



MOTORCYCLE TOURING ROUTES

Rural Nelson County offers miles and miles of tranquil country roads winding past meadows and streams. With gentle rolling hills near the James River and challenging terrain in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Nelson County has something for every rider.

Blue Ridge Parkway Loops

Enjoy views from any of several scenic overlooks along the parkway. The 22-mile ride begins at Royal Oaks Cabins in Love (Milepost 16) and goes south to Tye River Gap and back. For the 40-mile ride described in the cue sheet below, begin at the same point, but head north to Milepost 0 at Afton Mountain. At this point, take the optional loop through the small hamlet of Afton.

0.0 – R Route 814

0.2 – L Blue Ridge Parkway (scenic overlooks into Shenandoah and Rockfish Valleys)

16.2 – L on exit to reach Route 250 East

16.3 – R Route 250 East (Rockfish Gap Tourist Information, long downhill, country store)

19.1 – R Route 750 (Bike Centennial's Route 76)

20.9 – R Route 6 in Afton (home of the legendary Cookie Lady on your right, just across railroad bridge)

Head back up Route 6

22.3 – L Route 250 (watch traffic)

23.5 – R on ramp to Blue Ridge Parkway and Shenandoah National Park

23.6 – L on Blue Ridge Parkway

39.6 – R Route 814

39.8 – Return to Royal Oaks

Oak Ridge Loop

29 miles – begins and ends at Oak Ridge Estate in parking area where Route 650 becomes Route 653

Exit parking area on Route 650 (sharp curve). Turn left

1.5 – R Route 56 The Corner Market, watch traffic!

2.2 – L Route 639

9.5 – L Route 617

19.0 – L Route 623

19.5 – L Route 766 – becomes Route 624

19.6 – L Route 29 Watch traffic, ride single file

21.5 – R Route 718

23.0 – Bear L on Route 651

24.7 – R Route 29 / Route 56 combined. Watch traffic, ride single file

26.9 – L Route 653

28.9 – L Route 710

29.1 – Route 710 becomes Route 650

29.3 – Return to parking area near Oak Ridge Estate

Walton's Mountain Museum Loop

31 miles – Begins and ends at Walton's Mountain Museum on Route 617 (near Route 800) in Schuyler.

0.0 – L Route 617 from Walton’s Mountain Museum
0.4 – R Route 693. Cross Rockfish River
2.9 – L Route 722 at T
4.9 – R Route 602 at T
8.6 – L Route 626 at T (James River, Howardsville, fishing, canoeing picnicking)
14.3 – L Route 627
17.5 – Cross Route 6 (mini market on Route 6 in Esmont) Continue on Route 627 through Esmont.
19.4 – L Route 715
20.1 – R Route 719 at T
22.2 – R Route 630
28.0 – L Route 6
29.4 – R Route 800
30.8 – R Route 617
31.0 – Return to Museum

Woodson’s Mill Loop

24 miles. Begins and ends at Woodson’s Mill on Route 778, just off Route 56 in the Lowesville area.

0.0 – L Route 778. Woodson’s Mill
1.2 – Straight through Route 676
4.7 – L Routes 151/56 at T
5.7 – L Route 56
10.2 – L Route 680. Watch mileage. Disregard first 680 turn.
14.3 – R Route 56. Massies Mill. R almost immediately Route 666.
23.3 – L Route 778 at Lowesville.
Return to Historic Woodson’s Mill