## Franklin - Upper Track Loop

## **Route 1 Option**

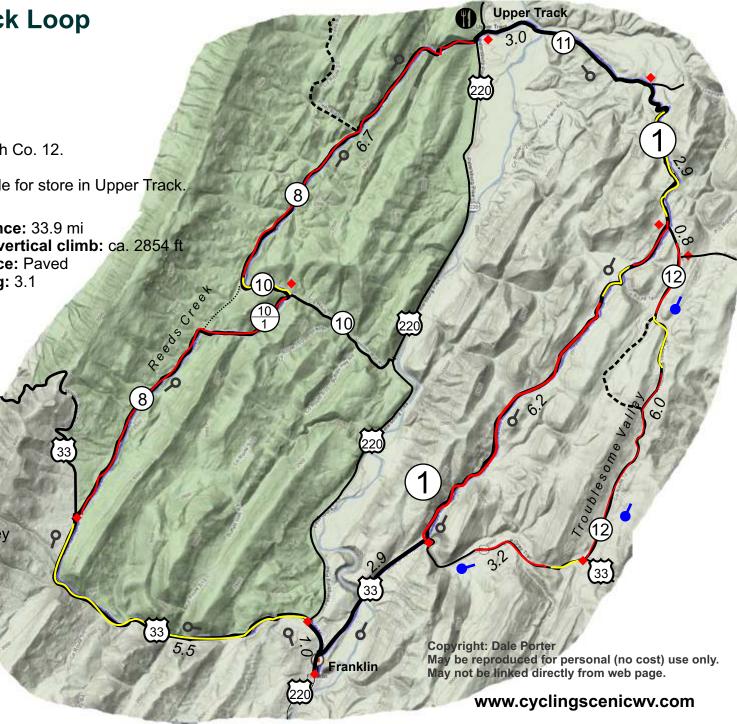
0.0 Courthouse 0.4 Right on Rt. 33 2.9 Left on Co. 1 9.5 Bare left. Continue on 1 at jct. with Co. 12. 12.4 Left on Cty. 11 Schmucher Rd. 15.4 Left on US 220. Go right 1/4 mile for store in Upper Track. 15.6 Right on Co. 6 20.6 Pass Fish Hachery Distance: 33.9 mi 22.1 Right onto Cty 10/1 Total vertical climb: ca. 2854 ft 27.4 Left onto US 33 Surface: Paved 32.9 Right on US220 Rating: 3.1 33.9 Finish

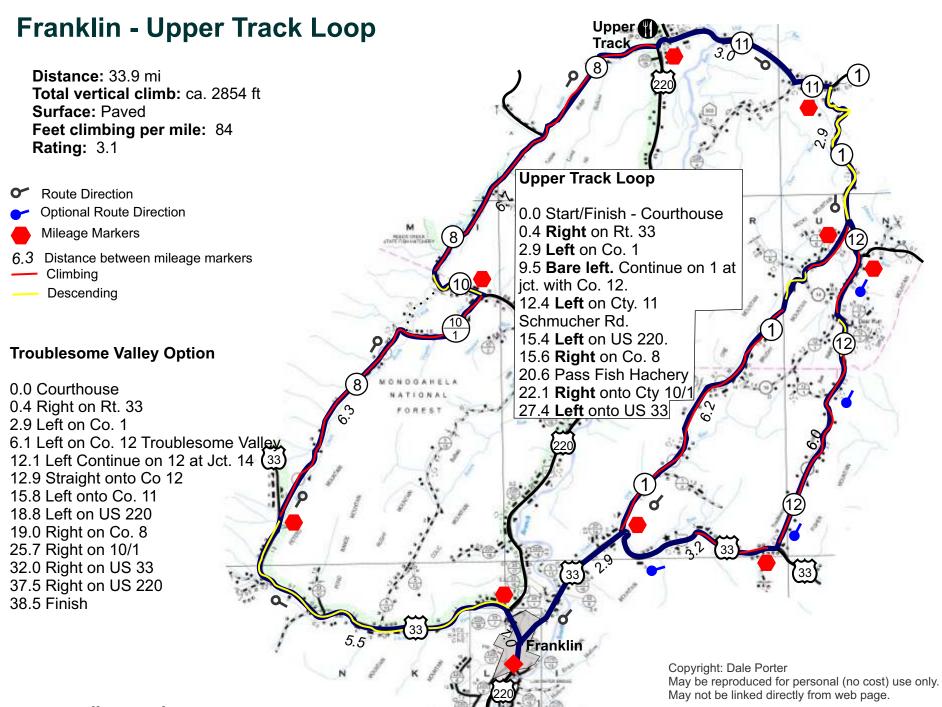
• Route Direction

- Optional Route Direction
- Mileage Markers
- 6.3 Distance between mileage markers
- Climbing
- Descending

## **Troublesome Valley Option**

0.0 Courthouse 0.4 Right on Rt. 33 2.9 Left on Co. 1 6.1 Left on Co. 12 Troublesome Valley 12.1 Left Continue on 12 at Jct. 14 12.9 Straight onto Co 12 15.8 Left onto Co. 11 18.8 Left on US 220 19.0 Right on US 220 19.0 Right on 10/1 32.0 Right on US 33 37.5 Right on US 220 38.5 Finish





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General Description:

This loop travels mostly through farm country and some forest. Definitely not flat, but most of the climbs are long, but not severe.

Route 33 leaving Franklin can have high speed traffic. Taking the shorter route, gets you off of Rt. 33 at a fairly flat ride out of town. Going on to Troublesome Valley involves a climb on route 33 before turning onto Co. 12.

After turning off of US 33, the next few miles will be on rural back road with little traffic. Co. 1 has more shade than Co. 12 if the weather is hot. You travel uphill for about 6 miles before descenting 6 miles to Upper Track. Crossing the South Branch of the Potomac River, you arrive at US 220.

The route goes left here on US 220, however you may want

to detour right here to Upper Track, where there is a general store. This is a local store, not a chain, and may not be open on Sunday.

Going left on 220 for only 2/10 of a mile, before turning onto Co. 8. Co. 8 starts out passing through a narrow gorge before opening up into a wider valley. The valley is mostly farms and provides little shade.

You will pass the trout hatchery on the right and can probably get some water here in an emergency. You will follow Co. 8 to US 33, with the exception of a short diversion down Co. 10 and Co. 10/1. These just take you back to Co. 8.

After the long climb up Co. 8 you reach US 33. Taking a left on 33 you have along downhill roll into Franklin. This part of 33 doesn't have as much traffic as the part out of Franklin, plus you will be rolling at a higher speed on this downhill section. Arriving at the US 220 intersection, you take a right for the last mile to the finish.

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