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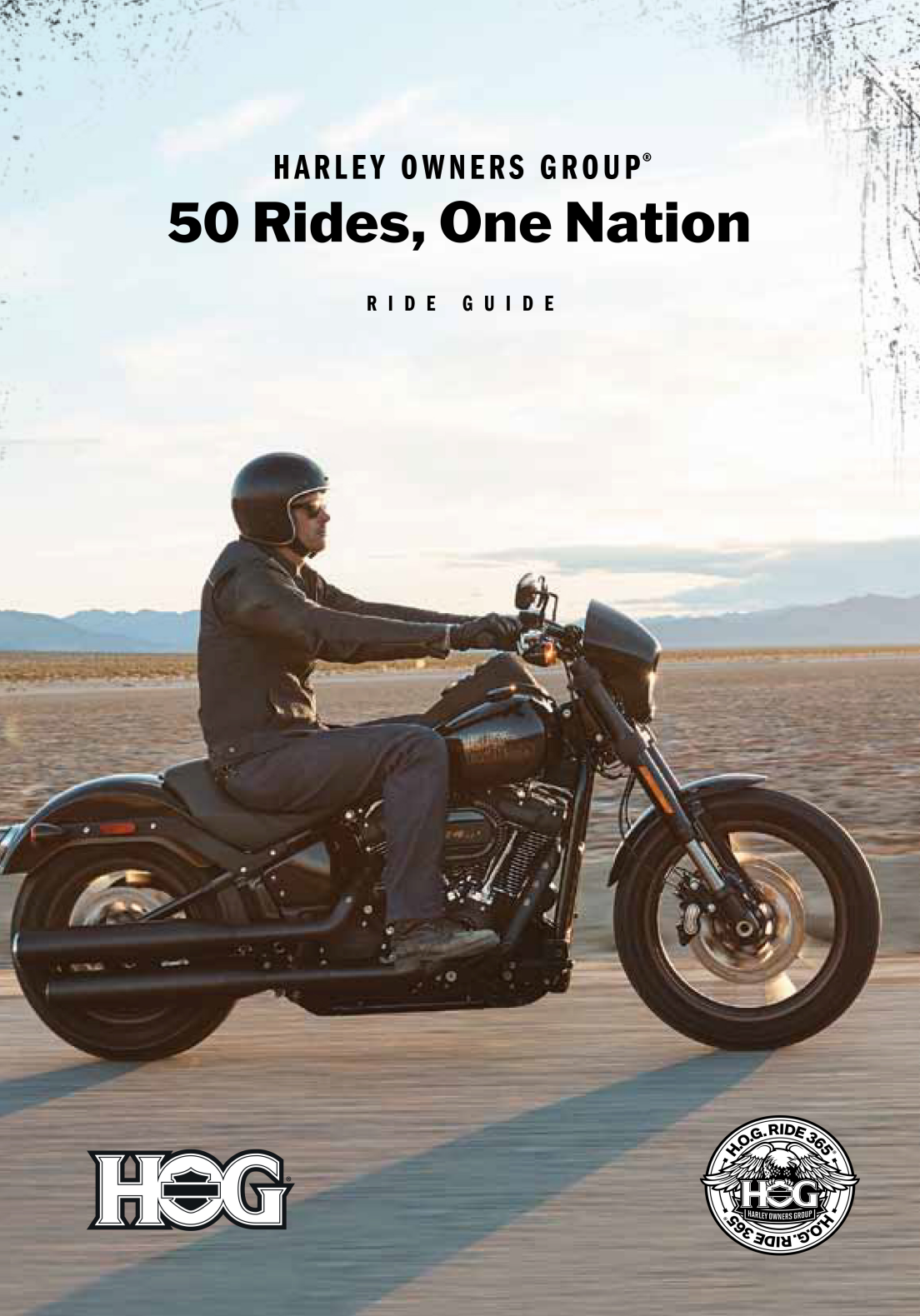

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50 Rides, One Nation

Welcome to the official ride guide for 50 Rides, One Nation.

Enjoying the thrill of the open road on two wheels and the adventure of exploring new places is one of the many reasons you own a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Being part of Harley Owners Group means there are a million fellow enthusiasts with whom to share those experiences. 50 Rides, One Nation is part of the H.O.G.® Ride 365 program, but at its heart it's a recipe for exploring America and a road map to a lifetime of epic journeys.

Harley Owners Group® has curated a wealth of information in these pages on the great places to visit in each state to help you get started exploring the beauty and majesty of America as it can only be experienced from the saddle of a Harley-Davidson® motorcycle. You'll also find some useful tips on riding – from packing to checking your motorcycle to group riding.

While we think these rides collectively represent the best riding that America has to offer, with some obvious and not so obvious choices, the list is by no means exhaustive. These rides are a starting point, an invitation to begin an epic journey that never has an end.

So put fists to the wind and head off on the adventure of a lifetime. We always love to hear about your adventures, so email us at enthusiast@harley-davidson.com (please include 50 Rides, One Nation in the subject line).

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From sea to shining sea

For Harley-Davidson® motorcycle riders, nothing beats the freedom of the open road – the wind in your face, sun on your back, and knees in the breeze. Find your freedom, explore the country from the saddle of your Harley® motorcycle, and earn rewards – and bragging rights – while doing it!

50 Rides, One Nation

50 Rides, One Nation presents 50 "rides of a lifetime," and there's no time limit to complete them! From mountains to meadows, canyons to coastline, and desert to delta, there's something for everyone. With one ride in each state, you'll explore some of the country's most iconic places, with thrilling riding and great scenery along the way. Some of the locations are well known – Tennessee's Dragon, for example – while others may surprise you: Alaska's Richardson Highway may not have been on your bucket list, but now it is! Other bucket-list-worthy attractions include Colorado's Million Dollar Highway, the Arkansas Pig Trail, and the Overseas Highway through the Florida Keys. Details of all 50 rides are available in this downloadable guide.

The Nitty-Gritty

1. Rules for 50 Rides, One Nation lifetime challenge are simple:
2. Ride your Harley-Davidson motorcycle to one of the featured destinations
3. Snap a picture of yourself at the designated checkpoint with the cover of this guide
4. Submit your photo via **H-D.com/Ride365/submit**

Earn digital badges and other rewards

For Harley-Davidson Ride Planner routes for each ride, visit **maps.harley-davidson.com/map**, where you can print out route guidance or download GPX files for bikes equipped with the Boom!™ Box GTS infotainment system.

From sea to shining sea, America's great rides await – get your motor runnin' and head out on the highway!

Full program details, Ride Planner routes, and official rules are available at H-D.com/HOG.

LOOKOUT MTN PKWY

Lookout Mountain Parkway

GADSEN, AL TO THE ALABAMA-GEORGIA BORDER | 59 MILES

Lookout Mountain and its namesake Parkway run nearly 100 miles through Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee. That's one long mountain! A network of country roads traces the ridge, past canyons, waterfalls, and state and national parks and preserves.

Alabama's portion of the parkway meanders 59 miles through the northeastern corner of the state. Starting at Noccalula Falls Park in Gadsden, head north on the parkway toward Collinsville and Fort Payne. Fort Payne sits along the infamous Trail of Tears, in which thousands of Native Americans perished during their forced removal in the 1830s.

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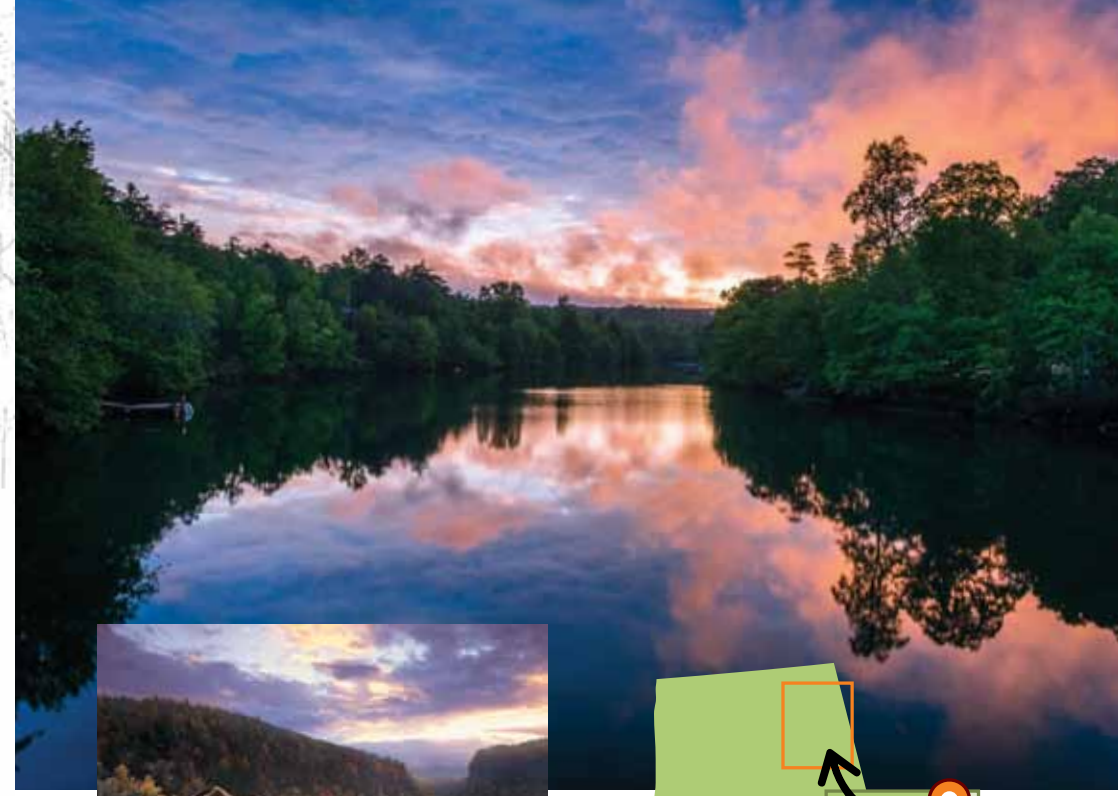

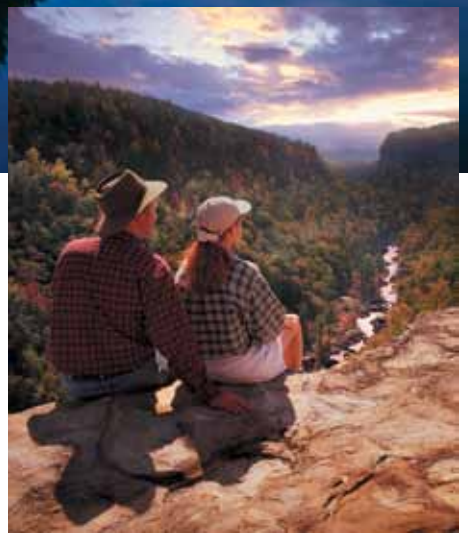

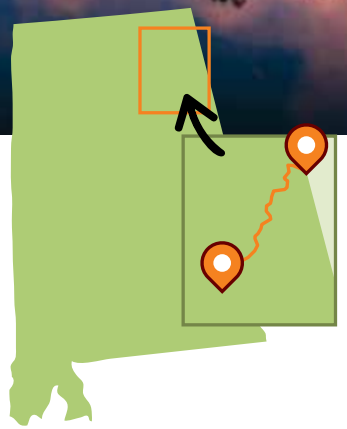

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CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Fort Payne Cabin Historic Site sign: located near the intersection of Gault St. South and 4th St. in Fort Payne, on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

RICHARDSON HWY

Richardson Highway

VALDEZ TO FAIRBANKS, AK | 363 MILES

As the first road through America's last frontier, Alaska's Richardson Highway began as a pack trail in the late 1890s, bringing fortune seekers to the Klondike goldfields in the state's interior. Paved in 1957, the highway features some of the state's most breathtaking scenery, including glaciers, waterfalls, towering mountain ranges, and green valleys. Bridal Veil Falls, Keystone Canyon, Thompson Pass, and Worthington Glacier rank among its many highlights.

Richardson Highway is primarily a two-lane, changing to four lanes near Fairbanks. On the road, watch for wildlife, frost heaves, and frost sinks. You'll want to travel on a sunny, clear day for viewing the best scenery.

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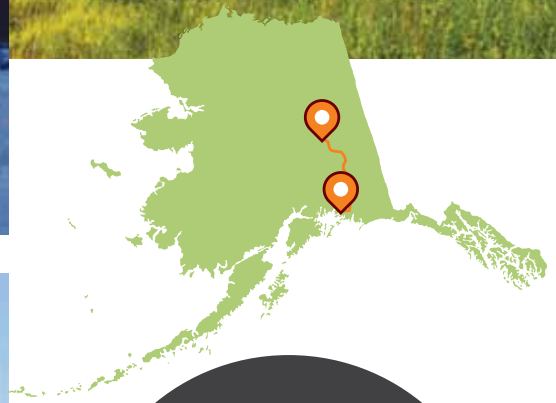

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Thompson Pass, ELEV 2678' highway sign: located about 30 miles northeast of Valdez on AK-4 N.

CORONADO TRAIL

Coronado Trail Scenic Byway

CLIFTON TO SPRINGERVILLE, AZ | 120 MILES

Arizona's Coronado Trail Scenic Byway just might be the ultimate thrill ride. With more than 400 curves and precious few guardrails, US-191 winds through mountainous high desert and the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest in southeastern Arizona. A National Scenic Byway, Coronado Trail has been nicknamed the "Devil's Highway" due to its previous designation as US-666.

Named for Spanish explorer Francisco Vasquez de Coronado who traversed the area in 1540 on a quest for the legendary Seven Cities of Cibola, this lightly traveled trail is well worth discovering yourself!

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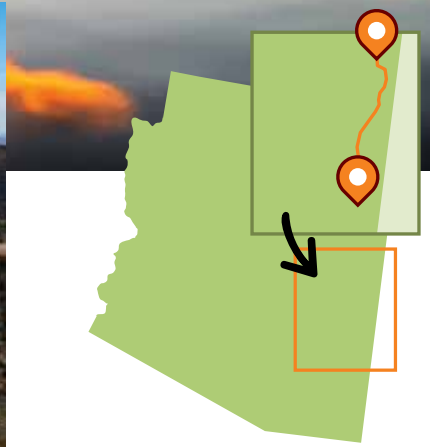

AZ DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION, CLIFTON, AZ

CHECKPOINT LOCATION

HistoricTrainDepotbuildinginClifton: Clifton sits at the south end of the Coronado Trail. Its train depot was constructedin1901andtodayhouses the city's visitor center. Your photo should include all or part of the depot building.

PIG TRAIL

Pig Trail Scenic Byway

NORTH OF WHITE OAK TO BRASHEARS, AR | 19.5 MILES

In a state renowned for great motorcycle roads, Pig Trail Scenic Byway stands heads and "tails" above the rest. Nestled within the hills and hollows of northwest Arkansas, the byway meanders 19 miles through the lush greenery of Ozark National Forest.

No one knows exactly how the Pig Trail got its name. One theory is that its twists and turns resemble a pig's tail. Another claims it's named for the feral pigs that once roamed the region. But the most frequently cited "tale" is that the byway has long been a popular backroads route to football games at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville (whose team is the Razorbacks). In any case, you won't want to miss this curvy country road sometimes called "The Arkansas Dragon."

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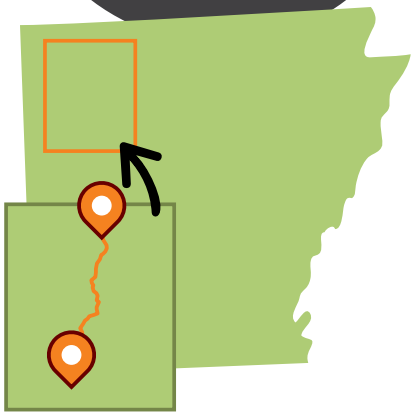
Pig Trail Scenic Byway sign: located on AR-23 at the south entrance to Ozark National Forest, about five miles north of the intersection of AR-352 in White Oak.



PALMS TO PINES

Palms to Pines Scenic Byway

PALM DESERT TO MOUNTAIN CENTER, CA | 41 MILES

Even if you've never ridden Palms to Pines Scenic Byway, you've probably seen it on television and in movies. Its spectacular curves, sparse desert, and forested mountain terrain made it a favorite filming location for many years. Starting in Palm Desert, CA -74 winds through the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains and into San Bernardino National Forest, ending in Mountain Center. Many published accounts claim that Palms to Pines continues north from Mountain Center to Banning along CA -243, but that portion is actually called the Banning-Idyllwild Panoramic Highway. It's a great ride too, and we highly recommend including it in your journey. However, check with local officials before continuing north from Idyllwild; for much of 2019, the road was closed at Lake Fulmor for repairs due to flood damage.

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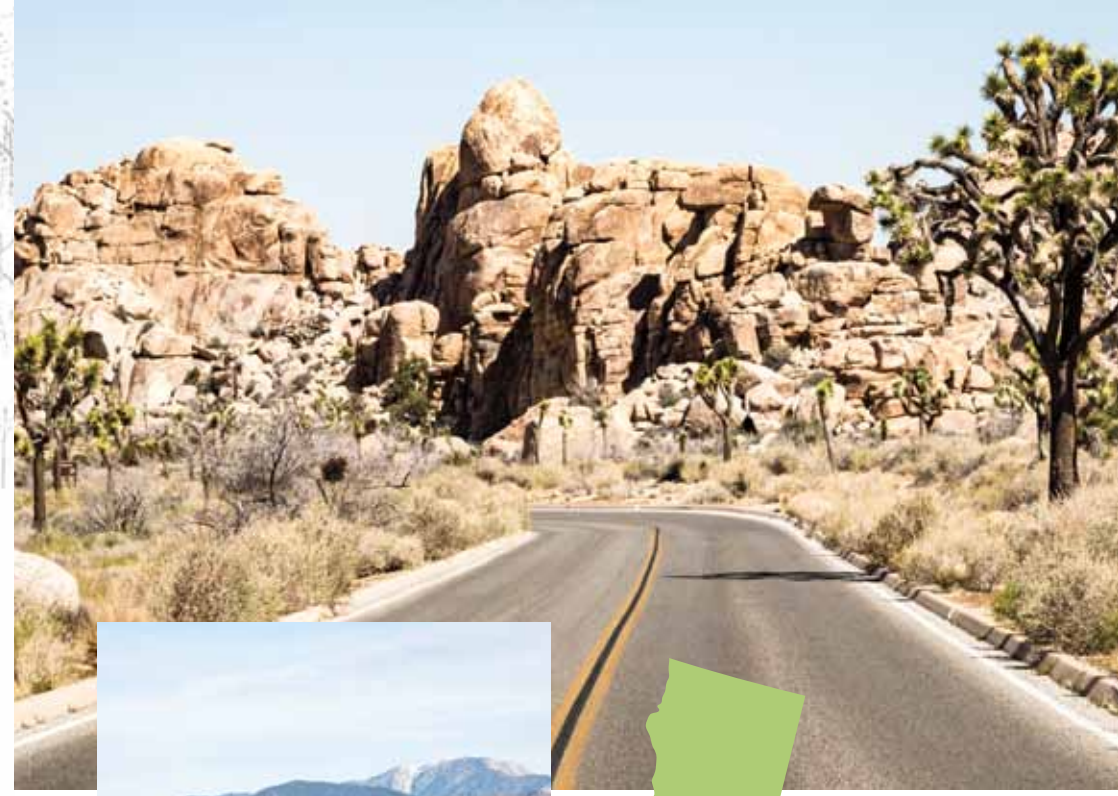

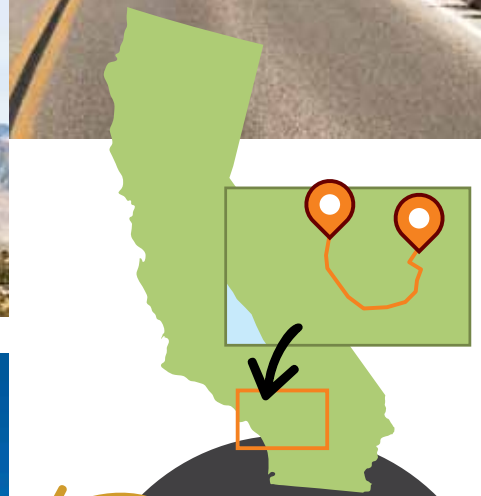

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Idyllwild town monument: located in downtown Idyllwild on CA -243; the 25-foot tall wood sculpture features a giant grizzly bear and was created in 2012 by artist David Roy.

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MILLION
DOLLAR HWY

Million Dollar Highway

OURAY TO SILVERTON, CO | 23 MILES

Steep drop-offs, switchback curves, and precious few guardrails keep the adrenaline pumping on Colorado's Million Dollar Highway. Part of the San Juan Skyway Scenic Byway, the Million Dollar Highway runs 23 miles through the San Juan Mountains between Ouray and Silverton. With all its twists and turns, you'll find the scenery as breathtaking as the ride is vertigo inducing.

No one really knows how the highway got its nickname. Some say it's because of its "million dollar" views; others say the road cost a million dollars to complete in the 1920s. And some say it's because the fill dirt used for the roadway was rich in gold ore.

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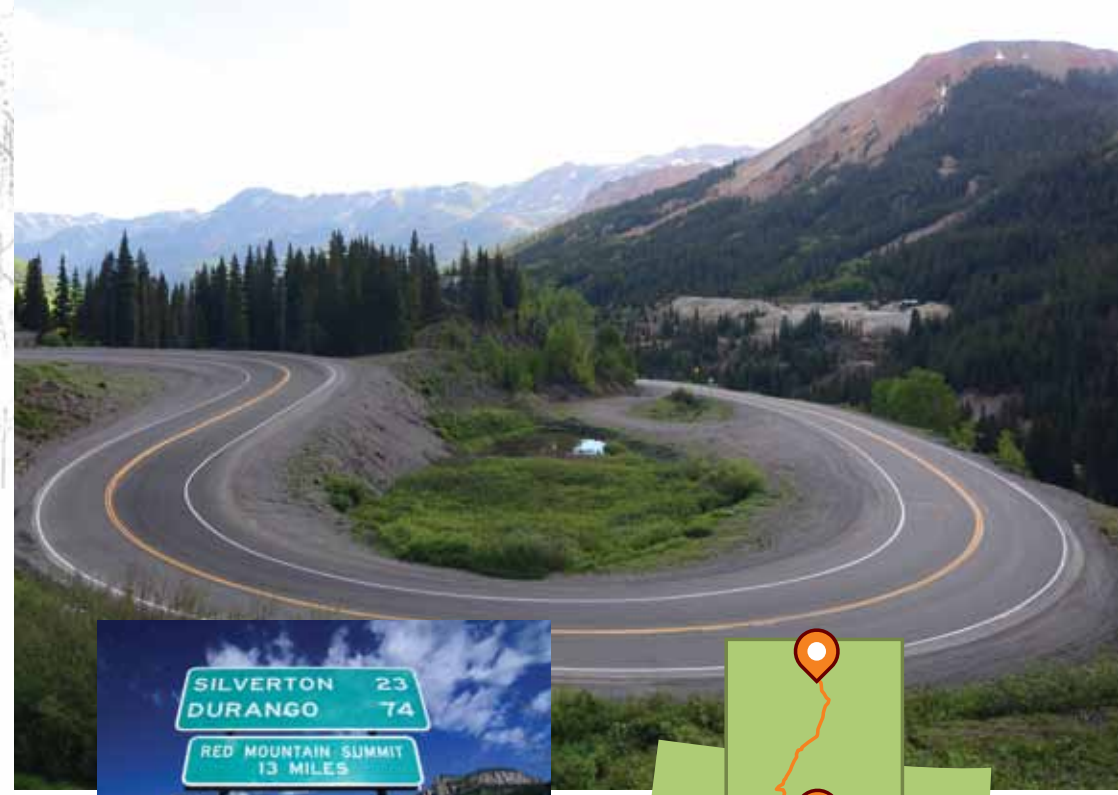

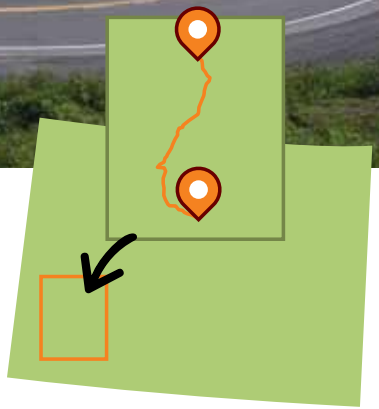

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CHECKPOINT LOCATION
Silverton Harley-Davidson® exterior: "The World's Highest Harley Store," at 9,318 feet, located at 1139 Greene St., Silverton.

LITCHFIELD HILLS LOOP

Litchfield Hills Loop

NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT | 90 MILES

Nestled in the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains, the Litchfield Hills region of northwestern Connecticut offers a plethora of visual delights. Rolling hills, tranquil lakes, dense forests, and rich farmland characterize the area, and Colonial towns dot the serene landscape.

Begin your loop in the historic town of Litchfield, incorporated in 1719. With its shaded village green and unspoiled Colonial architecture, it has been called one of New England's prettiest places. Later, along the loop's western edge, you'll pass through the town of West Cornwall, site of the West Cornwall Covered Bridge.

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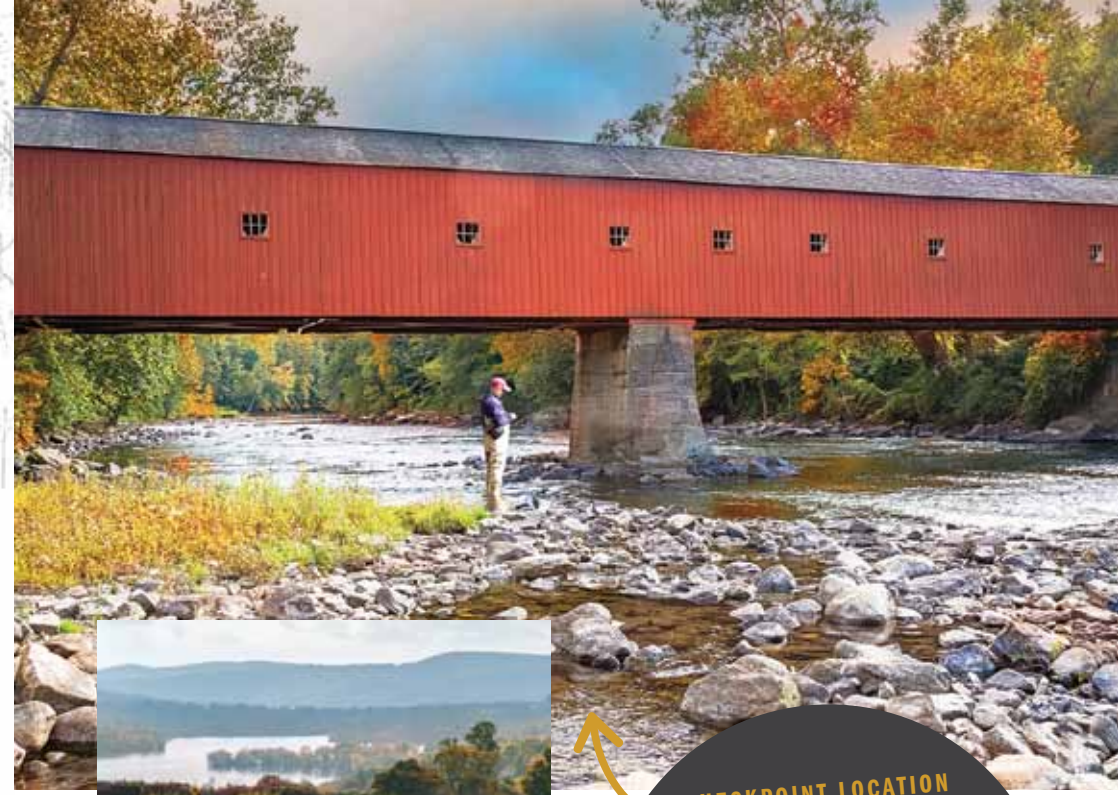

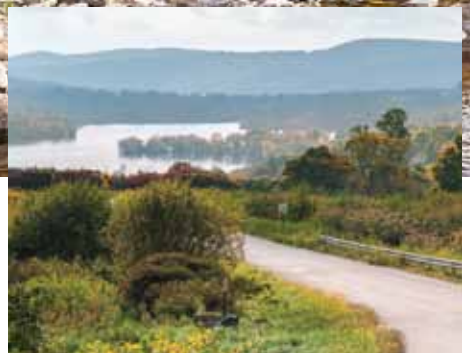

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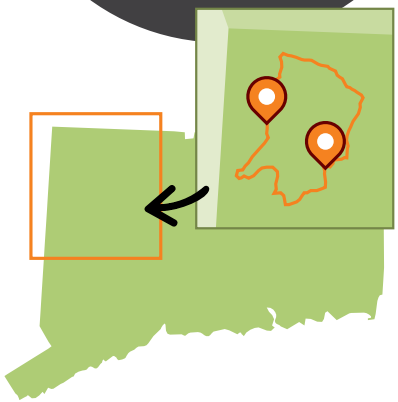
CHECKPOINT LOCATION

West Cornwall Covered Bridge: located in West Cornwall at CT-128 off US-7, this one-lane historic bridge dates from the mid-1800s and spans the Housatonic River; your photo should include part or all of this iconic red wooden lattice truss span.



BAYSHORE BYWAY

Bayshore Byway

NEW CASTLE TO LEWES, DE | 87 MILES

Bayshore Byway meanders along eastern Delaware's rural shoreline and the East Coast's largest preserved coastal marshland. A scenic two-lane country road, the byway crosses nature preserves, historic towns, and beaches on the Delaware River and Bay Estuary.

Along the way, you'll want to stop at the Air Mobility Command Museum at Dover Air Force Base. The free museum contains more than 30 aircraft, and is the country's only museum dedicated to airlift and air refueling history.

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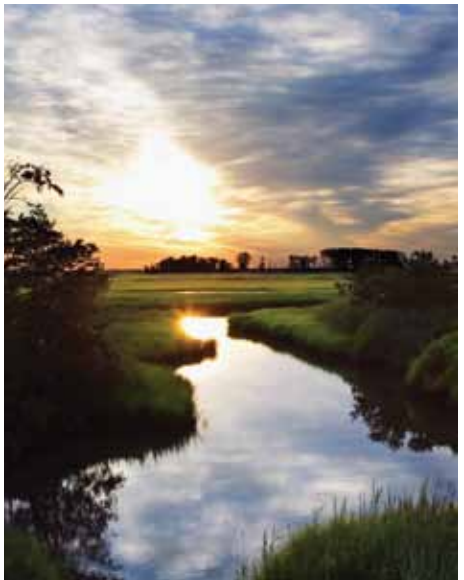
Air Mobility Command Museum exterior sign: located at 1301 Heritage Rd., Dover AFB, the museum is open Tuesday–Sunday, 9AM-4PM. Your photo can be of either the sign at the front gate located at the intersection of Heritage Rd. and Bayside Dr. (DE-9), or the sign pictured here at the front of the museum and accessible during business hours.



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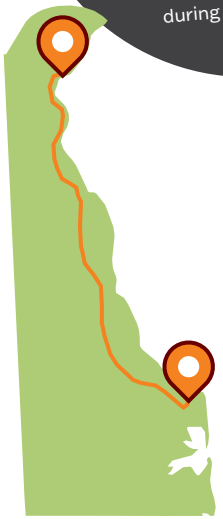

SOUTHERNMOST PT

Southernmost Point

KEY LARGO TO KEY WEST, FL | 106 MILES

Blue skies, emerald green waters, and salt-soaked breezes – a journey down US-1 through the Florida Keys is probably the closest you'll get to tropical paradise in the mainland United States. Just follow the mile markers south, counting down from Key Largo to Key West ("Mile 0"), a city lovingly referred to as the "Conch Republic" by locals.

Life moves at a different pace there. You might see a bumper sticker in the Keys reading "Slow down, this ain't the mainland!" It's great advice.

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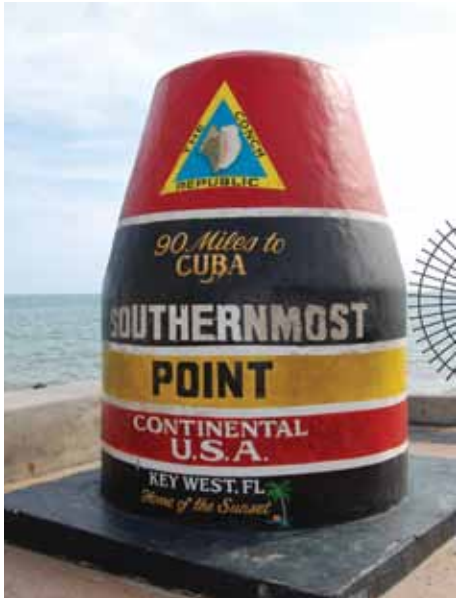

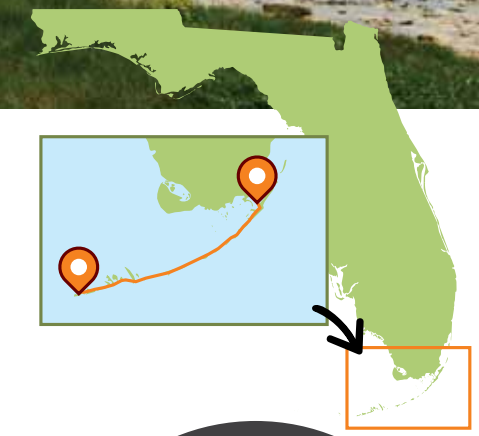

CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Southernmost Point buoy: popular photo spot located at the corner of South and Whitehead Streets in Key West.

SUCHES LOOP

Suches Loop

NORTH GEORGIA | 51 MILES

Living up to its nickname as “Georgia’s Dragon,” the Suches Loop snakes through the Blue Ridge Mountains and Chattahoochee National Forest. Three mountain gaps with lots of twists, turns, and elevation changes make this ride a “bucket list” experience.

Brilliant fall foliage attracts its share of riders during autumn, but the scenery is stunning any time of year.

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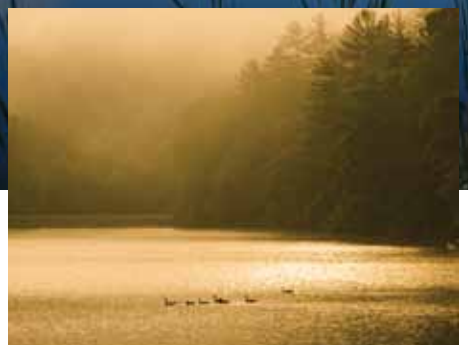

EXPLORE GEORGIA, VOGEL STATE PARK

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Vogel State Park sign: at the park entrance on US-129/19: 405 Vogel State Park Rd., Blairsville.

HANA HWY

Hana Highway

MAUI, HI | 50 MILES

Maui's Hana Highway is 50 miles of spectacular curves through lush, tropical rainforest. Wildflowers bloom, waterfalls thunder, and the sun sparkles off of an impossibly blue Pacific Ocean. Traversing the island's unspoiled northeastern shore, Hana is truly the highway to heaven.

With more than 600 curves and 59 narrow bridges (many one lane), Hana Highway takes you past steep seaside cliffs and black volcanic sand beaches. You're on island time; slow down and enjoy the journey!

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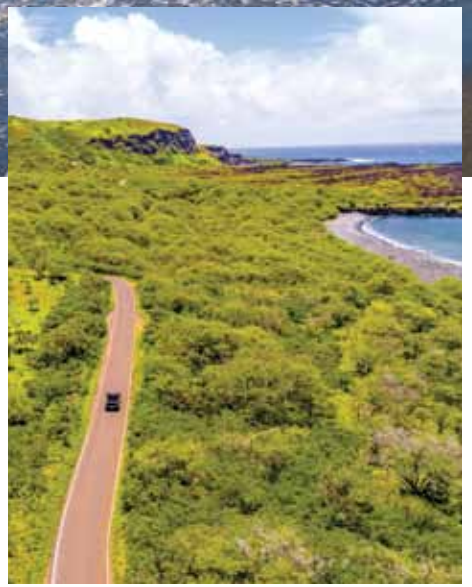

BILL MCGOWAN

CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Halfway to Hana sign: just past Mile Marker 17 on HI-360 in Ke'anae; this popular roadside refreshment stand sells fruit, snacks, and banana bread – a local specialty.

LOLO PASS

Lolo Pass

NORTH CENTRAL IDAHO FROM LEWISTON, ID TO MISSOULA, MT | 220 MILES

Following in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark's 1805 expedition in search of the Northwest Passage, Idaho's US-12 crosses some of the most scenic terrain in the West. Called Northwest Passage Scenic Byway, the route also traces the trail the Nez Perce North American Indians took while fleeing government forces in 1877.

Lolo Pass sits along the Idaho-Montana border, but you'll want to take in all of US-12, from Lewiston, Idaho, to Missoula, Montana. Crossing the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests and the Bitterroot Range of the northern Rocky Mountains, the curves and scenery can't be beat.

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IDAHO TOURISM, BRAD STINSON

CHECKPOINT LOCATION
Lolo Pass Visitor Center sign: located at 44000 US-12 W, Lolo, Montana.

OHIO RIVER BYWAY

Ohio River Scenic Byway – IL

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS, FROM CAIRO TO MT. VERNON | 171 MILES

The Ohio River National Scenic Byway hugs the river's shoreline on its path through Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. Offering dramatic views of the Ohio River Valley, the Illinois portion of the byway runs through Shawnee National Forest over rolling hills and through quaint river towns.

The area is rich in Civil War history, natural attractions, and state parks. Don't miss Garden of the Gods Recreation Area in Shawnee National Forest, which features unique sandstone formations and spectacular views of the surrounding wilderness area.

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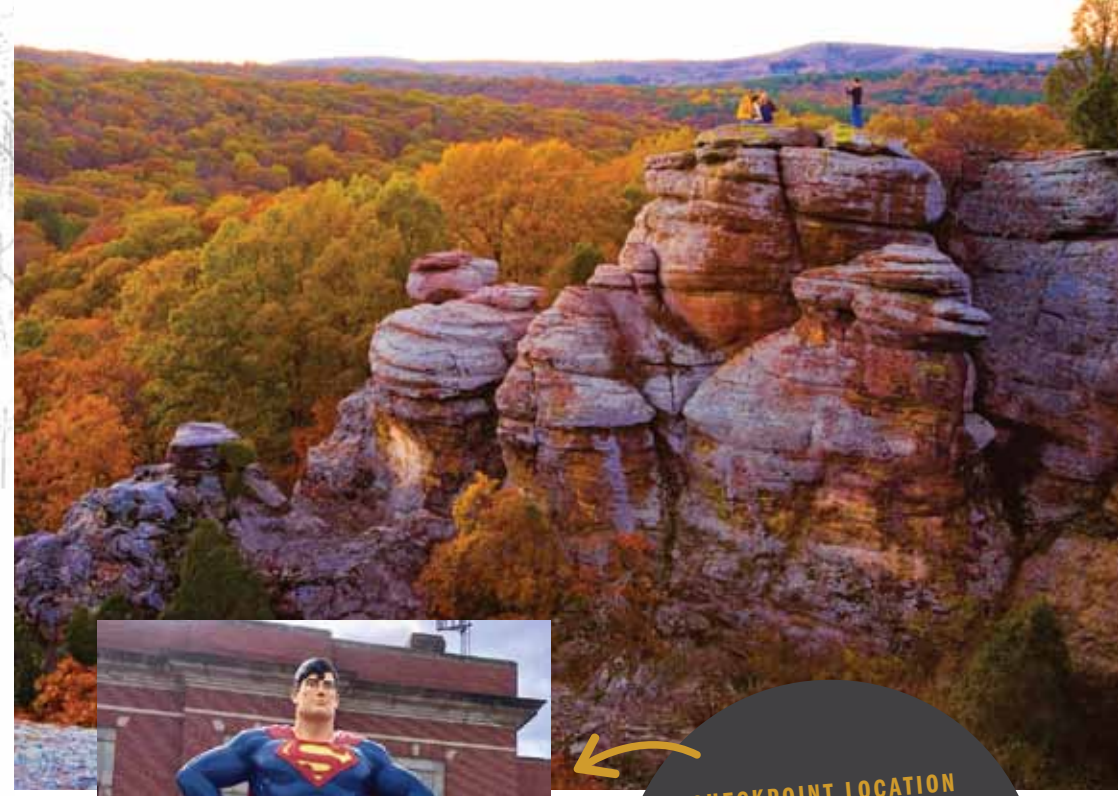

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Giant Superman statue: located in Superman Square in downtown Metropolis, a city that proudly calls itself the official home of Superman and holds an annual Superman festival.

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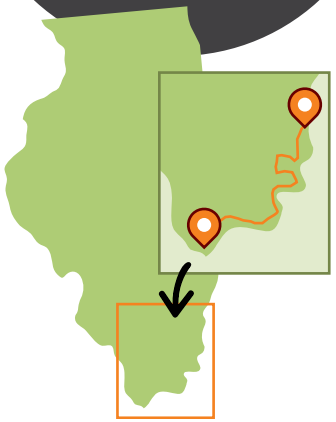
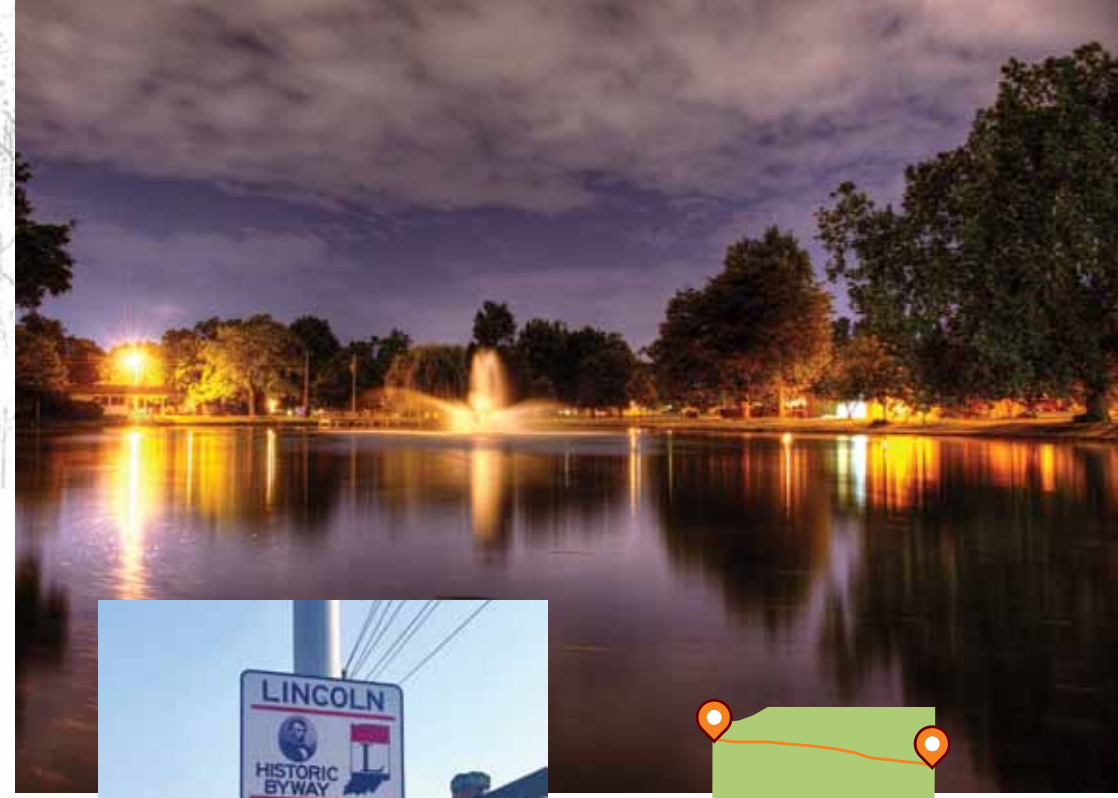


LINCOLN HWY

Indiana Lincoln Highway

NORTHERN INDIANA, FROM MONROEVILLE TO DYER | 169 MILES



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More than a century ago, mass production of affordable automobiles and an increasingly mobile society brought about the need for better roadways. The Lincoln Highway was developed to meet this need, becoming America's first named coast-to-coast automobile road in 1913.

Named in honor of the 16th president, the highway is still in existence, although it has undergone various realignments over the years. Our route through Indiana follows the highway's 1928-1930 final course, giving you a chance to experience living history along its rural and urban paths.

CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Giant Egg statue: located in a bank parking lot at 202 W. Main St., Mentone, Indiana, a few miles south of Lincoln Highway, this 10-foot tall concrete statue celebrates the city as the "Egg Basket of the Midwest."

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HISTORIC
HILLS BYWAY

Historic Hills Scenic Byway

SOUTHEAST IOWA, DONNELLSON TO MORAVIA | 128 MILES

Travel through history along Iowa's Historic Hills Scenic Byway. Among its rolling hills, forests, and small towns, you'll find the state's oldest operating courthouse, the first church west of the Mississippi, the Mormon Pioneer Trail, and Iowa's only Civil War battle site.

The region is also home to Mennonite and Old Order Amish communities and businesses, so stay alert for the presence of horse-drawn carriages on the roadways.

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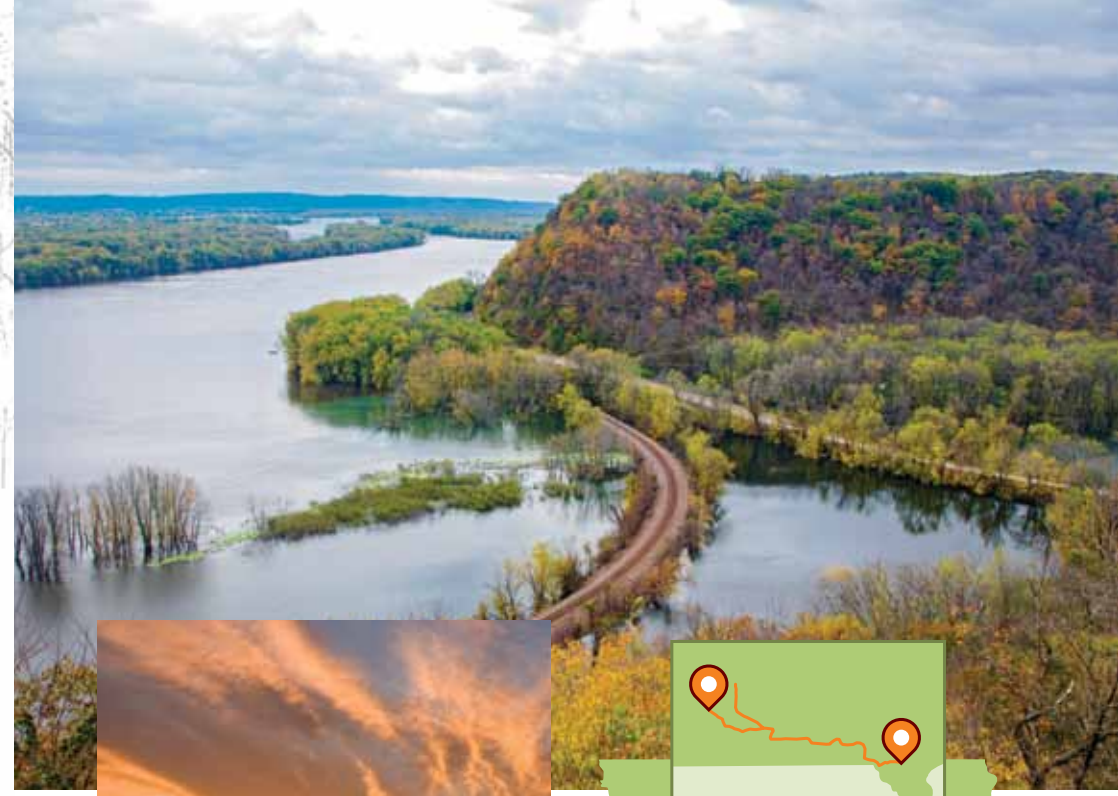

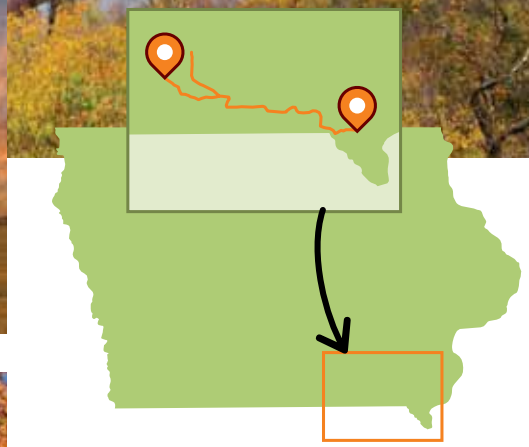

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CHECKPOINT LOCATION
Van Buren County Courthouse: located at 902 4th St., Keosauqua; Iowa's oldest courthouse, built in 1843.

FLINT
HILLS BYWAY

Flint Hills Scenic Byway

CASSODAY TO COUNCIL GROVE, KS | 47 MILES

Pull over and shut off your motorcycle in the middle of the Kansas Flint Hills, and you'll hear the sounds of silence: breezes blowing through swaying prairie grass, insects buzzing, and birds chirping. To ride the Flint Hills is to experience a vanishing bit of America; miles of unspoiled prairie punctuated by small towns steeped in history.

At one time, tallgrass prairie – a mixture of grasses that can grow as high as eight feet tall – blanketed the Midwest. Today, less than four percent of that original 170-million-acre prairie remains, a result of the country's westward expansion over the last couple of centuries.

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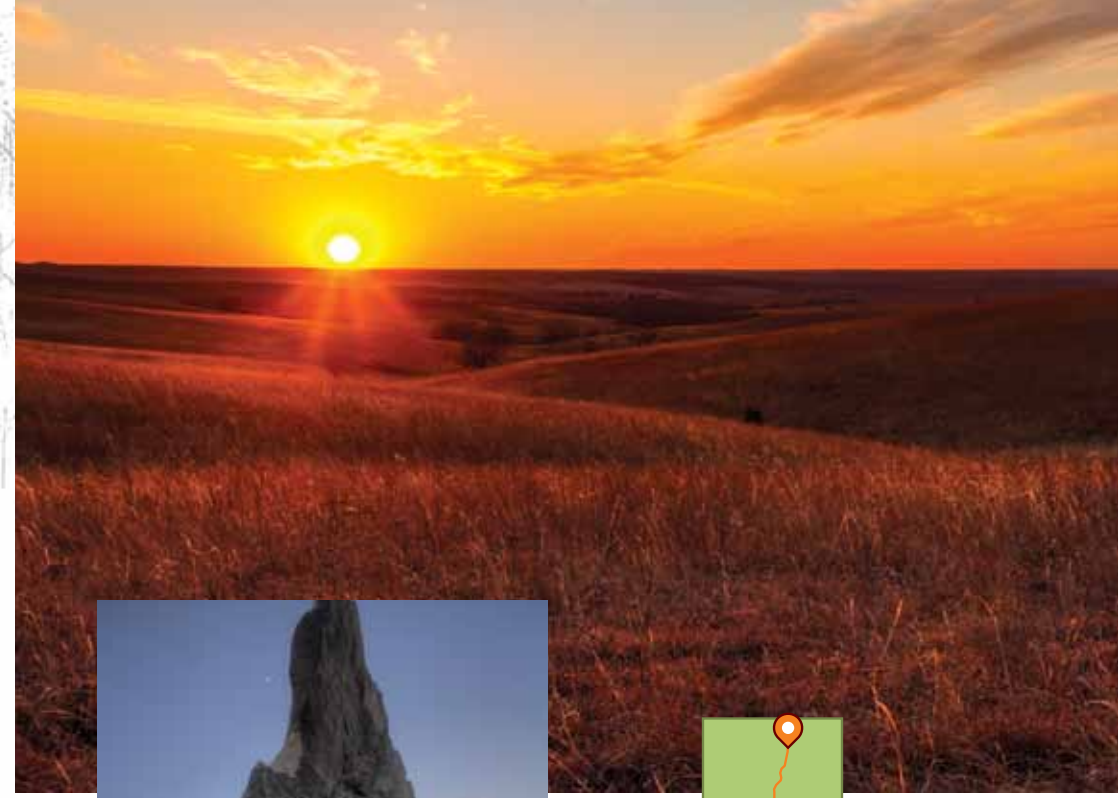

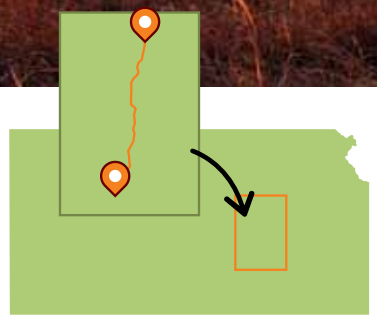

CHECKPOINT LOCATION
Tall grass Prairie National Preserve sign: located at the visitor center, 2480 KS-177, Strong City.

RED RIVER GORGE

Red River Gorge Scenic Byway

BETWEEN STANTON AND ZACHARIAH, KY – IN DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST | 45 MILES

Winding through Kentucky's Daniel Boone National Forest, Red River Gorge Scenic Byway offers a wealth of natural wonders. Sandstone arches and bluffs, waterflows, forested ridges, and natural bridges make this one of the state's prettiest rides. You'll see why the region has been named a National Natural Landmark, National Geological Area, and a National Wild and Scenic River.

One of the route's highlights is the large sandstone arch at Natural Bridge State Park, a short walk from the park's visitor center (park entry fee applies).

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KENTUCKY STATE PARKS

CHECKPOINT LOCATION
Natural Bridge State Resort Park sign: located along KY-11, 2135 Natural Bridge Rd., Slade.

CREOLE
NATURE TRAIL

Creole Nature Trail Scenic Byway

SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA | 180 TO 222 MILES

Deep among the swamps, coastal marshes, and bayous of southwest Louisiana, the Creole Nature Trail runs through the heart of "Louisiana's Outback." Generations of Cajun and Creole settlers hunted and fished there, and the region's abundant natural beauty and resources continue to attract outdoor enthusiasts today.

You're likely to spot alligators and other wildlife. The area is home to more than 400 bird species, and encompasses five federal and state wildlife refuges and sanctuaries. After riding the trail, you'll understand why the region is sometimes called "one of America's last great wildernesses."

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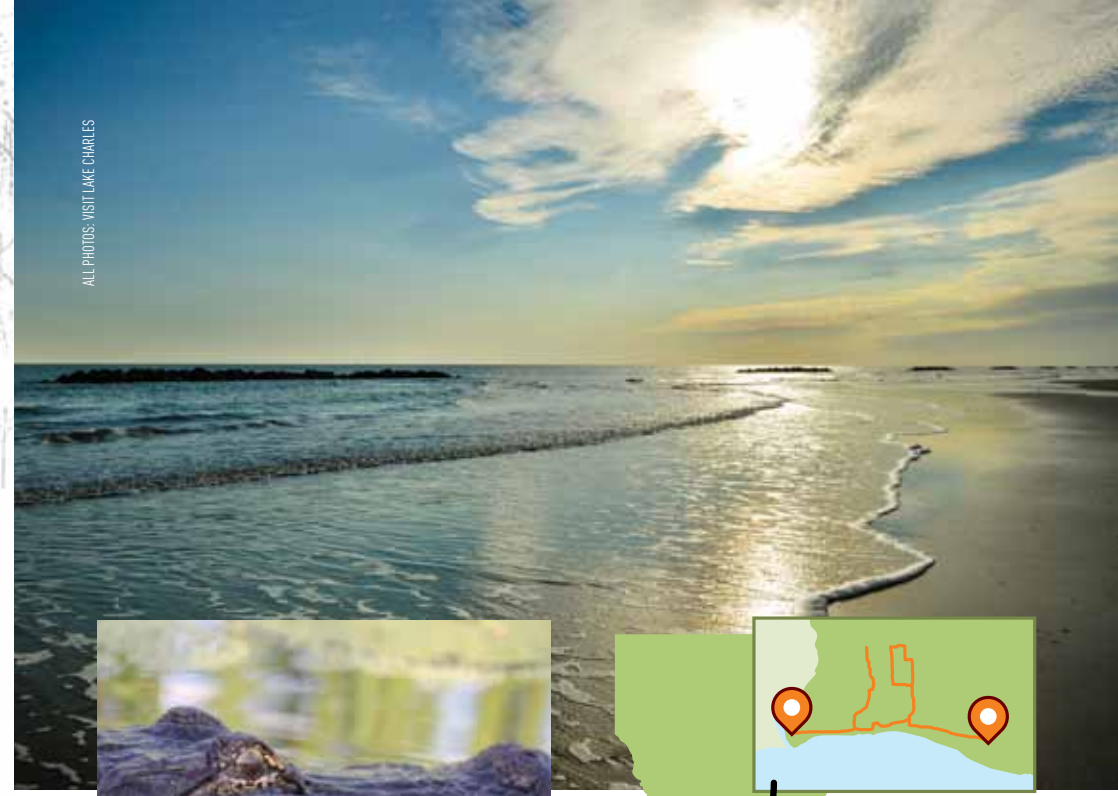

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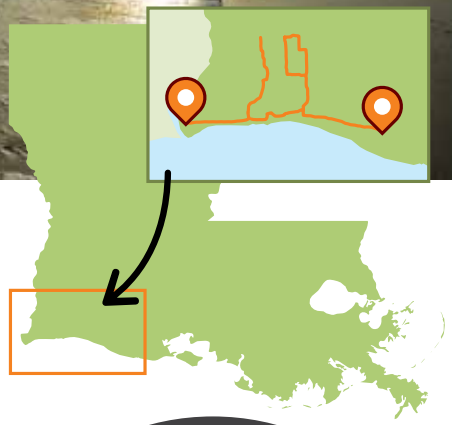

CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Creole Nature Trail Adventure Point sign: located at 2740 Ruth St., Sulphur. This free attraction/visitor center is a great place to start your journey along the Creole Nature Trail, with hands-on displays and information about the area's history, culture, and scenery.

NOTE: The mapped route includes a ferry crossing at Cameron across the Calcasieu River/Ship Channel. The ferry runs 24 hours daily and costs $1 westbound; eastbound crossing is free.

ACADIA LOOP

Acadia National Park Loop

MAINE SEACOAST, BAR HARBOUR AREA | 29 MILES

Acadia National Park encompasses lots of diverse terrain within its 47,000 acres: mountains, woodlands, sandy beach, and rocky coastline. Observation points along the 27-mile Acadia Loop around Mt. Desert Island provide great views of the park's natural wonders.

A couple of don't-miss highlights: Thunder Hole, a rocky inlet along Frenchman Bay where waves crash and thunder against a natural crevice; and Cadillac Mountain, whose 1,530-foot peak marks the highest point on the North Atlantic seacoast and the first place in the U.S. where you can see the sunrise during part of the year.

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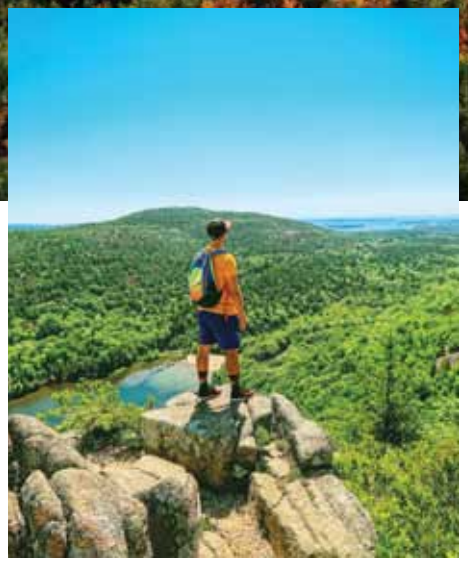

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CHECKPOINT LOCATION

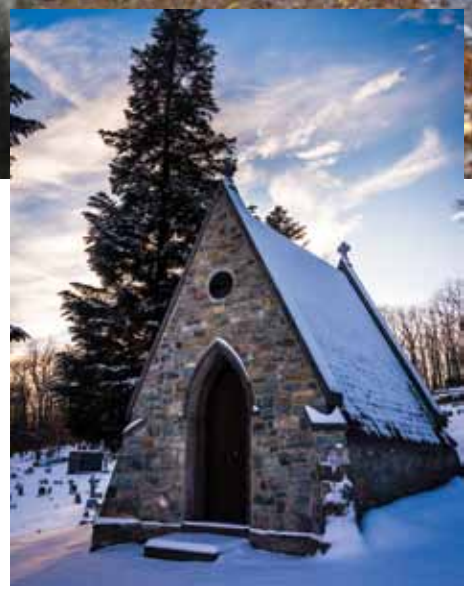
Acadia National Park sign: located at Hulls Cove Visitor Center, 25 Visitor Center Rd., Bar Harbor. NOTE: National Park entry fees apply.

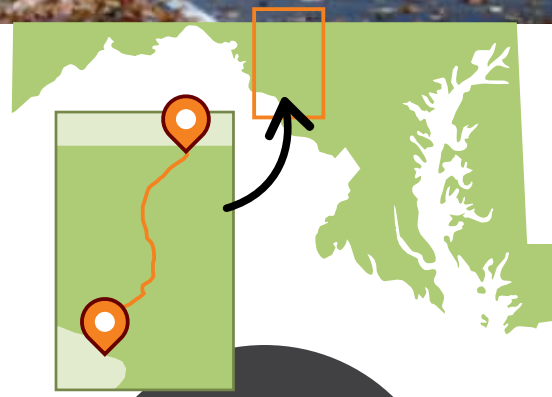
HALLOWED GROUND

Through Hallowed Ground Scenic Byway - MD

EMMITSBURG TO POINT OF ROCKS, MD | 39 MILES

Stretching from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to Monticello, Virginia, the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Scenic Byway follows a path through early American history. Major Civil War battles took place there, and nine presidents lived along its route. Running through Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, the 180-mile byway – part of a National Heritage Area – truly lives up to its slogan "Where America Happened." Maryland's section of the byway runs along the Catoctin Mountain chain, and includes state and national parks, a Civil War battlefield, and the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick.





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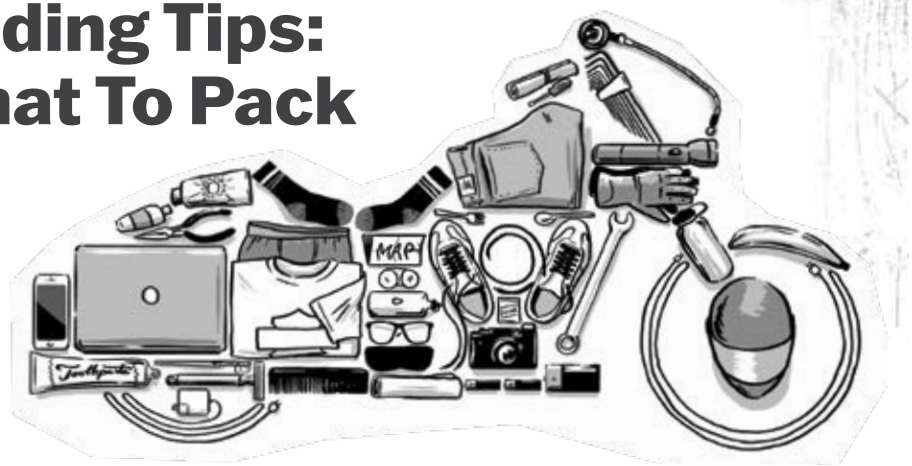
CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Catoctin Mountain Park sign: located at the park entrance, 6602 Foxville Rd., Thurmont.

Riding Tips: What To Pack



SO YOU'VE PICKED YOUR DESTINATION AND PLANNED THE ROUTE – NOW IT'S TIME TO PACK FOR THE ROAD. HERE ARE OUR TOP TIPS FOR WHAT TO BRING (AND WHAT TO LEAVE BEHIND!).

1 **CLOTHES** You'll be surprised at how little you can get by with. Two pairs of jeans are plenty: one to wear while you ride, the other to wear after you stop for the night. Even one can be enough, depending on your willingness to wear dirty, sweaty clothes on the road. Remember, you're a biker – nobody expects you to look clean and polished all of the time.

2 **UNDERGARMENTS** Synthetic fabrics are ideal for underclothes and base layers, as they draw moisture away from the skin and dry very quickly. Take advantage of hotel laundry services, or simply rinse out underwear and socks and hang to dry overnight on the shower curtain – with help from the hotel blow dryer if necessary.

3 **HEAD GEAR** Full-face helmets are one of the trickiest things to pack. It helps to stuff something inside, such as riding gloves – just take care not to damage the inner foam core. Keep in mind that if your plans include an H-D EagleRider bike you have the option of borrowing a helmet for the duration of your ride.

4 **FOOTWEAR** Your riding boots may not make good walking shoes, so it's wise to have a pair of sneakers handy for time spent off of your bike. If you choose to wear those shoes on the plane, compensate for the bulkiness of the boots in your luggage by putting items like socks or a rolled-up T-shirt inside of them.

TOP TIP
DRESSING IN LAYERS IS KEY TO FACING CHANGEABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS ON THE ROAD.

5 **WHERE TO PUT IT** Try to keep one saddlebag for your outerwear and the other for things you won't need until you stop for the night. If you have Tour-Pak® luggage, you can use it for items you need to access frequently. Consider putting your overnight things in a single lightweight bag within the saddlebag. A selection of zipper-lock plastic bags is also a great option for keeping everything organized.

6 **HOLD BACK** On a short trip, or if you're bringing several pieces of luggage, you may find yourself with extra room. Resist the temptation to fill up all available space. Leave a little room for items you might buy along the way. Also, if it's hard work to fit everything onto the bike, remember that you'll have to do it every morning on the road.

7 **ASK YOUR DEALER** Remember that dealerships can help with many luggage matters – whether you want to send your luggage ahead, store it during your trip, or send things back home if you've bought more than you can carry!

DRESSING FOR THE ELEMENTS

COLD GEAR You never know when you might hit some cold air, wherever you are in the world. Thermal underwear helps a lot and doesn't take up much packing space. Make sure you have a warm pair of gloves, and remember that there's no shame in waiting for the air to warm up before you set out in the morning.

HEAT Pack light, breathable clothing that will keep your arms covered while you ride. A mesh riding jacket is a great choice if you know it's going to be hot.

WET A waterproof jacket of some sort is a must, with waterproof pants a close second. Waterproof riding boots that are comfortable to wear while riding and walking should be a high priority – unless your bike has lower fairings, which will help keep your feet dry.

MT GREYLOCK BYWAY

Mt. Greylock Scenic Byway

LANESBOROUGH TO NORTH ADAMS, MA | 18.5 MILES

On a clear day, the view from atop Mount Greylock's 3,491-foot summit reaches 90 miles, offering panoramic views into five states. Located in the Taconic Mountains adjacent to gthe Berkshires, Mount Greylock is the highest point in Massachusetts.

It's important to note that the byway, which runs through Mount Greylock State Reservation, opens one week before Memorial Day in late May and remains open through October 31, so plan accordingly!

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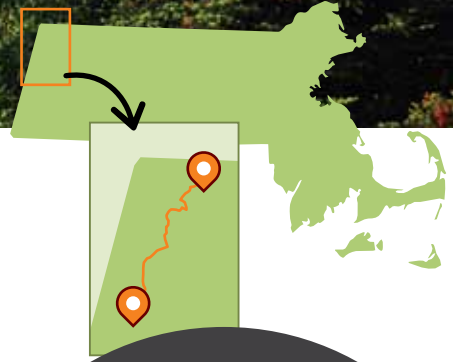

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Veterans War Memorial Tower: Located at the summit of Mount Greylock, this 92-foot granite tower, constructed in 1932, memorializes veterans of the First World War. The tower is a five-minute walk from the parking lot, and there's an incline with some stairs. NOTE: For H.O.G.® members who are mobility challenged, a photo of the summit from the parking lot will suffice. Parking fee applies at the Mount Greylock summit.

TUNNEL OF TREES

Tunnel of Trees

BAYVIEW TO CROSS VILLAGE, MI | 28 MILES

The aptly named Tunnel of Trees is shaded by a canopy of hardwoods and evergreens for much of its 28-mile length. The winding, narrow road runs along the high bluffs overlooking Lake Michigan, with occasional breaks in the foliage offering glimpses of the water below.

Plan on having lunch at Legs Inn in Cross Village at the end of the ride. The restaurant, open from mid-May through late October, was started by a Polish immigrant in the early 1920s. The funky stone-and-timber eatery was named for the row of inverted stove legs that form a railing around the roof and even has its own Michigan Historical Marker (which is the checkpoint for this ride).

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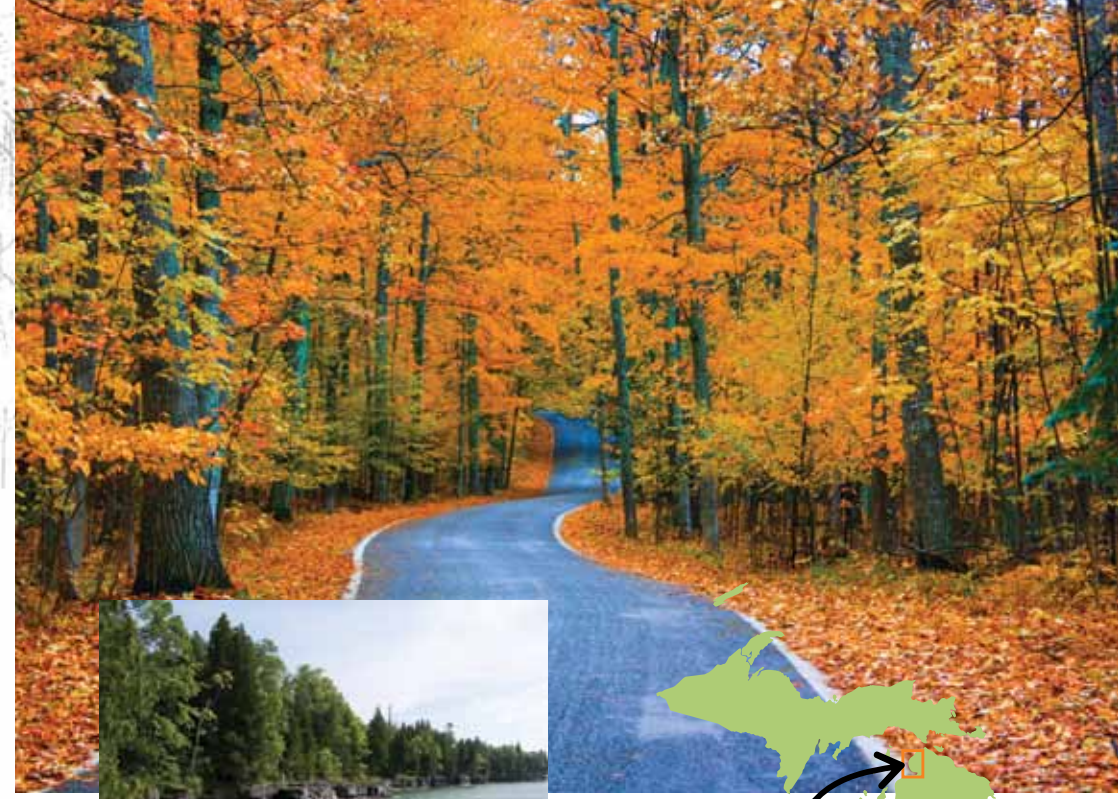

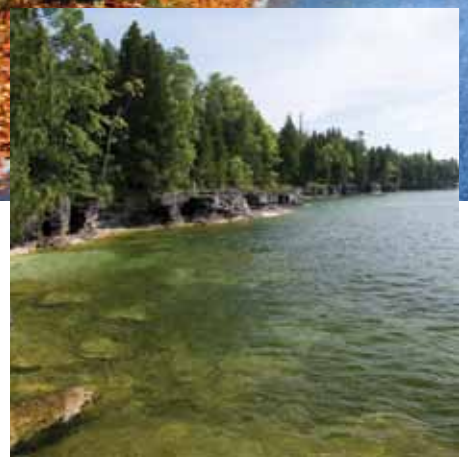

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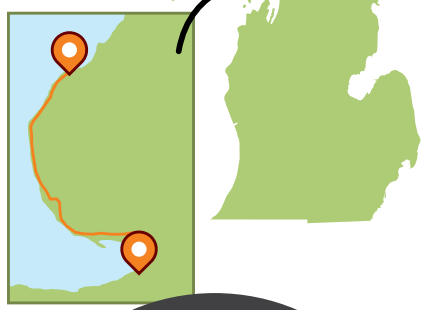

CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Legs Inn historical marker: located outside of the restaurant, 6425 North Lake Shore Dr., Cross Village.

NORTH SHORE TOUR

North Shore Scenic Drive

DULUTH TO GRAND PORTAGE, MN | 149 MILES

EXPLORE MINNESOTA, ALLIE HOFFT, EXPLORE MINNESOTA, SCOTT SYRING, EXPLORE MINNESOTA

Cruise along the scenic north shoreline of Lake Superior, the world's largest freshwater lake in surface area. Seven state parks dot the route, including Split Rock Lighthouse State Park with its historic 1910 light station, constructed after nearly 30 ships were lost on the treacherous rocks during a gale.

If you're a fan of great homemade pie – and who isn't? – we recommend stopping at Betty's Pies when you pass through Two Harbors.

CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Split Rock Lighthouse: located at Split Rock Lighthouse State Park, 3755 Split Rock Lighthouse Rd., Two Harbors.

NOTE: Park hours are 8AM-10PM daily; entrance fee applies. There's a Scenic Overlook with a view of the lighthouse about 1-1/2 miles south of the state park on MN-61, if you prefer not to enter the state park.

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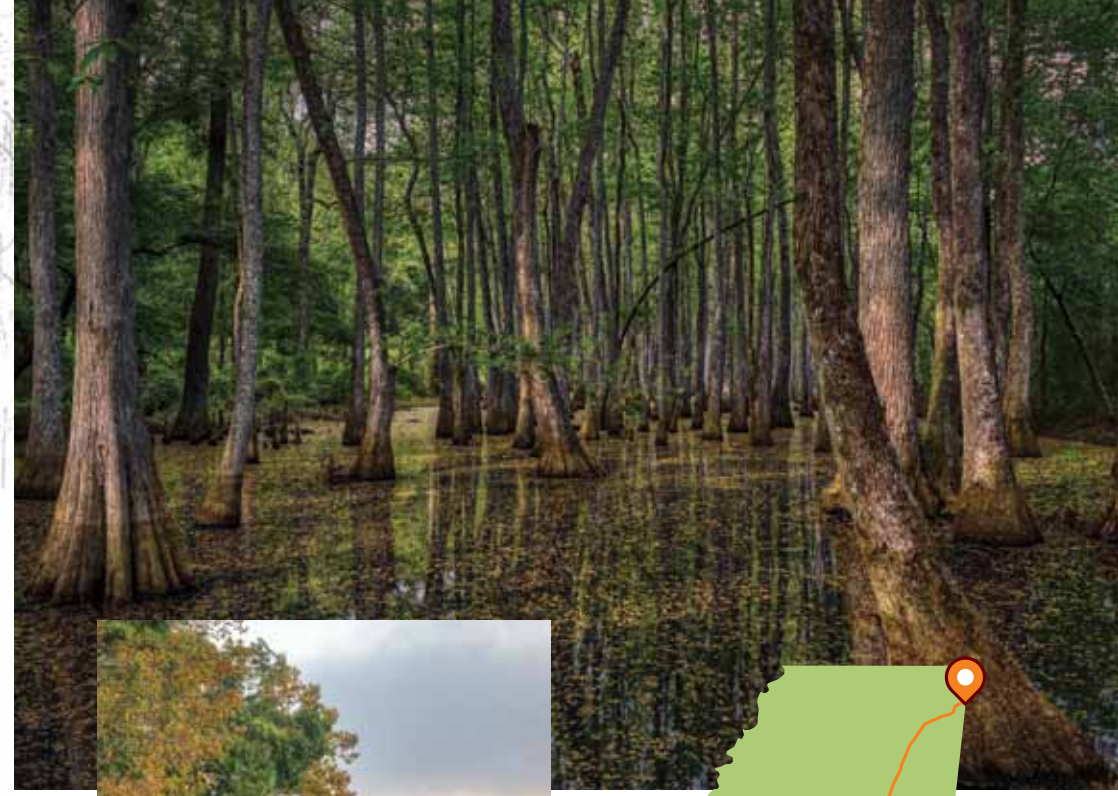
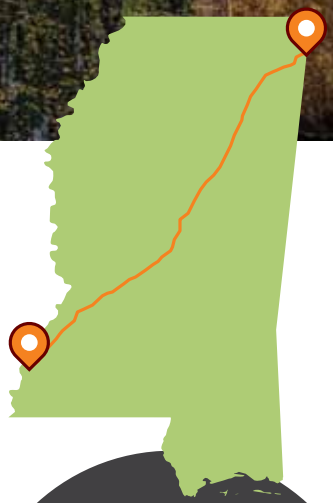
NATCHEZ TRACE

Natchez Trace Parkway

NATCHEZ, MS TO THE MISSISSIPPI-ALABAMA BORDER | 311 MILES





Following the path of the "Old Natchez Trace," a trail used for thousands of years by Native Americans and early European settlers, Natchez Trace Parkway runs 444 miles through three states, from Natchez, Mississippi, to Nashville, Tennessee.

In Mississippi, the national parkway's gently curving two-lane winds past grassy fields, and stands of towering oaks and evergreens. Remnants of the original footpath leading into the woods are visible in several areas, marked by "Sunken Trace" signs. The Cypress Swamp at milepost 122 is also worth seeing, where a boardwalk leads over a cypress-studded stagnant marsh.

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CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Natchez Trace Parkway sign: National Park Service sign for Natchez Trace Parkway is located near its Natchez entrance. There's a paved pullout and parking area for vehicles at the location.

BAGNELL DAM LOOP

Bagnell Dam Loop

LAKE OF THE OZARKS REGION IN CENTRAL MISSOURI | 71 MILES

Winding through Missouri's Ozark Mountains, this 71-mile loop packs a lot of punch into its short distance. Curving through rural central Missouri before reaching the Lake of the Ozarks, the highway crosses Bagnell Dam, whose construction formed the Lake of the Ozarks by damming the Osage River in 1931.

Popular parks in the region include Lake of the Ozarks State Park and Ha Ha Tonka State Park, whose highlights include the ruins of a 1905 stone castle situated on a high bluff overlooking the lake.

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CHECKPOINT LOCATION

"Welcome to Bagnell Dam" billboard: located at the south end of Bagnell Dam on Bagnell Dam Blvd. (US-54 Business Route).

GOING-TO-THE-SUN ROAD

Going-to-the-Sun Road

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK | 50 MILES

Truly one of the top bucket-list rides in the nation, Montana's Going-to-the-Sun Road sits in a class all by itself. From cedar forests and glacial lakes to alpine tundra, the road bisects Glacier National Park, offering myriad spectacular scenic views and crossing over the Continental Divide at Logan Pass.

It's advised to check weather conditions before riding, as snow can delay the opening of the alpine portion of the road until late June or early July, and weather closures at any time of the year are possible.

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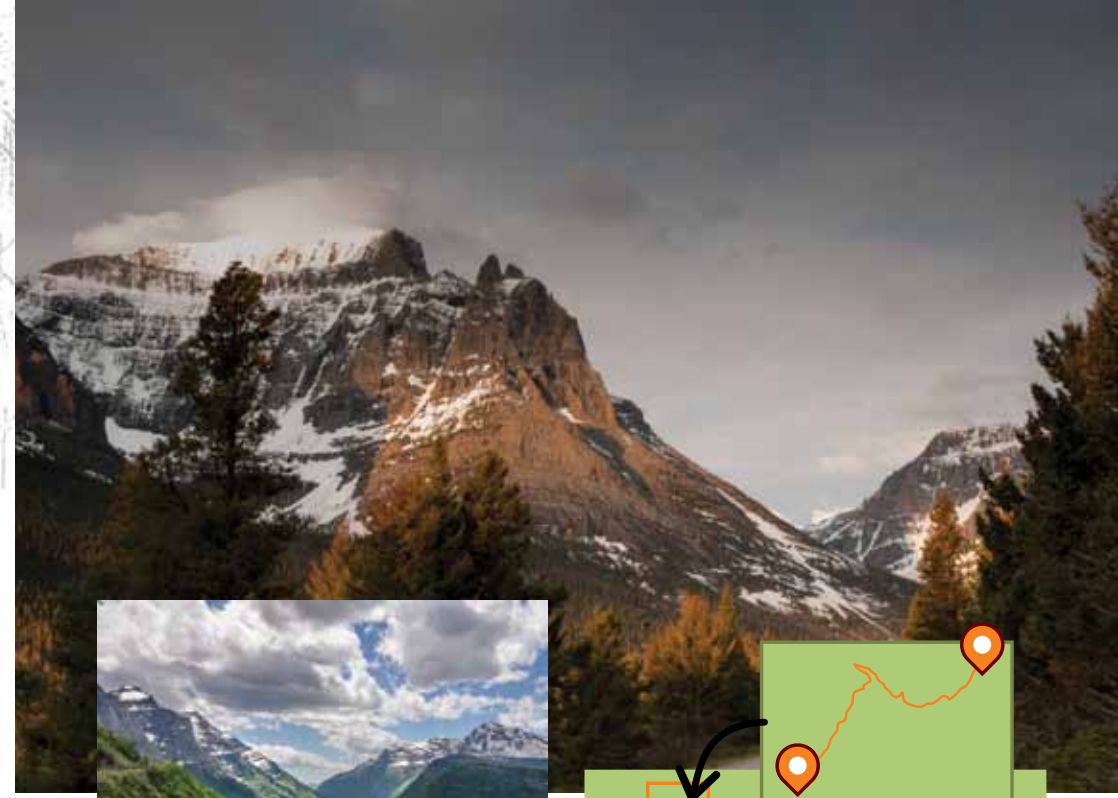

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CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Logan Pass sign: located at the entrance to the Logan Pass Visitor Center at the summit –Browning. NOTE: National Park entrance fee applies.

SANDHILLS JOURNEY

Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway

GRAND ISLAND TO ALLIANCE, NE | 272 MILES

Nebraska's Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway traverses a long stretch of windblown prairie through the middle of the state. Covering more than 19,000 square miles and nearly a quarter of the state's land, the Sandhills comprises the largest area of grass-stabilized dunes in the Western Hemisphere.

Cows outnumber people by almost four to one, as the sandy soil isn't suitable for farming but is ideal for cattle ranching.

CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Sandhills Journey/Nebraska Byway road sign: Choose any one of the official byway signs (as pictured here) along the route.

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EXTRATERRESTRIAL HWY

Extraterrestrial Highway

CRYSTAL SPRINGS TO WARM SPRINGS, NV | 99 MILES

Prepare for "close encounters" along the Extraterrestrial Highway – NV-375 between Crystal Springs and Warm Springs. Whether these encounters are with UFOs – the region abuts the infamous Area 51 government test facility – or with the free-range cattle that roam the high desert area – you'll want to exercise due care.

Roughly halfway along the journey, stop in Rachel at Little A'Le'Inn, the legendary bar/restaurant/souvenir shop. Even if you don't try its specialty – the Alien Burger – you'll want to photograph the sign and flying saucer outside – it's this ride's checkpoint.

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CHECKPOINT LOCATION
Little A'Le'Inn sign: located at 9631 Old Mill Rd., Alamo (Rachel, NV).

THE KANC

Kancamagus Highway

LINCOLN TO CONWAY, NH | 35 MILES

CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Kancamagus Highway sign: located at the pullout – look for the sign reading "Entering White Mountain National Scenic Forest" on NH-112, 2-1/2 miles west of the junction with NH-113/16 in Conway (or 33 miles east of Lincoln on NH-112).

Known as "the Kanc," the Kancamagus Highway runs through White Mountain National Forest between Lincoln and Conway. The road twists and turns over Kancamagus Pass on the flank of Mount Kancamagus – at almost 2,900 feet, the highest elevation on the highway.

A peeper's paradise – leaf peepers, that is – the Kanc attracts legions of travelers each fall for its spectacular foliage displays, and traffic congestion during that time can be a problem.

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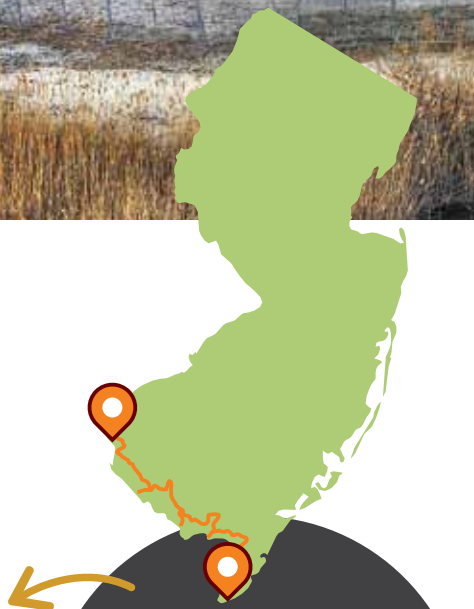
BAYSHORE
HERITAGE BYWAY

Bayshore Heritage Byway

CAPE MAY TO PENNSVILLE, NJ | 124 MILES



CHECKPOINT LOCATION
Cape May Lighthouse: located at Cape May Point State Park, 215 Lighthouse Ave., Cape May Point; the lighthouse was constructed in 1859 and is still in use.

Winding along Delaware Bay on New Jersey's western shore, the Bayshore Heritage Byway runs through historic towns and villages, farmland, rivers, and tributaries. Abundant wetlands along the shoreline provide natural habitat for migratory shore and wading birds.

Historic sites on the byway include the Hancock House in Hancocks Bridge, site of a Revolutionary War massacre; and the Greenwich Tea Burning Monument in Greenwich, which commemorates a tea burning that took place there in 1774, a year after the Boston Tea Party.

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Riding Tips: Rally Safe Riding

NO DOUBT YOU'RE ALREADY LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEXT RIDING SEASON AND PLANNING WHICH RALLIES YOU'LL BE TAKING PART IN. HERE ARE OUR TOP TIPS TO HELP YOU GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR RALLY EXPERIENCE, WHEREVER YOU'RE HEADED!

1 **FIRST THINGS FIRST** Make sure your bike is ready for the journey and festivities, and that you have everything you need – see our detailed tips on packing on page 46.

2 **HAVE A PLAN** It can be difficult to get consensus among a group of riders. Before you set out, agree on what you'd like to see and do, the type of roads you want to ride, and the distances and speeds you're comfortable with for each day.

3 **ONCE YOU ARRIVE** One of the most common accidents at rallies is the slow-speed tip-over. This is due to several reasons: middle-of-the-street parking, the commotion of many riders and pedestrians, slow speeds, and the added pressure of being watched by hundreds of peering eyes. The best way to avoid this is to practice riding and parking slowly. Once you're at the event, aim to park with the rear wheel on the curb and the front wheel pointing toward the middle of the road. Leave an open path forward to pull out and park in a spot where the bike's jiffy stand provides optimal balance. If a tip-over does happen, don't panic. Take a moment to evaluate yourself and your motorcycle, and recruit help if needed.

4 **LARGE GROUPS: DON'T BE A LEMMING** Whether it's a casual excursion with friends or a massive organized parade, riding in large groups is a near certainty at most rallies. Group riding is one of the great experiences of a motorcycle rally and following some basic advice easily minimizes the risks. Probably the most important general advice is not to get too caught up in the excitement. Always ride within your own comfort zone and make your own decisions.

Special events, such as parades or concerts, can be particularly challenging. Avoid the inevitable traffic jams that occur when these events end by carefully timing your departure to avoid the rush.

Such advice sounds simple and obvious, but the nature of groupthink has a peculiar way of turning individuals into lemmings.

5 **MAKE THE MOST OF IT** Focus on what makes the event special in the first place. Why is it famous? Take advantage of local knowledge; guided tours from local chapters can show you things you would never find yourself.

6 **FINALLY...** Remember, the rally itself is not the sole reason to visit that area. There's likely to be a lot of interesting things to see and do away from the main rally site, so don't miss out. Check out the suggested regional routes and top tips, spread throughout this guide.

TOP TIP

WHEREVER YOU ARE AND WHOMEVER YOU'RE WITH, HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO RIDE YOUR OWN RIDE, AT THE SPEED THAT SUITS YOU.

RIDING SOMEWHERE NEW

While it's always exciting to ride somewhere you've never been before, beware of the challenges of riding roads and regions you're experiencing for the first time. In an unfamiliar location, it becomes more vital than ever to maintain these basics of road safety:

- Ride at a speed that you can easily slow down or stop from.
- Search aggressively within the visible sight distance.
- Always position yourself to have an escape path.
- Cover your brake and clutch controls to reduce your reaction time.
- Pay heightened attention to road signs.

ENCHANTED CIRCLE

Enchanted Circle Scenic Byway

NORTHERN NEW MEXICO | 113 MILES

New Mexico's Enchanted Circle Scenic Byway blends astonishing natural beauty with eons of human history. Home to Taos Pueblo, a UNESCO World Heritage site that has been continuously inhabited for more than 1,000 years, and the country's first Vietnam Memorial, in Angel Fire, the byway offers a wealth of "enchanting" scenery and riding.

Circling the highest point in the state – Wheeler Peak in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, at 13,159 feet – and running through Carson National Forest, the region is also home to the popular Taos Ski Valley.

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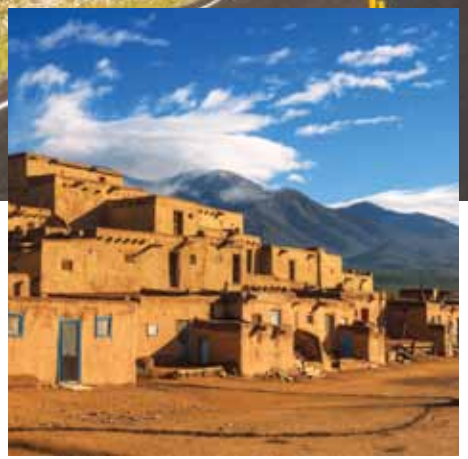

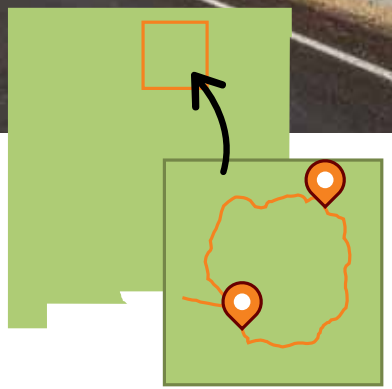

CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Vietnam Veterans Memorial sign: located at 34 Country Club Rd., Angel Fire. Dedicated in 1971, the memorial was constructed by the Westphall family to honor the memory of their son and the 15 men in his platoon who were killed in Vietnam in 1968.

CAYUGA
LAKE BYWAY

Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway

UPSTATE NEW YORK | 87 MILES

Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway circles upstate New York's longest Finger Lake, past lakeside bluffs, farmland, wetlands, state parks, and a national wildlife refuge. The region hosts the country's first wine trail – its microclimate is ideal for growing grapes – and also played important historical roles in the Underground Railroad, as well as the Women's Suffrage Movement.

Taughannock Falls State Park on the lake's southwestern edge is worth a visit. Its namesake falls is the highest single-drop waterfall in the Northeast – at 215 feet, it's three stories taller than Niagara Falls.

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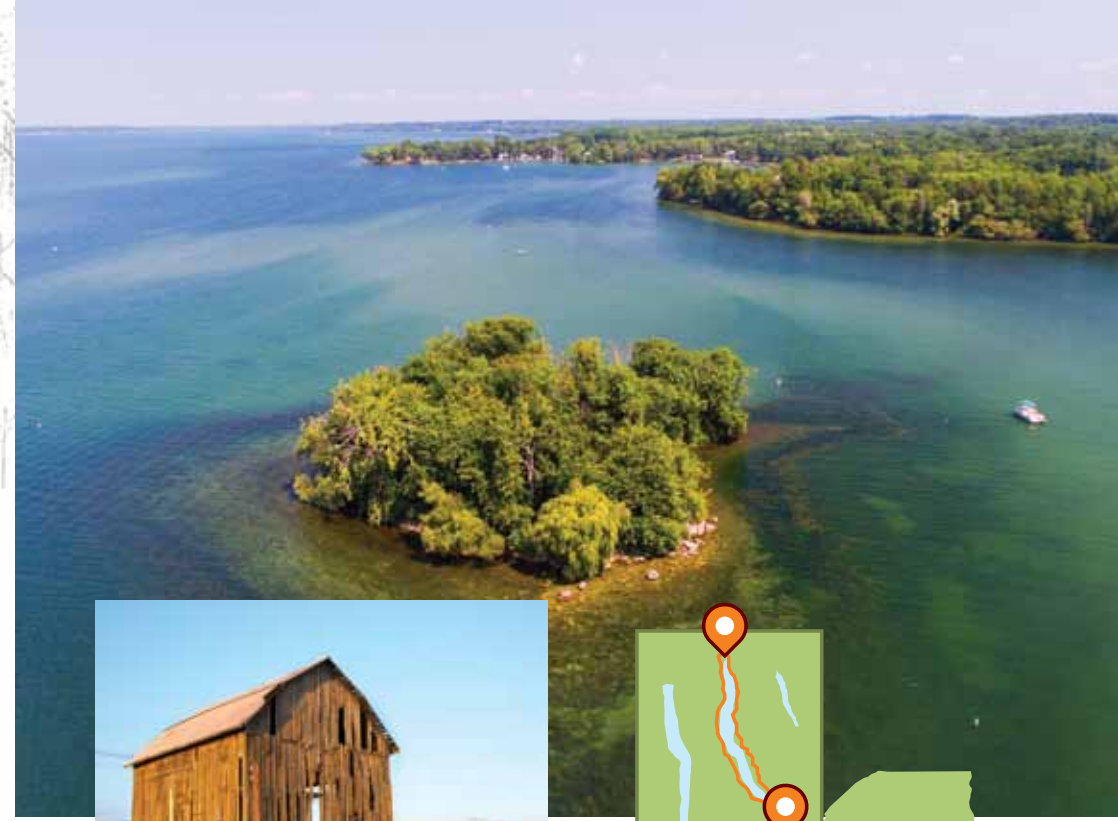

MATT CHAMPLIN, CAYUGA COUNTY OFFICE OF TOURISM

CHECKPOINT LOCATION
Taughannock Falls Overlook: photograph the waterfall from the overlook at the Visitor Center, 2381 Taughannock Park Rd., Trumansburg.

HELLBENDER
28

Hellbender 28

DEALS GAP TO STECOAH, NC | 22 MILES

Sure, the Dragon gets all of the attention, but the Hellbender 28 – just adjacent to its more famous cousin – is no less exciting to ride. Skirting Fontana Lake through the middle of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the road features more elevation changes, sweeping curves, and expansive views than the Dragon, making one a perfect complement to the other.

The Hellbender 28 is also known as the Moonshiner 28, but whatever you choose to call it it's a heck of a ride!

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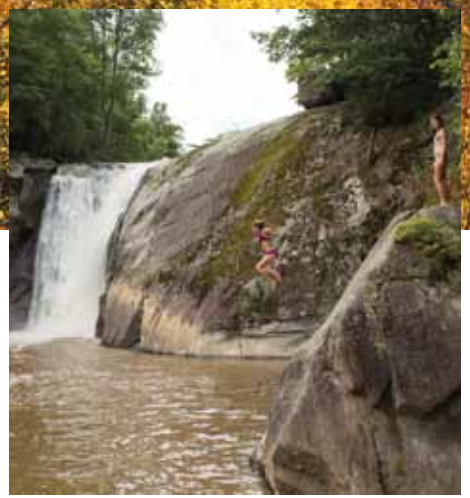
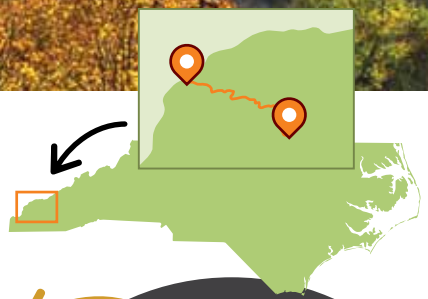


VISIT NORTH CAROLINA



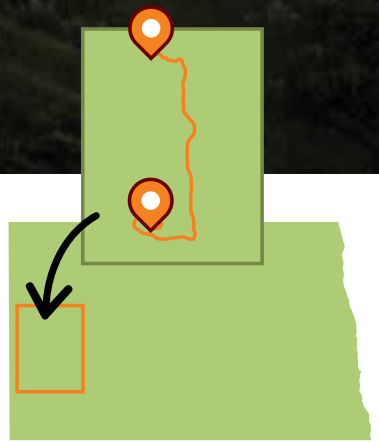
CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Fontana Lake from scenic overlook: The pullout for the scenic overlook doesn't have a sign, but it's approximately 11 miles east of the intersection of US-129 and NC-28 (starting in Deals Gap and riding east toward Stecoah). Look for a break in the trees, with a pullout/parking/picnic area that offers a panoramic view of Fontana Lake.

ROOSEVELT PARK LOOP

Roosevelt National Park Loop

WESTERN NORTH DAKOTA | 131 MILES (INCLUDES NORTH AND SOUTH UNITS)



In the heart of North Dakota's rugged Badlands, Theodore Roosevelt National Park is often referred to as a hidden gem. Sitting on three separate land areas (the North and South Units contain paved roads, while the Elkhorn Ranch Unit has gravel roads), the park covers a total of nearly 70,500 acres.

Both the North Unit, accessible off of US-85, and the South Unit, off of Interstate 94 Exit 24, feature scenic drives with dramatic scenery, wilderness areas, and abundant wildlife. The Elkhorn Ranch Unit is the site of Theodore Roosevelt's cattle ranch, built in 1884 on the Little Missouri River.

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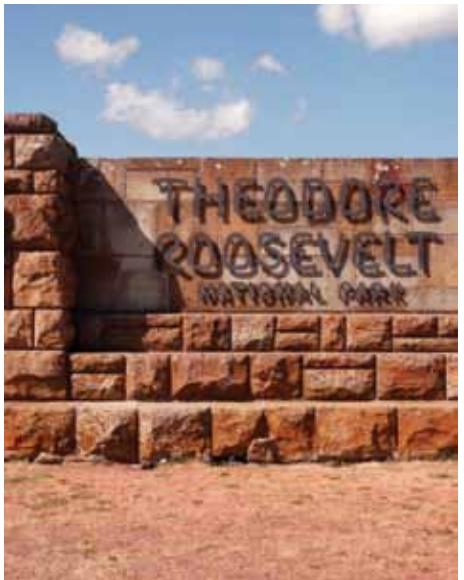

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CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Roosevelt National Park entrance sign: a National Park sign at any of the park entrances (sign may differ from the one pictured). A National Park entrance fee applies.

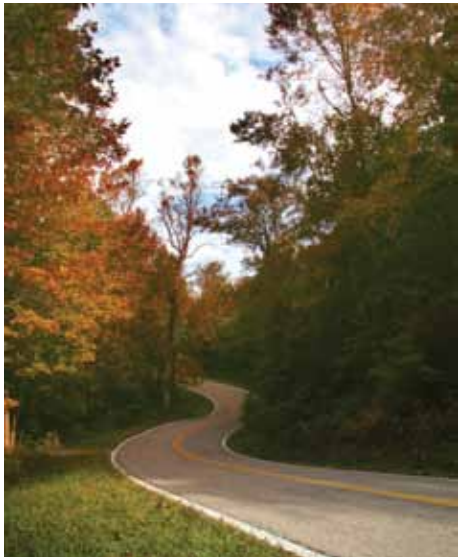
NOTE: A short section of the South Unit loop is closed for repair with no set re-opening date, but the rest of the loop can be driven.

TRIPLE NICKEL

The Triple Nickel

BRUSH CREEK TO LITTLE HOCKING, OH | 61 MILES

CHECKPOINT LOCATION
OH-555 highway sign: Any OH-555 route sign between Brush Creek and Little Hocking.



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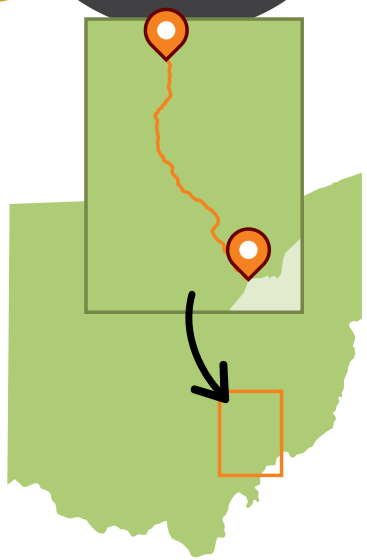

Winding through southeastern Ohio's Appalachian region, OH-555, better known as the "Triple Nickel," features bucolic scenery and curvy, hilly roads. Running through four rural counties, the route also skirts the edge of Wayne National Forest.

Just a simple country road, albeit one with roller-coaster hills and pastoral farmland, this is a ride you're sure to enjoy.

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TALIMENA BYWAY

Talimena Scenic Byway

TALIHINA, OK TO MENA, AR | 60 MILES

Winding through Ouachita National Forest in southeastern Oklahoma and western Arkansas, Talimena Scenic Drive provides a peaceful passage through forested hills and verdant valleys. The route follows the crests of Winding Stair and Rich Mountains, part of the highest mountain range between the Appalachians and the Rockies, offering lots of curves, steep grades, and numerous scenic overlooks. It's a region renowned for fall foliage, but the views are spectacular year-round.

The byway derives its combined name from the towns on either end: Talihina, Oklahoma, and Mena, Arkansas.

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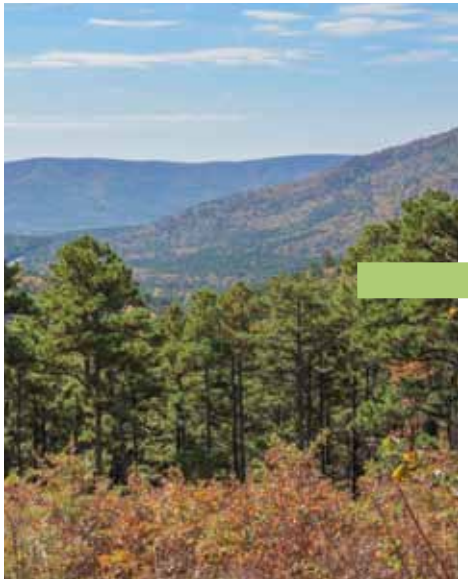
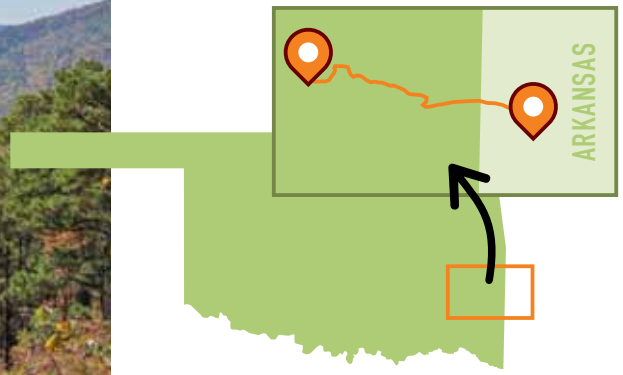
CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Talimena Scenic Drive/Ouachita National Forest sign: The carved wood and stone sign sits at the Oklahoma-Arkansas state line (either side of the sign is okay to use).





COLUMBIA
RIVER HWY

Historic Columbia River Highway

NORTHERN OREGON | 82 MILES

BILL CAREY

Winding through the dramatic Columbia River Gorge on the Washington-Oregon border, you'll be captivated by the same breathtaking scenery that greeted Lewis and Clark on their westward journey more than 200 years ago.

The scenery includes waterfalls, sheer cliffs, canyons, and mountain views as the byway follows the river's path through the Cascade Mountains.

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CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Vista House building and/or sign: located at 40700 Historic Columbia River Hwy., Corbett; the Vista House is a historic stone building built between 1916-1918 at the Crown Point scenic overlook.

LAUREL HIGHLANDS

Laurel Highlands Scenic Byway

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA | 69 MILES

Nestled in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains, Pennsylvania's 3,000-square-mile Laurel Highlands region is a feast for the senses. Rolling hills, farmland, rivers, waterfalls, and state parks rank among its natural attractions, and four landmark Frank Lloyd Wright homes, a Revolutionary War battlefield, and a reconstructed French and Indian War fortress are just a few of the area's historic and architectural attractions.

Running 68 miles on PA-711 and 381 from Seward, Pennsylvania, to the West Virginia state line, Laurel Highlands Scenic Byway crosses two rural counties, and provides a bonanza of scenic and relaxed riding.

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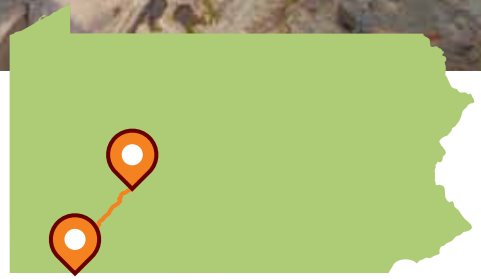


LYNN ABBOTT

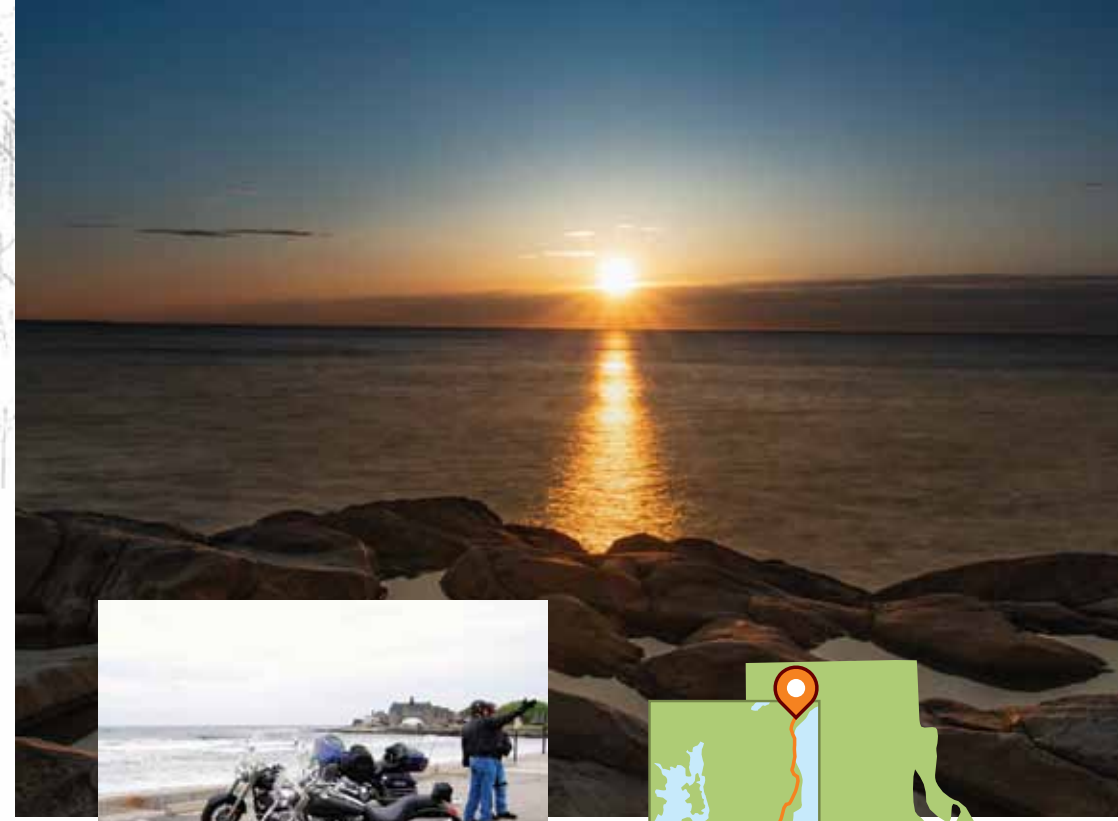
CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Ohiopyle State Park sign: located at the park headquarters, 124 Main St., Ohiopyle. Any of the state park's signs are acceptable for your checkpoint photo and may differ from the one pictured. This 20,500-acre park sits near the southern terminus of the byway and is bisected by the Youghiogheny River, popular for whitewater rafting.

POINT
JUDITH LIGHT

Ocean Road to Point Judith Lighthouse

NARRAGANSETT, RI | 6 MILES



Summertime in Rhode Island is all about the beach. Head down to South County (which you won't find on the map because it's not an actual county; it's just what everyone calls the state's coastal region), grab some chowder and clam cakes, and maybe a Del's frozen lemonade, and you're all set.

Wind along Ocean Road, past Narragansett Town Beach and through the stone archway of The Towers, curve along the rocky coastline past more beaches, and at the end of the road you'll come to Point Judith Lighthouse – a squat, octagonal brick light station that has sat on the spot since 1857.

CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Point Judith Lighthouse: located at 1460 Ocean Rd., Narragansett. The lighthouse is on the grounds of Coast Guard Station Point Judith, which isn't open to the public, so park at an adjacent parking area and walk around the outer perimeter of the grounds to the lighthouse.

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CHEROKEE
FOOTHILLS BYWAY

Cherokee Foothills Scenic Highway

UPCOUNTRY SOUTH CAROLINA | 118 MILES

Winding through the Blue Ridge Mountains' southern foothills, this national scenic byway follows a trail once used by the Cherokees and early fur traders. Along the way, you'll find small towns, peach orchards, three state parks, and two national battlefields.

Gaffney, South Carolina, is home of the 135-foot-tall landmark "Peachoid" water tower. Why a giant peach? It's claimed that at one time Cherokee County in South Carolina produced more peaches per year than the entire state of Georgia.

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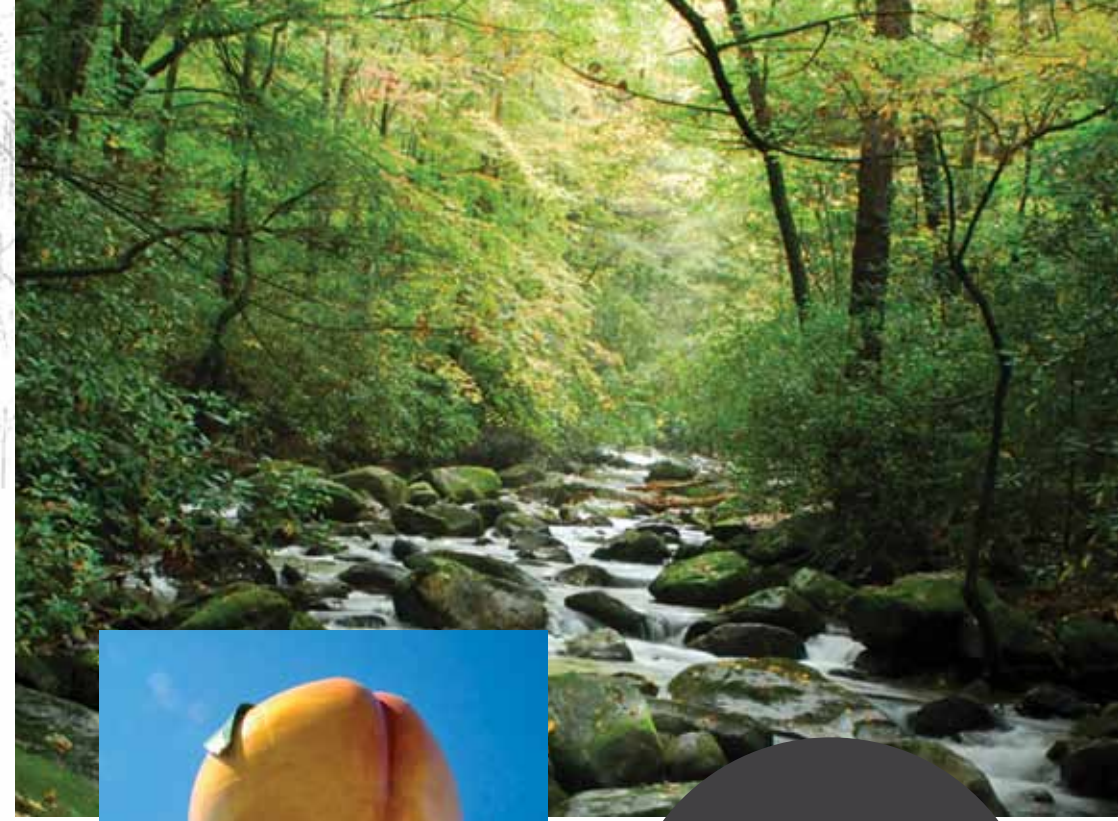

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CHECKPOINT LOCATION

"Peachoid" water tower: located on Peachoid Road off of SC-11, immediately north of I-85, in Gaffney.

Riding Tips: Touring

SO YOU'VE DECIDED TO TAKE A LONG MOTORCYCLE TRIP. GREAT! WHETHER IT'S YOUR FIRST BIG RIDE OR YOU'RE A TOURING VETERAN, HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO HELP YOU GET THE MOST FROM IT.

1 **BEFORE YOU GO** The first thing you should ask yourself is "What's my tolerance for the unexpected?"

For instance, some people won't take to the road before booking a hotel for every night, while others prefer to play it by ear. There's no such thing as the correct approach in this regard, but here are a couple of "in-between" suggestions to get you started.

Consider making a reservation for every other night or every third night as a compromise. Another option is to make reservations a day at a time after checking the weather forecast. That way you can take your time without having to worry about stopping early to find a suitable hotel.

If you're traveling with others, make sure you're all on the same page regarding hotel stays, dining preferences, riding styles, and so forth.

Even if your only real goal is to see where the road takes you, it's nice to have at least one planned destination, as this gives your trip more purpose and provides a greater sense of satisfaction when you get there.

2 **COMFORT** How far have you ridden on your bike? Hundreds of miles a day can wear you out a lot faster than trips around town. Try a test run to see if you want to put on a more comfortable seat or add a windshield, for example.

3 **CAPACITY** Have you thought about how you're going to pack everything you need? If you don't have saddlebags, you'll need to make sure you can securely strap a bag to the passenger pillion. Consider adding a backrest and/or luggage rack if necessary. A backpack is always an option, but make sure it's small enough to not interfere with your other luggage and isn't too heavy.

4 **MAINTENANCE** Check your maintenance schedule. Will your bike need an oil change? How do the tires look? It's advisable to have your bike checked out before you set out on a long trip. If you need help while you're away, any H-D® dealerships should be able to assist, but they'll appreciate a heads-up if possible.

5 **REMEMBER** These tips only scratch the surface of what there is to know about touring. The best source of information is your fellow riders and H.O.G.® members, so don't be afraid to ask and never stop learning.

TOP TIP
BE SURE TO CHECK OUT LOCAL RIDING REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS FOR YOUR DESTINATION BEFORE YOU TRAVEL TO AVOID ANY NASTY SURPRISES!

GETTING READY

MAKE SURE YOU THINK ABOUT:

PACKING Prepare for the elements but don't overdo it – check out the tips on page 46.

SUNSCREEN Wear it, even if you don't think you need it. Trouble spots can include the back and sides of your neck, along with that space between your gloves and the end of your sleeves. And, yes, you can get sunburned through the face shield of your helmet.

NAVIGATION In this age of easy GPS, there's still something to be said for a good old-fashioned paper map for pondering the next leg of your trip.

BADLANDS LOOP

Badlands Loop Scenic Byway

BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK | 38 MILES

CHECKPOINT LOCATION
Badlands National Park entrance sign: located at any of the park entrances. A National Park entrance fee applies.

Badlands National Park is truly a monument to erosion. Its slowly changing pinnacles, spires, and bluffs evolved over thousands of years, and continue to erode by as much as one inch per year. Geologists estimate they will be gone completely in the next 500,000 years, so naturally you'll want to see 'em while you still can!

Badlands Loop winds for 38 miles through an eerie multi-hued landscape of spectacular rock formations. Be sure to stop at any of the park's 15 scenic overlooks to soak in nature's majesty.

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THE
DRAGON

The Dragon

DEALS GAP, TN-NC STATE LINE | 11 MILES

It just may be the e-ticket of motorcycle rides. After all, lots of places call their twisty roads, "(insert place name here)'s Dragon," but everyone knows there's only ONE Dragon – and that's in Deals Gap, deep in the Great Smoky Mountains on the Tennessee-North Carolina border. With 318 curves in 11 miles, it's at the top of nearly every rider's bucket list.

Less experienced riders can be intimidated by the Dragon, but veteran riders advise to "ride your own ride"; that is to ride safely within the speed limit and your comfort limits, and pull over to let faster vehicles pass.

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CHECKPOINT LOCATION
Deals Gap Motorcycle Resort "The Dragon" sign: located at Deals Gap Motorcycle Resort, 17548 Tapoco Rd., Robbinsville, North Carolina.

TWISTED SISTERS

Twisted Sisters

TEXAS HILL COUNTRY | 125 MILES

When the hills make you swoon, and the bluebonnets bloom, that's amoré, to paraphrase Dean Martin. In truth, there's no better time to tour Texas Hill Country than early springtime, when the hills are alive in a blanket of blue flowers.

While you're there, you won't want to miss the famous trilogy of trails known as the Twisted Sisters (or Three Sisters) Loop – Ranch Roads 335, 336, and 337. This twisty triad takes you up, over, and around some of the grandest hills that Texas has to offer.

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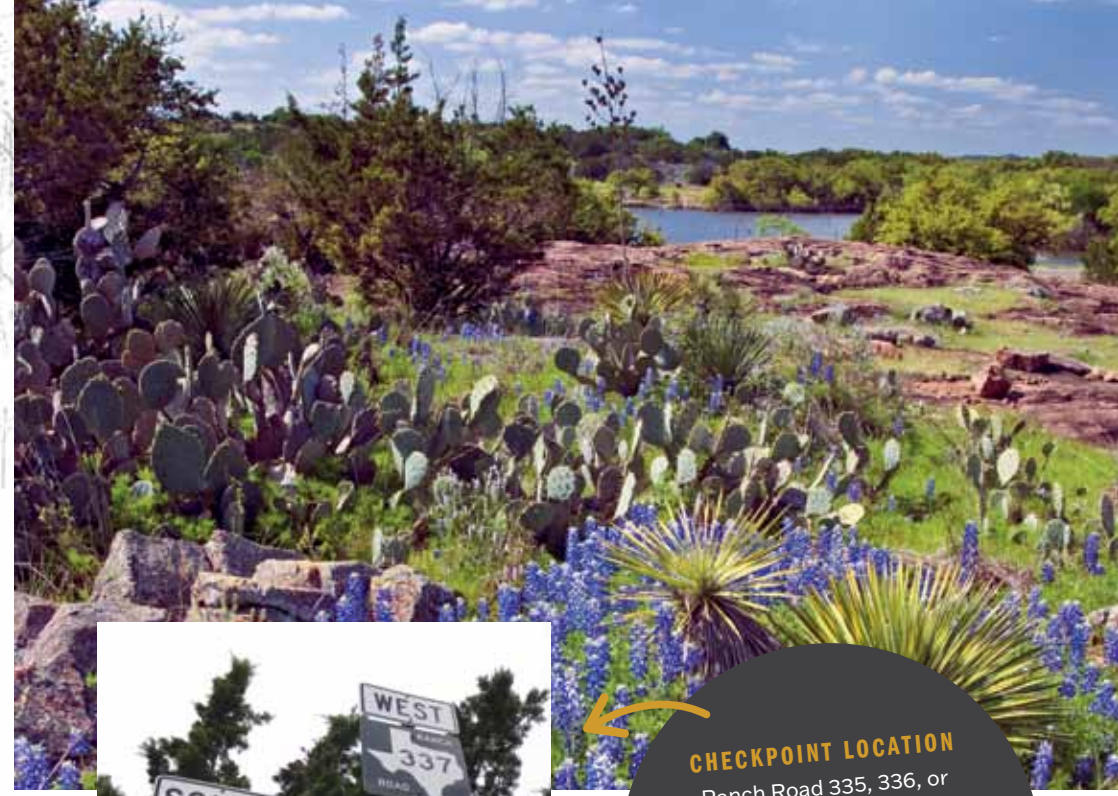

CHECKPOINT LOCATION
Ranch Road 335, 336, or 337 sign: While riding the route, choose any ONE of the three Ranch Road signs that make up the Twisted Sisters (you don't need all three).

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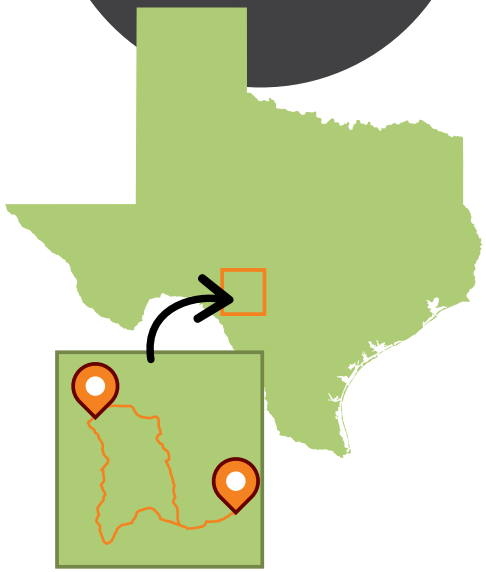

MONUMENT
VALLEY BYWAY

Monument Valley to Bluff Scenic Byway

SOUTHEAST UTAH | 45 MILES

Anyone who has watched an old Western movie has seen Monument Valley; its striking red rock buttes, mesas, and spires are unforgettable symbols of the American West. The byway runs from the Utah-Arizona border to the town of Bluff.

Monument Valley is part of the Navajo Nation, one of the largest Native American tribes. The 91,000-acre Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park sits near the Four Corners region, where four states meet.

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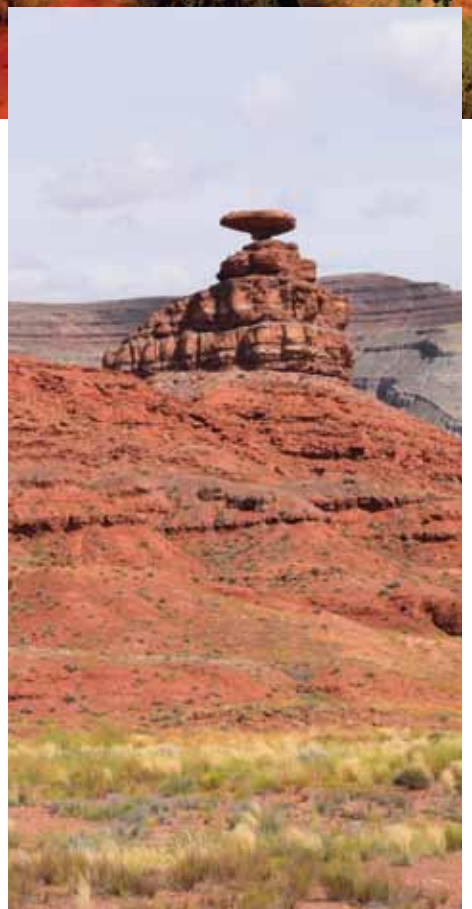

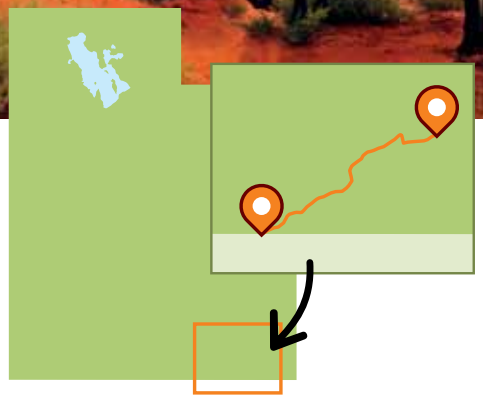

CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Mexican Hat Rock: located a few miles north of the village of Mexican Hat on US-163, this striking sombrero-shaped rock formation is visible from the highway.

SCENIC RTE 100

Scenic Route 100 Byway

CENTRAL VERMONT | 188 MILES

Sometimes called “Vermont’s Main Street,” Scenic Route 100 Byway runs along the eastern edge of the Green Mountains. Lots of natural, cultural, and historic attractions make this a not-to-miss slice of New England.

Among the region’s “sweeter” attractions, you’ll pass Ben & Jerry’s ice cream factory in Waterbury, where tours are offered seven days a week (fee for tour applies).

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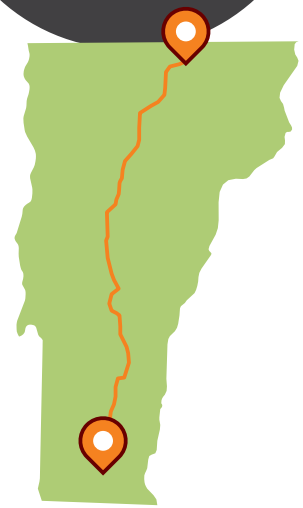
CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream factory tour sign: located at 1281 Waterbury-Stowe Rd., VT-100, Waterbury.



SKYLINE DRIVE

Skyline Drive

SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK | 105 MILES

When Jimi Hendrix sang "'Scuse me while I kiss the sky" in the song "Purple Haze," he wasn't talking about Skyline Drive. But you just may be humming that song to yourself while riding through Shenandoah National Park, 'cause that's what it feels like! Winding 105 miles along the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the spectacular vistas make it a bucket-list-worthy ride.

The speed limit is 35 miles per hour, and there are no fewer than 75 scenic overlooks, so take your time and enjoy the scenery. Keep an eye out for wildlife, however, as the park is habitat to wild turkeys, deer, and black bears, among other critters.

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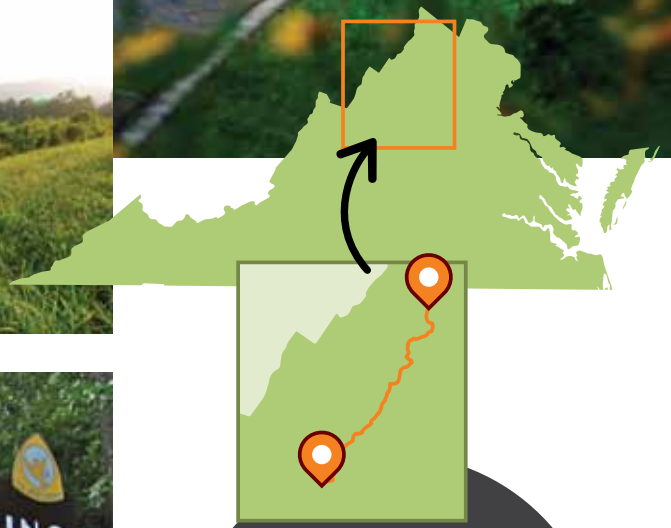


CHECKPOINT LOCATION
Shenandoah National Park/Skyline Drive sign: located at or near any of the park's entrance stations (sign may differ from the one pictured here). A National Park entrance fee applies.

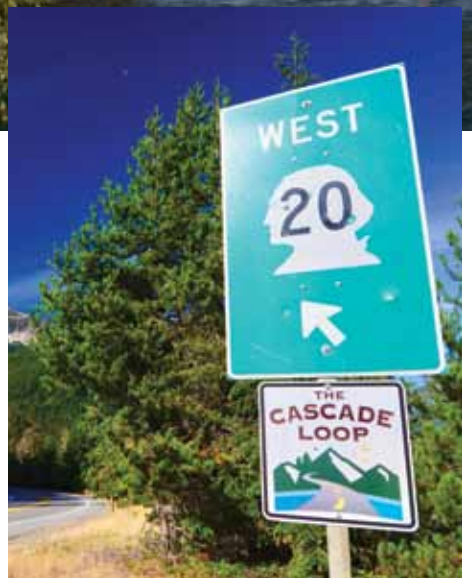
NORTH
CASCADES HWY

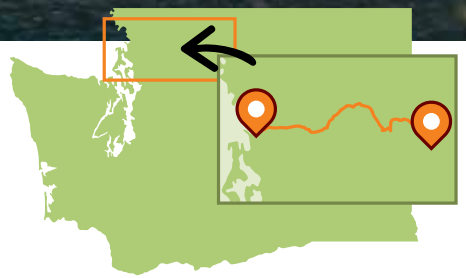
North Cascades Highway

NORTHWEST WASHINGTON | 140 MILES

With jagged, snowcapped peaks; green forests; and turquoise glacial lakes, the North Cascade Mountains are sometimes referred to as "America's Alps." Showcasing the region's exquisite natural beauty, North Cascades Scenic Byway runs 140 miles from Skagit Valley to Methow Valley, and passes through North Cascades National Park (no entrance fee).

North Cascades Highway is part of the 440-mile Cascade Loop, which incorporates three of Washington state's scenic byways. If you choose to ride the entire byway, stop in the town of Leavenworth, which transformed itself during the 1960s into an authentic-looking Bavarian village.





CHECKPOINT LOCATION
North Cascades National Park sign: located at either end of the park along WA-20 or at the Visitor Center, Newhalem Creek Rd., Marblemount (sign may differ from the one pictured here).

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HIGHLAND
SCENIC HWY

Highland Scenic Highway

SOUTHEASTERN WEST VIRGINIA | 44 MILES

Climbing to elevations of 4,500 feet along the peaks of the Allegheny Highlands and the headwaters of the Williams and Cranberry Rivers, the Highland Scenic Highway twists and winds through Monongahela National Forest. Four scenic overlooks provide spectacular views of the rugged mountain and valley terrain.

Spring wildflowers and fall foliage make this National Scenic Byway a particularly alluring destination during those seasons.

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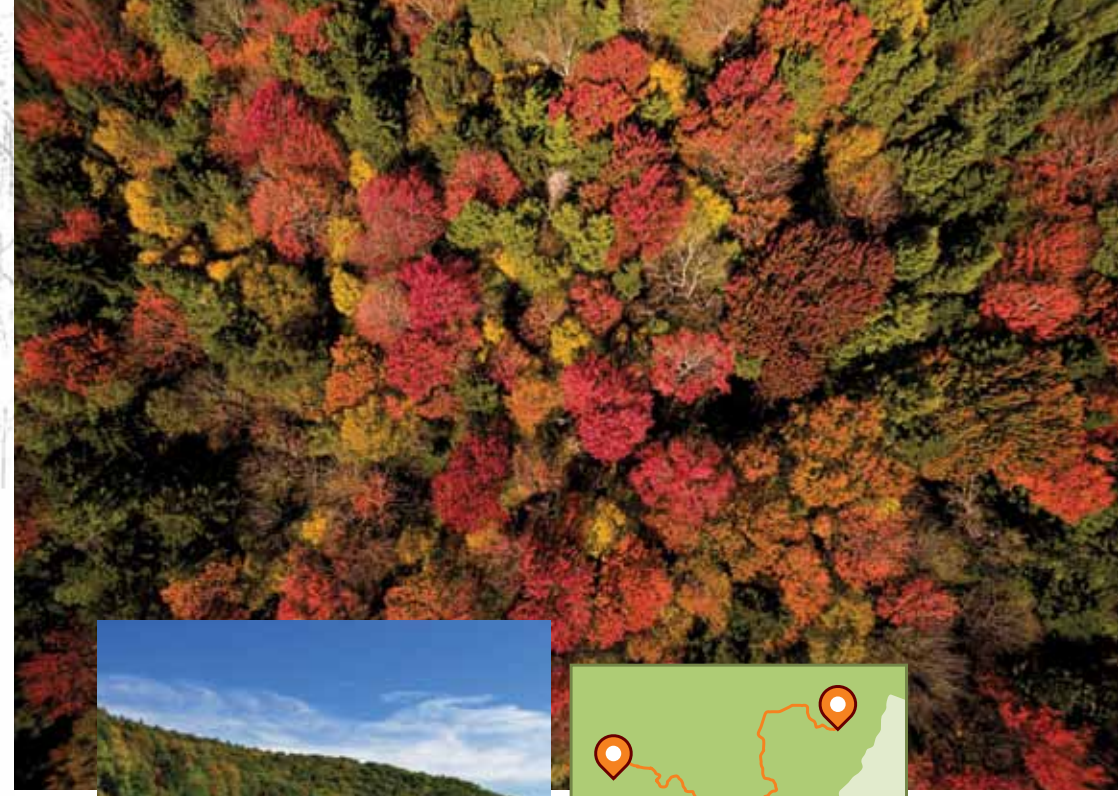

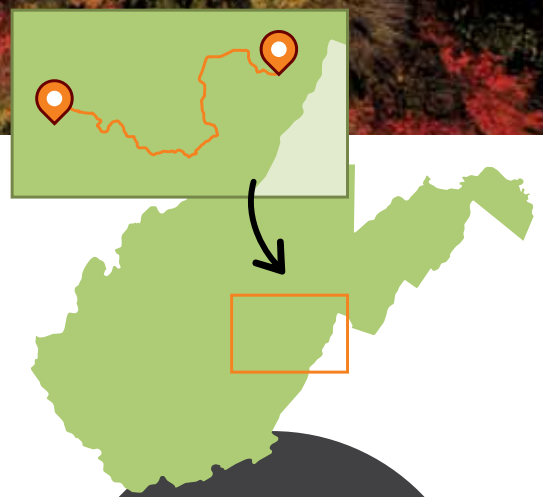

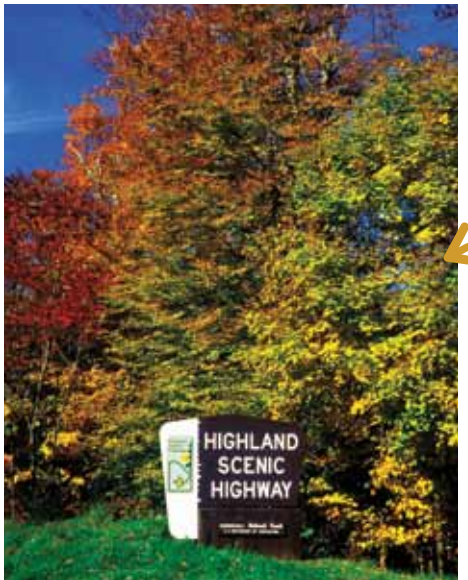

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CHECKPOINT LOCATION
Highland Scenic Highway OR Monongahela National Forest sign: any Highland Scenic Highway or Monongahela National Forest sign along the byway or its overlooks (signs may differ from the one pictured here).

DOOR COUNTY LOOP

Door County Loop

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN | 134 MILES

Riding Door County is a bit like taking a journey in the "way-back machine." Featuring small town serenity and rustic two-lane highways, there isn't a fast food joint or national hotel chain to be found, save for in the county seat of Sturgeon Bay.

Door County is a major cherry-producing region. With over 2,500 acres of orchards, the county is the fourth-largest cherry producer in the country. Its tart Montmorency cherries are used for making everything from pies to wine. The best time to see cherry trees in full blossom is from mid- to late-May.

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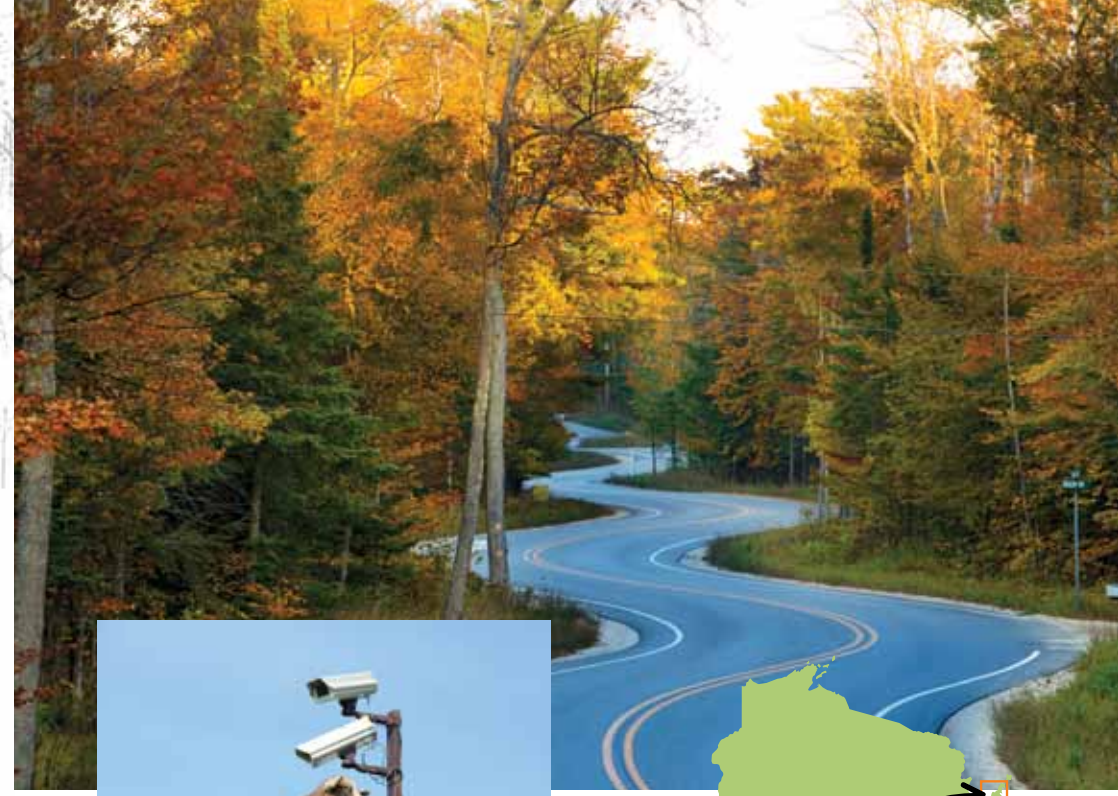

CHECKPOINT LOCATION

Goats on the roof – Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant: located at 10698 N. Bay Shore Dr., Sister Bay. From May until October, you're likely to see goats grazing on the sod roof of Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant. If the goats aren't a-grazin', your photo can be of the restaurant sign out front.

BEARTOOTH PASS

Beartooth Pass

NORTHWEST WYOMING | 68 MILES
(INCLUDES MT PORTION OF BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY)

Open from roughly late May through mid-October – weather permitting – Beartooth Highway is among the most spectacular scenic drives in the country. Jagged, snow-covered peaks; glacial lakes; and alpine meadows characterize the scenery, and lots of switchbacks make for an exciting ride.

Beartooth Pass, at nearly 11,000 feet in elevation, lies within the Wyoming section of the highway, but you'll want to start your ride in Red Lodge, Montana, and follow US-212 to Yellowstone National Park.

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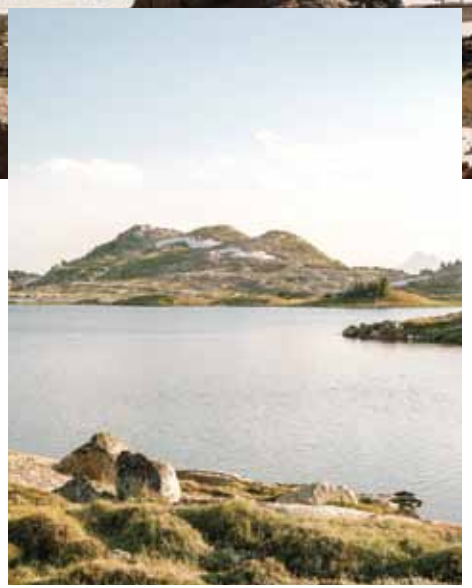

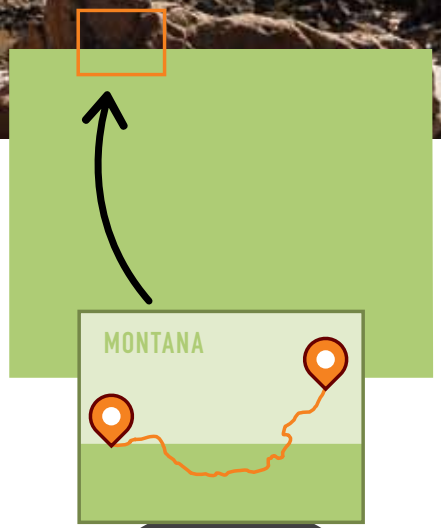

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Beartooth Pass sign: sign at Beartooth Pass reading "Beartooth Pass Summit, Elev. 10,947."

Capturing Your Ride with Your Smartphone

Professional photographer and regular *The Enthusiast*® contributor Carlan Tapp shares some tips on how to take great shots of your ride with your smartphone – or any camera.

PHOTOS BY CARLAN TAPP

1 **SEEING THE LIGHT** As the sun rises in the morning, travels overhead, begins to fade, and slowly turns to night, the quality and feeling of light changes. Our eyes adjust to the changes quickly. The camera can record the changes and colors in ways our eyes may miss. Try taking photographs first thing in the morning, at midday, twilight, and evening. Practice taking pictures after dark; the results will amaze you.

2 **IMPORTANCE OF SCALE** One reason landscape photographs may not turn out as expected is that they lack scale. To create scale, use familiar objects in your photographs. Small objects make the landscape appear wide and big. Large objects in the foreground make it appear smaller. As you frame your next landscape picture, try adding a familiar object – maybe your bike or a fellow rider.

3 **FRAMING-FOCUS- EXPOSURE** There's an old saying in photography: The photographer is responsible for what goes in the frame. Before you take a picture, take a moment to carefully look at the screen on your phone. Is there anything in the picture you don't want? Sometimes moving your phone less than an inch can make the difference between a good picture and a great one. Move the phone around to see how your composition within the frame will change. Try not to cut your frame in half with the horizon line. Move it up or down a little for better results. Once you have the framing, a simple tap on the screen will set the focus and exposure.

4 **RAIN OR SHINE** If you're like me, you sure are happy when the sun is out and the road ahead is dry. But the weather will change – always. And weather, rain or shine, can help create interesting photographs. When you stop to put on the rain gear, remember to pull out your phone and take some pictures. A zipper-lock bag with a small hole cut for the lens makes an inexpensive waterproof case for your phone.

5 **GETTING CLOSE** While riding to Sturgis a few years ago, my route led me directly through acres of sunflowers. The view from the road at 65 mph was a blur of yellow and green. Then I stopped, turned around, and parked by the field. I realized it was all about slowing down, seeing, framing, and getting close. The closer I got, the more I saw. Try using your phone camera close up. It's better not to zoom in with the camera, as it may degrade the quality of your photograph. Simply walk closer to the subject you're photographing.

6 **TELLING YOUR STORY** Telling a story with pictures is like writing with words. Do you remember hearing that "a picture (or photograph) is worth a thousand words"? On your next ride, use the techniques discussed here to make compelling photographs. Then select four or five of your favorites to tell your story, and share with family and friends.

GAINING SOME PERSPECTIVE

The distance of objects from your camera and from each other affects perspective. The closer your subject is to the camera, the larger it will appear. Color can affect perspective, too. Warm colors (reds and oranges) often appear to come forward, while cool colors (blues and greens) appear to recede. In addition, light-toned objects often appear to be closer than dark ones. Your point of view or vantage point can also have a strong influence on perspective. Looking up at a building can increase the feeling of height. When you approach a scene to photograph it, try not to always shoot at eye level. Look at the subject of your photograph standing at your normal height, cut the height in half, then in half again. Look for angles and elements that can add interest.