

# Riding Around the Sierra Nevada Roads



Geiger Grade  
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Geiger Grade is the climb that will take you to Virginia City from Reno. Coming from Minden, it's a bit of a distance to actually ride this climb. I had to ride up to Virginia City from Hwy 341 (see April 28<sup>th</sup> entry), descend down Geiger Grade, and then climb it back up to capture the profile! My round trip distance was 83 miles for the day but I got a good snapshot of the road. It's actually a very gentle climb with beautiful views of Reno and Pleasant Valley. The climb starts at the intersection with Hwy 395. There is a large shopping center. The area starts off with some residential neighborhoods but it quickly thins out. You get a clear view of the mountains ahead.



The views are spectacular and the landscaping is gorgeous! There is one scenic outlook that motorists pull over for. I rode through knowing that there will be plenty of good shots ahead.



The climb is actually really gentle and you might be lucky enough to have a tailwind. As you can see, the grade was pretty steady with some peaks and valleys in between. My Garmin reported a starting elevation of 4590 feet and the climb topped out at 6752 feet over a distance of 9.22 miles. That gives an average gradient of about 4.4%.

