

Lewisburg - Sinks Grove - Blue Sulphur Springs

Lewisburg - Alderson Loop - 33 Miles

Lewisburg - Sinks Grove Loop - 47 Miles

Add 2 miles to go to the site of the Blue Sulphur Spring.

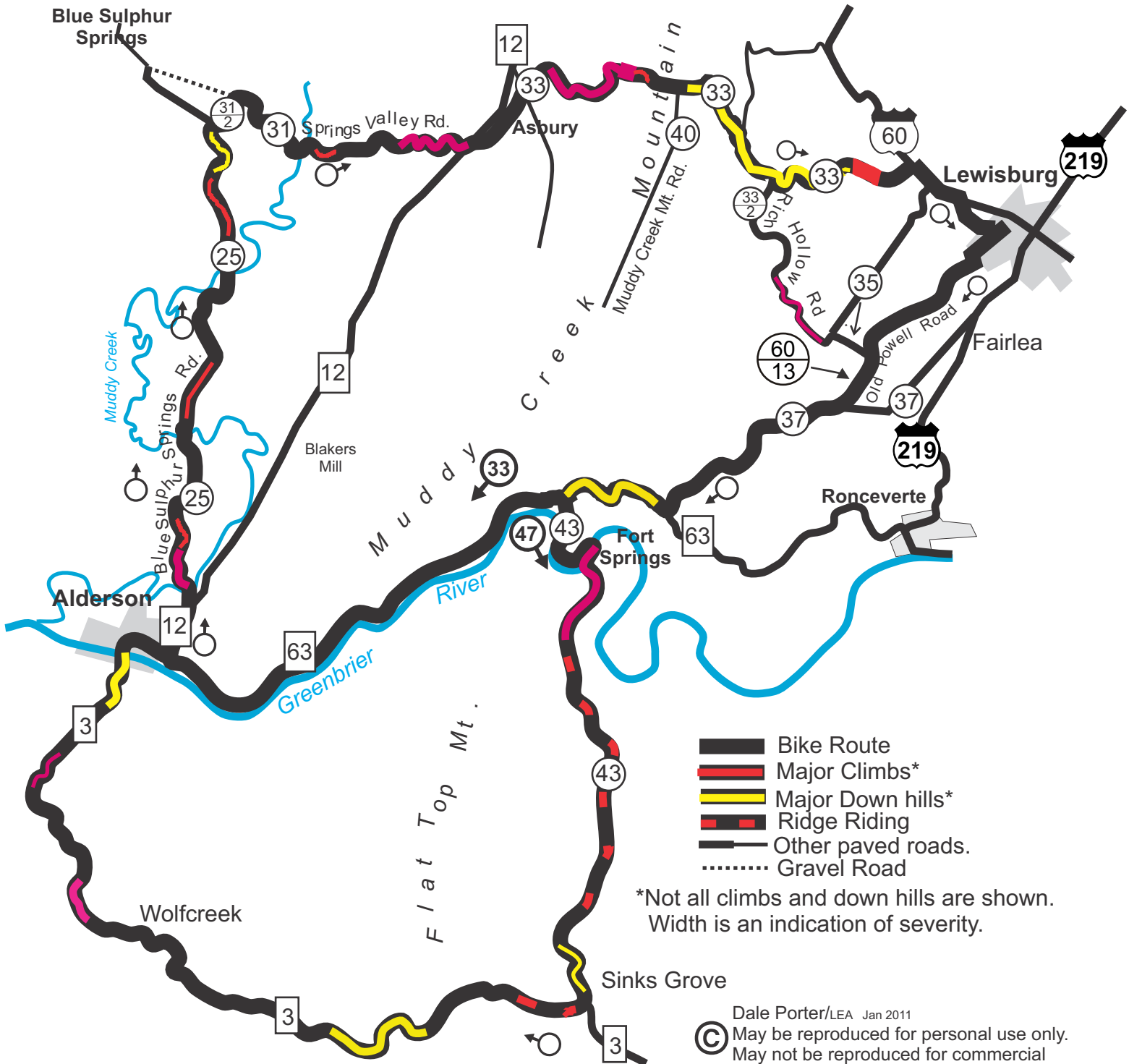
Start and finish in Lewisburg at Carnegie Hall on Church Street.

Length: 33 - 47

Climbing: 4,400

Rating: 4.7

Climbing per Mile: 94



Lewisburg Fort Spring, Wolf Creek, Alderson Ride

47 Miles - 49 if you go to the Springs. About 4,400 ft of climbing.

R=Right L=Left S=Straight

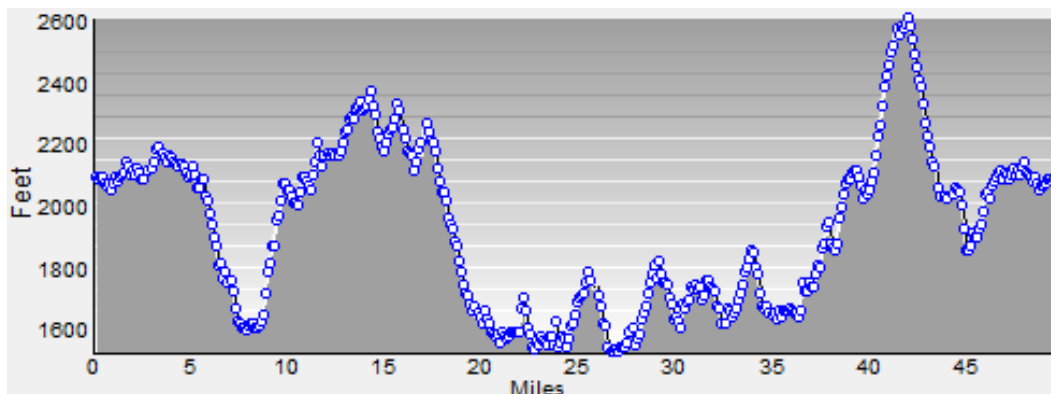
Park on Church Street in front of Carnegie Hall

Please ride under control and suitable to road and traffic conditions. Watch out of road hazards. Obey traffic laws.

- 0.0 Start
- 0.5 Make 90 degree left turn on Church Street
- 0.6 **R** on Old Powell Road after making 90 degree left turn on Church street.
- 2.4 Continue straight on Old Powell Rd. at Intersection of Cty 35 Houfnaggle Road.
- 2.9 **R** on Davis Stuart Road Cty. 37
- 5.8 **R** on Rt. 63 - Begin downhill to Greenbrier River
- 7.4 **L** on Cty 43 - 36 mile route continues straight to Alderson
- 8.2 Bare right at end of bridge over Greenbrier River.
- 8.6 Hard right turn and begin of climb from Greenbrier River at Fort Spring
- 9.7 Top of climb
- 15.0 **R** on Rt 3 at Sinks Grove
- 17.1 Begin long downhill to Wolf Creek BM2252
- 19.1 End of downhill
- 26.6 **Straight** across pedestrian bridge (former road bridge) in Alderson where Rt. 3 makes a 90 degree left turn
- 26.7 **R** at end of bridge over Greenbrier River on Rt. 12
- 27.2 Bare left at intersection of Rt. 63 continuing on Rt.12. 36 mile route joins from right.
- 27.5 BP Station on Right - **Last place for water till finish.**
- 27.6 L** on Cty 25 Blue Sulphur Springs Road at top of easy climb. Rt 12 Y's off to right here.
- 28.0 Begin climb - some 8-10%
- 28.4 Top of climb
- Careful crossing wood deck bridge with metal strapping on top.
- 33.6 Begin climb
- 34.0 Top of climb
- 34.5 **R** on Jarrett Cutoff

To go to Blue Sulphur you continue straight one mile at this intersection. It is a flat out and back to the site of the Spring. Adjust subsequent mileage if you go to the Spring.

- 35.0 Bare right on Springs Valley Road Cty 31 **Sharp Turn**
- 36.7 Begin climb BM1732
- 38.6 **Cross Rt. 12** at angle to left to Asbury Road. Bm2044
- 39.1 Continue straight at intersection
- 39.8 Begin climb of Muddy Creek Mt. BM2032
- 41.2 Top of climb BM2510
- 42.1 Continue straight on Route 33 at intersection of Cty 40, Muddy Creek Mt. Road Cty 40 and begin descent of Muddy Creek Mt. **Caution: There are holes and pavement splits. Ride under control and beware of oncoming traffic.**
- 44.7 Begin 0.8 mile steep climb. About .5 of 8-9%.
- 45.7 **R** US Route 60
- 46.3 **R** McElhenny Road



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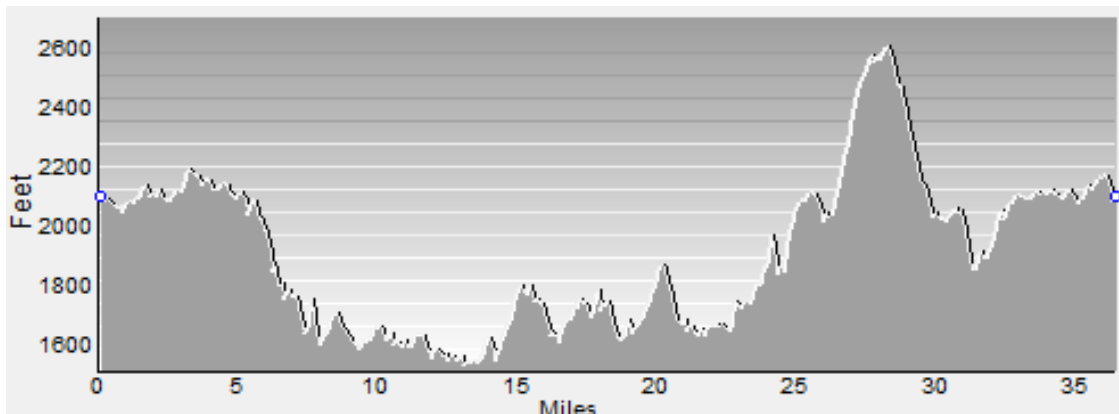
33 Miles (35 if you go to the Springs) and about 2,900 Feet of climbing.

Start - Carnegie Hall, Lewisburg.

R=Right L=Left S=Straight

Please ride under control and suitable to road and traffic conditions. Watch out of road hazards. Obey traffic laws.

- 0.5 90 degree Left turn on Church Street
- 0.6 **R** on Old Powell Road - No road sign at the turn.
- 3.0 **R** on Cty 37, Davis Stuart Road
- 5.9 **R** on Rt. 63 - Begin long down hil to Greenbrier River
- 7.5 Stay right on 63 - Long route goes Left here on Rt. 43..
- 13.5 **R** on Rt. 12 in outskirts of Alderson.
- 13.7 BP Station on left - **LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR WATER!**
- 14.0 **L** on Cty 25 at top of climb. Rt. 25 is single lane road. Blue Sulphur Springs Road
Watch out for wood deck bridge with metal straps on top running the length of the bridge on this section and some holes in shady spots on this section.
- 20.8 **R** on Jarretts Cutoff Rd. 31/2
To see the site of the old Blue Sulphur Springs, continue straight here for one mile. Look for the Greek pagota in the field.
It is a flat out and back to the site.
- 21.3 Bare sharp right at intersection onto Cty. 31. Springs Valley Road. Left is a gravel road.
- 21.5 Bare right at intersection and continue on Cty 31.
- 22.7 Begin ascent to State Route 12. This is a hard climb with 10-12% sections.
- 24.9 **Cross Rt. 12** at angle to left and pick up Old Asbury Road.
- 25.4 S at this intersection.
- 26.2 Begin climb of Muddy Creek Mt. Mostly 7-7% with a little 10-12 at the top.
- 27.4 Top of Muddy Creek Mt.
- 28.3 S at intersection of Muddy Creek Mt. Road. Begin descent of Muddy Creek Mt.
Watch out for holes, broken pavement and narrow road on descent of Muddy Creek Mt.
- 29.1 Begin 0.8 mile steep climb. About 1/2 mile of 8-9 %.
- 30.2 **R** on US Route 60
- 32.5 **R** on McElhenny Road
- 33.4 **Finish.**



General R. E. Lee's War-Horses, Traveller
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The following communication from Major Thomas L. Broun, Charleston, Kanawha county, West Virginia, appeared in the Richmond Dispatch August 10, 1886:

"In view of the fact that great interest is felt in the monument about to be erected to General Lee, and that many are desirous that his war-horse should be represented in the monument, and as I once owned this horse, I herewith give you some items respecting this now famous war-horse, Traveller.

"He was raised by Mr. Johnston, near the Blue Sulphur Springs, in Greenbrier county, Virginia (now West Virginia); was of the 'Gray Eagle' stock, and, as a colt, took the first premium under the name of 'Jeff Davis' at the Lewisburg fairs for each of the years 1859 and 1860. He was four years old in the spring of 1861. When the Wise legion was encamped on Sewell mountain, opposing the advance of the Federal Army under Rosecranz, in the fall of 1861, I was major to the Third regiment of infantry in that legion, and my brother, Captain Joseph M. Broun, was quartermaster to the same regiment.

"I authorized my brother to purchase a good serviceable horse of the best Greenbrier stock for our use during the war.

"After much inquiry and search he came across the horse above mentioned, and I purchased him for \$175 (gold value), in the fall of 1861, from Captain James W. Johnston, son of the Mr. Johnston first above mentioned. When the Wise legion was encamped about Meadow Bluff and Big Sewell mountains, I rode this horse, which was then greatly admired in camp for his rapid, springy walk, his high spirit, bold carriage, and muscular strength.

"He needed neither whip nor spur, and would walk his five or six miles an hour over the rough mountain roads of Western Virginia with his rider sitting firmly in the saddle and holding him in check by a tight rein, such vim and eagerness did he manifest to go right ahead so soon as he was mounted.

"When General Lee took command of the Wise legion and Floyd brigade that were encamped at and near Big Sewell mountains, in the fall of 1861, he first saw this horse, and took a great fancy to it. He called it his colt, and said that he would use it before the war was over. Whenever the General saw my brother on this horse he had something pleasant to say to him about 'my colt,' as he designated this horse. As the winter approached, the climate in the West Virginia mountains caused Rosecranz's army to abandon its position on Big Sewell and retreat westward. General Lee was thereupon ordered to South Carolina. The Third regiment of the Wise legion was subsequently detached from the army in Western Virginia and ordered to the South Carolina coast, where it was known as the Sixtieth Virginia regiment, under Colonel Starke. Upon seeing my brother on this horse near Pocotalipo, in South Carolina, General Lee at once recognized the horse, and again inquired of him pleasantly about 'his colt.'

"My brother then offered him the horse as a gift, which the General promptly declined, and at the same time remarked: 'If you will willingly sell me the horse, I will gladly use it for a week or so to learn its qualities.' Thereupon my brother had the horse sent to General Lee's stable. In about a week the horse was returned to my brother, with a note from General Lee stating that the animal suited him, but that he could not longer use so valuable a horse in such times, unless it was his own; that if he (my brother) would not sell, please to keep the horse, with many thanks. This was in February, 1862. At that time I was in Virginia, on the sick list from a long and severe attack of camp fever, contracted in the campaign on Big Sewell mountains. My brother wrote me of General Lee's desire to have the horse, and asked me what he should do. I replied at once: 'If he will not accept it, then sell it to him at what it cost me.' He then sold the horse to General Lee for \$200 in currency, the sum of \$25 having been added by General Lee to the price I paid for the horse in September, 1861, to make up the depreciation in our currency from September, 1861, to February, 1862.

"In 1868 General Lee wrote to my brother, stating that this horse had survived the war--was known as 'Traveller' (spelling the word with a double l in good English style), and asking for its pedigree, which was obtained, as above mentioned, and sent by my brother to General Lee."

