

BIG FALLS ALTERNATE ROUTE

This ride's destination, Big Falls, is one of the most popular spots in the New River Valley. Big Falls attracts swimmers, tubers, sunbathers, canoeists, kayakers, and rock climbers. Riding to Big Falls and sitting by the river is a great way to spend a summer day. This variation returns on a scenic road involving approximately a 1-mile stretch of gravel but avoids some large hills.

STARTING POINT: At the War Memorial Chapel on the Virginia Tech Campus

DISTANCE: 29.5 miles

TERRAIN: Rolling hills with several steep climbs

MILE DIRECTIONS

- 0.0 Proceed around Drillfield.
- 0.5 Right turn onto West Campus Drive.
- 1.0 Left onto Prices Fork Rd.
- 1.3 Right onto Glade Road (SR 655).
- 3.8 Pass Meadowbrook Drive on right.
- 5.4 Right on Mount Zion Road (SR 655).
- 9.7 Right on McCoy Road (SR 652).
- 13.6 Right on Big Falls Road (SR 625).
- 15.7 End of paved section of Big Falls Rd. at railroad tracks. Turn around at this point. NOTE: Steep drop-off after crossing railroad tracks.
- 16.7 Left on Norris Run Rd. (SR 708).
- 20.1 Right on Lick Run Rd. (SR 781).
- 22.1 Left on Mount Zion Road (SR 655).

MILE DIRECTIONS (continued)

- 24.2 Left on Glade Rd. (SR 655).
- 28.1 Right on University City Blvd.
- 28.3 Left on Prices Fork Rd.
- 28.5 Right turn on West Campus Dr.
- 29.0 Left onto Drillfield.
- 29.5 Return to War Memorial Chapel.

Convenience stores are located in Prices Fork where snacks, drinks, and restrooms are available. At the river on Big Falls Road, New River Junction operates a tubing concession on the river, but hours of operation are seasonal. When open, snacks, drinks, and restrooms are available here.

