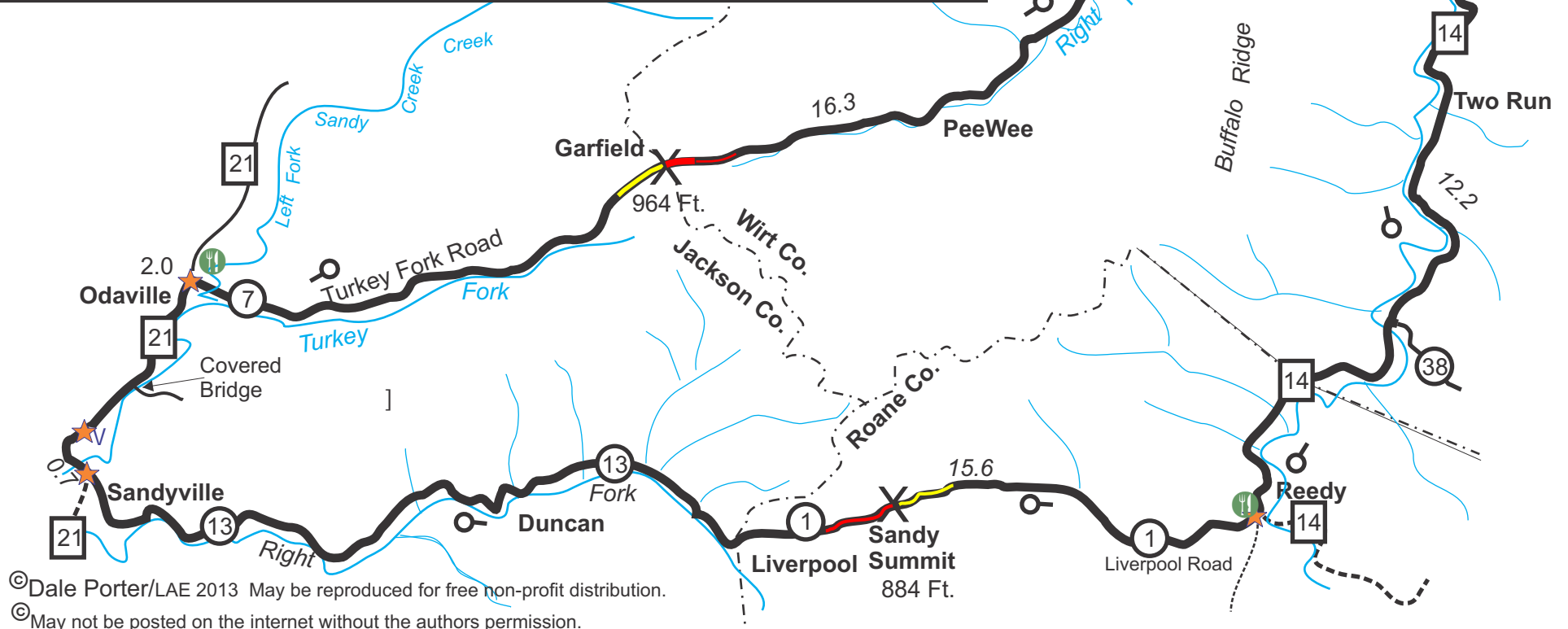
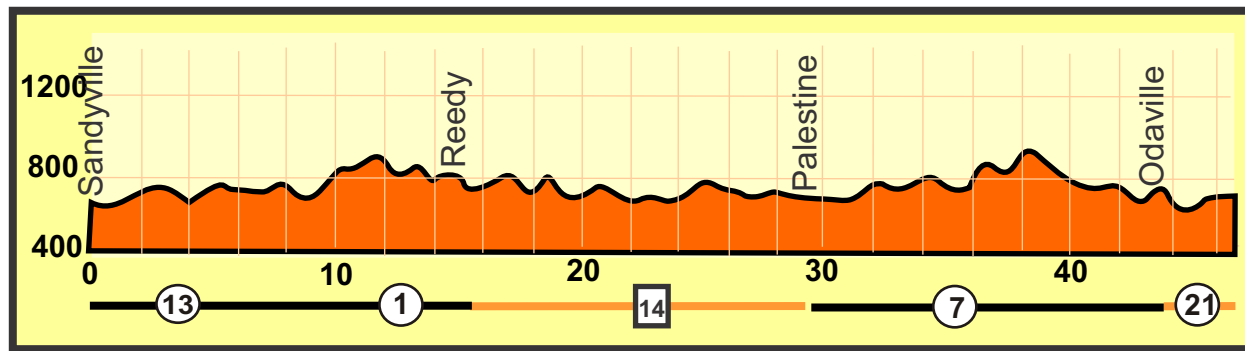


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Sandyville-Reedy-Palestine-Odaville

- ★ Mileage/Turn Points
- 12.6 Mileage Between Points
- Bike Route
- Major Climbs
- Major Descents
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- Route Numbers
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The profile on the map makes this route look hillier than it really is. Other than the climb over Sandy Summit on Liverpool Road, and the climb to the county line on Garfield Road.

Starting from Gilmore School on route 21 at New Era

On weekends, I park at the Gilmore School in New Era. When school is in session, I park at the church near the intersection of route 21 and Liverpool Road (Co. 13).

0.0	0.0	Gilmore School Left out of parking lot.
0.7	0.7	Left onto Livermore Rd. Co. 13
16.3	16.3	Left onto State 14
28.5	12.2	Left onto Co. 7, Garfield Road
44.8	16.3	Left onto Co. 21
46.8	2.0	Finish

Oil Boom Loops - The Sandyville, Elizabeth, Palestine, Reedy area of Jackson, Wirt and Roane Counties.

The portion of Jackson, Wirt, and Roane County covered by these rides offers fairly flat riding - for West Virginia that is. The area is now very scenic rural farms, but the Burning Springs area outside of Elizabeth was the site of one of the first oil booms in the U.S.

Loops ranging from 31 to 64 miles can be done by combining the lettered sections shown on the diagram at the right. New Era/Sandyville, Elizabeth, and Reedy are good starting points for the rides. This is a very rural area of the state. Stores supplying food and drink can only be found in Elizabeth, Odaville, and Reedy.

Areas of interest

As mentioned, the area is very rural and very scenic. Elizabeth is the county seat of Wirt County with a population of 5,762 (2011). The courthouse sits just off of Rt. 14 and is worth the block detour. Along section A of the diagram is the Sarvis Fork covered bridge, one of 17 remaining covered bridges in West Virginia. Along section E in Burning Springs is an oil and gas museum on the site of the original Rathbone oil well, with a display of oil field equipment. Portions of sections C and E follow the Little Kanawha River. The river developed with locks to transport oil to the refineries at Parkersburg.

Route Options - Mileage - Est. Climbing

The following are common route options that take best advantage of the terrain and limited food/water options. Three of the possible four routes are describes starting from New Era (Gilmore School) as it is the closest point to interstate 77. There are other options for starting of course.

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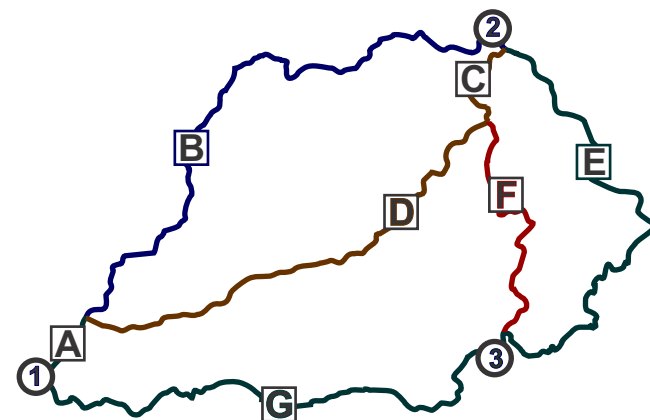
Sections **ABCD** make up a 46.5 mile loop with 4 miles being out and back on Section A. There is one major climb up Limestone Hill and an estimated 1,800 feet of climbing on the total route. Elizabeth and Odaville are the places for food and water and are placed about equal distance apart.

Sections **ADFG** make up a 46.8 mile loop with minor climbs on sections D and G but only an est. 1,700 ft. of climbing on the route. The only stores for food and water is the Exxon in Reedy and the store at Odaville. Section F will have the most traffic.

Sections **ADCEG** make up a 59.3 loop. There are minor climbs on **DGE**, a major climb on **E** and **C** is rolling. Estimated climbing on this route is 3,300 ft. Stores for food and water can be found by taking a short detour into Elizabeth and at the Exxon in Reedy and at Odaville. Section **E** will have the most traffic. This passes thought what could best be described as the oil boom ghost town of Burning Springs as it is hard to imagine a community of a couple thousand people living there in the mid 1800s.

Sections **ABEG** make up a 63.8 mile loop with major climbs on sections **B** and **E** and minor climbs on section **E** and **G**. This route has an estimated ____ ft. of climbing. Food and water are available in Elizabeth, Reedy, and Odaville.

Sections **CEF** make up a 30.1 mile loop with a major climb on section **E** and a couple minor climbs on section **E** with section **C** being mostly rolling terrain.



- 1 - New Era - Sandyville
- 2 - Elizabeth
- 3 - Reedy