

WASHINGTON COUNTY, MD



TOURS

BICYCLE

POINTS OF INTEREST



ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD
Antietam is the site of the bloodiest single-day battle in American history. The fighting in this September 17, 1862, Civil War battle resulted in 23,110 casualties. The National Park Service has designed an 8 ½ mile self-guided driving tour through the park that is perfect for cyclists. Touring the park by bicycle gives a new appreciation for the rolling terrain and how it affected the battle. For more information about the park call 301-432-5124 or [visit www.nps.gov/ancm](http://www.nps.gov/ancm).

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL
The C&O Canal National Historical Park winds 184 miles along the Potomac River from Washington, DC, to Cumberland, Maryland. Seventy-nine miles of the Canal pass through Washington County. The canal towpath is an elevated trail made of earth and crushed stone, used by mules pulling the barges. Though the old canal is overgrown in many places, the towpath itself is clear, and offers an ideal route for bicycles. For information, contact the National Park Service at 301-739-4200 or visit www.nps.gov/choh.

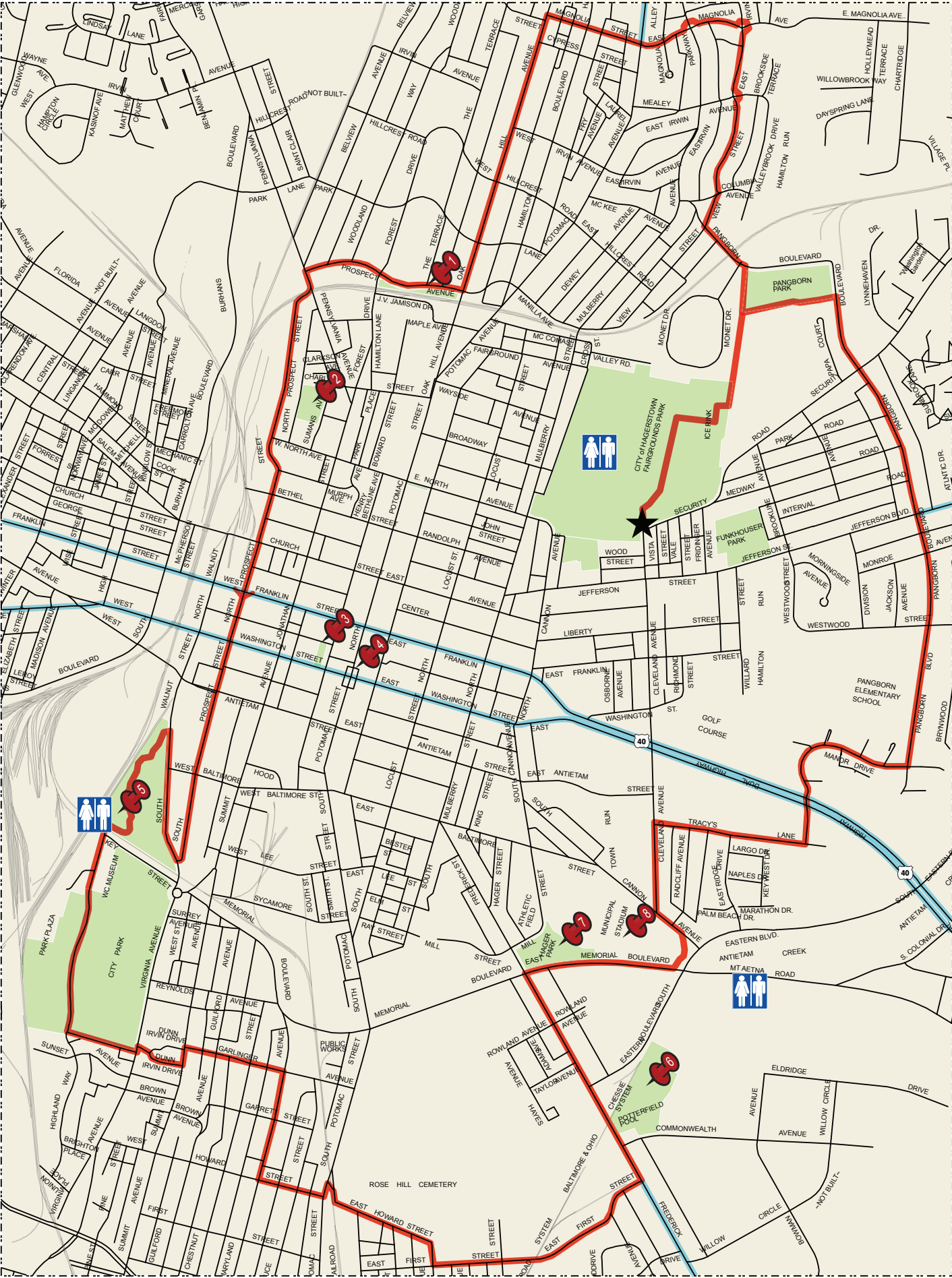


FORT FREDERICK STATE PARK
This stone fort provides a glimpse of the dangers and hardships faced by the early settlers. Named in honor of Frederick Calvert, the last Lord Baltimore, and garrisoned in 1756, Fort Frederick gave shelter and protection to settlers on the frontier during the French and Indian War. During the Revolution, it was a prison for soldiers captured by the Continental Army. A skirmish was fought at the fort during the Civil War. Now preserved as a state park, it is the site of annual military field days when troops demonstrate authentic drill and ceremony from the colonial period. A trading post, interpretive exhibits, picnicking, and primitive camping are available at the park. Visit www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/fortfrederick.asp for more information.



GATHLAND STATE PARK
Gathland State Park was once the mountain home of George Alfred Townsend, a Civil War journalist. It is the site of a unique collection of buildings and structures that he designed and constructed, some of which have been restored. The War Correspondents' Arch is the main attraction at this day use park. The Appalachian Trail traverses the park. The park includes all of Crampton's Gap, which was the southern most gap where troops fought during the Battle of South Mountain. Fought September 14, 1862, it was the first major battle of the Civil War fought in Maryland. Visit www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/gathland.asp for more information.

WASHINGTON COUNTY RURAL HERITAGE MUSEUM
Depicting the heritage of local farming life, this museum displays antique farm equipment, an authentic turn-of-the-century country store, and model rooms of a typical 19th century farmhouse as well as a gift shop. The museum is open Saturdays & Sundays 1-4 p.m., April through October, except holidays. Groups are by appointment. There is no fee. For more information call 240-313-2839 or visit www.ruralheritagemuseum.org.



HUB CITY TOUR
Starts at: Fairgrounds Park - 10 Miles
Direction of Travel: Counterclockwise
Description: Some steep hills and narrow streets with city traffic

Hagerstown's parks and green spaces have provided pleasure to generations of residents and visitors. Take time to enjoy each one's uniqueness, and relax with a treat when you get to City Park.

At	Go	For	Street Name
*0.00	S	0.66	Fairgrounds Park Bike Trail
0.66	L	0.11	Pangborn Blvd
0.77	R	0.28	View St
1.05	S	0.04	around circle TRO View St
1.09	S	0.12	around circle onto E Irvin Ave
1.21	L	0.22	around circle onto E Magnolia Ave
1.43	S	0.20	X Potomac Ave onto W Magnolia Ave
1.63	L	0.58	Oak Hill Ave
2.21	R	0.34	Prospect Ave
2.55	L	0.04	US 11 (Pennsylvania Ave)
2.59	BR	0.74	N Prospect St
3.33	S	0.48	X W Washington St onto S Prospect St
3.81	R	0.27	Walnut St
4.08	L	0.30	City Park Bike Trail to Hager House
4.38	S	0.15	Onto Highland Ave
4.53	L	0.57	City Park Dr
5.10	S	0.11	Dunn Irvin Dr
5.21	L	0.04	Summit Ave
5.25	R	0.21	Garlinger Ave
5.46	R	0.21	Maryland Ave
5.67	L	0.15	W Howard St
5.82	L	0.02	SR 65 (S Potomac St)
5.84	R	0.26	E Howard St
6.10	S	0.07	Rose Hill Ave
6.17	L	0.47	E 1st St
6.64	L	0.47	US 40A (Frederick St)
7.11	R	0.37	Hager Park Bike Trail past Memorial Blvd
7.48	L	0.04	S Cannon Ave
7.52	R	0.18	S Cleveland Ave
7.70	R	0.35	Tracys Ln
8.05	S	0.33	X Dual Hwy onto Manor Dr
8.38	L	1.19	Pangborn Blvd
9.57	L	0.57	Pangborn Park Bike Trail
*10.14			Finish Fairgrounds Park

Legend-Hub City Bike Route

- ★ START TO FINISH-10 Miles
- Main Pathway
- Rest Room Facilities
- Municipal Parks
- > One-way Street Directions
- MD State Highway Signed Bike Routes
- 1 Oswald Park
- 2 Wheaton Park
- 3 University Plaza
- 4 Visitor Center
- 5 Historical Jonathan Hager House
- 6 Staley Park
- 7 Hager Park
- 8 Municipal Stadium

LOCAL BIKE SHOPS

C&O BICYCLE, INC.
9 S. Pennsylvania Ave.
Hancock, MD 21750
301-678-6665
candobicycle.com

HUB CITY SPORTS
13148 Pennsylvania Ave
Hagerstown, MD 21742
301-797-9877
hubcitysports.com

MERCURY ENDURANCE CYCLES
222 E Oak Ridge Dr. Suite 1225
Hagerstown, MD 21740
240-347-4959
mercuryendurance.com

SHEPHERDSTOWN PEDAL & PADDLE
115 West German Street
Shepherdstown, WV 25443
304-876-3000
thepedalpaddle.com

WELCOME TO WASHINGTON COUNTY
There's no place in Maryland that's better for bicycling than Washington County. Whether you are a leisure cyclist seeking a near wilderness experience, a day rider looking for new roads and places to explore, or a tourist in search of a good weekend trip, Washington County has something for you. Its historic towns, pleasant countryside, and miles of quiet back roads invite you to simply relax and enjoy yourself.

Located in scenic Western Maryland, Hagerstown and Washington County is one of the top four destinations in the Quad-State region. Situated at the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 81, Hagerstown is about one hour from both Baltimore and Washington, DC, by car.

The Bicycle Tour Map was produced by the Washington County Convention and Visitor Bureau in cooperation with the Cumberland Valley Cycling Club. The design is by Icon Graphics.

For additional information about what to see and do in Washington County, contact the CVB at 1-888-257-2600 or visit www.visithagerstown.com. This brochure is also available online at www.visithagerstown.com/biketours.



ABOUT THE MAP
There are hundreds of miles of paved roads in Washington County, almost all excellent for bicycling. This map was developed to help you plan an infinite variety of bicycle trips along the best of these roads.

There is a great deal of useful information on the map. Major creeks are shown as are all towns. The roads along the bicycle routes and all intersecting roads are shown and labeled.

Highlighted information includes eight suggested loop tours which are shown in color. The name and location of points of interest is also included.

The C&O Canal Towpath and the Western MD Rail Trail are well known biking routes in the area. Both are shown on the county map.

SERVICES
All that you need for your tour in Washington County is readily available in Hagerstown, and the towns and rural crossroads along the suggested bicycle routes. Restaurants and markets in the towns offer a variety of foods to keep you pedaling. If you want to spend several days in the area, you may choose to stay at one of the campgrounds in the county. Or, you might decide on more comfortable accommodations in Hagerstown, Williamsport, or Hancock.

Bicycle shops in Hagerstown, Hancock and Williamsport can help you with your bicycle needs should you have any problems. In case of emergency, call 911 to reach the police, fire department or ambulance service.

SAFETY TIPS
The bicycle is legally considered a vehicle in Maryland. Bicyclists have the full rights and responsibilities of roadway users and are subject to all regulations governing a vehicle. Follow the tips below to make sure of a safe trip along the roads of Washington County.

Always ride on the right. Obey all traffic signs and signals. Avoid night riding, especially in rural areas. When with a group, ride single file. Watch for sand, loose gravel, and wet leaves. Always wear a helmet.

TERRAIN
Washington County encompasses the slopes and valley floor of the Great Valley. The Maryland segment is called the Hagerstown Valley while south of the Potomac in West Virginia and Virginia is called the Shenandoah Valley. North of the Mason-Dixon line in Pennsylvania, it's known as the Cumberland Valley. From the gentle rises in the central valley around Hagerstown to the steeper hills of the western and eastern slopes, the terrain can be generally classified as rolling.

CLIMATE
Termed "temperate," the climate of Washington County is good for bicycling from early spring to late fall. The transition seasons are particularly good for bicycling with cool morning temperatures and sunny days. Summer is pleasant although July tends to be the hottest month. Even then, bicycling early in the day is comfortable. The average annual rainfall is about 39 inches with heaviest rainfall occurring during May and June.

HISTORY

The first European settlers came to the valley around 1730, attracted by its abundant resources. In the ensuing years, more settlers moved to the area, traveling down the "Valley Road" from Pennsylvania or across South Mountain from Baltimore.

After the French and Indian War, iron forges were established, mills were built, and farming increased as more of the forest was cleared. In 1776, soon after Maryland became a state, Washington County was established. It was named after George Washington, Commander in Chief of the new continental army.



Jonathan Hager House



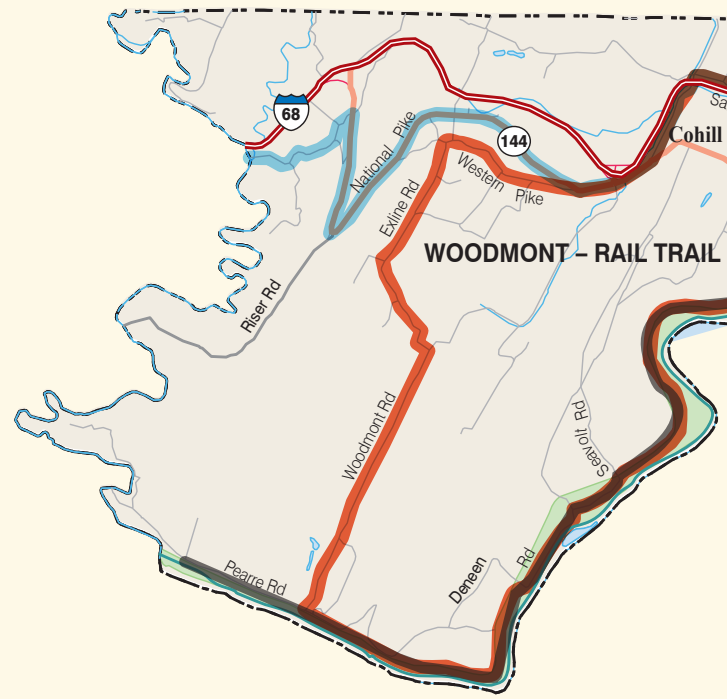
Hagerstown Public Square

Hagerstown, founded in 1762 by Jonathan Hager, an officer in the Colonial Militia, expanded rapidly before becoming the seat of the new county and soon developed into the hub of commerce for the valley.



In July 1889, the League of American Wheelman held their rally in Hagerstown.

After the opening of the National Road in 1822, a surface highway extending inland to the Ohio Valley, Hagerstown and the towns along the turnpike grew and prospered, providing services to travelers and shipping points for local products. Following the Civil War, the city flourished as a railroad junction and manufacturing center. By the turn of the century, a wide range of products from automobiles to beer to bicycles were being shipped to all parts of the country. Today, though the products have changed with the times, the manufacturing tradition lives on.



LOOP TOURS

Ten loop tours are outlined, inviting you to discover the diversity of Hagerstown-Washington County. Try one of them or try them all; each offers something different. Cues for following the tours in the preferred direction, along with the miles from the starting point, are included with each route description. The location of the loops is shown on the map inside the brochure. A bicycle tour of Hagerstown is also included.

A VIEW OF THE VALLEY

Starts at: Washington County Regional Park — 21 Miles
Direction: Clockwise
Description: One big climb, then rolling

This ride climbs part-way up South Mountain to provide a spectacular view of the Hagerstown valley with its orchards and farms.

At	Turn	For	Road Name
*0.00	S	0.19	Park Dr
0.19	R	0.91	Mount Aetna Rd
1.10	L	2.47	White Hall Rd
3.57	R	3.17	SR 64 (Jefferson Blvd)
6.74	R	6.80	Crystal Falls Dr
13.54	S	0.15	TRO Crystal Falls Dr X US 40
13.69	L	0.13	Mount Lena Rd
13.82	R	0.41	Greenbrier Rd
14.23	R	0.87	TRO Greenbrier Rd
15.10	R	0.65	San Mar Rd
15.75	L	0.41	Mount Lena Rd
16.16	L	1.64	US 40 (National Pike)
17.80	R	0.08	Cool Hollow Rd
17.88	L	0.34	Beaver Creek Rd
18.22	R	2.08	White Hall Rd
20.30	L	0.91	Mount Aetna Rd
21.21	L	0.19	Park Dr
*21.40			County Regional Park

SOUTH MOUNTAIN - SHARPSBURG TOUR

Starts at: Shafer Memorial Park — 33 Miles
Direction of Travel: Clockwise
Description: Hilly to rolling

This tour begins in the historic Town of Boonsboro, then heads south for a climb up South Mountain to the War Correspondents' Arch at Gathland State Park. You then travel back up the valley to the Town of Keedysville, where water is available in the park, then on to Sharpsburg and the Antietam National Battlefield, site of the bloodiest day of the Civil War. After leaving the battlefield, you will pass the University of Maryland Experimental Farm and the Washington County Agricultural Education Center and Rural Heritage Museum.

At	Go	For	Street Name
*0.00	S	0.22	Park Dr
0.22	R	0.42	SR 34 (Potomac St) @ stop
0.64	L	2.20	King Rd
2.84	R	5.09	SR 67 (Rohrersville Rd) @ stop
7.93	L	1.27	Townsend Rd
9.20	L	0.21	Gapland Rd
9.41	L	0.93	Gapland Rd from Townsend Monument
10.34	R	1.45	SR 67 (Rohrersville Rd) @ stop
11.79	L	1.55	Trego Rd
13.34	S	3.02	becomes Mount Briar Rd
16.36	L	0.31	Dogstreet Rd @ T stop
16.67	R	0.57	TRO Dogstreet Rd @ Geeting Rd
17.24	L	0.37	SR 845 (S Main St) @ stop
17.61	L	2.79	SR 34 (Shepherdstown Pike) @ stop
20.40	R	0.91	SR 65 (N Church St)
21.31	R	1.22	Dunker Church Rd (Antietam Battlefield)
22.53	L	0.05	Mansfield Ave
22.58	R	3.56	SR 65 (Sharpsburg Pike) @ stop
26.14	R	3.36	Manor Church Rd
29.50	L	1.87	Wheeler Rd becomes Mill Point Rd
31.37	R	2.06	US 40A (Old National Pike) @ stop
33.43	R	0.05	Park Dr
33.48	R	0.04	Park Dr
*33.52			Shafer Memorial Park

USBR 50 — WHOLE TOWPATH TO GAP

USBR 50 follows the Great Allegheny Passage and C&O Canal Towpath from the Mason-Dixon line near Frostburg all the way through to Washington, D.C..

To view the whole route, please visit
www.adventurecycling.org/routes-and-maps/us-bicycle-route-system/usbrs-interactive-map/

CAMP HARDING – FORT FREDERICK TOUR

Starts at: Clear Spring Park — 30 Miles
Direction of Travel: Counter clockwise
Description: Hilly, very rural

Camp Harding County Park is the site used by President Harding, Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone for camping and fishing in the 1920's. Fort Frederick State Park boasts the only remaining stone French & Indian War fort in the country, and is restored to that era. It features historical re-enactments on certain weekends. You will have a chance to rest your legs on part of the paved Western Maryland Rail Trail.

At	Go	For	Street Name
*0.00	S	0.04	West Dr
0.04	L	0.14	S Martin St
0.18	L	0.27	US 40 (National Pike) @ light
0.45	L	2.11	Boyd Rd
2.56	R	2.13	Cove Rd (before I-70)
4.69	L	1.02	US 40 (National Pike) @ T stop
5.71	R	1.03	Indian Springs Rd
6.74	R	1.25	Lanes Run Rd
7.99	L	2.32	Catholic Church Rd
10.31	R	0.07	Indian Springs Rd @ T stop
10.38	L	1.32	Mooresville Rd
11.70	L	1.51	Pectonville Rd
13.21	L	0.18	Camp Harding Dr
13.39	Stop	0.00	Camp Harding County Park
13.39	S	0.18	Camp Harding Dr
13.57	L	1.09	Pectonville Rd
14.66	L	0.37	US 40 (National Pike) @ T stop
15.03	R	0.29	Mile Marker Ln before bridge
15.32	L	2.83	W MD Rail Trail
18.15	R	0.80	SR 56 (Big Pool Rd) from parking lot
18.95	R	0.17	Fort Frederick Rd
19.12	R	0.23	Visitors Center Rd
19.35	Stop	0.00	Ft Frederick State Park
19.35	S	0.23	Visitors Center Rd
19.58	L	0.17	Fort Frederick Rd
19.75	R	5.80	SR 56 (Big Pool Rd)
25.55	L	2.06	Ashton Rd
27.61	S	1.16	Cohill Rd @ stop US 40
28.77	L	1.21	Broadfording Rd @ T stop
29.98	L	0.19	Martin St
30.17	S	0.14	S Martin St @ light US 40
30.31	R	0.04	West Dr
*30.35			Clear Spring Park

LONG MEADOW TOUR

Starts at: Paramount Elementary School — 11 Miles
Direction: Clockwise
Description: Rolling

In the early 1700's, the South Mountain was the edge of the frontier, and the Great Valley was considered a hostile wilderness. This area of the valley was a great natural meadow, where Indians stalked game, and later, where early settlers were granted large estates.

At	Go	For	Street Name
*0.00	S	0.03	School Dr
0.03	R	0.47	Long Meadow Rd
0.50	R	0.47	Paradise Dr
0.97	S	0.35	Woodhaven Dr
1.32	R	0.73	Paradise Church Rd @ stop
2.05	L	1.06	Air View Rd
3.11	R	0.20	US 11 (Pennsylvania Ave) @ stop
3.31	R	0.56	Byers Rd
3.87	R	2.04	Reidtown Rd @ stop
5.91	S	1.99	Lehmans Mill Rd @ stop
7.90	R	0.95	Millers Church Rd @ stop
8.85	R	1.29	SR 60 (Leitersburg Pike) @ stop
10.14	R	0.89	Longmeadow Rd
11.03	R	0.03	School Dr
*11.06			Paramount ES

WHITETAIL-DAM 5 TOUR

Starts at: Clear Spring Park -34 Miles
Direction of Travel: Clockwise
Description: Rolling to hilly

This route goes north into Pennsylvania, passing the White-tail Ski and Golf Resorts, then heads south to Dam No. 5, one of the feeder dams for the C&O Canal, through some of the Cumberland Valley's finest farm land. You will pass the Wilson Bridge Picnic Area, at the longest stone arch bridge in the county, and can stop at the Wilson Store, which is a typical country store and post office from a by-gone era.

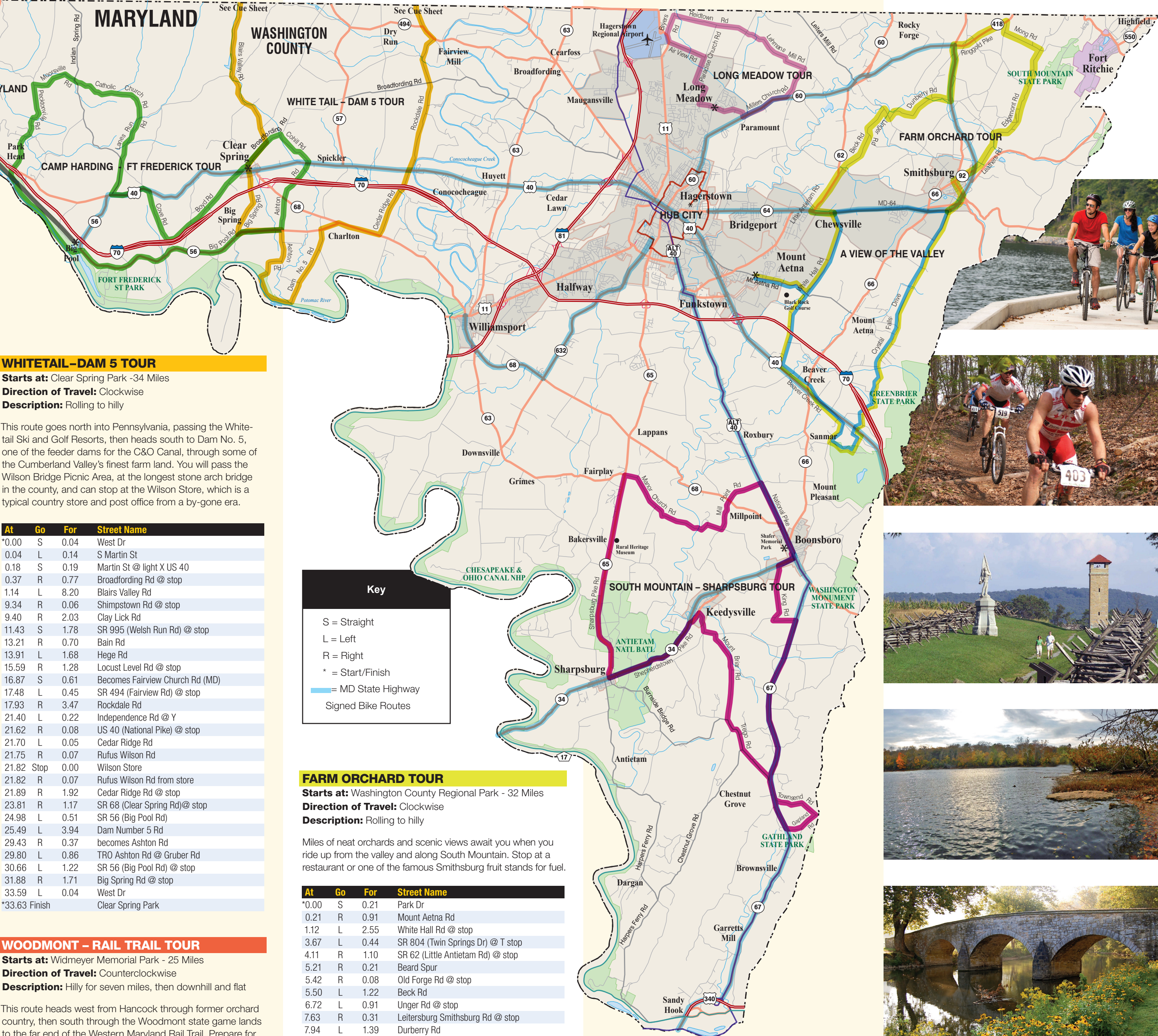
At	Go	For	Street Name
*0.00	S	0.04	West Dr
0.04	L	0.14	S Martin St
0.18	S	0.19	Martin St @ light X US 40
0.37	R	0.77	Broadfording Rd @ stop
1.14	L	8.20	Blairs Valley Rd
9.34	R	0.06	Shimpstown Rd @ stop
9.40	R	2.03	Clay Lick Rd
11.43	S	1.78	SR 995 (Welsh Run Rd) @ stop
13.21	R	0.70	Bain Rd
13.91	L	1.68	Hege Rd
15.59	R	1.28	Locust Level Rd @ stop
16.87	S	0.61	Becomes Fairview Church Rd (MD)
17.48	L	0.45	SR 494 (Fairview Rd) @ stop
17.93	R	3.47	Rockdale Rd
21.40	L	0.22	Independence Rd @ Y
21.62	R	0.08	US 40 (National Pike) @ stop
21.70	L	0.05	Cedar Ridge Rd
21.75	R	0.07	Rufus Wilson Rd
21.82	Stop	0.00	Wilson Store
21.82	R	0.07	Rufus Wilson Rd from store
21.89	R	1.92	Cedar Ridge Rd @ stop
23.81	R	1.17	SR 68 (Clear Spring Rd) @ stop
24.98	L	0.51	SR 56 (Big Pool Rd)
25.49	L	3.94	Dam Number 5 Rd
29.43	R	0.37	becomes Ashton Rd
29.80	L	0.86	TRO Ashton Rd @ Gruber Rd
30.66	L	1.22	SR 56 (Big Pool Rd) @ stop
31.88	R	1.71	Big Spring Rd @ stop
33.59	L	0.04	West Dr
*33.63			Clear Spring Park

WOODMONT – RAIL TRAIL TOUR

Starts at: Widmeyer Memorial Park - 25 Miles
Direction of Travel: Counterclockwise
Description: Hilly for seven miles, then downhill and flat

This route heads west from Hancock through former orchard country, then south through the Woodmont state game lands to the far end of the Western Maryland Rail Trail. Prepare for an easy ride on the rail trail back to Hancock. Carry lots of water and a spare tube, this is a very remote route.

At	Go	For	Street Name
*0.00	S	0.20	Park Rd to north
0.20	L	2.54	Creek Rd
2.81	L	1.02	Sandy Mile Rd
3.89	R	0.57	SR 144 (Western Pike)
4.43	S	1.12	at bridge, becomes US 40 Scenic (National Pike)
5.45	L	0.74	Western Pike (Old Route 40)
6.26	L	2.59	Exline Rd
8.78	R	3.08	Woodmont Rd
12.04	R	1.07	Pearre Rd
13.08	L	0.08	Rail Trail Parking
13.15	L	12.50	Western Maryland Rail Trail
24.54	L	0.08	S Pennsylvania Ave
24.62	L	0.43	SR 144 (Main St)
25.05	R	0.03	Park Road
*25.08			Widmeyer Park



Key

S = Straight

L = Left

R = Right

* = Start/Finish

= MD State Highway

= Signed Bike Routes

FARM ORCHARD TOUR

Starts at: Washington County Regional Park - 32 Miles
Direction of Travel: Clockwise
Description: Rolling to hilly

Miles of neat orchards and scenic views await you when you ride up from the valley and along South Mountain. Stop at a restaurant or one of the famous Smithsburg fruit stands for fuel.

At	Go	For	Street Name
*0.00	S	0.21	Park Dr
0.21	R	0.91	Mount Aetna Rd
1.12	L	2.55	White Hall Rd @ stop
3.67	L	0.44	SR 804 (Twin Springs Dr) @ T stop
4.11	R	1.10	SR 62 (Little Antietam Rd) @ stop
5.21	R	0.21	Beard Spur
5.42	R	0.08	Old Forge Rd @ stop
5.50	L	1.22	Beck Rd
6.72	L	0.91	Unger Rd @ stop
7.63	R	0.31	Leitersburg Smithsburg Rd @ stop
7.94	L	1.39	Durberry Rd
9.33	R	0.61	Gardenhour Rd @ stop
9.94	L	1.50	SR 64 (Smithsburg Pike) @ stop
11.44	R	1.57	SR 418 (Ringgold Pike) @ stop
13.01	R	0.29	Rinehart Rd
13.30	L	1.07	Mong Rd
14.37	R	2.15	Edgemont Rd @ stop
16.52	L	0.75	Leathers Rd
17.27	L	0.55	Greensburg Rd @ stop
17.82	R	1.12	SR 92 (Fruit Tree Dr) @ stop
18.94	S	0.16	SR 66 (E Water St)
19.10	L	0.47	SR 77 (S Main St)
19.57	R	0.55	SR 64 (Jefferson Blvd) @ light
20.12	L	6.28	Crystal Falls Dr
26.40	R	0.62	Ruble Rd
27.02	R	0.80	US 40 (National Pike) @ stop
27.82	S	1.47	Beaver Creek Rd
29.29	R	2.08	White Hall Rd
31.37	L	0.91	Mount Aetna Rd @ stop
32.28	L	0.21	Park Dr
*32.49			Washington County Regional Park

USBR 11 — WHOLE TOWPATH TO GAP

Start in Harpers Ferry, W.Va., then head north along Rohrersville Road (Md. 67) through Boonsboro along Old National Pike to Funkstown and Hagerstown.

To view the whole route, please visit
www.adventurecycling.org/routes-and-maps/us-bicycle-route-system/usbrs-interactive-map/

