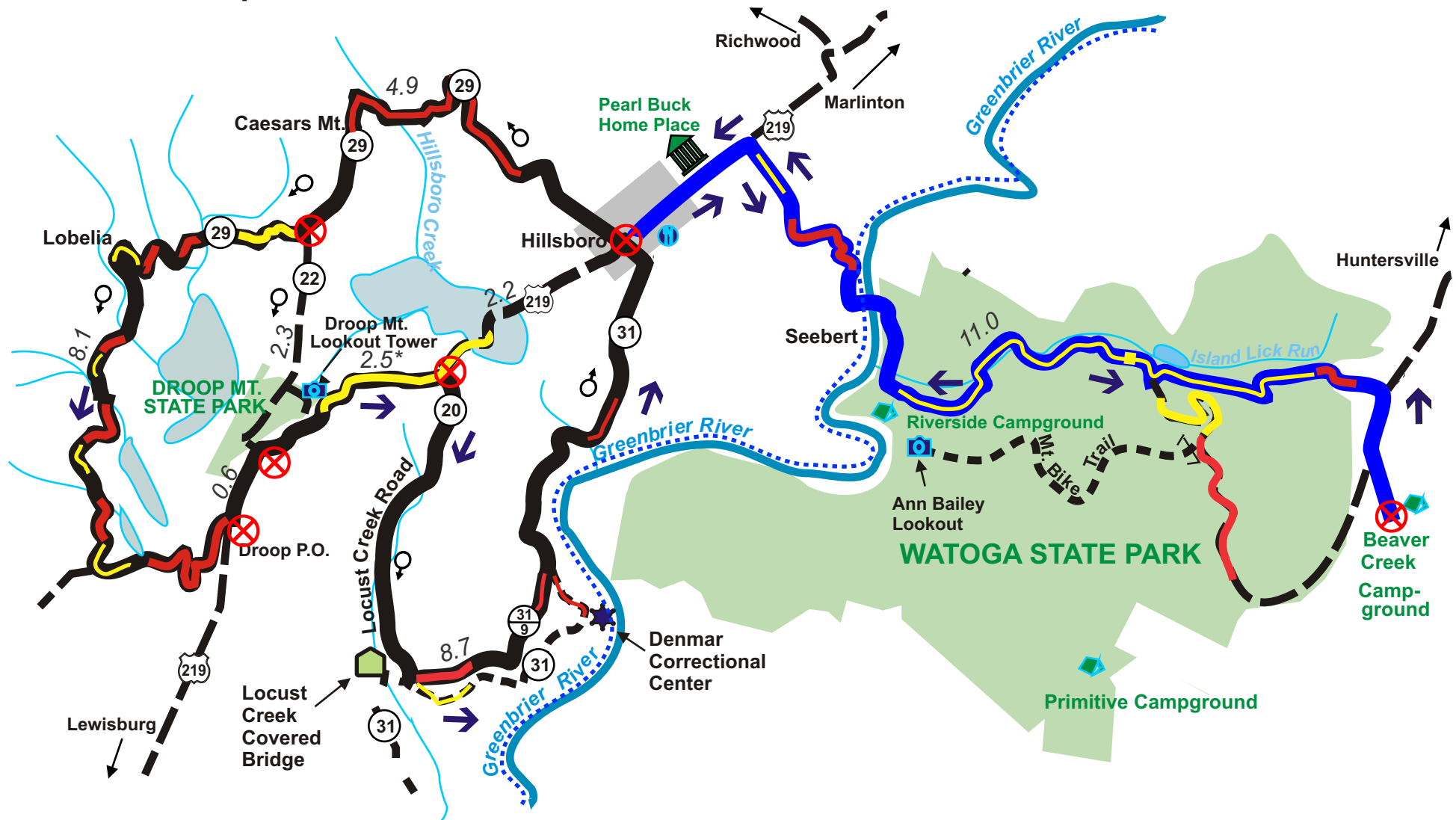


Hillsboro, Lobelia Loops



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Lobelia Loop - 24.4 Miles



Beaver Creek Campground to Hillsboro Portion
11 miles one way

Hillsboro Loop Portion - 24.4 miles

Optional Routes

Mileage Points

0.0 Distance between mile points

2.5* Includes going to lookout tower.

Sinks

Steams

Climbs Outbound

Descents

Park Boundaries

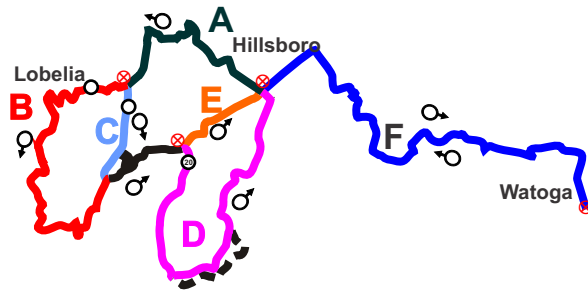
Greenbrier River Trail

Water fountain at lookout tower.

Campgrounds

Lookout Towers

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Hillsboro Loop - Sections A,C,E

Length: 11.4 Miles

Climbing: 885 Feet

Rating: 1.0

Climbing per Mile: 77.6

Start: Intersection of US 219 and Co. 29 in downtown Hillsboro.

This route features a two mile climb of Droop Mountain, before a flat ride across the mountain to Droop Mountain State Park and then a long curvy steep descent on US 219 with a final flat run back to Hillsboro.

- **0.0 Start**
- **4.9 Left** on Rt. 22
- **7.1 Left** on US 219
- **7.6 Left** into park to go to the Lookout Tower. Worth the short detour. Water fountain at parking lot. Continue straight and begin long curvy downhill.
- **11.4 Finish**

Hillsboro-Lobelia Loop - Sections A-B-E

Length: 17.9 Miles

Climbing: 1,968

Rating: 1.9

Climbing per Mile: 110

Start: Intersection of US 219 and Co. 29 in downtown Hillsboro.

This route features two climbs of Droop Mountain and four short steep climbs in between. Note that substitution of section B for section C in the above ride, adds 6.5 miles and 1,083 feet of climbing or 167 per mile on section B.

0.0 Start at US 219, Lobelia Road Intersection.

4.9 Continue straight and **begin a steep curvy downhill on narrow road.**

Be ready for oncoming traffic and watch out for gravel in turns. There are two U turns on the descent.

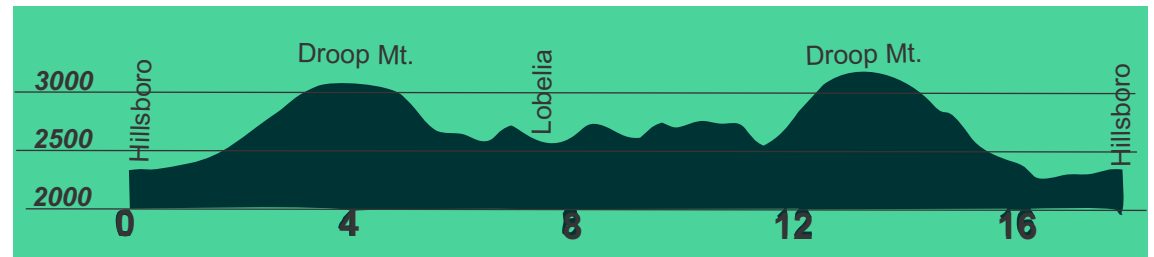
10.9 Bare left at this sharp left downhill turn to continue on Rt. 29. Get ready for the next climb of Droop Mt.

13.1 Left on US 219. Begin flat cruise across mountain.

14.1 Take this second entrance into Park to go to lookout tower. Worth the detour and there is a **water fountain** in the parking lot.

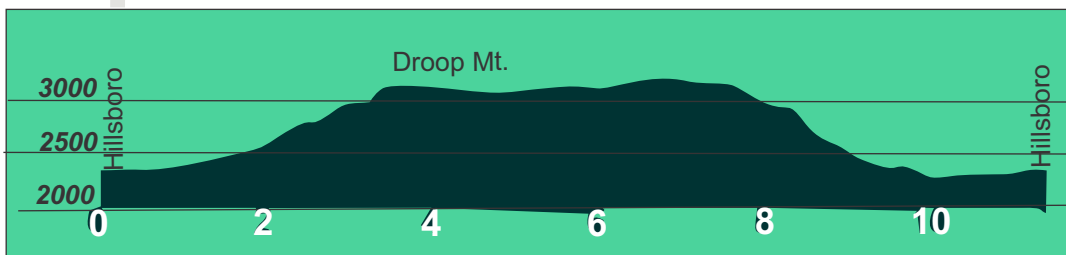
Continue straight and begin long curvy downhill before final slightly uphill run into Hillsboro.

17.9 Finish in Hillsboro

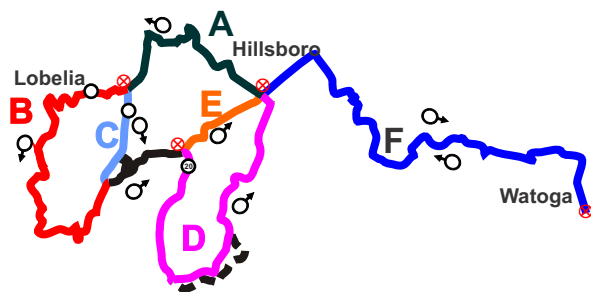


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Hillsboro - Droop - Locust Creek Loop - Sections A-C-D

Length: 17.8 miles

Climbing: 1,279 feet

Rating: 1.5

Climbing per mile: 72

Start in downtown Hillsboro at US 219 Co. 29 Locust Creek Road intersection. This route does not include the hilly section B, but there will be a couple short climbs coming back into Hillsboro from the Locust Creek Covered Bridge.

0.0 Start

4.9 Left on Co. 22, Russell Scott Rd.

7.1 Left on US 219

7.4 Take Second entrance to Park to go to the lookout tower. Worth the short side trip. **There is also a water fountain at the parking lot.**

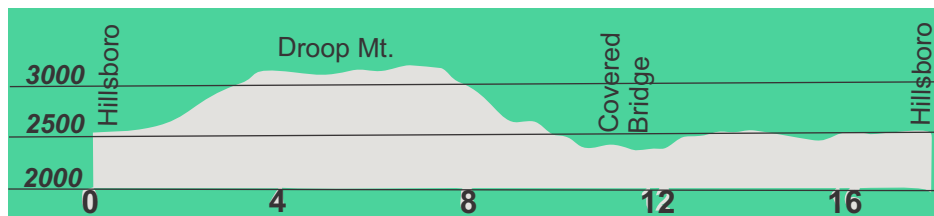
After the tower continue on 219 and begin steep curvy downhill. You turn onto Co. 20 before you reach the bottom of the hill.

9.0 Sharp Right onto Co. 20, Locust Creek Rd.

12.1 Left and an immediate Left onto Co. 31/9. Option to continue on Co 39, but 31/9 is more scenic with less climbing.

14.0 Straight at jct. with Co. 31.

17.8 Finish



Lobelia Loop Sections A-B-D

Length: 24.4 Miles

Climbing: 2,329 Feet

Rating: 2.4

Climbing per mile: 95.5

Route features two climbs of Droop Mountain and trip down Locust Creek.

Start in Hillsboro at Jct. of US 219 and Co. 29 Lobelia Road

0.0 Start

4.9 Bare right to continue on Co. 29. Road narrows and begin a **steep downhill with a couple U turns.**

10.9 Bare Left in sharp left downhill turn to continue on Co. 29. Second climb of Droop Mt. coming up.

13.0 Left on US 219

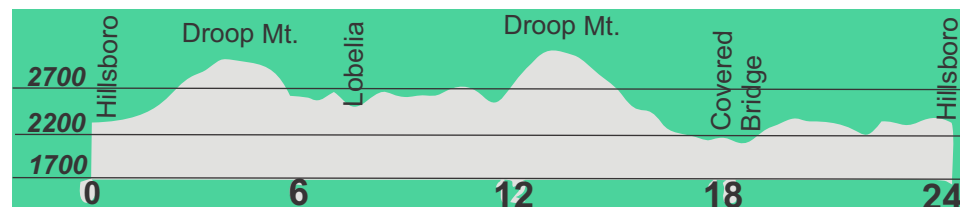
14.1 Second entrance to Park. Take this entrance to go to Lookout Tower. View is worth the detour. **There is also a water fountain in the parking lot to top off your bottles.** Continue on US 219 to continue bike route. **Begin curvy steep downhill section. You turn onto Co. 20 BEFORE reaching the bottom.**

15.6 Left turn onto Co. 20, Locust Creek Rd.

18.7 Left and another immediate right onto Co. 31/9. Locust Creek Covered Bridge it just to the right at this intersection.

20.6 Straight onto Co. 31

24.4 Finish



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Assault on Droop Mountain. Sections: F-A-B-D-F

Length: 45.8 miles

Rating: 4.1

Climbing: 3969

Climbing per Mile: 87

This is a route I introduced for the Mountain State Wheelers bike club's annual Fall weekend. It is a very scenic, but tough ride.

Start at parking lot at the entrance of Beaver Creek Campground, Watoga State Park.

0.0 Start.

0.1 **Right** out of the campground.

0.6 **Left** onto Co. 21/4 to go thru the Park. Start with a short steep climb and then a long gradual downhill to the river.

2.9 **Bare right** at the Lake/Park Office.

6.4 **Right** to continue to Seebert.

7.1 **Cross River** and follow Co. 27 to U.S. 219. Steep climb out of Seebert to US 219..

9.4 **Left** on US 219

10.7 **Right** on Co 29, Lobelia Road

15.6 **Straight** to continue on Co. 29. **Road Narrows. Begin steep twisty downhill with 2 U turns. Watch for gravel on the road.**

21.6 **Bare left** in sharp downhill left turn to continue on Co. 29. Second climb of Droop Mountain coming up.

23.7 **Left** on US 219

24.8 Second entrance to the Park. **You can take it to go to the lookout tower where this is a water fountain at the parking lot. You earned the chance to enjoy the view.**

Continue on US 219 and begin steep, twisty downhill. Turn onto Locust Creek Road before the bottom.

26.3 **Sharp Right** turn on a down grade.

29.4 **Left and an immediate Left** onto Co. 31/9. Locust Creek Covered bridge is just to the right at this intersection.

31.4 **Straight** onto Co. 31

35.1 **Right** on US 219 back in Hillsboro.

36.3 **Right** onto Co. 27 to return to Seebert.

38.6 **Re-cross** Greenbrier River at Seebert.

42.9 **Left** onto Co. 21/3 at Park office.

45.1 **Right** to return to campground entrance.

45.7 **Right** to Campground

45.8 **Finish**

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