

VT AND HETHWOOD MAIN ROUTE

This route goes through two traffic signals before it winds through part of Virginia Tech over to Hethwood (west of Tech). The ride utilizes several different bike lanes plus fairly quiet roads over a flat terrain through the Tech farm area and past the Smithfield Plantation slave house.

STARTING POINT: Main entrance to University Mall in Blacksburg

DISTANCE: 8.0 miles

TERRAIN: Fairly flat for the area with only a few short minor climbs

MILE DIRECTIONS

- 0.0 From University Mall front doors go east (right) onto University City Blvd.
- 0.3 Cross Prices Fork at signal and go straight onto bike path which turns left.
- 0.5 Follow bike path which curves right just before coming to West Campus Drive.
- 0.7 Leave bike path turning right onto Duck Pond Drive.
- 1.1 At end of duck pond, take second right onto Smithfield Road.
- 1.4 Turn right to Tech's farm where sign points to Smithfield Plantation on left.
- 1.5 Get on bike lane on right side of gravel road.
- 1.8 Pass through tunnel under US 460.
- 2.0 Left at T intersection on Plantation Rd.
- 2.1 Right onto bike path at top of hill.
- 2.3 Follow bike path as it turns right through some gravel.
- 2.9 Take left at fork at Hethwood pond.
- 3.1 Left onto Heather Drive after passing around pond.
- 3.2 Right onto Tall Oaks Drive at top of small hill.

MILE DIRECTIONS (continued)

- 3.5 Pass Hethwood Blvd. on the right.
- 3.6 Leave Tall Oaks Drive onto bike path on right to Kipps Elementary School.
- 4.0 Right onto Prices Fork Rd. after passing Kipps Elementary School.
- 4.7 Pass by signal at Heather Dr.
- 5.1 Right onto Plantation Rd.
- 5.8 Left onto bike lane by gravel road.
- 6.0 Pass through tunnel under US 460
- 6.4 Left onto Smithfield Rd.
- 6.7 Left onto path to bridge just before Duck Pond.
- 6.8 Left onto bike path by road to fraternity houses.
- 7.3 Right at basketball court before fraternity house to follow bike path.
- 7.5 Take bike path to left as another goes straight over small hill, then turn right onto bike lane on Prices Fork.
- 7.7 Left onto Glade Rd.
- 7.8 Right into University Mall parking lot.
- 8.0 Return to start.

