

Guided Ride Descriptions

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Monday September 15 - Ride 1

Tail of the Dragon Ride Description - Difficulty Level – 5/5

Lead by Keith Moniz

This Guided ride will travel curvy backroads through North Georgia and North Carolina to include sections by the Hiwassee River to Deals Gap. One rest stop at the rest areas near Andrews NC. We will stop at Deals Gap and all riders will be given the opportunity to ride the Tail of the Dragon at their own pace and return back to Deals Gap for a Guided ride back to the Fairgrounds.

Monday September 15 - Ride 2

Highlands Waterfalls Loop Description - Difficulty Level - 3/5

Lead by Larry Jarkovsky

This Guided Ride will loop through Frankling NC to Highlands NC through the Cullasaja River Gorge. The gorge is a 61-mile road (waterfall byway) that winds through the Nantahala National Forest. Visitors can see the 120-foot Bridal Veil Falls and possibly walk behind the roaring water at Dry Falls.

Tuesday September 16 – Ride 1

Helen GA Loop Ride Description – Difficulty Level - 2/5

Lead by Keith Moniz

This Guided ride will travel through curvy backroads in Towns and Union County then over Richard B Russel to Helen Georgia. Participants will be given 2 and ½ hours for lunch in Helen and check out the Helen shops. Return ride to the Fairgrounds will include a rest stop and tour of the North Georgia Lake Burton Trout Hatchery.

Tuesday September 16 – Ride 2

Joe Brown Loop – Difficulty Level 3/5

Lead by Larry Jarkovsky

This loop travels through North Carolina down paved backroads along sections of the beautiful Hiawasee Lake with a rest stop at the Hiwassee Dam. It includes several elevation changes on the route.

Bonus Ride

Cigar Connoisseurs - Sheep Dog Cigar Shop Ride Description

Difficulty Level 1/5

Lead by GA II Bob DiNello and Bobby Durden

This Guided ride will travel the curvy backroads of Towns and Union Counties to Sheep Dog Cigar shop where participants can purchase and enjoy a variety of cigars.