

## MERRIMAC ALTERNATE ROUTE 2

A good loop near town which starts out easy and then has several ups and downs. Merrimac was a coal-mining area earlier in the century.

**STARTING POINT:** Main entrance to University Mall in Blacksburg

**DISTANCE:** 11.7 miles

**TERRAIN:** Moderate, but not flat

### **MILE DIRECTIONS**

- 0.0 From University Mall front doors, go east (right) onto University City Blvd.
- 0.2 Right at signal onto Prices Fork Rd.
- 1.3 Pass signal in Hethwood at Heather Dr.
- 2.6 Left onto Merrimac Rd.
- 4.3 Curve to the right near Old Sewage Treatment Plant.
- 6.2 Left onto Hightop Rd.
- 6.7 Left onto Huckleberry Trail bike route.
- 7.3 Cross Mabry Ln.

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

- 9.2 Right onto Plantation Rd.
- 9.4 Left to continue on the Huckleberry Trail.
- 10.1 Right onto Heather Dr.
- 10.4 Right onto Prices Fork Rd.
- 11.6 Left onto University City Blvd.
- 11.7 Return to start.

There is some traffic on Prices Fork Road, particularly during rush hours, but there are lanes on each side of the road for bicyclers. The Merrimac Road is hilly, more rural, but has occasional speeding cars on the straight stretches.

