

Route 7 – Dual Sport Exploration of the Gold Belt Scenic Byway. This route starts in the usual manner, I-25 to US-24 and make a left at Divide onto SR-67. It starts with same routing as Route 1, including all the way to Cripple Creek. Take SR-67 south about one half the way to Victor. You should see a sign for the Byway or a sign for the ‘Shelf Road’ (CR-88). After about 8 miles, the name will change to Garden Park Road. In about 16 miles, you should come to US-50 in Canon City.



Shelf Road

Much of this route can be negotiated on a standard street bike (assuming no rain or recent gully washers), but the shelf road section would be the trickiest and should be skipped if you are not confident in your abilities on dirt. In that case follow the Route 1 map to US-50 and Canon City, turn left on US-50 (another fine opportunity to ride Skyline Drive!)

You can take US-50 or CR-123 to Phantom Canyon Road (SR-67 again). Turn north or left onto Phantom Canyon Road.

Phantom Canyon Road follows the grade of one of the several gold field narrow gauge trains. The train stopped running in 1912. There are several ghost towns along the route; Wilbur, Adelaide and Glenbrook. The web site for this road welcomes standard vehicles to drive the road, so watch for traffic.

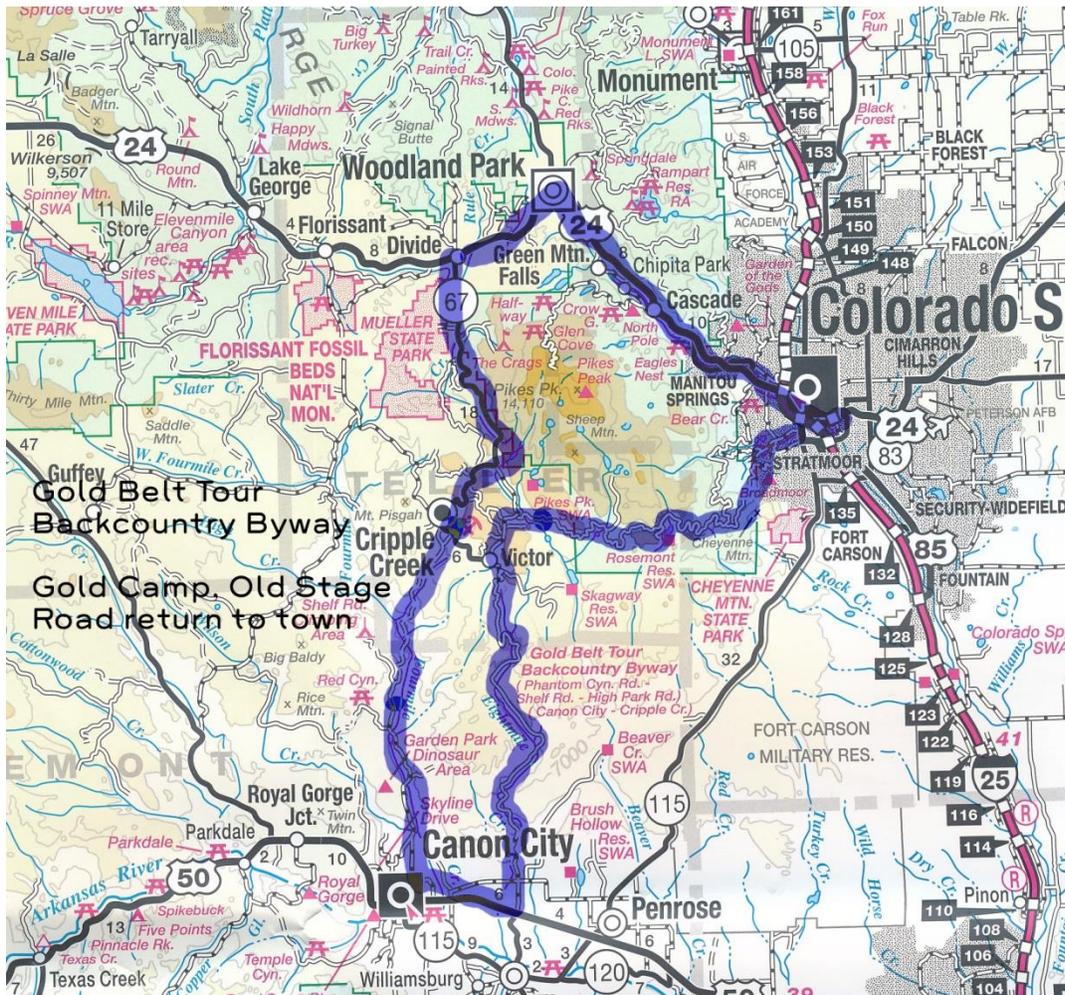
When you get to Victor switch to CR-881 (through Goldfield) and head north to pick up CR-81 again. CR-81 (also known as Lazy S Ranch Road) should lead you into CR-8, Gold Camp Road. The distance from Victor to Gold Camp Road is about 4 miles.

Follow Gold Camp road for about 13 miles until you come to Old Stage road. Be sure you bear to the right. Part of Old Stage Road (to the left) is closed due to a tunnel collapse. It is another 5 or 6 miles until you exit into civilization again.

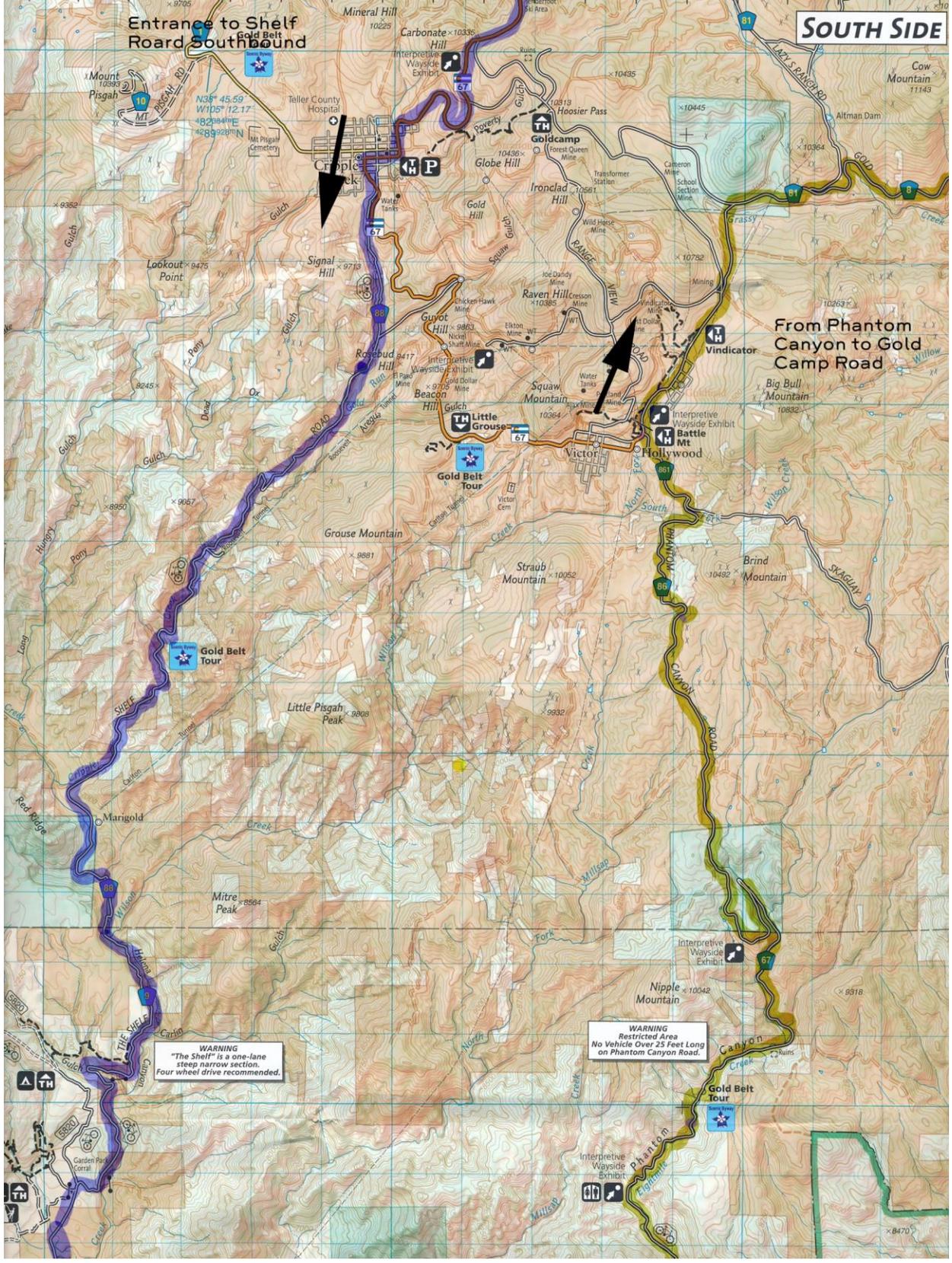
This whole route can be easily run in either direction.

There are several interesting side roads you can explore along the Gold Camp/ Old Stage roads. If you are interested, get yourself a copy of National Geographic Trails Illustrated map number

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Entrance to Shelf Road Southbound

SOUTH SIDE

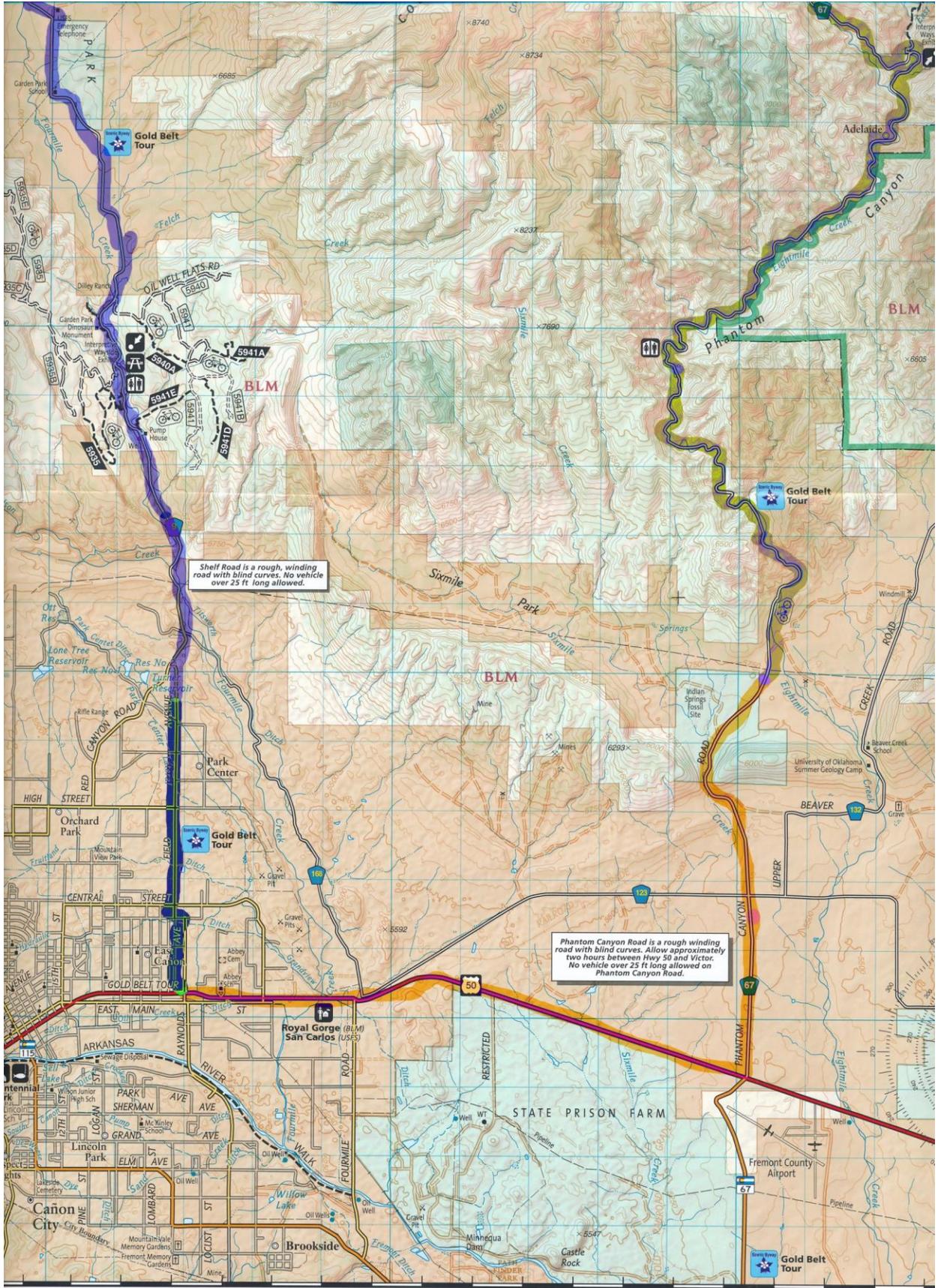
From Phantom Canyon Road to Gold Camp Road

WARNING
"The Shelf" is a one-lane steep narrow section.
Four wheel drive recommended.

WARNING
Restricted Area
No Vehicle Over 25 Feet Long
on Phantom Canyon Road

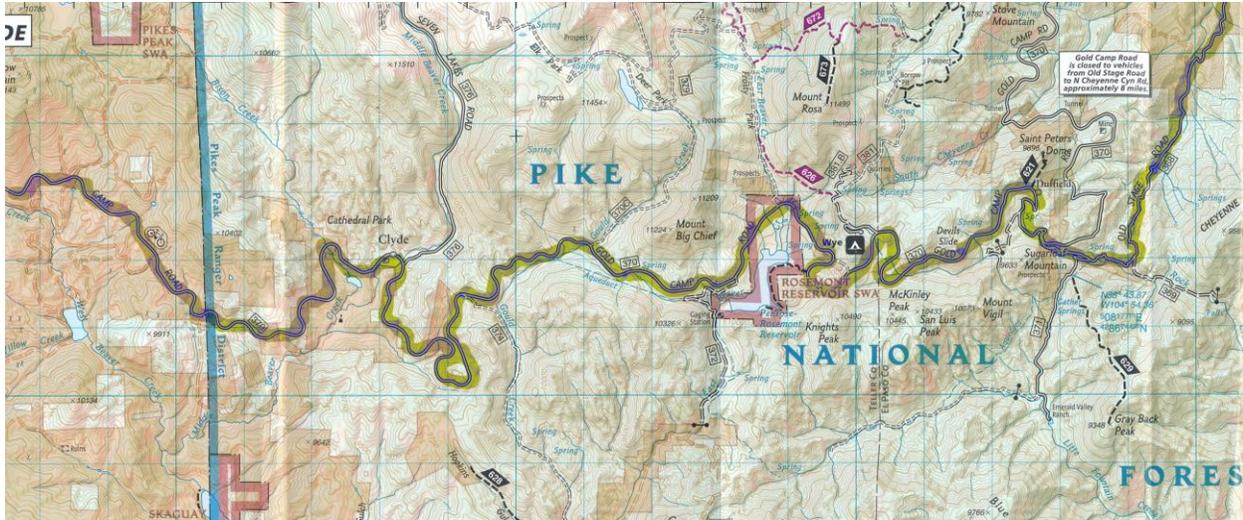
Google Earth view of how to get onto Gold Camp Road at Cripple Creek.





Shell Road is a rough, winding road with blind curves. No vehicle over 25 ft. long allowed.

Phantom Canyon Road is a rough winding road with blind curves. Allow approximately two hours between Hwy 50 and Victor. No vehicle over 25 ft. long allowed on Phantom Canyon Road.



Exit Old Stage Road onto Cheyenne Mountain Blvd.

