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Cycling the Kingdom's Back Roads

Explore the "other"

Northeast Kingdom. The one accessible only along our unpaved roads.

Consider this. The Northeast Kingdom of Vermont — the three-county region that occupies the extreme northeast corner of



our state and so-nicknamed by a former Vermont governor and U.S. senator for its stunning beauty — has 2,546 miles of roads. Fifty nine percent of them — 1,501 miles — are unpaved! In a state where there is little public land available for mountain or hybrid bike riding (95 percent



of the land in Vermont is privately held), our unpaved roads provide a wealth of opportunities for riders of fat and wide tire bicycles.

Cyclists riding road bikes on paved roads have long recognized that the Northeast Kingdom has fabulous scenery, hospitable accommodations and quiet back roads. But road cyclists are some-

times reluctant to leave the perceived pleasures of the pavement. The thing about mountain bikes and hybrids — bikes with wider tires that offer greater stability over less smooth surfaces and greater gear ranges that





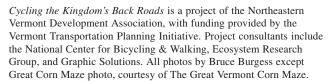
make it easier to go up hills — is that they can take you just about anywhere, over the most varied surfaces and terrain. The thing about the Northeast Kingdom is that there are plenty of places to exercise the features of these type bikes while



So leave the road bike at home, or at least give it a rest while you explore our region on a mountain bike or hybrid. We're sure you'll decide



to keep on riding when the pavement stops — along the back roads of the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont!



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Loops



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Back Road Loops and Links

Association (NVDA) engaged local Vermont cyclists to plan a series of bicycle routes on paved roads throughout the region. The result of that effort, *Cycling in the Kingdom*, was a network of loops and links available for your use and pleasure at http://www.nvda.net/Transp/documents/cycling_new.pdf. Since they first appeared, *Cycling in the Kingdom* routes have been ridden and enjoyed by local bicyclists and touring cyclists from across the U.S. alike. During the project, we wondered why we weren't planning wonderful bicycle rides using as many of our unpaved roads as possible. *Cycling the Kingdom's Back Roads* is the result of this

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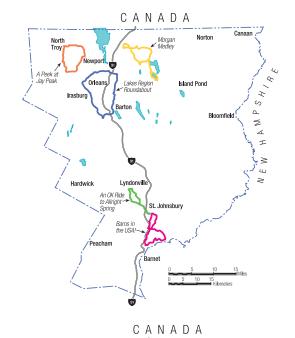
Cycling the Kingdom's Back Roads features six loops, five links (through-routes) and three spur routes. Use the loops for singleor multi-day

realization.

excursions. Use the links for north-south or westeast travel or to connect the loops for longer tours according to your own interests, time available and ability. Use the spurs for greater flexibility when planning extended travel itineraries.

Whatever route or routes you choose, you'll find that *Cycling the Kingdom's Back Roads* coupled with *Cycling in the Kingdom* will provide nearly endless opportunities for bicycling in the unspoiled region that many refer to as the Vermonter's Vermont.

See combined network of loops and links on page 10.



NorthSouth
Links
and
Spurs

Derby Line to Wells River



East-West Links and Spur

How Our Routes Were Selected



he routes in this guide were researched and selected by experienced cyclists who have been planning bicycle tours in Vermont for more than two decades. The routes were chosen because they are popular or are preferred by local cyclists, or provide continuous routes to destinations, or are lightly traveled, or are scenic, or offer unique experiences, or possess a combination of these attributes.

Three important parameters were followed during the route selection process. First, unpaved roads would be



used to the maximum extent possible. Second, all routes would use existing public thoroughfares — no off-road riding or single track cycling would be required. And third, all roads must be accessible by ordinary emergency vehicles.

Although the preponderance of *Cycling the* Kingdom's Back Roads routes intentionally incorporate the use of local unpaved roads, local paved roads as well as state and national highways are sometimes used for connections and continuity. Thus, a range of motor vehicle volumes, speeds and types (including automobiles, trucks, buses, motorcycles and farm machinery) should be expected. Special provisions for bicycles should *not* be expected. Also, the routes are not signed.

Bicyclists contemplating the use of these materials should have several years of cycling experience; be able to understand and appreciate the traffic laws of Vermont; and be capable of operating their bicycles prudently, with common sense and reasonable care in shared bicycle/motor vehicle situations.

Using Our Maps and Route Directions

Use this key to match our routes to your ability:

Energetic beginner bicyclist(s). Able to comfortably ride 20 to 30 miles or 3-4 hours a day and prefer level to gently rolling terrain.

Intermediate cyclist(s). Get regular physical exercise and recently enjoyed bicycling 30 to 40 miles (4-6 hours) in a day and can handle most terrain.

Advanced cyclist(s). Cycle vigorously when you ride and regularly enjoy riding 40 to 50 miles or more in 4 to 6 hours over all types of terrain.

Level terrain. Mostly flat terrain averaging less than

4 percent grades. Remember, Vermont is not flat and even where the terrain is gentle, you are likely to encounter minor hills and short climbs.

Rolling terrain.

Undulating, varied terrain with grades ranging from 4 to 10 percent. Characterized by frequent short climbs and descents.

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Hilly terrain. Steep grades in excess of 10 percent and/or extended climbs ranging from 1 to 6 miles in length. Challenging and/or strenuous cycling should be expected.

Here are some other things you should know:

Mileages. Every effort has been made to provide accurate distances on the route directions. However, actual mileages may vary from user to user depending on the equipment used. Please report wildly inaccurate distances to info@NVDA.net.

Railroad tracks. Our maps indicate railroad tracks where they were observed during our field survey. It is likely that not every railroad track location was noted. Therefore, always be vigilant for railroad crossings. Gaps between the pavement and rails, as well as slick metal surfaces, can cause you to lose control of your bicycle and fall. Do not attempt to "jump" tracks or ride across them at any angle. Always dismount and walk across railroad tracks.

Covered bridges. Reduced light levels inside a covered bridge can make it difficult for motorists to see you and for you to see gaps between wooden floor boards that can cause you to lose control of

your bicycle and fall. Dismount and walk through a covered bridge if necessary.





Unpaved Roads in Vermont



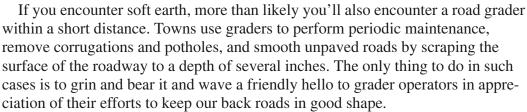
If you're not from Vermont, perhaps your only frame of reference for an unpaved road is deep sand or gravel. That's NOT what we have here! And that's why we make an effort to called them unpaved and not dirt or gravel roads. Our unpaved roads are typically packed as hard as concrete and ideal for travel by mountain bikes and hybrids. In fact, those of us who are accustomed to cycling in Vermont ride a skinny tire bike on unpaved roads without much difficulty or concern, especially if the unpaved road avoids traffic or offers a more direct connection to a destination of interest.

Nevertheless, there are some things you will want to know before venturing off onto any unpaved road in Vermont.

Surface



Where loose stones do exist, experienced cyclists will ride where the right hand wheels of motor vehicles have cleared the stones away.





If an unpaved road looks dark or damp, especially in summer months, it's because the town recently spread chloride (salt) along the road to hold down the dust – salt absorbs water vapor in the air adding moisture to the road surface. It's a good idea to hose your bike down after your ride to reduce the potential for corrosion.

Unpaved roads sometimes have corrugations on uphill grades. The corrugations are caused by motor vehicles that accelerate while climbing. That's why you'll notice the bumps on the uphills more than the downhills. Keep a good grip on the handlebars with both hands whether ascending or descending, locking your thumbs with your forefingers to keep your hands firmly in place. In this way the remaining fingers are available to operate the brakes.





Unpaved Roads in Vermont

35 Miles an Hour, Please!

The standard posted speed limit on all unpaved roads in the Northeast Kingdom is 35 mph. Not all drivers adhere to this limit, however. So when you hear a car fast approaching around a turn or over a hill where limited sight distance exists, do yourself a favor and move to the side of the road.

Services



Unpaved roads in the Northeast

Kingdom are rural. In fact, one unpaved road in the woods looks pretty much like every other unpaved road in the woods. Accordingly, you should not expect to find services of any kind along them. Even if shown on our maps, they may not be open. Instead, you and those you ride with should expect to be self-sufficient carrying along for the ride any essentials you might need (water, snacks, food, insect repellent, pump or other tire inflation device, tire patch kit and first aid kit).

Also, cell phone coverage is spotty at best and although carried, the cell phone should not be relied on. If an emergency arises and you are unable to complete a call for help, approach the first house or hail the first vehicle you can find and request assistance.

Other Hazards

Dogs. Yes, we have them. Usually a sharply spoken, "Go home," will turn a dog around. However, most dogs may consider that they are home and that you're the one who's not. In the case of a persistent threat, dismount, put your bicycle between yourself and the beast, and walk out of the dog's territory.

Steep grades. Yes, we have them. Keep your speed under control at all times, especially on downhills.

Poison Ivy. Yep. This too. Get to know the enemy and be careful where you step or wipe if you venture off the beaten path.

Railroad tracks. These as well. Many cyclists believe the safest way to cross tracks is to ride over them at a 90 degree angle and they may escape injury doing so. However, the most likely injury resulting from a crash at a set of railroad tracks is a broken collarbone. So remember, the safest way to cross tracks is to dismount and walk across them.

Wildlife. We are known to have moose and bear, and you may be lucky enough to spot them from a distance. More likely, you'll see chipmunks, squirrels and birds. Maybe even a deer or a fox. But it's almost guaranteed that you'll encounter deer flies in quantity during the summer months, especially when grinding up a hill. So keep the repellent within reach to keep these pesky critters at bay.





Frequently Asked Questions

When is peak leaf season in the Northeast Kingdom? Generally, from the last week of September through Columbus Day in October, beginning with northern locations and high elevations and moving southward into lower elevations throughout this period. For a "leaf peepers" report, call 1-800 VERMONT during fall foliage season for an up-to-date assessment of color.





What's the best time to bicycle in the Northeast Kingdom?

Spring arrives during the last week of May when you can expect to find blossoms on the trees and dandelions in the fields. Summer comes quickly in June and lingers until Labor Day. The cycling season usually comes to a close by mid-October.

Are bicycles permitted on all roads? Bicycles may be ridden on all roads in Vermont except where prohibited by law. In the Northeast Kingdom, bicycles are prohibited on Interstates 91, 93, and a portion of U.S. Route 2 between Danville and St. Johnsbury.

Will I be sharing the road with other vehicles? Just because a road is unpaved and lightly traveled, it doesn't mean it is devoid of vehicles. People live and work along our unpaved roads. So, yes, you need to be aware that you will occasionally encounter other forms of traffic.





Let's Take It Easy Out There

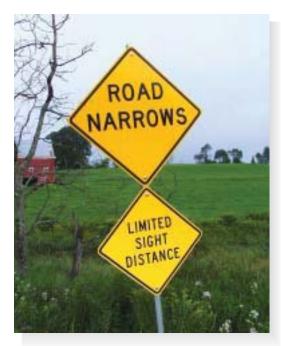
As attractive as the Northeast Kingdom is for cycling, we all need to practice safe cycling techniques and appropriate roadway courtesy to ensure a safe and pleasant experience, free of accident and injury.

Cyclists need the ability to handle themselves and their bicycles under various situations including grade, surface treatments, obstructions and hazards, traffic regulations, and the varied conditions presented by sharing the roadway with motor vehicles. Cycling also requires good judgment and recognition of existing circumstances and conditions the cyclist is likely to encounter while cycling. Only the cyclist knows his or her own ability to cope with certain riding conditions.

The conditions you encounter while cycling can be infinite. Soft earth and loose stones may exist where a hard, smooth surface is expected. Motor vehicles and dogs may suddenly seem to appear out of nowhere. Sand, gravel, stop signs and even railroad tracks may follow a steep descent without warning. A recent downpour may have caused unforeseen deep ruts or washouts. What was, a short time before, a perfect paved surface with good lane width and adequate sight distance may, within a day, have been freshly tarred and graveled constricting the traveled portion of the roadway.

Therefore, as a cyclist, you are responsible for 1) operating your bicycle both safely and prudently under all conditions, and 2) making sure the bicycle your are riding is in excellent operating







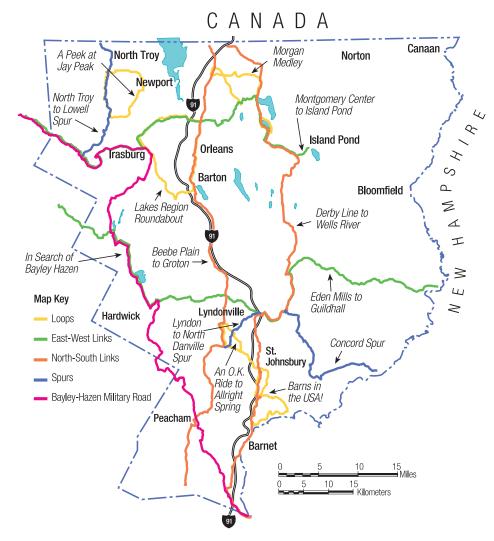


Combined Network of Loops and Links

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A Peek at Jay Peak

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Within the area bounded by Route 101 to the west, Route 105 to the north and east and Route 58 to the south lies an expansive valley surrounded by higher terrain, the most prominent of which is Jay Peak. For years, commercial bicycle tours have skirted this area, keeping to the paved roads. Yet the interior of this region, largely criss-crossed by unpaved roads, beckons to those of us who dare to keep on going when the pavement stops. Mountain bikes and hybrids make this possible. So we've designed a nice loop that combines easy riding with spectacular views and connects two communities — Troy and Newport Center — that have stores where provisions may be bought. All the while, Jay Peak keeps silent vigil over our progress.





ROUTE DIRECTIONS		
mile	mulative age Instructions	Miles to next turn
0.0	From Troy, ride EAST on Route 100 (P).	0.5
0.5	RIGHT on Loop Road (P). Becomes unpaved in 1.0 mile	. 2.5
3.0	STRAIGHT on Collins Mill Road (U).	5.7
8.7	RIGHT on Route 100 (P).	0.5
9.2	LEFT on Niles Road (U).	1.7
10.9	STRAIGHT on Cross Road (P).	0.4
11.3	RIGHT to continue on Cross Road (P) at Searles Road C tracks in 0.1 mile.	Cross RR 0.2
11.5	Arrive in Newport Center.	
11.5	Depart Newport Center on Cross Road (P). Cross RR tramile.	acks in 0.1 0.2
11.7	RIGHT on Searles Road (P). Becomes unpaved in 1.7 m	iles at the
	Troy town lline.	3.1
14.8	LEFT on East Hill Road (P).	0.3
15.1	RIGHT on Bergeron Road (U).	1.0
16.1	To take a side trip that visits the River Road covered brid mile) and Big Falls (in 1.4 miles), turn RIGHT on River R Return to this intersection to complete the ride.	
16.1	From the intersection of Bergeron Road and River Road, on River Road (U). Becomes paved in 2.8 miles.	ride SOUTH 3.6
19.7	RIGHT on Route 100 South (P).	0.3
20.0	Arrive in Troy, VT.	
Tota	l mileage 20.0	

NOTE: Unpaved roads are indicated by (U); paved roads by (P).

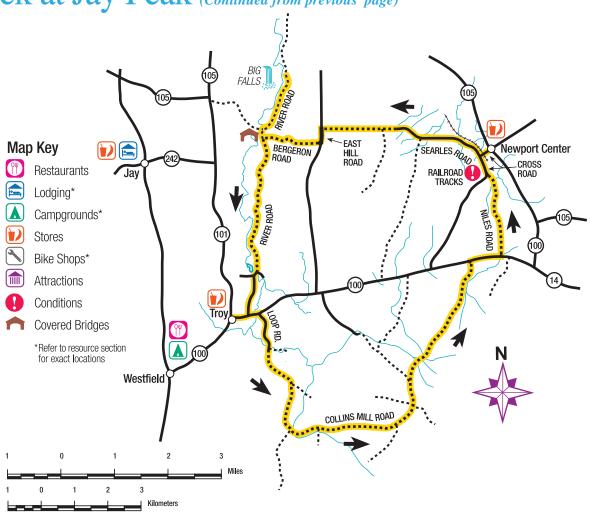
Distance: 20.0 miles (14.3 miles are unpaved), PLUS up to 2.8 additional unpaved miles with a side trip to a covered bridge and waterfall.

Terrain: Level, rolling and hilly

Ability levels: Energetic beginner to advanced **Conditions:** Mostly unpaved, a few steep hills Attractions: Views of Jay Peak, optional side trip to Big Falls and River Road covered bridge Services: Lodging: Jay; Restaurants: Westfield;

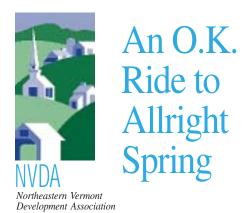
Camping: Westfield; Stores: Newport Center, Troy

A Peek at Jay Peak (Continued from previous page)









Actually, this easy loop is more than okay. It's delightful! And in late August, it's truly amazing! Depart from St. Johnsbury — or from The Allright Spring for fewer miles — and wend your way along gentle grades to historic Old North Church. When the corn is tall, stop at the Great Vermont Corn Maze and find your way through the myriad dead ends and right angles to ring the hidden bell. Sort of sounds like trying to follow our route directions, doesn't it? The return ride is a breeze — it's mostly a downhill coast, passing The Allright Spring for a second time.

miles (7.8 miles are unpaved)

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Distance: Starting from St. Johnsbury, 18.0

Starting from The Allright Spring park, 11.6



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An O.K. Ride to Allright Spring

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ROUTE DIRECTIONS

Cum mile		liles to xt turn
0.0	From the intersection of US Routes 5 and 2 in downto Johnsbury, ride SOUTH on US Routes 2 West and 5 S (P).	
0.1	RIGHT to continue on US Route 2 West/Eastern Aver (P).	nue 0.3
0.4	LEFT to continue on US Route 2 West/Main Street (P). 0.1
0.5	RIGHT to continue on US Route 2 West/Western Ave. (P).	nue 2.1
2.6	RIGHT on North Danville Road (P).	0.6
3.2	From The Allright Spring park, ride in a NORTHWEST direction on Goss Hollow Road (P). Becomes unpaver 1.0 mile.	
5.2	STRAIGHT to continue on Goss Hollow Road (U) at F Plain Road.	Rabbit 1.0
6.2	STRAIGHT (right) to continue on Goss Hollow Road (Stanton Road.	U) at 0.3
6.5	LEFT to continue on Goss Hollow Road (U) at Y inters	section.
7.7	RIGHT on Tampico Road (U).	0.6
8.3	Arrive at intersection of Tampico Road and Wheelock In season, you'll find the Great Vermont Corn Maze ju of this intersection. To visit the corn maze, turn RIGHT Wheelock Road (U) and ride just 0.2 mile. Return to the intersection after visiting the maze to continue the ride	st east 「on nis
8.3	From the intersection of Tampico Road and Wheelock Road, ride WEST on Wheelock Road (U).	0.8
9.1	LEFT on Old North Church Road (U). Old North Church is on your left at this turn.	ch 2.7
11.8	LEFT on Town Highway 32 (U).	0.2
12.0	LEFT on North Danville Road (P).	2.8
14.8	From The Allright Springs Park, continue STRAIGHT North Danville Road (P).	on 0.6
15.4	LEFT on US Route 2 East (P).	2.1
17.5	LEFT to continue on US Route 2 East/Main Street (P)	. 0.1
17.6	RIGHT to continue on US Route 2 East/Eastern Avenue (P).	ue 0.3
17.9	LEFT on US Routes 2 East and 5 North (P).	0.1
18.0	Arrive in downtown St. Johnsbury.	
Tota	mileage 18.0	

NOTE: Unpaved roads are indicated by (U); paved roads by (P).









Barns in the USA!

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Well, would you settle for barns and Barnets in Caledonia County? Either way, bring your camera and see how many different kinds you can collect. The most stunning is one of Vermont's few remaining round barns, this one still in outstanding condition. Choose from a short ride of 10 miles, or after you've ridden a while, decide to take the longer 25-mile ride. Both routes start out with a vigorous climb but conclude with a gentle spin along level terrain that borders the scenic Passumpsic River. Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy it at a small riverside park near the village of Passumpsic. Both rides follow a Class 4 road for a short distance, which is walkable if necessary.







Distance: 25.0 miles (17.5 miles are unpaved) Short version is

10.0 miles (6.1 miles are unpaved)

Terrain: Level to hilly

Ability levels: Energetic beginner to advanced **Conditions:** Mostly unpaved, a few steep hills

Attractions: Classic barns, Comerford Dam, Passumpsic River, St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium

Services: Lodging: St. Johnsbury; Barnet Camping: St.

Johnsbury; Stores: St. Johnsbury; Restaurants: St. Johnsbury;

Bike shops: St. Johnsbury

Barns in the USA! (Continued from previous page)

ROUTE DIRECTIONS

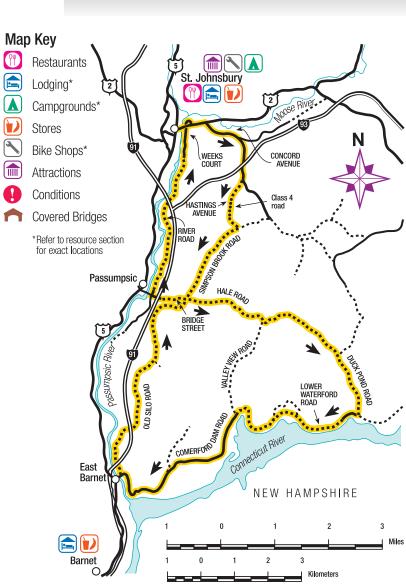
Cum mile		Miles to ext turn
0.0	From the intersection of Routes 5 and 2 in a town St. Johnsbury, ride EAST on Route 2	
0.6	RIGHT on Concord Avenue (P).	1.5
2.1	RIGHT on Hastings Avenue (U). Becomes a mile long Class 4 road (primitive) in 0.3 mile	
3.2	RIGHT on Simpson Brook Road (U).	1.7
4.9	LEFT on Hale Road (U).	1.6
6.5	STRAIGHT on Hale Road (U) at Valley View Road 1.8	
8.3	STRAIGHT (right) on Duck Pond Road (U).	1.2
9.5	RIGHT on Lower Waterford Road (P). Becounpaved in 0.3 mile.3.0	mes
12.5	STRAIGHT to continue on Comerford Dam (P) at Valley View Road 3.3	Road
15.8	RIGHT on Old Silo Road (U).	4.2
20.0	LEFT on Bridge Street (U). Becomes paved mile.	d in 0.5 0.7
20.7	7 RIGHT on River Road (P). Becomes unpaved in 0.1 mile and remains unpaved for 3.3 miles. Becomes Weeks Court (P) in 3.7 miles. 4.0	
24.7	RIGHT on Route 2 (P).	0.3
25.0	Arrive at intersection of Routes 5 & 2.	
Total mileage 25.0		

SHORT VERSION

Cur mile	mulative age Instructions	Miles to next turn
0.0 From the intersection of Routes 5 and 2 in down- town St. Johnsbury, ride EAST on Route 2 (P). 0.0		
0.6	RIGHT on Concord Avenue (P).	1.5
2.1	RIGHT on Hastings Avenue (U). Become mile long Class 4 road (primitive) in 0.3 in 0.	
3.2	RIGHT on Simpson Brook Road (U).	1.7
4.9	9 RIGHT on Hale Road (U). Becomes Bridge Street in 0.1 mile. Bridge Street becomes paved in 0.5 mile. 0.8	
5.7	5.7 RIGHT on River Road (P). Becomes unpaved in 0.1 mile and remains unpaved for 3.3 miles. Becomes Weeks Court (P) in 3.7 miles. 4.0	
9.7	RIGHT on Route 2 (P).	0.3
10.0	Arrive at intersection of Routes 5 & 2.	
Tota	l mileage 10.0	

NOTE: Unpaved roads are indicated by (U); paved roads by (P).





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Lakes Region Roundabout (Continues on next page)

A covered bridge, an historic stone house and museum, and glacial lakes are features you'll pass on this Orleans County circuit. View Lake Memphremagog and Canada from the heights along roller coaster Coventry Station Road. Stop for a swim in Lake Parker at the southern tip of this loop. Enjoy the Orleans County Fair in Barton. Attempt the entire distance in one day or make it a two-day tour by arranging overnight stays in Irasburg, Coventry, Barton or West Glover.



Distance: 30.6 miles **Terrain:** Rolling to hilly

Ability levels: Intermediate to ad-

vanced

Conditions: Mostly unpaved, some

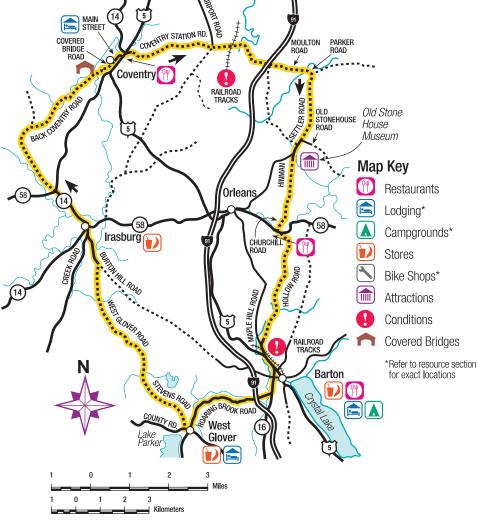
steep hills

Attractions: Old Stone House Museum (Brownington), Lower Covered Bridge (Coventry), Lake Parker (West Glover), Crystal Lake (Barton)

Services: *Lodging:* Barton, Coventry, West Glover; *Camping:* Barton; *Stores:* Barton, Irasburg, West Glover; *Restaurants:* Barton, Coventry, Or-

leans





Lakes Region Roundabout

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ROUTE DIRECTIONS Cummulative Miles to Instructions next turn mileage Depart Irasburg on combined Routes 14 North and 58 West (P). 1.2 STRAIGHT on Back Coventry Road (U) where Routes 14 North and 58 West divide. Becomes Covered Bridge Road in 4.5 miles at Coventry town line. Pass through Lower covered bridge in 4.5 miles. 5.2 STRAIGHT on Main Street (P) in Coventry. LEFT on combined Routes 14 North and 5 North (P), then RIGHT on Coventry Station Road (P) in 100 yards. Coventry Station Road becomes unpaved in 0.1 mile. 2.5 STRAIGHT on Coventry Station Road (U) at Airport Road. Cross RR tracks in 0.6 mile. Becomes Moulton Road

12.0	RIGHT on Parker Road (U).	0.2
12.2	RIGHT on Hinman Settler Road (U). Becomes paved in miles. Old Stone House Museum on left in Brownington 1.8 miles.	

(U) in 2.1 miles at Brownington town line.

14.4 STRAIGHT (left) on Hinman Settler Road (P). Becomes unpaved in 0.1 mile. Becomes Churchill Road (U) in 1.1 miles at the Barton town line.

16.4 **LEFT** on Rt. 58/Willoughby Avenue (P), then RIGHT on

	n 0.1 mile. Becomes paved in 3.1 r	
		3.3
19.7 LEFT on Maple Hil	II Road (P). Cross RR tracks in 0.2	mile.
		0.4
20.1 LEFT on Route 5 ((P).	0.4
20.5 RIGHT on Route 1	6 (P) in Barton.	0.7
21.2 RIGHT on Roaring	Brook Road (P).	2.8
24.0 RIGHT on County	Road (P) in West Glover.	0.1
24.1 RIGHT on Stevens	Road (U). Becomes West Glover	Road
(U) in 2.5 miles at	Irasburg town line.	5.4
29.5 LEFT on Burton Hi	ill Road (P).	0.8
30.3 RIGHT on Creek F	Road (P)	0.3
30.6 Arrive in Irasburg.		
Total mileage 30.6		

NOTE: Unpaved roads are indicated by (U); paved roads by (P).









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Morgan Medley

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Here's a set of short loops that offers relatively easy cycling and some great views of our best northern lakes - Seymour, Echo, Salem and Derby. Tailor your ride to suit the time available, the distance you want to travel or your energy level by starting in either Morgan, Derby Center or East Charleston. You'll find a number of country stores along the way where you can buy food and drinks.



Distance: Morgan to East Charleston loop, 13.0 miles (11.4 miles are unpaved); Morgan to Derby Center loop, 19.2 miles (13.6 miles are unpaved); or 32.2 miles (25.0 miles are unpaved) by combining the two loops

Terrain: Rolling to hilly Ability levels: Energetic beginner to advanced

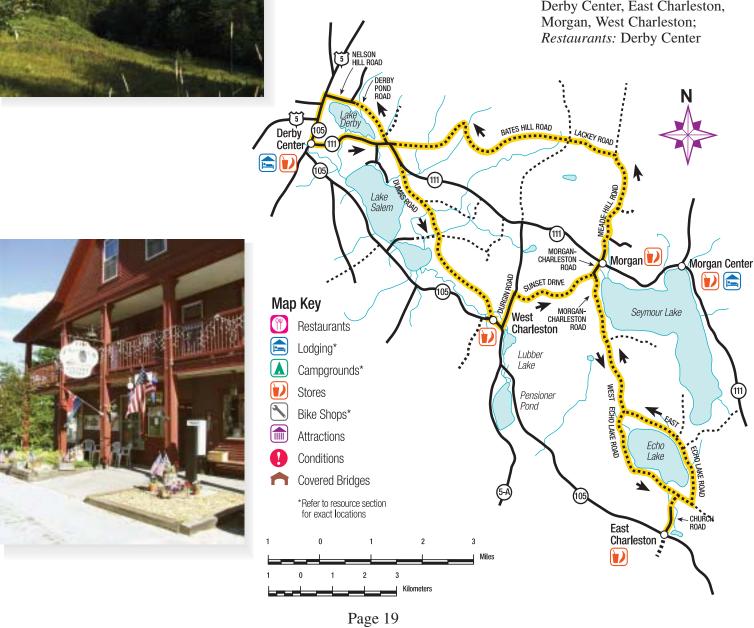
Conditions: Mostly unpaved, a

few steep hills

Attractions: Seymour Lake, Echo Lake, Derby Pond, Lake

Salem

Services: *Lodging:* Morgan Center, Derby Center; Stores: Derby Center, East Charleston,



Morgan Medley

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ROUTE DIRECTIONS

Morgan to East Charleston 13.0 miles (11.4 miles are unpaved)

Cummulative mileage			Miles to next turn	
0.0	Morgan-Charles	ry store in Morgan, ride SOUTH on ston Road (P). Becomes unpaved in 0.3 Echo Lake Road (U) in 2.2 miles.	mile. 5.3	
5.3	RIGHT on Chur	ch Hill Road (U). Becomes paved in 0.5	mile.0.9	
6.2	Arrive at the co	untry store in East Charleston.		
0.0		ry store in East Charleston, ride north or d (P). Becomes unpaved in 0.3 mile.	า 0.9	
0.9	RIGHT on East	Echo Lake Road (U).	2.9	
3.8		Echo Lake Road (U). Becomes Morgal d (U) in 0.9 mile. Becomes paved in 2.7		
6.8	Arrive at the co	untry store in Morgan.		
Tota	ıl mileage 13.0 m	niles		
Con	nbine this loop wit	th the Morgan to Derby Center loop for a	a total	

distance of 32.2 miles.

NOTE: Unpaved roads are indicated by (U); paved roads by (P).





ROUTE DIRECTIONS

Morgan to Derby Center 19.2 miles (13.6 miles are unpaved)

Cum	mulative age Instructions	Miles to next turn
0.0	From the country store in Morgan, ride NORTH on M Road (P). Becomes unpaved in 0.1 mile.	leade Hill 2.1
2.1	LEFT on Lackey Road (U). Becomes Bates Hill Road mile and becomes paved in 4.6 miles.	d in 1.0 5.2
7.3	RIGHT on Rt. 111 West (P), then RIGHT on Derby Po Road (U) in 100 yards.	ond 1.3
8.6	STRAIGHT to continue on Nelson Hill Road (P).	0.6
9.2	LEFT on U.S. Route 5 (P).	0.4
9.6	STRAIGHT on Route 105 (P).	0.5
10.1	Arrive at intersection of Routes 111 and 105 in Derby	Center.
0.0	From the intersection of Routes 111 and 105 in Derb EAST on Route 111 (P).	y, ride 2.2
2.2	RIGHT on Dumas Road (U).	3.7
5.9	LEFT on Route 105 East (P) in West Charleston.	0.2
6.1	LEFT on Durgin Road (P).	0.7
6.8	RIGHT on Sunset Drive (U).	2.0
8.8	LEFT on Morgan-Charleston Road (P).	0.3
9.1	Arrive at country store in Morgan.	
Total	mileage 19.2 miles	
Com	bine this loop with the 13.0-mile Morgan to East Charl	leston loop

for a total distance of 32.2 miles.

NOTE: Unpaved roads are indicated by (U); paved roads by (P).

In Search of Bayley-Hazen





ithin the Northeast Kingdom are remnants of a Revolutionary War era military road. Proposed and started in 1776 by Colonel Jacob Bayley, continued in 1779 and later abandoned by General Moses Hazen, the road — and what remains of it — extends from Wells River in a northwesterly direction to what is now known as Hazen's Notch.

For sure, exploration of the road is accomplished far better by mountain bike and hybrid than by motor vehicle. Small details, historical markers, grave sites and monuments that still recall the events of long ago may escape the eye when barreling along in a car but will not be missed by bike. As inveterate touring cyclist Josh Lehman reminds us, "bicyclists travel fast enough to span the forest but slow enough to spot the trees."

Much of the original route can be followed using existing roads, the majority of which remain unpaved. Indeed, the character of the original road as described in the 1959 Northeast Vermont Development Association (NVDA) booklet, *Bayley-Hazen*

Military Road – 1776 & 1779, aptly describes what cyclists will find today.

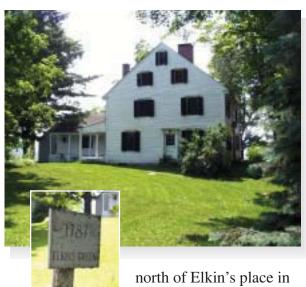
"It makes no concessions to comfort or convenience, and very few even to the law of gravity. It goes as straight as possible, regardless of grade, like an old Roman road, but by no means regardless of that bogey of the early road builders in New England. In general it keeps on the ridge-tops, dodging the wet spots as much as possible, crossing brooks and larger streams at right angles, almost never following them."

Sound like fun? Then let's get started in search of Bayley Hazen.



he history of the Bayley-Hazen Military Road begins with the ill-starred campaign of 1775-1776 during which Benedict Arnold and Richard Montgomery attempted to capture Canada. The American army urgently needed reinforcements and supplies to continue the siege of Quebec, and Bayley, head of the frontier militia and a resident of Newbury, Vermont, repeatedly wrote to General George Washington urging upon him the importance of constructing a new road that would shorten existing supply routes. Washington, determined to act without the approval of Congress, approved construction of the road on April 29, 1776 aware of the critical situation at Quebec, but equally aware that a road to Canada could just as easily facilitate an attack of British troops from the north.

In mid-1776, the campaign in Canada foundered. Washington instructed Bayley to abandon work on the road which had reached a point about six miles



Peacham. There construction lay dormant until April, 1779

when General Moses Hazen of Haverhill, Massachusetts received orders to complete the road in anticipation of another Canadian campaign.

Hazen's men built a blockhouse on Cabot Plains and as the road progressed, they built another six miles farther on in Walden. Still another blockhouse was built at Caspian Lake near Greens-





boro. By late summer, Hazen had reached the notch that now bears his name in the Green Mountains near Westfield where work was halted still some forty miles short of the road's intended destination, St. Johns, Canada.

As a military achievement, the Bayley-Hazen road was not a great one. Instead, it was more of an aggravation to the settlers of Peacham, Ryegate and Newbury, as it could be traveled both ways and the British conducted raids down the road from time to time, as anticipated. In September 1781, two members of an



American scouting party were killed near the block house on Caspian Lake. A memorial to this event can be seen today.

For convenience as well as for tour planning, we've divided our route into three "do-able" sections. The first section goes from Wells River to Danville, a distance of about 22 miles. Section two connects Danville with Craftsbury, a distance of 30 miles. The final leg of the route is 37 miles and will take you from Craftsbury to Montgomery. Accommodations and services may be found at the beginning and end of each route section and sometimes along the way.



In Search of Bayley-Hazen

Wells River to West Danville

Northeastern Vermont Development Association



ROUTE DIRECTIONS

Cumulative mileage		Instructions	Miles to next turn
0.0	Wells R Bayley	e intersection of US Routes 5 and 302 West iver, ride NORTH on US Route 5 (P). NOTE: Hazen Military Road began at what is now the r Street (on your left in 0.1 mile) and US Rou	The original e intersection
0.3	I FFT o	n Rible Hill Road (P). Rible Hill Road become	s Bayley-

- Hazen Road in 1.7 miles at the Ryegate town line. Bayley-Hazen Road becomes unpaved 0.3 mile west of Interstate 91 overpass and remains unpaved for 1.0 mile.
- RIGHT to continue on Bayley-Hazen Road (P) at Boltonville Road on left. Ticklenaked Pond access road on your left in 0.2 mile. 1.4
- STRAIGHT on North Bayley-Hazen Road (U) in Ryegate Corners. Becomes Mosquitoville Road (U) in 5.1 miles at the Barnet town line. 5.2

- 12.7 RIGHT on Kinnerson Lane. (U). 0.2
- LEFT to continue on Kinnerson Lane. (U). Becomes Farrow Farm Road (U) in 0.8 mile at the Peacham town line
- 14.1 LEFT on Peacham-Barnet Road (P) 8.0
- 14.9 RIGHT on Peacham-Groton Road (P) in South Peacham. Becomes Main Street in 0.2 mile. 0.3
- 15.2 **RIGHT** on Bayley-Hazen Road (U). Historic Elkins Tavern (1787) on your right in 0.3 mile. 0.5
- 15.7 STRAIGHT on Bayley-Hazen Road (P). 0.2
- 15.9 STRAIGHT to continue on Bayley-Hazen Road (P) in Peacham. 1.7
- 17.6 **LEFT** (straight) to continue on Bayley-Hazen Road (U). Becomes 4.5 Woodward Road in 3.4 miles at the Danville town line.
- 22.1 Arrive in West Danville. Route continues on next page.

NOTE: Unpaved roads are indicated by (U); paved roads by (P).

Distance: Wells River to West Danville, 22.1

miles (14.6 miles are unpaved)

Terrain: Rolling to hilly

Ability levels: Intermediate to advanced

Conditions: Mostly unpaved, some steep hills

Attractions: Tickle Naked Pond, Historic

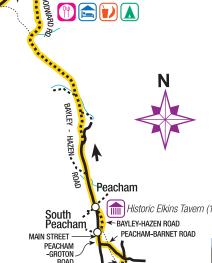
Elkins Tavern

West Danville

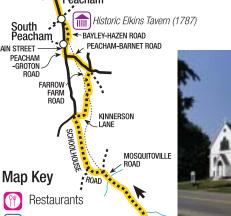
Joes Pond

Services: Lodging: Wells River, West Danville; Camping: West Danville; Stores: Wells River, West Danville; Restaurants:

Wells River, West Danville



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Lodging*







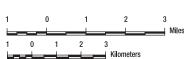






Covered Bridges

*Refer to resource section for exact locations



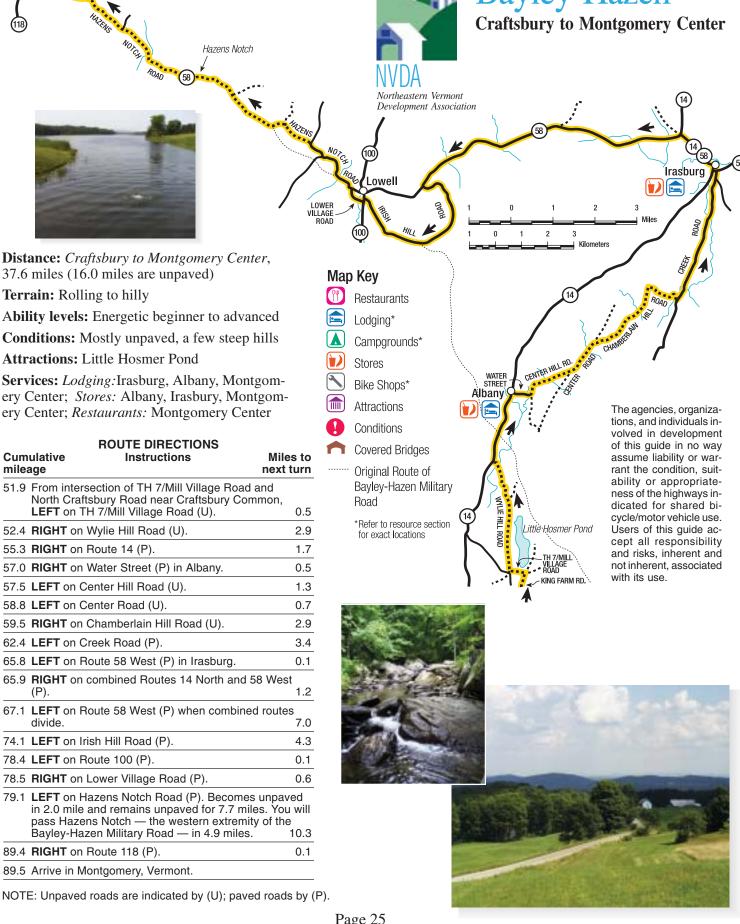


BOLTONVILLE ROAD

In Search of Bayley-Hazen **Distance:** West Danville to Craftsbury, 29.8 miles (20.8 miles are unpaved) West Danville to Craftsbury **Terrain:** Rolling to hilly Ability levels: Energetic beginner to advanced Little Hosmer Pond Conditions: Mostly un-Craftsbury Outdoor paved, a few steep hills **Attractions:** Monument NORTH CRAFTSBURY memorializing Constant Northeastern Vermont Bliss and Moses Sleeper, Craftsbury Development Association Common Joes Pond, Caspian Lake, Circus Smirkus, Little Hosmer Pond, Craftsbury Outdoor Center Craftsbur Services: Lodging: Greensboro, West Danville, Craftsbury Common; Camping: West Danville; Stores: Greensboro, Greens-**ROUTE DIRECTIONS** boro Bend, Craftsbury, West Danville, Cumulative Instructions Miles to Walden Station; Restaurants: Greensboro, mileage next turn Circus West Danville; Smirkus 22.1 From the intersection of Woodward Road and US Bike shops: Route 2 in Danville, LEFT on US Route 2 (P). 1.1 Craftsbury 23.2 RIGHT on West Shore Road (U). 2.0 Outdoor 25.2 LEFT on Cabot Plains Road (U). 0.5 Center RIGHT to continue on Cabot Plains Road (U) at Bolton Greensboro Monument in _ 0.9 Road on left. memory of 26.6 RIGHT to continue on Cabot Plains Road (U) at Dubray Constant Bliss Road on left. 0.3 and Moses Sleeper 26.9 STRAIGHT to continue on Bayley-Hazen Road (U). 1.1 Greensbor 28.0 RIGHT on Route 215 (P). 1.2 29.2 LEFT on Route 15 (P) in Walden Station. 2.3 31.5 RIGHT on Bayley Hazen-Road (U). 3.0 34.5 LEFT on Noyestar Road (P). 0.1 34.6 RIGHT on Richard's Crossing Road (U). 1.3 CROSSING ROAD 35.9 STRAIGHT on Orton Road (U) 1.0 36.9 LEFT on Main Street (P). 0.5 37.4 LEFT on Cross Street (P) in Greensboro Bend. 0.1 Map Key 37.5 **LEFT** on Route 16 (P). 1.7 Restaurants 39.2 RIGHT on Bayley-Hazen Road (U). 1.3 40.5 STRAIGHT on Hardwick Street (P). 1.6 Lodging* 42.1 STRAIGHT on Lake Shore Road (U). Pass monument in Campgrounds3 memory of Bayley-Hazen scouts Constant Bliss and Kilometers Moses Sleeper on right in 0.9 mile. Stores 44.4 STRAIGHT on Richardson Road (U). 2.2 Bike Shops* 46.6 STRAIGHT on Whetstone Brook Road (U) at Circus Walden Attractions 1.3 Station 47.9 LEFT on East Craftsbury Road (P). 0.4 Conditions 48.3 STRAIGHT on Ketchum Hill Road (U). 1.1 Covered Bridges 49.4 LEFT on Creek Road (U) 0.7 Original Route of BAYLEY 50.1 RIGHT on King Farm Road (U). 1.8 Bayley-Hazen Military 51.9 Arrive at intersection of TH 7/Mill Village Road and North Road Craftsbury Road near Craftsbury Common. Route continues on next page. *Refer to resource section for exact locations NOTE: Unpaved roads are indicated by (U); paved roads by (P).



Cum	ROUTE DIRECTIONS ulative Instructions age	Miles to next turn
51.9	From intersection of TH 7/Mill Village Road a North Craftsbury Road near Craftsbury Comr LEFT on TH 7/Mill Village Road (U).	
52 /	RIGHT on Wylie Hill Road (U).	2.9
	RIGHT on Route 14 (P).	1.7
	RIGHT on Water Street (P) in Albany.	0.5
	LEFT on Center Hill Road (U).	1.3
58.8	LEFT on Center Road (U).	0.7
59.5	RIGHT on Chamberlain Hill Road (U).	2.9
62.4	LEFT on Creek Road (P).	3.4
65.8	LEFT on Route 58 West (P) in Irasburg.	0.1
65.9	RIGHT on combined Routes 14 North and 58 (P).	West 1.2
67.1	LEFT on Route 58 West (P) when combined divide.	routes 7.0
74.1	LEFT on Irish Hill Road (P).	4.3
78.4	LEFT on Route 100 (P).	0.1
78.5	RIGHT on Lower Village Road (P).	0.6
79.1	LEFT on Hazens Notch Road (P). Becomes up 12.0 mile and remains unpaved for 7.7 miles pass Hazens Notch—the western extremity Bayley-Hazen Military Road—in 4.9 miles.	s. You will
89.4	RIGHT on Route 118 (P).	0.1
89.5	Arrive in Montgomery, Vermont.	





Beebe Plain to Groton (Continues on next page)

Distance: 65.2 miles (44.4 miles are unpaved)

Terrain: Rolling to very hilly

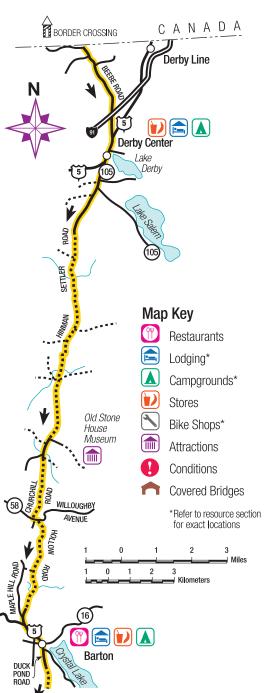
Ability levels: Intermediate to advanced **Conditions:** Mostly unpaved, steep hills

Attractions: Lake Derby, Old Stone House Museum, Crystal Lake, Chandler Pond, Greenbank Hollow

Covered Bridge

Services: Lodging: Derby Center, Barton, Danville, Peacham, Groton; Camping: Derby Center,

Groton; Stores: Derby Center, Barton, Danville, Peacham; Restaurants: Barton, Danville





ROUTE DIRECTIONS

Cum mile	ulative age Instructions	Miles to next turn
0.0	From the Canadian border at Beebe Plain, ride Seebe Road (P).	SOUTH on 3.2
3.2	RIGHT on US Route 5 (P).	0.8
4.0	STRAIGHT on Route 105 (P).	0.7
4.7	STRAIGHT on Hinman Settler Road (P) in Derby Becomes unpaved in 1.2 miles.	y Center. 6.2
10.9	STRAIGHT to continue on Hinman Settler Road Road on right. Becomes paved in 1.5 miles. Old Museum on left in Brownington in 1.8 miles.	
13.1	STRAIGHT (left) on Hinman Settler Road (P). Bunpaved in 0.1 mile. Becomes Churchill Road in the Barton town line.	
15.1	LEFT on Rt. 58/Willoughby Avenue (P), then RIO Hollow Road (P) in 0.1 mile. Becomes paved in 3	
18.4	LEFT on Maple Hill Road (P). Cross RR tracks in	n 0.2 mile.0.4
18.8	LEFT on Route 5 (P).	0.4
19.2	STRAIGHT to continue on Route 5 (P) in Barton	. 0.5
19.7	RIGHT on Duck Pond Road (P). Becomes unparmile. Becomes New Duck Pond Road at the She line in 3.6 miles.	

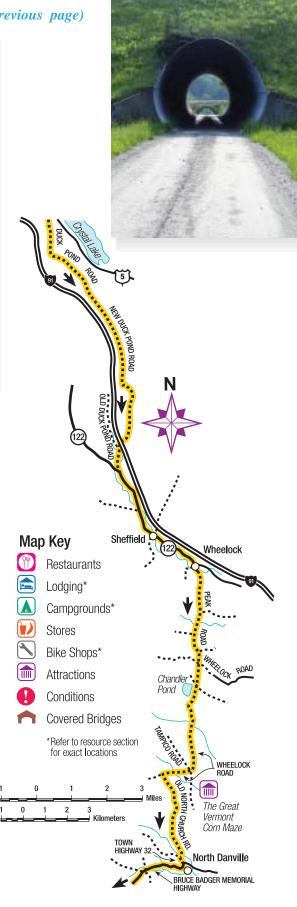
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Cum	ulative age Instructions	Mile next	s to turn
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28.0	LEFT on Old Duck Pond Road (U) after underpass	S.	0.9
28.9	LEFT on Route 122 (P).		3.9
32.8	RIGHT on Peak Road (P). Becomes unpaved in 0	1 mile.	3.1
35.9	STRAIGHT on Burroughs Road (U) at Wheelock F Great Vermont Corn Maze in 3.2 miles.	Road. P	ass 3.4
39.3	STRAIGHT on Wheelock Road (U) at Tampico Rd		0.8
40.1	LEFT on Old North Church Road (U). Old North C your left at this turn.	hurch is	s on 2.7
42.8	LEFT on Town Highway 32 (U).		0.2
43.0	RIGHT on Bruce Badger Memorial Highway (P). Continues on next page.		4.9





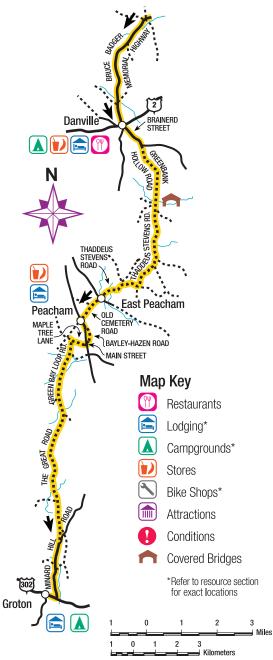
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Cum	ulative ge Instructions	Miles to next turn
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47.9	Cross Rt. 2, then bear LEFT on Brainerd Street (P) in Danville. Far market on right every Wednesday in season.	rmers' 0.9
48.8	STRAIGHT (right) on Greenbank Hollow Road (U)	2.0
50.8	STRAIGHT on Thadeus Stevens Road (U) after riding through the Hollow covered bridge.	Greenbank 2.7
53.5	RIGHT to continue on Thaddeus Stevens Road (U).	1.2
54.7	STRAIGHT on Old Cemetery Road (U) in East Peacham.	0.9
55.6	LEFT on Bayley-Hazen Road (P) in Peacham.	0.3
55.9	LEFT to continue on Bayley-Hazen Road (U).	0.5
56.4	LEFT on Main Street (P), then RIGHT on Maple Tree Lane (U).	0.5
56.9	LEFT on Green Bay Loop Road (U).	1.8
58.7	STRAIGHT on The Great Road (U).	4.6
63.3	RIGHT on Minard Hill Road (P).	1.6
64.9	RIGHT on US Route 302 (P).	0.3
65.2	Arrive in Groton.	
Total	mileage 65.2	







Derby Line to Wells River

Derby Line

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Distance: 82.5 miles (43.7 miles are unpaved)

Terrain: Rolling to hilly

Ability levels: Intermediate to advanced

Conditions: Mostly unpaved, a few steep hills

Attractions: Seymour Lake, Echo Pond, covered bridges,

St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, Fairbanks Museum and

Planetarium, Ticklenaked Pond

Services: Lodging: Derby Line, Morgan, East Burke, Lyndonville, St. Johnsbury Center, St. Johnsbury, Barnet; Camping: St. Johnsbury; Stores: Derby Line, Morgan, East Charleston, East Burke, Lyndonville, St. Johnsbury Center, St. Johnsbury, Barnet; Restaurants: Derby Line, East Burke, Lyndonville, St. Johnsbury; Bike shops: East Burke, Lyndonville, St.

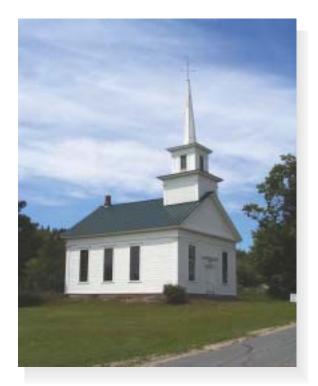
Johnsbury

Cum mile	ulative age Instructions	Miles to next turn
0.0	From the Canadian border and US Route 5 in Dride EAST on Holland Road (P).	erby Line, 6.3
6.3	RIGHT on Meade Road (P) in Holland.	0.4
6.7	STRAIGHT on Meade Hill Road (U).	3.6
10.3	STRAIGHT on Morgan-Charleston Road (U). Be unpaved in 0.3 mile. Becomes West Echo Lake 2.2 miles.	
15.6	RIGHT on Church Hill Road (U). Becomes pave	ed in 0.5 mile. 0.9
16.5	STRAIGHT on Twin Bridges Road (U) in East C	harleston. 0.8
17.3	LEFT on Hudson Road (U). Becomes paved in	0.5 mile. 2.0
19.3	RIGHT on Route 105 (P).	3.2
22.5	RIGHT on Route 114 (P).	0.8
23.3	RIGHT on Newark Road (P). Becomes unpaved	d in 0.7 mile. 2.1
25.4	STRAIGHT on Abbott Hill Road (U) at Center Po Becomes paved in 4.2 miles. Continues on next page	ond Road 4.4



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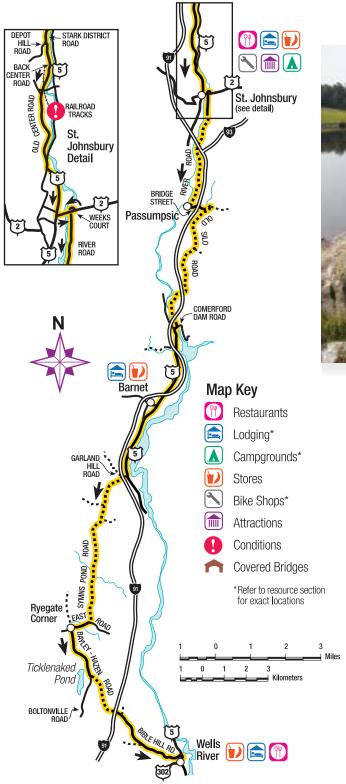


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29.8	STRAIGHT on Newark Road (P).	2.1
31.9	LEFT on Schoolhouse Road (U).	1.5
33.4	RIGHT on Maple Ridge Road (U). Becomes Burke Gre Road at the Burke town line. Becomes paved in 4.1 mi	
37.9	LEFT on Burke Hollow Road (P).	2.1
40.0	LEFT on Route 114 North (P).	0.1
40.1	RIGHT on Mountain Road (P).	0.1
40.2	RIGHT on Ridge Road (P). Becomes unpaved in 0.9 r remains unpaved for 4.2 miles.	nile and 5.2
45.4	STRAIGHT on Ridge Road (P). Becomes Red Village in 0.3 mile at the Lyndon town line.	Road 4.1
49.5	LEFT on US Route 5 (P). Pass Schoolhouse covered on right in 0.5 mile.	bridge 0.6
50.1	RIGHT on York Street (P). Becomes unpaved in 0.3 m Pass Chamberlain Mill covered bridge on right in 0.3 n	
51.0	STRAIGHT on Elliott Road (U).	2.3
53.3	LEFT on Stark District Road (U).	2.0
55.3	LEFT on Depot Hill Road (P), then RIGHT on Back Ce Road (P). Cross RR tracks in 0.6 mile.	nter 0.8
56.1	STRAIGHT (left) to continue on Old Center Road (P). Continues on next page	0.9



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Cum milea	ulative age	Instructions	Miles to next turn
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57.0	RIGHT	(straight) on US Route 5 (P).	0.9
57.9	LEFT or	n US Route 2 (P) in downtown St. Johnsbury	v. 0.3
58.2		n Weeks Court (P). Becomes River Road in as unpaved in 0.6 mile and remains unpaved	
62.2	LEFT or in 0.2 m	n Bridge Street (P) in Passumpsic. Becomes ile.	unpaved 0.7
62.9	RIGHT	on Old Silo Road (U).	4.2
67.1	RIGHT	on Comerford Dam Road (P).	0.1
67.2	LEFT or	n US Route 5 (P).	4.7
71.9	RIGHT	on Garland Hill Road (U).	0.1
72.0	LEFT or	n Symns Pond Road (U).	4.4
76.4	RIGHT	(straight) on East Road (P).	0.5
76.9		n Bayley-Hazen Road (P) in Ryegate Corner Pond access road on your right in 1.2 miles.	. Tickle 1.4
78.3	Road Be	continue on Bayley-Hazen Road (U) at Bolt ecomes paved in 1.0 mile. Becomes Bible Hi s at the Orange County line.	
82.2	RIGHT	on US Route 5 (P).	0.3
82.5		t intersection of US Routes 5 and 302 West vn Wells River.	in
Total	mileage	e 82.5	

Lyndon to North Danville Spur

Distance: 7.3 miles (6.7 miles are

unpaved)

Terrain: Rolling to hilly

Ability levels: Energetic beginner to

advanced

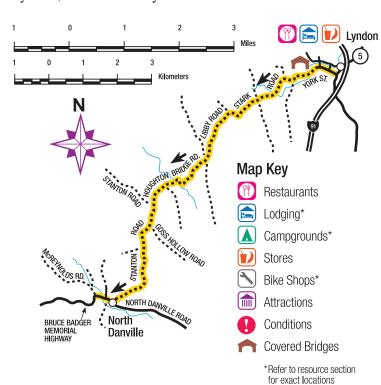
Conditions: Mostly unpaved, some

steep hills

Attractions: Chamberlain Mill covered

bridge

Services: Lodging: Lyndon; Stores: Lyndon; Restaurants: Lyndon







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ative Instructions	Miles to next turn
om the intersection of US Route 5 and York Street ndon, ride WEST on York Street (P). Becomes paved in 0.3 mile. Pass Chamberlain Mill covered idge on right in 0.3 mile.	in 0.9
GHT on Stark Road (U). Becomes Libby Road in 1 the St. Johnsbury town line.	1.4 miles 2.5
FRAIGHT on Houghton Bridge Road (U).	1.5
TRAIGHT (left) on Goss Hollow Road (U).	0.3
FRAIGHT (right) on Stanton Road (U). Becomes page miles.	aved in 1.9
GHT on North Danville Road (P).	0.2
rive at intersection of North Danville Road, McRey bad, and Bruce Badger Memorial Highway in North anville.	
anv	, and Bruce Badger Memorial Highway in North

Total mileage 7.3



North Troy to Lowell Spur

Distance: 18.2 miles (13.7 miles are

unpaved)

advanced

Terrain: Level to hilly

Ability levels: Energetic beginner to

Conditions: Mostly unpaved

Attractions: Big Falls (also covered

bridge)

Services: *Lodging:* North Troy; *Stores:*

North Troy



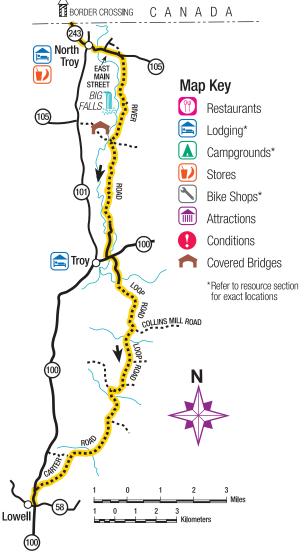
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Cum mile	nulative age Instructions	Miles to next turn
0.0	From the Canadian border near North Troy, ride Se Route 243 (P).	OUTH on 1.2
1.2	LEFT on East Main Street (P).	0.8
2.0	RIGHT on River Road (U). Becomes paved in 5.5	miles. 6.3
8.3	LEFT on Route 100 (P).	0.2
8.5	RIGHT on Loop Road (P). Becomes unpaved in 1.	0 mile. 2.5
11.0	RIGHT to continue on Loop Road (U) at Collins Mi	II Road 2.2
13.2	LEFT on Carter Road (U).	4.5
17.7	LEFT on Route 100 (P).	0.5
18.2	Arrive at intersection of Routes 58 and 100 in Low	ell.
Tota	I mileage 18.2	





Eden Mills to Guildhall

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Distance: 72.8 miles (50.6 miles are unpaved)

Terrain: Rolling to hilly

Ability levels: Intermediate to advanced **Conditions:** Mostly unpaved, steep hills

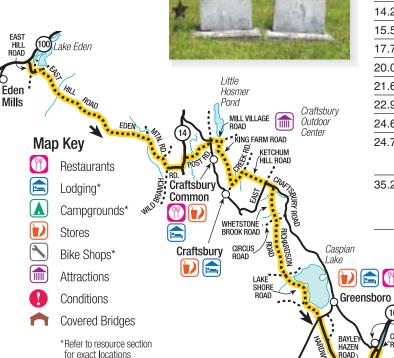
Attractions: Lake Eden, Little Hosmer Pond, Caspian

Lake

Services: *Lodging:* Craftsbury Common, Craftsbury, Greensboro, Lyndonville, East Burke; *Stores:* Craftsbury Common, Craftsbury, Greensboro, Greensboro Bend, Lyndonville, East Burke, Granby; *Restaurants:* Craftsbury Common, Greensboro, Lyndonville, East Burke; *Bike shops:* Craftsbury Outdoor Center









ROUTE DIRECTIONS

mile	ulative age	Mil Instructions	les to next tur
0.0	Eden Mills, ride unpaved in 0.4	section of Route 100 and East e EAST on East Hill Road (P). I mile. Becomes Eden Mountai In line in 4.8 miles.	Becomes
6.0	RIGHT (straigh	nt) on Collinsville Road (U).	1.
7.5	LEFT on Wild	Branch Rd./North Wolcott Roa	d (P). 0.
8.0	LEFT on Route	e 14 (P).	0.
8.4	RIGHT on Pos	t Road (U).	1.
9.7	STRAIGHT on	Mill Village Road (U).	0.
10.2	RIGHT on King	g Farm Road (U).	1.
12.0	LEFT on Creel	k Road (U).	0.
12.7	RIGHT on Keto	chum Hill Road (U).	1.
13.8	STRAIGHT on	East Craftsbury Road (P).	0.
14.2	RIGHT on Whe	etstome Brook Road (U).	1.
15.5	STRAIGHT on	Richardson Road (U) at Circu	s Rd. 2.
17.7	STRAIGHT on	Lake Shore Road (U).	2.
20.0	STRAIGHT on	Hardwick Road (P).	1.
21.6	STRAIGHT (le	eft) on Bayley-Hazen Road (U).	1.
22.9	LEFT on Route	e 16 (P).	1.
24.6	RIGHT on Cro	ss Road (P).	0.
24.7	Road (U) in 0.	n Street (P). Becomes Stannar .5 mile. Becomes South Wheel heelock town line.	
35.2	Burroughs Roa covered bridge	continue on South Wheelock F ad Becomes paved in 0.3 mile. e on your right in 5.0 miles. next page	

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Bend

MAIN

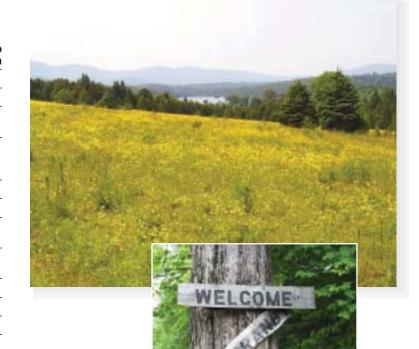


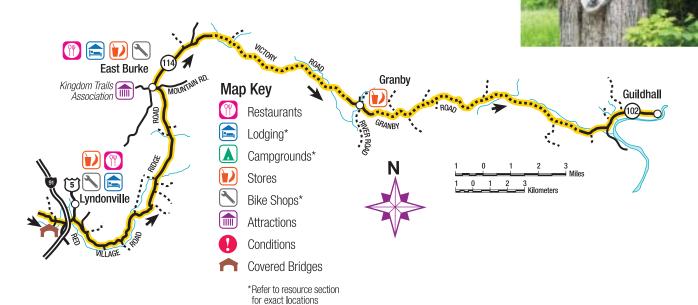


Eden Mills to Guildhall

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Cumulative mileage		Instructions	Miles to next turn			
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40.3	LEFT on US Route 5/l	Memorial Drive (P).	0.5			
40.8	RIGHT on Red Village miles at the Kirby town	Road (P). Becomes Ridge F n line.	Road in 3.8 4.1			
44.9		e on Ridge Road (P) at Town d in 0.1 mile and remains unp				
50.1	LEFT on Mountain Ro	ad (P).	0.1			
50.2	RIGHT on Route 114	(P) in East Burke.	2.2			
52.4	RIGHT on Victory Roa	ad (P). Becomes unpaved in (0.5 mile. 9.5			
61.9	STRAIGHT on Granby Becomes paved in 7.7	y Road (U) at River Road in G ' miles.	Granby. 8.5			
70.4	LEFT on Route 102 (F	P).	2.4			
72.8	Arrive in Guildhall, VT.		·			
Total mileage 72.8						







Montgomery Center

to Island Pond

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Distance: 58.2 miles (34.3 miles

are unpaved)

Terrain: Rolling to hilly

Ability levels: Intermediate to

advanced

Conditions: Mostly unpaved, steep

hill

Attractions

Conditions

Covered Bridges

*Refer to resource section for exact locations

Attractions: Lower Covered Bridge, Seymour Lake, Island Pond

Services: *Lodging:* Montgomery Center, Coventry, Morgan, Island Pond; *Stores:* Montgomery Center, Morgan, Island Pond; *Restaurants:*









Coventry

COVERED BRIDGE ROAD

Cumulative

15.4 RIGHT on Route 58 (P).

mileage

Miles to next turn

18 (P). 0.1

7.0

0.0 From Montgomery, ride **SOUTH** on Route 118 (P).

0.1 LEFT on Bayley-Hazen Road (P). Becomes unpaved in 0.6 mile and remains unpaved for 7.7 miles. You will pass Hazens Notch — the western extremity of the Bayley-Hazen Military Road — in 5.4 miles.

Instructions

 10.4 RIGHT on Lower Village Road (P).
 0.6

 11.0 LEFT on Route 100 (P).
 0.1

 11.1 RIGHT on Irish Hill Road (P).
 4.3

22.4 **LEFT** on Back Coventry Road (U) where Routes 14 North and 58 West divide. Becomes Covered Bridge Road in 4.5 miles at Coventry town line. Pass through Lower covered

bridge in 4.5 miles. 5.2

27.6 **STRAIGHT** on Main Street (P) in Coventry. 0.3

27.9 **LEFT** on combined Routes 14 North and 5 North (P), then RIGHT on Coventry Station Road (P) in 100 yards. Coventry Station Road becomes unpaved in 0.1 mile.

2.5

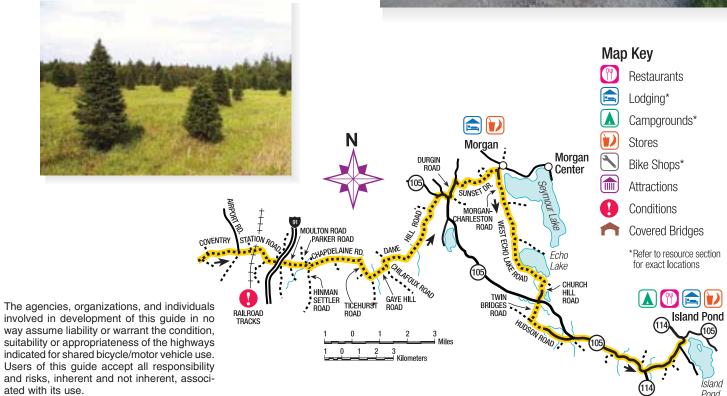
Montgomery Center to Island Pond

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Cumulative mileage	-	Miles to next turn			
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Cross	IGHT on Coventry Station Road (U) at Airport RR tracks in 0.6 mile. Becomes Moulton Road at Brownington town line.				
33.2 RIGH	T on Parker Road (U).	0.2			
	on Hinman Settler Road (U), then RIGHT on delaine Road (U) in 100 feet.	1.9			
35.3 RIGH	T on Ticehurst Road (U).	0.8			
36.1 LEFT	on Gaye Hill Road (U).	0.7			
36.8 LEFT	on Chilafoux Road (U).	0.3			
37.1 RIGH	T on Dane Hill Road (U).	3.7			
40.8 RIGH	T on Route 105 (P).	0.4			
41.2 LEFT	on Durgin Road (P).	0.7			
41.9 RIGH	T on Sunset Drive (U).	2.0			
	T on Morgan-Charleston Road (P). Becomes u mile. Becomes West Echo Lake Road in 2.2 n				
49.2 RIGH 0.9	T on Church Hill Road (U). Becomes paved in	0.5 mile.			
50.1 STRA	IGHT on Twin Bridges Road (U) in East Charle	eston.0.8			
50.9 LEFT	on Hudson Road (U). Becomes paved in 0.5 n	nile. 2.0			
52.9 RIGH	T on Route 105 (P).	3.2			
56.1 LEFT	on Rt. Combined Routs 105 and 114 (P).	2.1			
58.2 Arrive	in Island Pond.				
Total mileage 58.2					











Concord Spur: North Kirby to Gilman

Distance: 21 miles (17.2 miles are

unpaved)

Terrain: Rolling to hilly

Ability levels: Energetic beginner to

Conditions: Mostly unpaved, some steep

hills

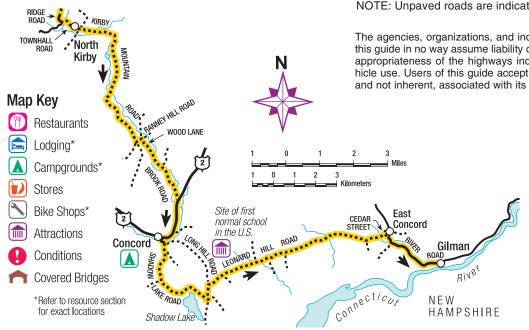
Attractions: Shadow Lake, site of first

normal school in the U.S. Services: Camping: Concord

ROUTE DIRECTIONS

Cum mile	ulative age Instructions	Mile next	s to turn
0.0	From the intersection of Ridge Road in North Kirby, r EAST on Town Hall Road/TH 29 (U). Becomes Kirby Mountain Road in 0.7 mile.		1.8
		1)	
1.8	RIGHT to continue on TH 29/Kirby Mountain Road (L	J).	3.7
5.5	LEFT on Ranney Hill Road (U).		0.2
5.7	RIGHT on Wood Lane (U). Becomes Brook Road in	0.7 m	nile
	at the Concord town line.		2.3
8.0	RIGHT on US Route 2 (P).		1.4
9.4	LEFT on Shadow Lake Road (P). Becomes unpaved 0.3 mile.	l in	3.3
12.7	LEFT on Long Hill Road (U). Site of first normal scho	ool in	
	the US on your right in 0.2 mile.		0.4
13.1	RIGHT on Leonard Hill Road (U).		5.7
18.8	RIGHT on Cedar Street (U).		0.1
18.9	STRAIGHT on River Road (P).		2.1
Total	mileage 21.0		

NOTE: Unpaved roads are indicated by (U); paved roads by (P).





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Other Opportunities to Use Your Mountain Bike or Hybrid

The routes in this guide are designed to supplement, not replace, opportunities and services that already exist in the Northeast Kingdom. You will no doubt notice that we've not provided any routes in the Craftsbury and East Burke areas as both are hot beds of mountain bike activity and well served by outfitters, cycling associations and guide books.

Craftsbury Outdoor Center

The Craftsbury Outdoor Center, located at Mill Village in the heart of the Craftsbury area, offers an expanding network of narrow single track, grassy cross-country ski trails, and miles of class four roads,



logging trails, and unpaved back roads. All routes are mapped for easy self-guided exploration. Instruction and guide services are available if needed.

The Center rents 21-speed fat tire suspension and non-suspension bikes in a full range of sizes. They

also have kid's bikes, trailers, child seats and racks for rent. For more information, contact The Center at (800) 729-7751 or email them at stay@craftsbury.com.

Kingdom Trails Association

Kingdom Trails Association is a conservation organization working in partnership with private landowners, local businesses, government agencies and other non-profit organizations to create and manage out-door recreation opportunities and preserve and protect trails. To date the association has mapped more than 100 miles of single track trails, logging roads, fire roads and country roads in the East Burke area for non-motorized, multi-use recreation activity.



Currently all mapped trails in the Kingdom Trails system are on private land. To generate funds needed to maintain the trail system and manage usage the Associa-

tion requires all users to purchase either a Day Member Pass or an Annual Membership to access the trail system. People who desire to use the trail network can purchase user







Other Opportunities to Use Your Mountain Bike or Hybrid

passes, find trail route information and learn where to enter the trail network at East Burke Sports on route 114 in East Burke village or at the Village Sport Shop on route 5 in Lyndonville.

For more information, contact the Kingdom Trails Association at (802) 626-0737 or email them at info@kingdomtrails.org.

Guide Books and Maps

Cyclists who prefer to explore the Craftsbury and East Burke regions on their own will find the following guidebooks and maps of interest.

Mountain Bike! Vermont — A Guide to the Classic Trails (Carter, 1998) offers three routes from 4 to 18 miles in the Craftsbury area and three rides starting in East Burke that range from 18 to 40 miles. Rides are rated in difficulty from "advance intermediate" to "very challenging."

Mountain Bike America — Vermont: An Atlas of Vermont's Greatest Off Road-Bicycle Rides (Mynter, 1997) describes two rides in the Craftsbury area (4 miles and 17 miles) and one 19-mile loop starting in East Burke. Rides are rated "moderate to difficult."

25 Mountain Bike Tours in Vermont (Busha, 1989) mentions one 27-mile ride that takes in the Craftsbury region and a 27-miler in the East Burke area. Both rides are rated "strenuous."

Craftsbury Greensboro Regional Recreation Maps (Craftsbury Outdoor Center, 2000) is a two-sided single-sheet that shows detailed topographic and road information for the Craftsbury Greensboro region.

