

## **WILDERNESS RIDE ALTERNATE ROUTE 2**

A large part of this route follows the Wilderness Road. Originally a buffalo trail extending down the Valley of Virginia, the route gradually evolved into a roadway for early settlers. The road extended westward through southwest Virginia, the Cumberland Gap, and into Kentucky. This variation shortens the ride to 50 miles.

**STARTING POINT:** Montgomery Museum on Pepper St. in Christiansburg

**DISTANCE:** 51.2 miles

**TERRAIN:** Challenging hills, but shorter, easier options are available

### **MILE DIRECTIONS**

0.0 Proceed to the left (southeast) on Pepper Street.  
0.1 Left onto S. Franklin.  
0.5 Cross I-81.  
1.7 Leave Christiansburg, continue ahead on Pilot Rd. (SR 615).  
3.7 Cross Elliott Creek.  
4.1 Right onto Nolley Rd. (SR 679).  
5.8 Right (straight) onto Union Valley Rd. (SR 669).  
7.6 Riner, intersection with Five Point Rd. (SR 671). Continue on SR 669.  
7.7 Cross Riner Rd. (SR 8), continue ahead on Fairview Church Rd. (SR 669).  
11.0 Cross Piney Woods Rd. (SR 600).  
12.2 Left onto Childress Rd. (SR 693).  
12.8 Cross SR 787, continue on Graysontown Rd. (SR 693).  
14.5 Left on Lead Mine Rd. (SR 693), cross bridge, enter Snowville.  
21.9 Right onto Lowman's Ferry Rd. (SR 672) on right.  
25.5 Macadam. Right onto Old Route 100.  
28.6 Right onto Wilderness Rd. (SR 611).  
29.2 Newbern.  
29.9 Cross bridge over I-81, then right on Wilderness Rd. (SR 611).

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

34.7 Left onto Hazel Hollow Rd. (SR 626).  
38.7 Right onto Lee Highway (US 11), cross bridge into Radford.  
39.0 Right onto 1st St., left onto Walker, left onto 7th St., right onto Scott St.  
40.9 Left onto Rock Rd. (SR 611).  
41.5 Right onto Wintergreen Drive (SR 787). This turn, which follows the Bike Centennial Route, has a very steep climb. To avoid the climb, continue on Rock Rd. for 0.3 m, then turn right onto Tyler (SR 177) to rejoin the route at mile 63.4.  
43.0 Left onto Lovely Mount Rd. (SR 664).  
44.2 Right onto Tyler (SR 177).  
44.4 Left on Mud Pike Road (SR 600 then SR 666).  
49.7 Christiansburg. Left onto College St.  
50.5 Right onto Radford Rd., left on Main St.  
51.0 Right on Pepper St.  
51.2 Montgomery Museum. Finish.

There are stores in Riner at 7.7 m, on Lowman's Ferry Rd. crossing Claytor Lake, in Allisonia, Draper, between Macadam and the Wilderness Rd. on Old Route 100, in Radford, and at 62.8 m just before turning onto Mudpike Rd.

