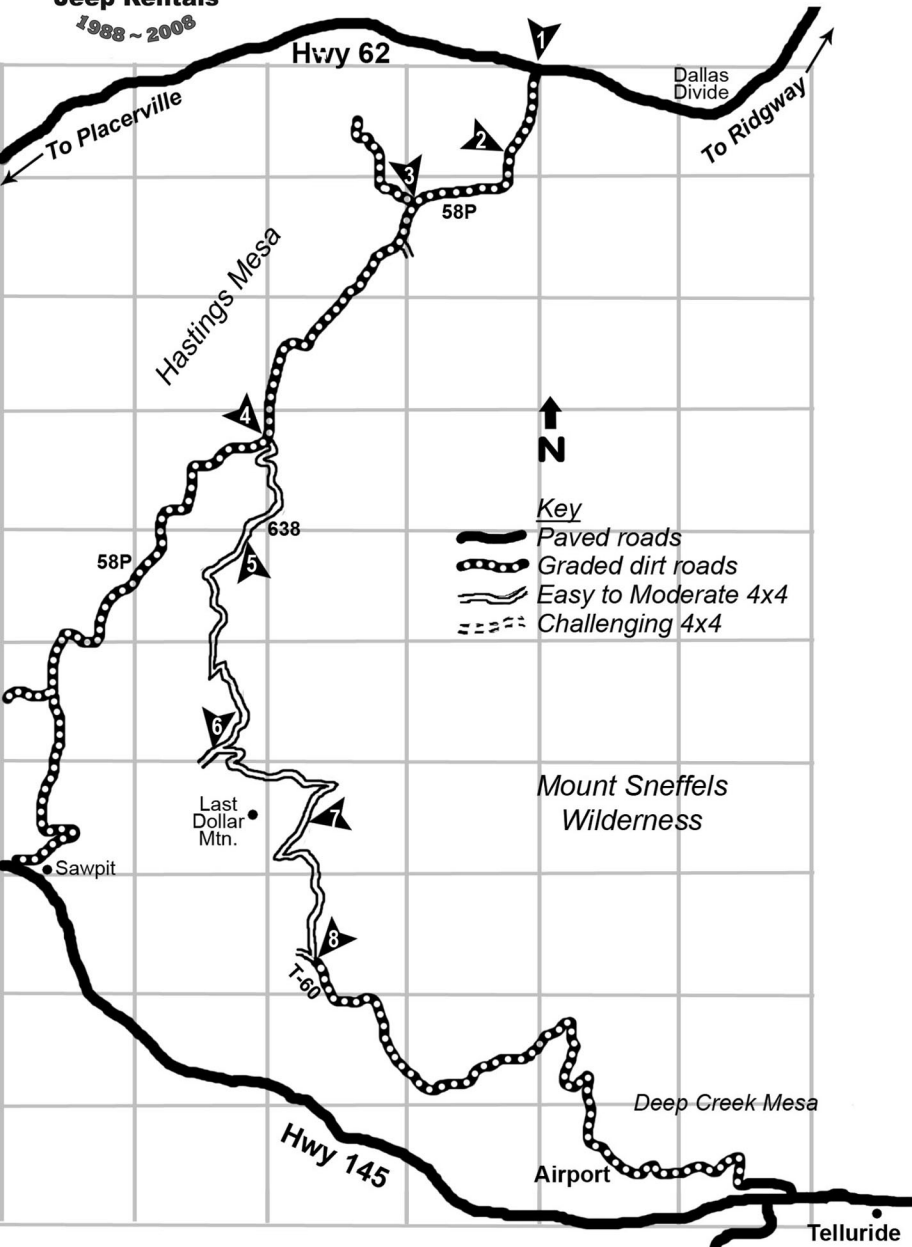




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Last Dollar Road

Rating: Easy

Time: 2 hours one-way from Ouray to Telluride

- 1 To get to the trailhead: From Ridgway, drive west on Hwy 62 approximately 12 miles. Turn left onto Last Dollar Road (look for the brown Forest Service sign on the highway). **Use 4H** as soon as you leave pavement. **Reset your trip odometer to 0.0 for navigational tips.**
- 2 As you climb gradually toward the hills, look for the extensive beaver ponds on your left, in Leopard Creek.
- 3 **At 2.1 miles, stay left**, then bear right at 2.5 miles. Respect private property. Enjoy the scenery from the road corridor.
- 4 **Important left turn at 5.0 miles.** Last Dollar Road goes left downhill. Straight goes to Sawpit (a quicker easier drive to the highway). Last Dollar Road becomes narrower and bumpier. In very wet conditions, this section can be hazardous.
- 5 **At water crossings, slow to a walking speed.** If water is splashing you are going too fast! Do not cross water that is deeper than the bumper, no matter how slow you go. Narrow shelf roads--look for the safest place to pass. **Vehicle coming uphill has the right of way.**
- 6 At 9.2 miles, look for the overlook off to the right. From the overlook, Last Dollar Mountain (elev. 11,129 ft.) is immediately on your left (east), San Juan Ranch is below you on the right.
- 7 The next few miles will be steep and narrow. **When descending, use your gears in the transmission and/or transfer case to slow you instead of riding the brakes.**
- 8 **At 12.9 miles**, you will come to a T at a popular camping area. **Turn left onto T-60.** The road gets easier and wider for the descent into Telluride.

Return Loop: Imogene (moderate), Ophir (easy-moderate), or highway.