

SHAWSVILLE-ELLISTON ALTERNATE ROUTE

This route travels mainly along rural roads but has a 9-mile section on US 460. However this section of US 460 is lightly travelled. There is a breathtaking descent into the Ellett Valley with a long climb out of the valley up Harding Avenue into Blacksburg. This variation adds 27.0 miles and more climbing.

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

DISTANCE: 66.7 miles

TERRAIN: Hilly

MILE DIRECTIONS

- 0.0 Follow the traffic around the Drillfield.
- 0.4 Left onto West Campus Drive.
- 0.8 Left onto Washington St.
- 1.0 Right turn onto Spring St.
- 1.3 Left onto South Gate Drive.
- 2.0 Right onto Airport Rd.
- 2.6 Left onto Hubbard St.
- 3.0 Continue straight on SR 603 (Ellett Rd. /Cedar Run Rd.).
- 5.2 Left onto SR 642 (Jennelle Rd.).
- 5.7 Right onto SR 603 (Den Hill Rd.).
- 6.6 Continue straight on SR 641 (Den Hill Rd.).
- 10.8 Left onto US 460 (east).
- 19.8 Left onto SR 603 (North Fork Rd.).
- 23.7 Right onto SR 629 (Bradshaw Rd.).

MILE DIRECTIONS (continued)

- 25.8 Straight onto SR 622 (Bradshaw Rd.).
- 40.3 Left onto SR 864 (Old Catawba Rd.).
- 42.9 Left onto SR 311. Be alert, this road can be busy.
- 44.7 Left onto SR 785 (Blacksburg Rd.).
- 62.5 Continue straight on SR 785 (Harding Ave.).
- 65.6 Continue straight on Harding Ave.
- 66.0 Right onto Progress St., then left on Wilson Ave.
- 66.4 Right onto Main St., left on VPI Mall Dr.
- 66.7 Return to War Memorial Chapel.

There are stores at mile 5.7 (Ellett Valley Food Time), 22.2 (Lancer's Truck Stop), 26.2 (Mountain View Market), 32.1 (Ellett Valley Food Time), and 41.6 Keffer's Store in Catawba on the alternate route.

