

Scott Lane's FlyBy Week 2026 - ADV Route Descriptions

17 West EZ ADV 160

Route Type: EZ ADVENTURE

Navigation difficulty: COMPLEX - ADVENTURE - GPX file includes both routes and tracks. It is recommended to use the tracks, but try the routes if you wish. No PDF route provided.

Distance: 160 miles

Lunch Stop: Cool Spot, Coolville, OH

Direction from Marietta: W, SW COUNTERCLOCKWISE

Comments: A fun ride winding through and around Wayne National Forest about 25 miles West of Marietta on mostly dirt and gravel roads. Does not contain any single-track, steep or extremely rough roads- most are graded each year and are suitable for all dual-sport and adventure bikes regardless of size or tire selection.

18 East EZ ADV 160

Route Type: EZ ADVENTURE

Navigation difficulty: COMPLEX - ADVENTURE - GPX file includes both routes and tracks. It is recommended to use the tracks, but try the routes if you wish. No PDF route provided.

Distance: 160 miles

Lunch Stop: New Frontier Restaurant, New Matamoras, OH

Direction from Marietta: E, NE COUNTERCLOCKWISE

Comments: A fun ride winding through and around Wayne National Forest East of Marietta on mostly dirt and gravel roads. Does not contain any single-track, steep or extremely rough roads- most are graded each year and are suitable for all dual-sport and adventure bikes regardless of size or tire selection.

23 WV Int ADV 122

Route Type: INTERMEDIATE ADVENTURE

Navigation difficulty: OFF-ROAD - Requires a GPS with support for tracks. No route provided.

Distance: 122 miles

Lunch Stop: Box Car Restaurant, St. Marys, WV

Direction from Marietta: S, E, NE COUNTERCLOCKWISE

Comments: Our first Adventure route in West Virginia, created by WV adventure riding guru Brian Holmes. Mostly South of Marietta in WV on mostly dirt and gravel roads. A bit rougher and more challenging than the Ohio ADV routes above.

24 OH Int ADV 101

Route Type: INTERMEDIATE ADVENTURE

Navigation difficulty: OFF-ROAD - Requires a GPS with support for tracks. No route provided.

Distance: 101 miles

Lunch Stop: New Frontier Restaurant, New Matamoras, OH

Direction from Marietta: NE CLOCKWISE

Comments: Adventure route in Wayne National Forest, created by WV adventure riding guru Brian Holmes. This route is composed primarily of smaller paved roads and gravel county roads (roughly 50/50 mix of pavement/gravel). Gravel is freshly graded in many spots and roads are better maintained than WV Adventure routes with wider berms and deeper gravel. Spotty cellular service is available along the route in some locations. Expect moderate gravel roads, some up-hill and down-hill gravel grades, some freshly graded/loose gravel and small stream crossings. Scenery is everything from wooded forest, rolling pastures to mountain ridges. As a shorter loop (101mi) many bikes can make the round trip without fuel. Fuel is not easy to come by at the furthest reaches of the route and may require a detour to New Matamoras or Woodsfield. Intermediate adventure riding skill level with competence in gravel is recommended.

25 WV Exp ADV 160

Route Type: EXPERT ADVENTURE

Navigation difficulty: OFF-ROAD - Requires a GPS with support for tracks. No route provided.

Distance: 160 miles

Lunch Stop: Marathon Gas Station, Walker, WV

Direction from Marietta: S, E COUNTERCLOCKWISE

Comments: Created by WV adventure riding guru Brian Holmes, this route is not for the faint of heart. It can be done on a big adventure bike but is more fun on a single cylinder bike. Be ready for a challenge. This route will take you through beautiful rural West Virginia on an adventure that you will surely be talking about for some time to come. Be prepared to ride dirt roads, rough gravel, stream crossings, graded dirt, stream beds and much more. You will pass a few "Road Closed" signs along the route, but the good news is they are not closed to bikes and smaller traffic. I have marked on the route file where these signs are so if you're in question check your GPS. You need to be confident in your riding abilities and GPS navigation skills.

This route is the most challenging but also the most scenic of the adventure routes showcasing the challenging terrain of West Virginia. There are 5 challenge sections of variable length and difficulty, however some may find much of the route to be a challenge. Expect no cellular service for the majority of the ride. It is recommended that you top off your fuel in Marietta or Crossroads General store and fuel is available again outside of Grantsville, WV and St. Marys, WV. There is food available in Grantsville at Tudors and in St. Marys at the Boxcar. This is a 150+ mile route and expect a low average speed. It is likely the route may take you all day depending on your skill level and pace. Make sure you ride prepared!

Be advised this route requires EXPERT level adventure riding skills.

27 Int-Exp ADV 127 (Sistersville ferry is not running- the nearest bridges are at St. Marys 16 miles SW and New Martinsville 10 miles NE.)

Route Type: INTERMEDIATE - EXPERT ADVENTURE

Navigation difficulty: OFF-ROAD - Requires a GPS with support for tracks. No route provided.

Distance: 127 miles

Lunch Stop Choices: Chen's Garden Chinese (Paden City), The Fort Pizza, Subway, Dairy Queen, Banker's Corner (Sistersville), Riverview Restaurant (Fly Ohio)

Direction from Marietta: SE COUNTER CLOCKWISE

Comments: From adventure riding guru Brian Holmes: This is an intermediate-expert combo route. I have 3 challenge sections best suited to single cylinder bikes with skilled riders that are marked in red. They branch off a nice intermediate level loop. This way, if you have a mixed group of rider skills or bikes you can split the group at the challenge sections, then reconverge and still "ride together" for the majority of the ride.

This mostly intermediate level route winds through the hills of West Virginia. There are a few small stream crossings and rougher gravel roads. The route leads to Paden city where you can get fuel and food at the Chinese restaurant. If that's not your preference, do not fret, as the route will soon loop back into Sistersville where you can also get fuel and food at multiple locations (the Fort pizza, Subway, Dairy Queen, Banker's Corner). The ride then will cross the Ohio River on the historic Sistersville Ferry so make sure you bring money for the fare and pay attention to the Ferry operating hours. Once across the Ohio River, you will make your way back to Marietta on scenic graded gravel roads. For those who would like to throw a challenge into the mix, there are three challenge sections marked in red. Two are challenging due to terrain and the third, closest to Marietta, is a challenge primarily due to the water crossing. During dry spells it's mild and enjoyable but with a little rain it is quite the challenge and should only be attempted with caution and discretion.

Note about the Ferry: It only runs 6AM-6PM Thur-Fri, 9AM-6PM Sat-Sun, so you might want to choose a different route Monday-Wednesday. If you find that the ferry is closed, the nearest bridges are at St. Marys 16 miles SW and New Martinsville 10 miles NE.

30 Morgans Raid Int ADV 265

Route Type: INTERMEDIATE ADVENTURE

Navigation difficulty: OFF-ROAD - Requires a GPS with support for tracks. No route provided.

Distance: 265 miles

Lunch Stop: Chatterbox Tavern, McConnelsville, OH

Direction from Marietta: W, N, CLOCKWISE

Comments: This route traces a nearby section of Morgan's Raid of 1863, a Civil War incursion of the Confederate cavalry into Union states Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. It is named for Confederate Commander John Hunt Morgan. There are four parts to this route- parts 2 & 3 are the actual Morgan's Raid adventure route in track form only. Parts 1 & 4 are the road route to get to the Raid tracks and back to the hotel afterward, and are available as both routes and tracks.

History: Covering over 1200 miles, the raid's purpose was to draw Union troops away from the Vicksburg and Gettysburg fronts by frightening the North into demanding their troops return home. The raid ultimately failed, and the remainder of the command was forced to surrender in Northeast Ohio near the Pennsylvania border.

Jim Miller, of Belpre, Ohio, spent several years tracing the Raid's path and created an adventure route from it that includes all the related historical sites. For FlyBy Week attendees we used the 157 mile section of Jim's route that runs from Nelsonville to Senecaville, Ohio, adding about 50 miles to each end to get to and from Marietta. If you are a Civil War or history buff, this route's for you! For more info and complete GPX track files of Morgan's raid, visit Jim Miller's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/694392778189363>

31 OH EZ-Exp ADV 111-130

Route Type: EASY - INTERMEDIATE - EXPERT ADVENTURE

Navigation difficulty: OFF-ROAD - Requires a GPS with support for tracks. No route provided.

Distance: 111-130 miles

Lunch Stop: ACE Sports Club and Resort- an off-the-beaten-path rec center and Restaurant/bar. They specialize in wood fired pizza and feature a low key atmosphere. Check them out on Facebook here <https://www.facebook.com/ACESportsClubResort/>

Direction from Marietta: NE COUNTER CLOCKWISE

Comments: Adventure route in Wayne National Forest, created by WV adventure riding guru Brian Holmes.

This route showcases the scenic beauty of Ohio backroads, passing through Wayne National Forest and skirting along Ales Wildlife Management Area. The route runs along gravel ridges and then dips down to parallel the the muddy Duck Creek watershed.

The primary route is an easy ride which is primarily gravel with some pavement mixed in. Recommended to be ridden counter clockwise as the first half is longer (75 miles) than the second half (35 miles). There are three expert challenge sections for those looking for an additional challenge. One of the challenge sections is not for the faint of heart (Challenge Section 2). There is also an additional optional stream crossing marked for those feeling the need for a little more adventure.

There are 2 fuel stops marked on the route- they are a little off route as this adventure route does not pass through any towns to speak of. Most bikes SHOULD be able to make the entire loop without running out of fuel, but that is at the rider's discretion.

32 NW EZ ADV 177

Route Type: ADVENTURE

Navigation difficulty: AVERAGE (TRACKS ONLY)

Distance: 177 miles

Lunch Stop: Lori's Family Restaurant, Caldwell, OH

Direction from Marietta: NW CLOCKWISE

Comments: There is an area Northwest of Marietta with lots of easy gravel roads that are not included in other FlyBy Week routes and not even in the route libraries of other Ohio ADV groups, so I put together a route to explore the area. It looks like spaghetti on the map, and there are lots of turns and short road segments, but it's a fun easy day and you can enjoy it on a bigger ADV bike with no problem.

Lori's Family restaurant is a nice Mom & Pop place that's open every day from 7am to 9pm and offers a full menu.

37 GOAT Loop Sec6 EZ ADV 131 *New*

RouteType: ADVENTURE

Navigation difficulty: AVERAGE (TRACKS ONLY)

Distance: 131 miles

Lunch Stop: New Frontier Restaurant, New Matamoras, OH

Direction from Marietta: NE CLOCKWISE

Comments: The Section 6 Great Ohio Adventure Trail (GOAT) Loop is a 131-mile easy ADV route located in and around the Marietta Unit of Wayne National Forest and is the latest addition to the collection of day rides found on and around the GOAT. It uses forest service roads, township roads and chip & seal pavement to showcase some of the best adventure riding in Ohio. Food & Fuel options are located in Woodsfield and New Matamoras. The loop is 100% public roads and is open to street & highway legal vehicles who recreate responsibly and respectfully. Be sure to use caution where the route passes by homes, farms, and wildlife. There's an excellent YouTube video about laying out this route at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVE8_UdThyE&t=10s

The GOAT is a scenic ride for adventure motorcycles and overland vehicles that uses dirt, gravel, and paved roads to travel through remote parts of Ohio, passing through small towns, state parks and all 3 units of Wayne National Forest. This 1,100-mile route primarily uses forest roads and rural country byways to lead riders through the western Appalachian plateau, state forests and reclaimed land. It was created by routemaster Brad McFadden. The mission of the GOAT is to promote tourism and responsible outdoor recreation throughout Ohio's Appalachian Region.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/216925004358535>

38 GOAT Loop Sec5 EZ ADV 149 New

Route Type: EZ ADVENTURE rated as beginner to intermediate, and big bike friendly

Navigation difficulty: AVERAGE (TRACKS ONLY)

Distance: 149 miles

Lunch Stop: Chatterbox Tavern, Mcconnelsville, OH

Direction from Marietta: NW CLOCKWISE

Comments: The Section 5 Great Ohio Adventure Trail (GOAT) Loop is a 149-mile easy ADV route located Northwest of Marietta and is part of the collection of day rides found on and around the GOAT. It uses forest service roads, township roads and chip & seal pavement to showcase some of the best adventure riding in Ohio. Food & Fuel options are located in Mcconnelsville and Beverly, Ohio. The loop includes Ohio Miners' Memorial, home of the Big Muskie Bucket.

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