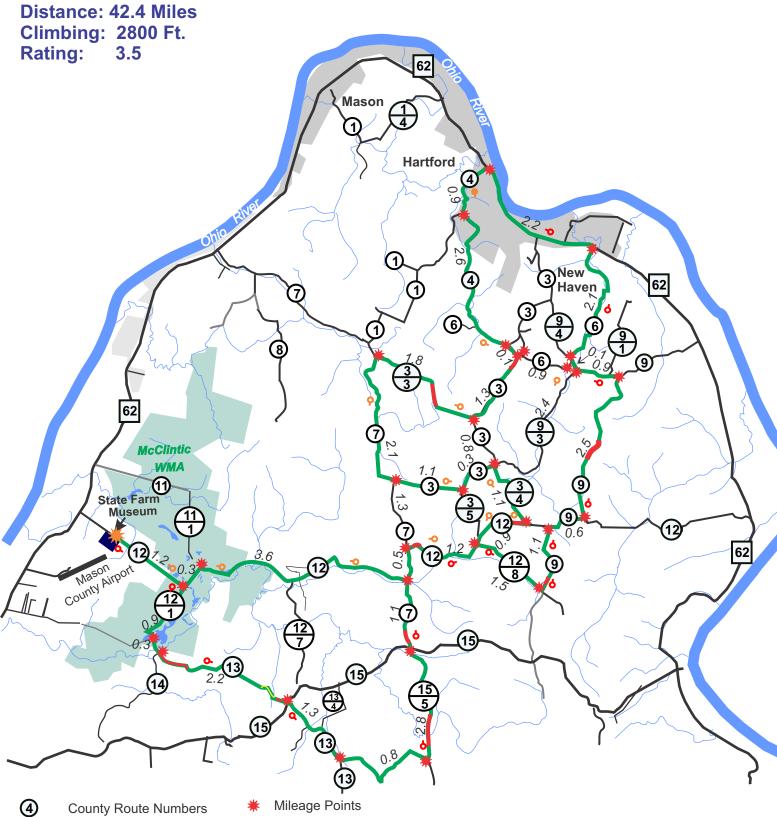
UPPER MASON CO. RAMBLE

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State Route Numbers

Paved Roads

Gravel Roads (not all shown)

Bike Route

Significant climbs. (not all shown) Streams

0.0 Mileage between points

Start/Finish

Route Direction Arrow

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Start/Finish: WV State Farm Museum

M I L E A G E	I N T E R V A L	significant intersections, inone pola entries	ce: 42.4 Miles ng: 2800 Ft. : 3.5
0.0 1.2 2.2	0.0 1.2		The beauty of rural farm sce traffic roads.
2.5 4.7 5.2 5.3	3.5	STRAIGHT to continue on Co. 13 STRAIGHT across Co. 15 onto Rayburn Rd. STRAIGHT past Co. 16 Owl Hollow Road STRAIGHT past Co. 13/4 Royleen Cut Road	section of stat New Haven is and less than a 55mph spee
6.0	1.3		
6.8	8.0	, ,	CAUTION : Of
8.6		STRAIGHT	on the Cycling
9.6	2.8		ride has by fai
10.7 11.1	1.5	STRAIGHT Co. 12 jct. from left. RIGHT on Co. 12. No signs at intersection.	pavement. It in not a lot of de
12.3	1.0		However, ever
13.6	1.5		pavement is h
14.7			makes it bad,
		from the left.	shady place, y
15.3	0.6	LEFT to continue on Co. 9, Vernon Church Rd. No si	ign count on holes
16.0		Start of steep climb - excess if 15%.	which are ofte
17.7			see in the sha
18.6	0.9		occur on a do
20.7 21.5	2.1	LEFT onto State 62 in New Haven.	To make it we
21.5		CONVENIENCE STORE on left. Only place for food and water on route.	To make it wo some of worst
22.9	2.2		could take a fe
23.8	0.9	LEFT to continue on Co. 4. Now Supper Club Rd.	Pocahontas, T
26.5	2.6		Randolph Cou
26.7		1 0	hole, they thro
28.0		·	and pat it dow
29.8	1.8	,	usually leaving
31.9	2.0	STRAIGHT onto Co. 3, Co. 7 goes right.	there had bee
33.0	3.2 0.6		patches are no
33.6 34.7	1.1		have a 2 inch
35.5	0.8	•	
36.8	2.1		•
37.3			
40.9			
41.2		,	
42.4	1.2	FINISH	

The beauty of this ride is the rural farm scenery and the low traffic roads. Only the short section of state route 62 thru New Haven is a striped highway and less than a mile of that has a 55mph speed limit.

CAUTION: Of all the rides listed on the Cycling Scenic WV, this ride has by far the worst pavement. It is not that there is not a lot of decent pavement. However, even most of the good pavement is heavy. What makes it bad, is that if you see a shady place, you can almost sign count on holes, or patches, which are often VERY hard to see in the shade. These often occur on a downhill.

> To make it worst, the patching is some of worst in the state. They could take a few lessons from Pocahontas, Tucker or Randolph Counties. If there is a hole, they throw in some mix and pat it down with a shovel, usually leaving a lump where there had been a hole. Larger patches are not cut in, and often have a 2 inch high lip to go over

This ride features rural roads thru rolling farm country. The designated start is at the <u>West Virginia State Farm Museum</u> which you will want to browse before or after the ride.

Location

This ride is in Mason County starting north of Point Pleasant.

Directions to starting point from the U. S. Route 35, WV Route 2 intersection at Point Pleasant. Take WV Route 2 north (thru Point Pleasant) 7,4 miles. Turn right on County 12 and go 0.6 miles to the West Virginia Farm Museum on the right.

General Description

This ride is mostly on paved, unlined country roads with the exception of 2.2 on State Highway 62 thru New Haven. This route "rambles" thru the upper middle portion of Mason County. Only 2.9 miles (1.2 & 1.7 sections) of the route on County 12 is repeated. There are not really long climbs on the ride, but at 68 feet of climbing per mile, it is not flat. There is one steep climb that exceeds 15% in sections at the 16 mile mark. This is farming country, so there is not a lot of shade on the route.