



Cycle North Carolina Mountain Ride 2017
Sunday, August 6

Key: L - Left; R - Right; RS - Rest Stop
 CS - Continue Straight; UT - U-Turn
 POI - Point of Interest

54 mile Mile High Route with Train Option - (Green Route)

Route Description:

Follow the GREEN markings! It's time for a unique experience as we combine the days route with a little train ride to the starting point of your route. Enjoy 16 miles along the scenic Tuckasegee River to the Historic small town of Dillsboro, NC. Along the way enjoy breakfast on the train while you take in the great views of the country-side. Included in the train ride is a trip through the Cowee Tunnel and a glimpse of the famous train wreck scene in the hit movie, "The Fugitive," starring Harrison Ford. Once in Dillsboro, you'll exit the train, grab your bike and head to Cherokee for a rest stop at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian where you can learn all about the Cherokee Indian heritage. From there, it's a steady climb up the Blue Ridge Parkway to our next rest stop at Lickstone overlook. This overlook is just shy of being a mile high at 5,150 feet and offers a fantastic view of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The view will give you a clear understanding of how these mountains got their name. As the saying goes, what goes up, must come down! Enjoy a 17 mile downhill trek to our next rest stop featuring mountain landscapes, an 'ole barn' decorated with antique signs, gas pumps and a unique pet 'goat yard'. After conquering the rigorous but relative short climb up Shuler Road, you'll then head back on beautiful Galbraith Creek Road and back to town along the 'Tuck' for one last chance to enjoy the outstanding small-town charm of this special mountain town of Bryson City. Rest Stops for Sunday are manned by 'Remember the Removal Ride' alumni. The 950 mile Remember the Removal Ride is done by Cherokee Native Americans in memory of the 'Trail of Tears' where their ancestors were forced to march from NC and Georgia to Oklahoma. Be sure to ask about their experience. For more information visit <https://www.cherokee.org/remembertheremoval/>

Distance	Total	Turn	Notes	RS Hours
Board the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad Train at the Bryson City Train Depot. The train leaves at 8:00am sharp!				
ROUTE STARTS FROM THE DILLSBORO TRAIN DEPOT (N 35° 22' 10", W 83° 14' 56")				
0.0	0.0	R	once off the train in Dillsboro, you'll turn RIGHT onto Depot Street towards Haywood Road	
0.0	0.0	L	onto Haywood Road / Bus-23 (Dillsboro restaurants and shops)	
0.2	0.2	R	onto US-441 S	
0.8	1.0	CS	continue straight onto the on-ramp for US-74 (Gas Station)	
0.2	1.2	CS	continue straight on US-74 - Please ride single file for the next 2.5 miles (Caution! Rumble Strips)	
2.5	3.7	L	onto Barkers Creek Road (Gas Station)	
0.3	4.0	R	onto Thomas Valley Road (SR-1397)	
2.2	6.2	R	onto HWY-74 (Use Caution!! Quick Left Turn Across Traffic Ahead)	
0.1	6.3	L	onto Sunset Farms Road (SR-1405)	
1.4	7.7	R	onto Camp Creek Road (SR-1406)	
3.3	11.0	R	onto US-441 S	
2.4	13.4	R	onto US-19/US-441	
0.3	13.7	L	onto Hospital Road (SR-1390)	
0.5	14.2	R	onto SR-1361	
0.3	14.5	R	into entrance of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian	
0.0	14.5	RS	REST STOP: Museum of the Cherokee Indian (N 35° 29' 05", W 83° 18' 58")	9:30am - 12:30pm
0.0	14.5	R	when exiting the rest stop, turn RIGHT back onto SR-1361	12.4 miles to next RS
0.0	14.5	L	onto US-441 / Tsali Blvd.	
1.1	15.6	R	onto the Blue Ridge Parkway	
The Blue Ridge Parkway requires all cyclists to travel single file and to pull off to the side when space is available to allow motor traffic to pass. In addition, ALL CYCLISTS MUST HAVE FRONT AND REAR LIGHTS/REFLECTORS ON THEIR BIKES . You will travel through four (4) tunnels with limited sight distance and lighting while in the tunnels.				
	19.4	POI	Sherrill Cove Tunnel	
	20.0	POI	Rattlesnake Mountain Tunnel	
	24.6	POI	Big Witch Tunnel	
	26.3	POI	Bunches Bald Tunnel	
11.3	26.9	RS	REST STOP: Lickstone Overlook Elev. 5,150 ft (N 35° 30' 34", W 83° 11' 19")	10:30am - 1:30pm
0.0	26.9	R	when exiting the rest stop, turn RIGHT back onto the Blue Ridge Parkway	17.5 miles to next RS
	26.9	POI	Lickstone Ridge Tunnel	
3.0	29.9	R	exit right off the Blue Ridge Parkway	
0.2	30.1	R	onto Soco Road / NC-19	
9.3	39.4	L	onto Old Mission Road (SR-1427)	

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1.9	41.3	RS	REST STOP: Old Cherokee Electric	(N 35° 23' 04", W 83° 29' 41")	9:00am - 2:00pm
0.0	41.3	L	when exiting the rest stop, turn LEFT back onto Old Mission Road (SR-1427)		13.1 miles back to Camp
0.4	41.7	R	onto Camp Creek Road (SR-1406)		
0.6	42.3	L	onto US-441 S		
1.3	43.6	R	onto Shoal Creek Road (SR-1416)		
2.2	45.8	R	onto SR-1531/SR-1195		
1.6	47.4	L	onto NC-19 / Ela Road		
1.2	48.6	R	onto Shuler Road		
0.6	49.2	L	onto Galbraith Creek Road (SR-1361)		
1.3	50.5	R	onto Governors Island Road / NC-19 (Caution!! Railroad Tracks ahead!)		
2.8	53.3	R	onto Everett Street (Downtown Bryson City, Food Options, Bryson City Bicycles)		
0.3	53.6	R	onto Depot Street (Caution!! Railroad Tracks!!)		
0.2	53.8	L	onto Ramseur Street (The Warehouse at Nantahala Brewing)		
0.0	53.8	R	onto Deep Creek Road (SR-1336)		
0.6	54.4	L	onto Recreation Park Drive		
0.0	54.4		Finished! Swain County Recreation Park	(N 35° 26' 07", W 83° 26' 32")	

For SAG support between the hours of 8:00am and 2:30pm, call, text or share your location by dropping a pin (using your mapping software on your phone) to 919-740-9944. Always include if your location, street name, approximate mileage and reason for needing assistance.

For general questions or assistance, you may call the Cycle NC Rider Services number at (919) 724-0299.

Don't hesitate to call 911 if you think the emergency is critical. For the NC Highway Patrol, you can dial *HP.

For SAG support between the hours of 8:00am and 3:00pm, call, text or share your location by dropping a pin (using your mapping software on your phone) to 919-740-9944. Always include your location, the street name, approximate mileage and reason for needing assistance.

If you experience railroad tracks, it is recommended that you dismount and walk your bike across to avoid any accidents.

Mile High Route - 54 miles

Day: Sunday Distance: 54 miles Elevation Gain: +5438 ft # of Rest Stops: 3
Route Hours: 8:00am to 3:00pm

