

MONONGAHELA
National
Forest

Mon Forest Towns Tour



Estimated tour time: 8 hours, 21 minutes- 383 miles



The Mon Forest Towns Motorcycle Tour will weave in and out of ten gateway towns, the Monongahela National Forest, and provides limitless opportunities to experience iconic attractions on your adventure ride. Begin in Elkins on Rte. 219N through Parsons to the town of Thomas. Turn right on WV-32S and travel 3 miles to the town of Davis. After visiting Davis, venture back toward Thomas and turn right on US48. Take the Patterson Creek exit to Petersburg. From Petersburg, follow US220S toward Franklin. (A shorter alternative route is to head back to Elkins via Rte. 33W.) To complete the longer portion of the tour, turn left on WV-28S toward Greenbank. Take a right onto WV-39W to enter Marlington. This is a great place to recharge for the night. From Marlington, turn right on WV-39E. Turn right on WV-92S to White Sulphur Springs. Head southwest on US60W to merge onto I-64W to Beckley. Take exit 156 for US60W toward Richwood. Continue on WV-20N. Turn right onto WV-20N to Cowen. From Cowen, turn right onto WV-20N toward Webster Springs then turn right onto WV-15E. In about 30 miles turn left to follow US219N to Elkins.

Small Town Scenic Loop



Estimated tour time: 1 hour, 50 minutes- 81.1 miles

As you leave Elkins take Rte. 33E toward Harman. Before Harman, Rich mountain has a scenic overlook. In Harman take a left onto Rte. 32 to explore Canaan Valley. Continue to the small town of Davis and browse through the variety of shops and galleries. Nearby, Blackwater Falls State Park, home of the iconic 57-foot falls, is a must stop. A little further down the road is the historic town of Thomas. Thomas has several art galleries, antique and home decor shops, a coffeehouse, and eateries. After Thomas, turn left and travel across the bridge and follow Rte. 219 toward Parsons. The road meanders along a high ridge on Backbone Mountain providing plenty of turns and switchbacks. You can take a short detour to Olson Tower. As you make your way off the mountain the town of Parsons will greet you. At the only stoplight, make a left to follow Rte. 219. This part of the run provides you with picturesque views of rolling hills, and a nice, easy finish as you return to Elkins



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The Mountain Salamander



Randolph Rattler



Little Swiss Village Route



Estimated tour time: 3 hours, 27 minutes- 148 miles

Estimated tour time: 3 hours- 125 miles

Estimated tour time: 2 hours, 51 minutes- 71.8 miles

Estimated tour time: 3 hours, 36 minutes- 134 miles

This motorcycle tour will wind in and out of Civil War history, follow the original Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike, and provide the opportunity to see some of the best-known attractions in West Virginia. Leaving Elkins on Rte. 219S, you will pass through the historic town of Beverly. Continue on 219S within the Tygart River valley through Huttonsville toward Snowshoe. This will take you past Kumberabow State Forest, West Virginia's highest forest at 3,930 feet. Make a short detour to the top of Snowshoe Mountain Resort where the view is breathtaking. Resume your ride on Rte. 66E to the town of Cass. Travel north on Rte. 28 to Green Bank. Greenbank is home to the world's largest fully steerable telescope. After your stop, continue to the town of Bartow. From here, you can go the longer route or back to Elkins via IS250. Continue on Rte. 28N past Bartow and pick up Rte. 33 at Judy Gap and Seneca Rocks. Visit the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. Now it's time to head back to base camp. Follow Rte. 33W to Elkins to finish the trip. Be sure to stop at Rich Mountain overlook on the way back.

The Mountain Salamander cuts through beautiful farmland, thick forests, and nearby mountain streams providing challenging switchbacks with plenty of elevation changes to test your skills. Leaving Elkins merge onto US48 toward Buckhannon. In 7 miles, make a left on County Rd. 151 to Coalton/Norton. Take a left onto Coalton/Pumpkintown Road and continue for 6 miles. You will go through the small town of Mabie and take Cassidy Road for 11.5 miles. At the stop sign turn left onto Helvetia/Adolph Road to Mill Creek. In Mill Creek turn right on US250. You will pass the historic Tygart Valley Presbyterian Church on your right. In Huttonsville turn right on US219 toward Snowshoe for 24 miles. The town of Mingo is on this stretch of the road and has a great lunch spot called Mike's Irish Pub. From here continue to Snowshoe and turn left on WV-66E to Cass. From Cass you will travel to Greenbank. After Greenbank continue to Bartow and take US250 back to Elkins over Cheat Mountain. This is one of the best mountains for motorcycling in Randolph County. You will be on this portion of the road for 28 miles until reaching the town of Beverly. The Beverly Heritage Center is a great stop to learn more about the history of the area before finishing your trip.



The Randolph Rattler is all about dirt and gravel. Leaving Elkins go toward Beverly on US250. In Beverly, turn left onto Court Street and an immediate right on Files Creek Road. Stay on this road for 2.5 miles then turn left onto Mount Vernon Road for 3 miles. Turn right on Bemis Road. Once on the gravel road, travel 6.5 miles over the mountain until reaching the town of Bemis. As you reach the end of town continue on Bemis Road to Glady for 2 miles until reaching Forest Road 422. Stay on this gravel road for 2.5 miles until taking a slight right on Forest Road 423. (Laurel Fork Campground will be on the left.) Continue on Forest Road 423/Dry Fork Road for 5.3 miles. Turn right on County Route 29 to Spruce Knob Lake, the highest lake in West Virginia. Head back on County Route 29 toward Whitmer. This gravel road will take you by a pristine trout stream, Gandy Creek. You will be on this road for 15 miles. Once you reach pavement, continue through the town of Whitmer and turn right on Whitmer Road toward Job. Still Hollow Spirits Distillery is located in Job. Head up the mountain to US33 and view Rich Mountain Overlook before making a left to Elkins.



From Elkins take Rte. 250E about 17 miles to Mill Creek. Turn right onto Adolph Road. Travel 20 miles to the small Swiss Village of Helvetia. A lunch stop at the Hutte or Swiss Village Roots store is a must. Head southwest on Pickens Rd. and Left Fork of Holly River Road to WV-20N in Hacker Valley for 34 miles. Turn right onto WV-20N. Holly River State Park will be on the right. Continue toward Buckhannon. In about 21 miles the West Virginia Wildlife Center will be on the right and is a perfect place to stretch your legs. The City of Buckhannon has a lively downtown is about 12 miles from the wildlife center. From Buckhannon head north on WV-20 toward US-119 and Phillippi. Continue on this road for 13.5 miles until reaching the Phillippi Covered Bridge, the oldest, longest covered bridge in West Virginia. Head west on N. Main Street to Belington. Follow Rte. 250 for 11 miles. Now it's time to head back to Elkins. Continue to follow Rte. 250 turn left on US48 and follow Elkins' signs.

