

Richard Colahan's Brit Bike Back Roads Ramble

A fun, roller coaster-like, slow-paced ride on backcountry, county roads, farm lanes, and other out-of-the way paved roads in Pickens, Cherokee and Dawson Counties. This ride is excellent to view autumn foliage without having any of the traffic of north Georgia. This is an excellent ride for older or smaller displacement bikes. Good handling and moderate brakes are recommended. Not recommended for novice riders. Average speed is about 45 MPH.

Start at the intersection of Hwy 9 (aka N Main St.) and Windward Parkway. The Burger King (890 N Main St, Alpharetta 30004) is an excellent staging area / meeting place.

Mile	Direction	Road / Instruction	Heading
0.0	L	Cogburn Rd (becomes Hopewell Rd)	N
4.3	L	Thompson Rd	
4.6	R	Dinsmore Rd	
6.3	R @ T	Freemanville Rd	
7.2	L @ SS	Birmingham Rd	
8	R @ SS	Birmingham Hwy (Gas)	
8.2	L	New Old Bullpen Rd (becomes Union Hill Rd)	
11.7	R	Arbor Hill Rd	
15.6	L	Owens Store Rd	
16.6	R	Old Orange Rd	
18	L @ T	Rte 20	
18.5	R (hidden)	Northwoods Rd	
19.5	R @ T	Henry Scott Rd	
19.9	BR	Henry Scott Rd	
21.3	Sharp L	Coker Chapel Rd	
	S @ SS	Cross Darby Ford Rd, Stop!! Reset to 0.0 (21.3 miles)	
Mile	Direction	Road / Instruction	Heading
2.5	R @ T		
4.3	L @ T	Highway 5	
6.3	R	Lower Bethany Rd	
10.4	BR	Upper Bethany Rd	
12.1	R	Soap Creek Rd	
14.3	R	Damascus Rd	
16.3	R	Arnold Spence Rd	
18.	R @ T	Hornage Rd	
19.6	L @ T	Long Rd	

21.9	R @ T	Rte 5	
22.6	L	Northridge Rd	
		Stop!! Reset to 0.0 (44.8 miles)	
Mile	Direction	Road / Instruction	Heading
0.5		Flatbottom Rd	
5.2	BL	Flatbottom Rd	
5.4	L @ T	Ball Ground Rd	
6.2	R	Old Dawsonville Rd	
		(Gas/snacks straight 0.3)	
7.7	BL	Jordon Rd	
8.7	R @ SS	Old Nelson Rd	
10.0	R @ SS	Reavis Mtn Rd	
14.4	BR	Sperrin Rd	
14.5	BR	Sperrin Rd	
18.1	L @ T	Conns Creek Rd	
20.3	L @ SS	Yellow Crk Rd	
		Stop!! Reset to 0.0 (65.1 miles)	
Mile	Direction	Road / Instruction	Heading
3.1	R	Eagles Peach Rd	
		Mountain Views on Left	
7.0	L @ SS	Cowart Rd	
9.5	R @ T	Route 53	
14.9	BR	Route 53	
17.5		Dawsonville Lunch/Gas	
		Stop!! Reset to 0.0 (82.6 miles)	
Mile	Direction	Road / Instruction	Heading
0.0		Head South on Rte 9	S
		Moore Rd	
6.8	R @ T	(becomes Kelly Bridge Rd)	
		Coletrane Rd	
9.3	L	(becomes Freeman Rd)	
10.7	R @ T	Mt Tabor Rd	
10.7	Quick R	Nicholson Rd	
14.9	L @ T	Old Federal Rd	
		Stop! Reset to 0.0 (97.5 miles)	
Mile	Direction	Road / Instruction	Heading
0.4	R @ T	Matt Highway	
0.9	L	Seabolt Drive (hidden!)	
1.6	R @ T	Wallace Tatum Rd	
2.9	L @ T	Heardsville Rd	
6.8	R @ T	Rte 20,	

		then quick L on County Line Rd	
8.8	L @ SS	Holbrook Campgrnd Rd	
9.6	BR	Hopewell Rd @ Citgo (Becomes Cogburn Rd)	
18.0	S	Becomes Windward	
18.3	R	Into Lowe's Parking Lot (115.8)	

Legend

R = Right L = Left
BR = Bear Right BL = Bear Left
S = Straight SS = Stop Sign
T = "T" Intersection

Reset = Pull off road to reset mileage to 0.0, to allow for odometer discrepancies