

MAGGIE ALTERNATE ROUTE 3

This is possibly the best cycling in the area for a short ride! The route traverses a water control conservation area with several manmade lakes. This is a scenic ride through farm country with low traffic and mostly level or easy grades. The ride circles around Sevenmile Mountain by first following downstream along Johns Creek. It continues straight past SR 635 on the left. SR 635 passes through a narrow gap between Big Chestnut Ridge and Little Chestnut Ridge to reach Craig Springs. The route turns left onto SR 658 and arrives at Craig Springs. The route continues over a small crest, then descends along Dicks Creek to Maggie and the start of the ride.

STARTING POINT: To reach the starting point from Blacksburg, take US 460 east, turn right onto SR 42 passing through Newport, and continue east on SR 42 for about nine miles. Then turn left onto SR 658 and cross Johns Creek Mountain (5.5 miles). Continue to the intersection of SR 658 with SR 632. **Park at Gravel Hill Chuch on Gravel Hill Rd. off SR 42.**

DISTANCE: 27.6 miles

TERRAIN: Easy

MILE DIRECTIONS

- 0.0 Right on Gravel Hill Rd. from Gravel Hill Church parking lot.
- 0.2 Right on SR 42 (Cumberland Gap Rd.).
- 1.2 Right on SR 658.
- 5.4 Right on SR 632.
- 6.3 Reach Maggie, bear right and continue on SR 632 east.
- 13.7 Continue on SR 632 (SR 635 crosses over to left).
- 16.0 Turn left onto SR 658 west.
- 17.9 Continue on SR 658 (SR 635 cross over enters from left).
- 24.7 Continue on SR 658 (SR 636 is on right).
- 25.5 Back to Maggie, bear right and proceed on SR 632 west.

MILE DIRECTIONS (continued)

- 26.4 Left on SR 658
- 27.4 Left on SR 42
- 27.6 Left on Gravel Hill Rd. from Gravel Hill Church parking lot.

At 13 miles, pass through Craig Springs. The Craig Springs Health Resort is now near 100 years old. It presently serves as a church camp, but is also open to the public for meals and over-night accommodations on weekends when the church camps are in session during early summer. At other times the resort is open throughout the week except for the winter season when it is closed.

