

## **FLOYD LOOP ALTERNATE ROUTE 2**

This beautiful loop is one that few bikers have ever done. It is on rural roads, except for the 9.7 mile stretch on US 221, which has faster traffic west of SR 8 with a 55 mph speed limit and no shoulders on the road. Use caution on this segment of the ride. This variation reduces the distance on busy US 221.

**STARTING POINT:** At Riner Food Center off Route 8 (Riner Rd.) just outside of Christiansburg

**DISTANCE:** 53.9 miles

**TERRAIN:** Challenging terrain off and on

### **MILE DIRECTIONS**

- 0.0 Go north (left) on SR 8 to first right.
- 0.1 Right onto SR 669 (Union Valley Rd.).
- 2.0 Go right to continue on SR 669 (Union Valley Rd.).
- 4.4 Right onto SR 615 (Pilot Rd.) at T intersection.
- 6.2 Right onto SR 615 (Old Pike Rd.) when SR 612 continues straight at Pilot Post Office.
- 8.7 Enter Floyd County.
- 18.0 Right onto US 221 (East Main Street) in Floyd.
- 18.8 Pass through downtown Floyd and cross SR 8 (Locust St.), continuing west on US 221. Watch for traffic.
- 20.0 Right onto SR 719
- 22.4 Left at Laurel Branch Rd. where SR 729 goes both left and right.
- 27.8 Right onto US 221.

### **MILE DIRECTIONS (continued)**

- 29.7 Right onto SR 750.
- 34.4 Cross SR 730 (at Duncan) at bottom of long descent.
- 36.6 Left onto SR 740 (at Alum Ridge), just after SR 740 joins from right.
- 42.0 Right onto SR 787.
- 48.4 Right onto SR 693 (Childress Rd.).
- 49.1 Right onto SR 669 (Fairview Church Rd.).
- 51.2 Left, staying on SR 669 (Fairview Church Rd.) when SR 606 goes right.
- 53.8 Right on SR 8, just north of Riner Food Center.
- 53.9 Return to starting point.

The small town of Floyd has the only traffic light in the county.

