.

We recommend a modern trail or all-mountain mountain bike, ideally with:

- Full suspension (highly recommended for comfort and control)
- 120–160mm of travel
- Disc brakes
- Tires suited for rocky, backcountry singletrack

Some of you are probably hardtail diehards and that's great. A hardtail can be ridden on this route by strong, experienced riders, but most participants will be more comfortable and enjoy the trip more on a full-suspension trail bike.

E-bikes are not permitted. If you would like an accommodation under the ADA, please reach out to Dan at 970-531-0963.

If you have questions about whether your bike is appropriate for the trip, feel free to reach out to us before arrival — we are happy to help you choose the best setup.