NC Smokies Motor Touring

Wheels Through Time: The Museum That Runs

Nestled in the Western mountains of North Carolina's Haywood County, in Maggie Valley, is one of North Carolina's tourist destination gems. "Wheels Through Time: the museum that runs" is unique. This collection of several hundred American motorcycles is not only comprehensive in its display of more than 28 makes from American motorcycle history, but offers the visitor a cultural / educational experience that no other transportation museum in the United States matches. Through machines on display at Wheels Through Time - from the 1903 Indian, to the 1916 Traub (the one of a kind machine famously found behind a false wall in Chicago in 1967 and often labeled the world's rarest motorcycle), to the prototype machines and racing bikes that define historic innovation and the path to modern motorcycling - the visitor is treated to a museum experience of operational machines.

Parkway Highlights

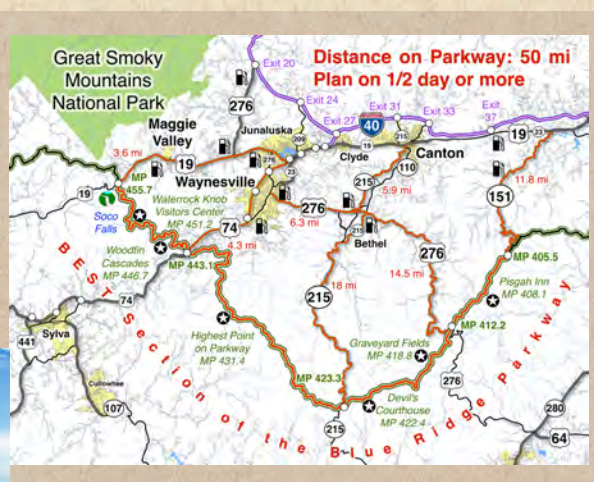
These are some of the overlooks on the Best Section of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

- **Milepost 452.2- Waterrock Knob- Blue Ridge Parkway Visitors Center. Excellent long range views.**
- **Milepost 446.7- Woodfin Cascades- Distant view of 235 foot waterfall. Can be difficult to see when leaves are on trees.**
- **Milepost 431.4- Highest Point on the Blue Ridge Parkway- Long range views. Classic photo sign.**
- **Milepost 422.4- Devils Courthouse- Impressive rock formation with long range views.**
- **Milepost 417- Looking Glass Rock- Best view of the granite dome.**

The Best Section of the Blue Ridge Parkway

Milepost 405.5 - 455.7

Haywood County's crowning jewel is the BEST section of the Blue Ridge Parkway. Arcing along the peaks on our southern border, this is the highest and most scenic portion of the 469 mile long ride. The Parkway can be accessed from 5 different points in Haywood County, NC - NC 151, US 276, NC 215, US 23/ 74, and US 19.



Enjoy views from the highest point, see the Devil's Courthouse, Looking Glass Rock, Graveyard Fields, and more.

50 miles, plus approach and return ride. Plan at least 1/2 day. Easy ride

1. **US 19** - Ride west from Maggie Valley. US 19 (Soco Rd) makes a steady climb to meet the Blue Ridge Parkway at Soco Gap (MP 455.7). 3.6 miles. Shortest route to get on the Blue Ridge Parkway.
2. **US 74** - Four lane highway meets the Blue Ridge Parkway 4.3 miles west of Waynesville.
3. **NC 215** - A long winding ride and one of the best in the area. Connects to I-40 at Exit 31. Passes through Canton (follow signs). Junction with US 276 in Bethel at traffic light. South of Bethel is the best section, a challenging and scenic climb that makes it a favorite ride.
4. **US 276** - Connects to I-40 at Exit 20. Four lane road crosses Jonathan Valley, then joins with US 19 at Maggie Valley. It passes through Waynesville as Main Street, then becomes and enjoyable country ride to the Bethel Valley. Junction with NC 215 in Bethel at traffic light. South of Bethel is the best section, a scenic climb that gets more challenging the higher you go.
5. **NC 151** - Makes a very steep descent from the Blue Ridge Parkway through a series of switchbacks, then winds across valley to meet US 19.

Copperhead Loop

This beautiful route has long been a "secret" among local riders who appreciate its beauty and its easy access. This route, called the "Copperhead Loop," is a perfect combination of the characteristics that make a great road. Compared to other popular roads in the area, The Copperhead offers many of the same thrills yet so much more. This loop includes technical curves to test even the most experienced rider, relaxing sweeping turns, and rapid elevation changes.

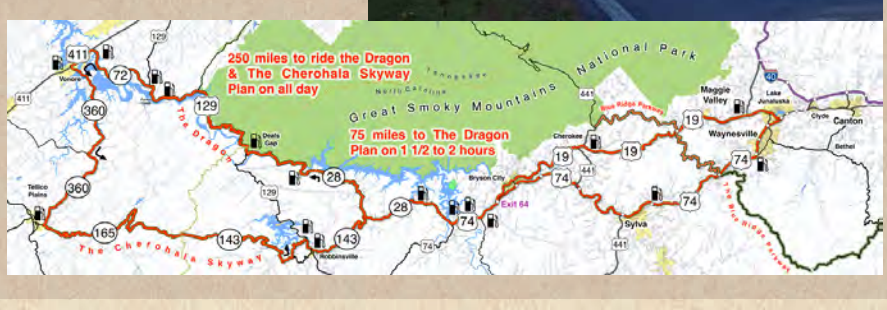
Over 77 miles. 2-3 hours, more with stops.

Route: Starts in Waynesville - Leave downtown Waynesville on US 276 south to reach the top point of the Pisgah Triangles.

- **Continue straight** at traffic light on US 276.
- **Turn left** to follow ramp to the Blue Ridge Parkway at Wagon Road Gap.
- **Turn left** at stop sign onto the Blue Ridge Parkway (towards Cherokee).
- **Exit the Blue Ridge Parkway** at NC 215.
- **Turn Left** at stop sign onto **NC 215** (towards Canton). NC 215 becomes Lake Logan Rd.
- End of loop 1 in Bethel. 6.3 miles back to Waynesville on US 276.

The Dragon & Cherohala Skyway

Use US 23/74 or US 19 to take you west, then veer north on NC 28 to reach the Dragon at Deals Gap. Ride through the famous Dragon, then take TN 72 to Vonore. Come south on TN 360, then ride the 50 mile Cherohala Skyway back to Robbinsville. NC 143 will lead you back to NC 28, then return on US 23/74.



67 miles to Deals Gap. 1 1/2 to 2 hours. 250 miles to ride the loop. All day ride

Route:

- Start in Maggie Valley. Follow US 19 to Bryson City.
- **Turn right** @ traffic light downtown **Bryson City.**
- **Turn left** at next traffic light to continue west on **US 19**.
- **Follow ramp onto Highway 74**. Continue west on the highway.
- **Veer Right** onto NC 28.
- **Junction NC 28 / NC 143**. Continue on NC 28. This is where the loop returns.
- **Turn left** @ stop sign on **NC 28**. Road to right leads to Fontana Dam.
- **Turn right** @ stop sign to ride **the Dragon**. Junction US 129 (The Dragon) and NC 28. Motorcycle Resort here. Food, gas, t-shirts, etc.

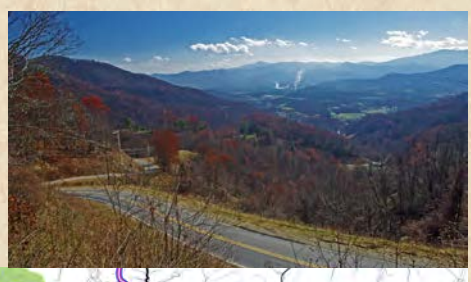
To continue on loop ride -

- Ride the Dragon (US 129). Continue north to **Punkin Center**.
- **Turn left** onto TN 72. Follow to **Vonore**.
- **Turn left** @ stop sign to cross the lake. Junction US 411.
- **Turn left** @ traffic light onto **TN 360**
- **Turn left** @ stop sign to **continue on TN 360 to Tellico Plains**.
- **Turn left** @ stop sign to **start the Cherohala Skyway**. Junction with TN 165. No gas next 50+ miles. Fuel here if needed.
- **Turn left** to continue on **NC 143** into **Robbinsville**. End of Cherohala Skyway.
- **Turn right** @ stop sign to pass through Robbinsville. Junction NC 143 with US 129.
- **Turn left** @ traffic light to exit Robbinsville on NC 143.
- **Turn right** @ stop sign to re-trace your steps home. Junction NC 143 with NC 28.

Haywood County Loop

One of many ways to loop ride some of the best roads Haywood County offers and never be far from the barn. Don't take it lightly, these roads are as challenging as you'll find. A great loop for the "iffy" days when you might want to stay close to home.

US 276 to Rabbit Skin Rd, Cross bridge to Riverside, then to NC 209. Hop south to Upper Crabtree Mtn Rd (watch for turn near middle), follow to Canton, then onto Thickety Rd to Clyde. Poison Cove Rd to Stamey Cove Rd, then NC 215 to Bethel. Return on US 276 through Waynesville.



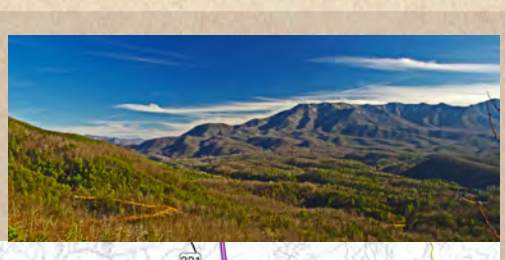
45 miles. 1 1/2 to 2 hours ride. Moderately difficult

- **Start in Maggie Valley** at junction of US 19 and US 276. Follow US 276 north across Jonathan Valley to I-40 Exit 20.
- Pass under I-40 then **turn right onto Rabbit Skin Rd** just before you reach the on-ramp. Tight curves ahead. Watch for gravel in turns.
- **Turn left** @ stop sign to **cross bridge** over Pigeon River.
- **Turn right** to continue on **Riverside Road**. Follow river. Watch for mud in road from farm equipment.
- **Turn right** on **NC 209** @ stop sign. Junction NC 209..
- **Turn left** onto **Upper Crabtree Road**.
- **Turn right** onto **Crabtree Mountain Road**. Steep climb, steep descent. Watch for gravel in turns near top.
- **Turn right** @ stop sign onto **Thickety Road**. Leads to **Clyde**.
- **Turn left** onto **Charles Street.** Cross bridge over Pigeon River.
- **Turn left** @ stop sign onto **Broad Street**. Go 1 block.
- **Turn right** onto **Main Street**. Follow to **US 19**.
- **Cross US 19** @ traffic light and follow as **Main Street**. Becomes **Poison Cove Road**.
- **Continue straight** onto **Stamey Cove Road**. Junction Ratcliff Cove Road.
- **Turn right** @ stop sign **onto NC 215**. Junction **Stamey Cove Road** and NC 215.
- **Turn right** @ stop sign onto **Sonoma Road.** Follow to US 276.
- **Veer right** at stop sign onto **US 276**. Follow into **Waynesville**.
- **Turn right** @ traffic light and pass through downtown Waynesville.
- **Turn left** @ traffic light to continue on **US 276** (Russ Avenue).
- **Turn left** onto **US 19** (Dellwood Road) @ traffic light and follow back to start. Junction US 276 and US 19.

East Loop of Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Hard to pass up a chance to see the sights of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This ride loops the east side of the park. Plan extra time during peak season.

From Maggie Valley, use US 19 or the Blue Ridge Parkway to reach Cherokee. Cross the park on US 441. Follow US 321 east to the Foothills Parkway. I-40 will bring you back to NC, exit at US 276 to complete the loop.



112 miles. 4-6 hours. Easy ride

- **Starts in Maggie Valley.** Follow **US 19** (Soco Road) or the Blue Ridge Parkway to **Cherokee**. The parkway route bypasses Cherokee.
- **US 19** junction with **Blue Ridge Parkway** at Soco Gap. Take the parkway to bypass Cherokee. Use US 19 to pass into Cherokee, then US 441 (**turn right)** to reach the entrance to the park.
- **Turn right** at stop sign from the Blue Ridge Parkway. Junction Blue Ridge Parkway and US 441 north of Cherokee. Entrance to Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
- **Oconoluftee Visitor Center,** Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Good place to see elk early and late in the day.
- J**unction Clingman's Dome Road** (on left). Clingman's Dome is the highest mountain in Tennessee. 7 mile road leads to observation tower.
- **Newfound Gap** overlook.
- **Veer right at Sugarlands Visitor Center.** Junction with Little River Road.
- **Keep Right**. Junction Gatlinburg Bypass. Pass through **Gatlinburg**.
- **Veer Right**. Junction **US 321**.
- **Turn left** @ stop sign. Junction **US 321** and TN 32.
- **Turn right onto Foothills Parkway**. Junction US 321 and **Foothills Parkway.**
- **Veer right** onto **I-40**. Junction Foothills Parkway and **I-40 Exit 443**.
- **Exit I-40 @ exit 20** at US 276. Follow US 276 to US 19 in Maggie Valley.
- Junction US 276 and US 19 in Maggie Valley.

Tips For Your Ride

Wearing a helmet is required, and the maximum speed limit along the Parkway is 45 miles per hour. Motorcyclists should also be aware of loose gravel after rain, slippery wet leaves in the fall, tunnels and curves, and wildlife. Always be aware of inclement weather and pack accordingly. Pack water and a snack and be sure to have a full tank of gas.

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We invite you to North Carolina's Great Smoky Mountains and Blue Ridge Parkway – one of the most beautiful spots on earth!

Haywood County sits at the heart of the greatest collection of motorcycle rides in the nation. Centrally located, it's a perfect place to stay and get the most out of your motor touring vacation. Come to Maggie Valley, Waynesville, Canton, and Clyde where you will find small town Main Streets, a thriving arts community, eclectic dining, museums and the grandeur of the highest mountains in the East.

Visitors Centers

Waynesville
44 N Main Street
Waynesville, NC 28786
(800) 334-9036

Maggie Valley
Soco Road
Maggie Valley, NC 28751
(828) 926-1207

Roads Not Taken

This is another loop ride that is close to town. It includes a section of the Blue Ridge Parkway then loops north of Canton. If you're looking for adventure, this route has some great riding that few ever experience.

Start in Canton or Waynesville. Follow US 276 to the Blue Ridge Parkway. Ride north to NC 151. Cross US 19 and follow Hookers Gap Rd to Newfound Rd. Follow Morgan Branch Rd to S. Turkey Creek Rd. NC 63 to N. Turkey Creek Rd, then Earlys Mountain Rd to Sandy Mush. Willow Creek Rd will start you back to Canton.

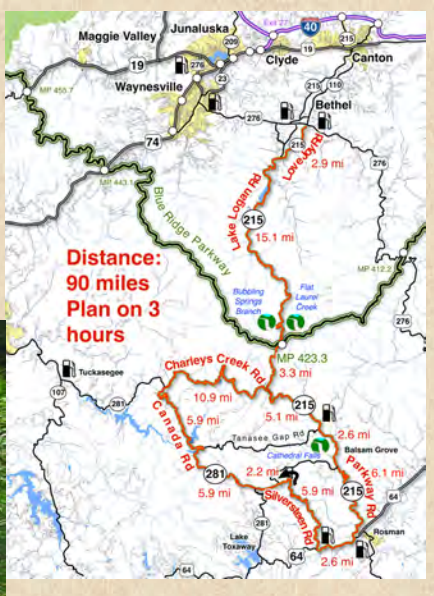
70 miles. 3 - 4 hours. Moderately difficult

- **Start in Canton**. **Follow NC 215** to **Bethel**.
- **Turn left** @ stop sign onto **Sonoma Road**. Junction NC 215 and Sonoma Road.
- **Turn right** @ stop sign onto **NC 110**. Junction Sonoma Road and NC 110.
- **Turn left** @ traffic light onto US 276. Junction NC 110 / US 276 / NC 215. Follow to Blue Ridge Parkway.
- **Left turn onto ramp** to Blue Ridge Parkway.
- **Turn right onto** Blue Ridge Parkway (towards Asheville). Follow to next exit.
- **Turn left onto NC 151.** Junction Blue Ridge Parkway and NC 151. Steep descent with tight switchbacks.
- **Continue through traffic light** @ US 19 onto Dogwood Road. Traffic light. Junction NC 151 and US 19.
- **T**urn **right** onto **Hookers Gap Road**. Junction Dogwood Road and Hookers Gap Road. Poorly marked, be alert for this turn.
- **Cross Newfound Road** @ stop sign to continue on **Morgan Branch Road**. Junction Hookers Gap Road and Newfound Road.
- **Unpaved section of road** for short distance. **Cross single lane bridge**.
- **Turn right** @ stop sign onto **S. Turkey Creek Road**.
- **Turn left** @ stop sign **onto NC 63** (New Leicester Highway). Junction S.Turkey Creek Road and NC 63.
- **Turn left onto N. Turkey Creek Road**. Junction NC 63 and N. Turkey Creek Road.
- **Keep right on Earlys Mountain Road.** Junction N. Turkey Creek Road and Earlys Mountain Road.
- **Earlys Mountain Road** becomes **Big Sandy Mush Road.**
- **Turn left onto Willow Creek Road.**
- Junction Big Sandy Mush Road / **Willow Creek Road** / Bald Creek Road.
- **Willow Creek Road** becomes **Beaverdam Road.**
- **Turn right** @ stop sign onto **Newfound Road** and follow into **Canton**. Junction Beaverdam Road and Newfound Road.
- **Stop sign.** Junction Beaverdam Road and Main Street in **Canton**.

Most Challenging Roads

If you are looking for a challenging ride there's no need to go far. This 90 mile loop takes you on some of the most technical and difficult paved roads you'll find.

Starts in Bethel. Follow NC 215 south to US 64. Head west on US 64 to Silversteen Road. North to NC 281, watch for turn to stay on Silversteen Rd. NC 281 north to Charlies Creek Road. Charlies Creek Road returns you to NC 215. Retrace NC 215 back.



90 miles plus ride to Bethel. 3-4 hours. Challenging ride

Route: Start at traffic light in Bethel (junction US 276, **NC 215**, NC 110).

Follow NC 215 - starts as **Love Joy Road**. Easy section through farmland along river.

- **Turn left** @ stop sign **to continue on NC 215.** Junction Love Joy Road and Lake Logan Rd (NC 215). Moderately difficult.
- **Pass Sunburst Campground**. Enter Pisgah National Forest. Start climb to Blue Ridge Parkway. Beware loose gravel on road, especially in turns. Difficult.
- **Pass Blue Ridge Parkway ramp**. Continue on NC 215. Road surface improves south of parkway. Difficult.
- **Turn right** @ stop sign **onto US 64**. Junction NC 215 (Parkway Road) and US 64. Easy.
- **Turn right onto Silversteen Road**. Junction US 64 and Sliversteen Rd. Difficult.
- **Keep right on Silversteen Rd**. Junction Silversteen Rd and Golden Road. Difficult.
- **Sharp left turn** to stay on Silversteen Road. Junction Silversteen Rd and Macedonia Church Road. Difficult.
- **Turn right** @ stop sign **onto NC 281**. Junction Silversteen Road and NC 281. Difficult.
- **Turn right onto Charlies Creek Road**. Junction NC 281 and Charlies Creek Road. Difficult.
- **Turn left onto NC 215**. Junction Charlies Creek Road and NC 215.
- **Follow NC 215 back to Bethel**.

The Great Easy Waterfall Ride

Tour more than 1 dozen roadside waterfalls on this long and scenic day ride. So many to see you may want to break it into two days!

All day ride. Easy to moderate difficulty

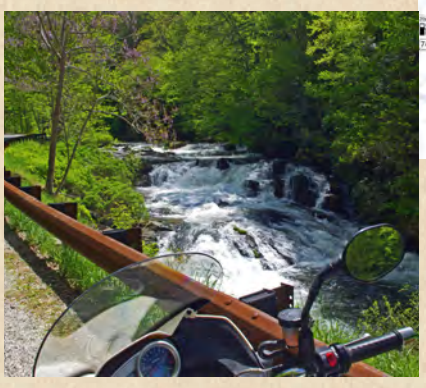
Start in Maggie Valley. Follow US 19 west.

- Pass under Blue Ridge Parkway
- **Soco Falls. Gravel pull off on left** with small signs. Downhill section of road on a curve. Can't be seen from road. Path and boardwalk lead to 2 converging waterfalls.
- **Turn left** @ traffic light at casino for shortcut to US 441 south. Junction US 19 and Casino Road.
- **Turn left** @ traffic light onto US 441 south. Junction Casino Road and US 441.
- **Follow highway 23/74 east**. Junction US 441 and highway 23/74 exit 74.
- **Follow US 441 south.** Junction US 441 and highway 23/74 exit 81..
- **Exit US 441**, follow US 64 / NC 28 east. Junction US 441 and US 64 / NC 28 at Franklin.
- **Cullasaja Falls.** Visible from road on right. Limited and hazardous parking near guardrail on sharp curve.
- **Quarry Falls** - Visible from road on right. Long paved pull-off on right side of road.
- **Dry Falls** - Not visible from road. Paved parking on right with signs. Short trail to waterfall. Path continues behind waterfall.
- **Bridal Veil Falls** - Visible from road on left. Paved pull off. Drive behind the waterfall for a photo.
- **Turn left** @ traffic light **to continue on US 64**. Junction US 64 and NC 28 downtown **Highlands**.
- **Turn right** @ traffic light **onto NC 107** south. Junction US 64 and NC 107 in **Cashiers**.
- **Whitewater Falls State Park**. Not visible from road. $2 fee. 1/4 mile paved walk. Highest waterfall in the east.
- **Turn right** @ stop sign **to continue east on US 64**. Junction NC 281 and US 64.
- **Connestee Falls** - Not visible from road. Large sign, trailhead at end of parking lot. Short walk to overlook where 2 waterfalls converge.
- **Turn right** @ traffic light in Brevard onto **US 64**. Junction US 276 and US 64.
- **Turn left** @ traffic light **onto US 276 north**. Junction US 64 / US 276 / NC 280.
- **Looking Glass Falls** - Visible from road. Large paved parking along road on right. Boardwalk to base of falls.

Start in Maggie Valley. Follow US 19 west to 441 at Cherokee. Soco Falls on route. Follow US 441 south to Franklin, then US 64 / NC 28 to Highlands. 4 falls along road. Highlands to Cashiers on US 64, then loop south on 107 / 281 to see 2 more. Continue east on US 64, detour south of Brevard then onto US 276 to the Blue Ridge Parkway (3 more) Ride the Parkway to NC 215 then follow it back to US 276 and into Maggie Valley.

Nantahala Gorge and Wayah Bald

Nantahala Gorge is known for it's whitewater rafting as much as it's stunning scenery. Climb to the rivers alpine source then cross Wayah Bald on a ride everyone loves. Complete your loop with a ride on one of North Carolina's best curvy rides. Fun!



From Maggie Valley, follow US 19 west to US 74, or take US 74 west from Waynesville to reach the Nantahala Gorge. Follow Wayah Road, then head north on NC 28 in Franklin. Return via US 19 or US 74.(3 more) Ride the Parkway to NC 215 then follow it back to US 276 and into Maggie Valley.

145 miles. 1/2 day or more. Moderately difficult

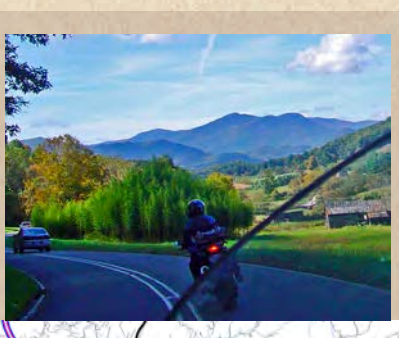
Start in Maggie Valley. Follow US 19 west.

- **Pass under Blue Ridge Parkway**. Continue to Bryson City.
- **Turn right, then left** at the traffic lights in Bryson City to continue on US 19 west. Junction with Bennett Road.
- **Merge onto Highway 23 / 74** and continue west. Junction US 19 / Alarka Road / Highway 23 / 74 Exit 64.
- **Veer left** to **continue on US 74** into Nantahala Gorge. Junction Highway 23 / 74 and NC 28.
- **Turn left** onto **Wayah Road**. Junction US 74 and Wayah Road.
- **Turn left** @ stop sign onto **Old Murphy Road**. Follow into Franklin. Junction Wayah Road and old Murphy Road.
- **Turn left** @ traffic light onto **Porter Road**. Junction Old Murphy Road and Porter Road.
- **Turn right** @ traffic light onto Main Street. Junction Porter Road and Main Street.
- **Turn left** @ traffic light and exit town on NC 28 north. Junction Main Street and NC 28 (Harrison Street).
- **Turn right** @ stop sign onto highway towards Waynesville. Junction NC 28 and Highway 23 / 74.
- **Turn left** onto **Blue Ridge Parkway ramp**. Junction Highway 23 / 74 and ramp.
- **Turn right** @ stop sign onto Blue Ridge Parkway towards Cherokee.
- **Exit Blue Ridge Parkway.** Junction Blue Ridge Parkway and ramp to US 19.
- **Turn right** @ stop sign to return to Maggie Valley on US 19. Junction ramp and US 19.

Short and Sweet

A short ride on some of our best local roads. Great loop ride when time is short or weather dictates staying close to town.

Start at Highway 23 / 74 Exit 104 at Junaluska. Follow 4 lane US 23 (Asheville Highway) into Waynesvillle, then exit town on US 276. Follow Raccon Road to Ratcliff Cove Road then on to Stamey Cove Road. Follow NC 215 through Canton to Thickety Road. Take Hyder Mountain Road to NC 209 and return to start.



33 miles. 1 1/2 Hours. Easy Ride

Start at Exit 104 Highway 23 / 74 at Junaluska.

- **Turn right** @ traffic light towards Waynesville. Continue through traffic circle.
- **Continue straight** @ traffic light onto **Walnut Street**. Junction US 23 and Walnut Street.
- **Turn left** @ traffic light onto US 276 (Russ Avenue). Junction Walnut Street and US 276 (Russ Avenue). Head downtown.
- **Turn Right** @traffic light. Junction US 276 (Russ Ave) and US 23 (Main Street). Pass through Waynesville.
- **Turn left** @ traffic light onto **US 276**. Junction Main Street and US 276 south.
- **Turn left** @ junction with **Raccoon Road**.
- **Turn right** @ junction with **Ratcliff Cove Road**.
- **Turn right** @ stop sign onto **Stamey Cove Road**. Junction Ratcliff Cove Road / Poison Cove Road / Stamey Cove Road)..
- **Turn left** @ stop sign onto **NC 215** towards **Canton**. Junction Stamey Cove Road and NC 215.
- **Turn left** @ traffic light onto **US 19** in **Canton**. Junction NC 215 and US 19.
- **Turn right** @ traffic light onto **NC 215**. Junction US 19 and NC 215.
- **Turn left** @ traffic light onto Champion Drive. Junction NC 215 and Champion Drive.
- **Turn left** @ traffic light onto **Thickety Road**. Junction NC 215 and Thickety Road.
- **Turn left** @ stop sign to continue on **Thickety Road**. Junction Thickety Road and Crabtree Mountain Road.
- **Continue straight** onto **Hyder Mountain Road**. Junction Charles Street in Clyde. Thickety Road becomes Hyder Mountain Road..
- **Turn right** @ stop sign to continue on **Hyder Mountain Road**.
- **Turn left** @ stop sign onto **Big Branch Road**. Junction Hyder Mountain Road and Big Branch Road.
- **Turn right** @ stop sign onto Golf Course Dr. Junction Big Branch Road and Golf Course Dr..
- **Turn left** @ stop sign onto **NC 209**.

Follow NC 209 to return to start.

Mt Mitchell & Chimney Rock

Mt Mitchell, the highest mountain in the east, and Chimney Rock in the beautiful Hickory Nut Gorge are both about 2 hours from Waynesville. Connect them with some really fun roads to make an easy loop ride.

Follow the Blue Ridge Parkway north to Mt. Mitchell. Continue to the next exit, then use NC 80 & NC 70 to reach Old Fort. Continue south on Bat Cave Road and NC 9 to reach Lake Lure. Follow US 64 west to Brevard, and finish the day with a ride home on US 276.

205+ miles with side trips. All day ride. Easy ride

Start in Waynesville. Follow **US 276** to the **Blue Ridge Parkway**.

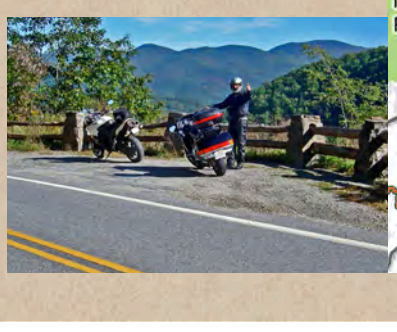
- **Traffic light** in Bethel. Last chance to fill up before the long ride.
- **Turn left** @ junction **US 276** and **ramp to Blue Ridge Parkway**.
- **Turn right** @ stop sign onto **Blue Ridge Parkway** (towards Asheville).
- **Turn left** @ junction Blue Ridge Parkway and **NC 128**. Follow to top of Mt. Mitchell - 4.8 mi one way.
- **Exit** and follow ramp to **NC 80**. Blue Ridge Parkway exit at NC 80.
- **Turn right @ s**top sign. Junction ramp and **NC 80**.
- **Turn right** @ traffic light. Junction NC 80 and **NC 70**. Follow **NC 70** into **Old Fort**.
- **Turn left** @ traffic light. Junction US 70 and **Catawba Avenue** in **Old Fort**. Pass through town. Follow **Bat Cave Road** south.
- **Turn left** @ stop sign. Junction Bat Cave Road and **NC 9**.
- **Turn left** @ stop sign. Junction NC 9 and **US 74A** (Gerton Highway).
- **Traffic Light**. Junction US 74A and US 64. Go through traffic light to see Chimney Rock in 2 miles. Explore Lake lure. **Turn right** to leave the area on **US 64** (left turn when leaving).
- **Cross over I-26** on US 64. Continue into **Hendersonville**.
- **Turn left, then right** @ traffic lights downtown to continue west on US 64.
- **Pass straight through** traffic light @ Junction US 64 / **US 276** / NC 280 onto **US 276**. Good place add some gas to your tank.
- **Pass under Blue Ridge Parkway** and continue on US 276.
- Return to start in Waynesville via **US 276**.

NC 209 - "The Rattler"

Out & Back or Loop Ride

Long popular with locals, NC 209 takes you on a wonderful scenic and challenging ride north to Hot Springs.

Extend your ride and make a 100 mile loop by continuing through Hot Springs on US 25, pass through Marshall, then follow Meadows Town Rd to NC 63. NC 63 leads you back to 209.



36 miles to Hot Springs. About 1 hour ride to hot springs.

98 miles to do loop ride. 1/2 day ride.

Route:

- **Start: Exit 104** on **Highway US 74**. Lowes store at this exit. Pass under US 74. **Follow NC 209 north**.
- **Cross I-40 at Exit 24**. It's an easy ride through the valleys for a few miles.
- **Turn Right onto Betsy's Creek Road** to continue on **NC 209**. Ferguson's store / gas marks this corner. Lots of signs.
- **Junction NC 63. Note and pass through.** - Store and gas at this junction. Popular spot for a break, loop returns here.
- **NC 209 ends at Hot Springs.** Return as you came or continue on loop ride.

To continue on loop ride -

- **Pass through Hot Springs.** Cross the French Broad River and **follow US 25** for 5 miles. US 25 will reach a stop sign.
- **Turn right** @ stop sign to continue on **US 25 / 70** towards **Asheville.**
- **Veer right into Marshall** on **Main Street**. Follow into town.
- **Turn right** at the traffic light in the center of **Marshall** and cross the bridge over the French Broad River.
- You are now on **Bailey Branch Rd**. It will become **Meadows Town Road**. **Meadows Town Road ends** in 10 miles at **NC 63**
- **Turn Right** @ stop sign and follow **NC 63** to return to the mid point of **NC 209**.
- **Turn left** @ stop sign onto **NC 209** and **follow back to Junaluska to finish the ride**.
- End of ride