



24 mile The Goat Yard with Train Option - (Blue Route)

Route Description:

Follow the BLUE 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 make your way toward the quaint small mountain communities of Wilmont, Whittier, and Ela ("E-lah"). Enjoy iconic views of rolling mountain landscapes including the view at the rest stop from 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 to Bryson City on beautiful Galbraith Creek Road and back along the 'Tuck' for one last chance to enjoy the outstanding small-town charm of this special mountain town of Bryson City.

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)	
2.8	10.5	R	onto Old Mission Road (SR-1427)	
0.4	10.9	RS	REST STOP: Old Cherokee Electric (N 35° 23' 04", W 83° 29' 41")	9:00am - 2:00pm
0.0	10.9	L	when exiting the rest stop, turn LEFT back onto Old Mission Road (SR-1427)	13.1 miles to next RS
0.4	11.3	R	onto Camp Creek Road (SR-1406)	
0.6	11.9	L	onto US-441 S	
1.3	13.2	R	onto Shoal Creek Road (SR-1416)	
2.2	15.4	R	onto SR-1531	
1.6	17.0	L	ont NC-19 / Ela Road	
1.2	18.2	R	onto Shuler Road	
0.6	18.8	L	onto Galbraith Creek Road (SR-1361)	
1.4	20.2	R	onto Governors Island Road / NC-19 (Caution!! Railroad Tracks ahead!)	
2.7	22.9	R	onto Everett Street (Downtown Bryson City, Food Options, Bryson City Bicycles)	
0.3	23.2	L	onto Depot Street (Caution!! Railroad Tracks!!)	
0.2	23.4	L	onto Ramseur Street (The Warehouse at Nantahala Brewing)	
0.0	23.4	R	onto Deep Creek Road (SR-1336)	
0.6	24.0	L	onto Recreation Park Drive	
0.0	24.0		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.

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

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