

## 01 AllOhFun 269

**Route Type:** DESTINATION- Includes a stop at the Big Muskie Bucket park on OH 78. Lunch stop is also very popular. TOURING BIKE-FRIENDLY, TWISTY

**Navigation difficulty:** AVERAGE

**Distance:** 269 miles. If you want to shorten the route after lunch, Norm suggests backtracking to Woodsfield and picking up the afternoon route there. That saves about 45 miles. The afternoon route crosses OH 26 multiple times, so if you are getting tired, just follow it and it takes you back to the hotel.

**Lunch Stop:** Historic Beallsville Diner in Beallsville, OH

**Direction from Marietta:** NW, N, NE, CLOCKWISE

**Comments:** Lots of fun, great mixture of sweepers and tighter curves and hills. Lots of great roads- OH 676, 339, 792, 377, 78, 26, 800, 260

## 02 BridgeRide 315

**Route Type:** DESTINATION- New River Bridge near Fayetteville, WV. TOURING BIKE-FRIENDLY

**Navigation difficulty:** SIMPLE except for the 8 mile optional Gorge section

**Distance:** 315 miles. One of the longest routes but much of it is open with sweepers so you can maintain a good pace.

**Lunch Stop:** Pies and Pints in Fayetteville, WV

**Direction from Marietta:** S CLOCKWISE

**Comments:** Main roads: Calhoun Highway, Clay Highway, US 60, 19 This is one of the most popular routes at FlyBy Week for good reason.

**Not to be missed-** the 7.5 mile road to the bottom of the gorge under the bridge. This is the 02 *BrdgRideGorge* route segment and is very slow going. Pavement is in good shape but has tight turns and fairly steep grades. Part of it is narrow and one-way. The only trick is finding the starting point if you don't have the route in your GPS. It comes out near the West end of the main bridge, so afterward simply cross back over the bridge and proceed to the start of the afternoon return route.

## 03 East 235

**Route Type:** TOURING BIKE-FRIENDLY, TWISTY

**Navigation difficulty:** SIMPLE

**Distance:** 235 miles

**Lunch Stop:** Grandma Joe's Polkadot Cafe, Moundsville, WV

**Direction from Marietta:** NE COUNTERCLOCKWISE

**Comments:** Lots of fun, great mixture of sweepers and tighter curves and hills. Roads- OH 26, 260, 800, 255, 7, 145, 821, WV US250, Mountaineer Highway

## 04 Ferry-Cvrd 217

**RouteType:** DESTINATION- Covered bridges along a TWISTY route. Includes a trip across the Ohio River on the Sistersville Ferry, TOURING BIKE-FRIENDLY

**Navigation difficulty:** AVERAGE

**Distance:** 228 miles

**Lunch Stop:** Pizza House Restaurant, Harrisville, WV

**Direction from Marietta:** S, SE, E COUNTERCLOCKWISE

**Comments:** Lots of country roads in Northern WV. Gets off I77 at Mineral Wells, heads South through Elizabeth, Spencer, North on Calhoun Highway. Lots of nice lesser-known roads, including Pullman road out of Harrisville. After lunch enjoy more great twisties all the way to the Sistersville Ferry. Once back in Ohio, it's OH 7, 260 and 26 back to the hotel.

**Note about the Ferry:** It 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.

## 05 Norms Ridgelnn 214-286

**Route Type:** DESTINATION, TOURING BIKE-FRIENDLY, TWISTY with a TECHNICAL option

**Navigation difficulty:** AVERAGE (TECHNICAL route uses COMPLEX routing)

**Distance:** 210 miles, 276 miles for the TECHNICAL version.

**Lunch Stop:** Ridge Inn, Laurelville, OH

**Direction from Marietta:** W CLOCKWISE

**Comments:** This route has a lot to offer- it goes further West than any other route in the FlyBy Week collection. Part 1 takes you through Hocking Hills State Park, including Ash Cave, Old Man's Cave and Conkle's Hollow Gorge.

The *05 Norms Ridgelnn Pt1 Tech* route option offers an additional 66 miles of Norm's favorite TECHNICAL backroads, including Goosecreek, Limerick, Three Locks and Charleston Pike, plus you get to ride the wonderful, recently repaved OH 335 from Beaver to Waverly.

Lunch is at the Ridge Inn restaurant in Laurelville, a favorite of many Ohio MSTA members. The menu is filled with good stuff, and the chicken cusabi sandwich is to die for.

The return route *05 Norms Ridgelnn Pt2* is taken directly from Norm's favorite route he uses to go to FlyBy Week each year- it includes Thompson Ridge road, OH 180, 664, Marietta road, Portie Flamingo road and many more.

## 06 HB Hotdogs EZ 200-228

**Route Type:** DESTINATION, TOURING BIKE-FRIENDLY

**Navigation difficulty:** SIMPLE

**Distance:** 200 miles- the fastest, simplest and shortest way to get there. There are two options for the return trip- Fastest is the 102 mile route via I-77. The longer 131 mile OH version is available if you want to avoid I-77.

**Lunch Stop:** The unique Hillbilly Hotdogs, Lesage, WV **Note: Closed Tue & Wed**

**Direction from Marietta:** SW COUNTERCLOCKWISE

**Comments:** Hillbilly Hotdogs is one of the favorite destinations for FlyBy Week attendees. If you've never been there, you HAVE to go! The route there is 95 miles and very quick. That's important because you want to get there as soon after about 11AM as possible, especially if you go on Saturday. Norm recommends going earlier in the week- **It gets CROWDED after about 11:30AM, especially on Saturdays.**

The *06 Hillbilly Fast Pt2 Return 102* follows the river road (WV 2) back to Point Pleasant where it picks up WV 62, a fun road with sweepers that takes you all the way to I-77. From there, it's 40 miles on I77 back to the hotel.

## 07 Hillbilly Hotdogs Tech 258-285

**Route Type:** DESTINATION, TECHNICAL

**Navigation difficulty:** COMPLEX- GPS with GPX routes highly recommended

**Distance:** 258 miles using the fast return route *07 Hillbilly Tech Ret Pt2 Fast* (which is similar to the one in Route 06 above), 285 miles using the *07 Hillbilly Tech Pt2* route.

**Lunch Stop:** The unique Hillbilly Hotdogs, Lesage, WV. **Note: Closed Tue & Wed**

**Direction from Marietta:** SW

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The *07 Hillbilly Tech Pt1* route to Hillbilly Hotdogs is one of the most challenging in the FlyBy Week catalog. It uses many little-known county roads with sharp curves and elevation changes. Some are not very well-maintained, so pavement can be a bit lumpy in places. You will see a lot of very remote countryside and variety. To hit the 11-11:30AM arrival window at Hillbilly Hotdogs you need to leave by 8AM, maintain a good pace and not linger too long at the midway gas stop.

**Suggestion:** After lunch, load the *07 Hillbilly Tech Pt2* route for the return trip. You'll enjoy a nice pace and sweepers until you come to I-77. If you are tired, get on I-77 back to the hotel. OTOH, if you have some energy left, just continue on the route and hit some more technical twisty stuff! (*07 Hillbilly Tech Ret Pt2 Fast* is the same to I-77, then takes I-77 back to the hotel.)

## 08 Holly River 280

**Route Type:** DESTINATION- Holly River WV State Park, TOURING BIKE-FRIENDLY, TWISTY

**Navigation difficulty:** SIMPLE

**Distance:** 280 miles

**Lunch Stop:** Holly River State Park Restaurant, WV

**Direction from Marietta:** SE CLOCKWISE

**Comments:** The Holly River route is one of the favorites in the FlyBy Week collection- highly recommended! Route follows lots of rural highways in Northern WV, including WV 5, 19, 15, 20, 4, 119, 47, US 33. Includes Pullman road out of Harrisville. Gets off I-77 at Mineral Wells WV, heads Southeast through Elizabeth, Glenville etc. to Holly River State Park for a lovely lunch stop. From there it's North to Weston, then Northwest via lots of nice curvy highways.

## 09 Nail Factory 203

**Route Type:** DESTINATION- River City Ale Works in downtown Wheeling WV. TOURING BIKE-FRIENDLY, TWISTY

**Navigation difficulty:** AVERAGE, although you have to pay very close attention to the route instructions to get across the bridge and reach downtown Wheeling.

**Distance:** 206 miles using the Ohio return route, 231 miles using the WV return route..

**Lunch Stop:** River City Ale Works in downtown Wheeling WV **Note: Closed Sunday**

**Direction from Marietta:** NE, E

**Comments:** Great route to Wheeling via OH 821, 78, 145, 26 etc. Getting to downtown Wheeling is not too complicated, but you must turn at the right place because there are not many opportunities to cross the Ohio river. This is certainly doable with paper maps but the GPS with prompts is easier. Great food in an interesting restored downtown building that used to be a nail factory.

There are three choices for the return route. The *09 NailFact Pt2 Via OH 100* version is mostly the reverse of the morning route. The *09 NailFact Pt2 Via WV 129* version is 29 miles further and includes US 250 to the town of Hundred, WV 7 and a trip on the Sistersville Ferry to get back to Ohio. The remaining run back to the hotel is via OH 260 and 26. The third version of the return route, *09 NailFact V2 Pt2 Via WV 133 No ferry* is also Via WV but does not use the ferry.

**Note about the Ferry:** It runs 6AM-6PM Thur-Fri, 9AM-6PM Sat-Sun, so choose route *09 NailFact Pt2 Via WV 133 No ferry* to avoid it. (If you find that the ferry is closed, the nearest bridges are at St. Marys 16 miles SW and New Martinsville 10 miles NE.)

## 10 BV Lunch 199

**Route Type:** TWISTY, DESTINATION

**Navigation difficulty:** AVERAGE

**Distance:** 199 miles

**Lunch Stop:** Historic Beallsville Diner in Beallsville, OH

**Direction from Marietta:** NE COUNTERCLOCKWISE

**Comments:** One of the most popular routes in the FlyBy Week collection- many of the fun Twisty roads in SE Ohio- OH 26, 260, 800, 255, 536, 78, 556, 145, 565, 821

## 11 Tour2 190

**Route Type:** TWISTY

**Navigation difficulty:** AVERAGE

**Distance:** 190 miles

**Lunch Stop:** Kastler's Country Kitchen, Trimble, OH

**Direction from Marietta:** W, SW CLOCKWISE

**Comments:** Starts off with some lesser known backroads along the Ohio river SW of Marietta, following it to Pomeroy, OH, then heads North around Athens, stopping at Trimble for lunch. Includes OH 124, 7, 143, 681, 550, 329. Plenty of twisties in the afternoon on OH 78, 555 and 550 too!

## 12 Tour3 253

**Route Type:** TWISTY.

**Navigation difficulty:** AVERAGE

**Distance:** 253 miles

**Lunch Stop:** Vito's Pizza, Clarksburg, WV Note: Closed Monday

**Direction from Marietta:** E, SE COUNTERCLOCKWISE

**Comments:** Route goes up OH 7, crosses the bridge over the Ohio river at St. Marys, follows WV 2, 16, down to Harrisville, includes FlyBy Week favorite Pullman road, then 74, 47, 18, 23, 50, 20, 180 and lots of other nice back roads before crossing back to Ohio at St. Marys and heading back to the hotel.

## 13 Ohio West 250

**Route Type:** TWISTY

**Navigation difficulty:** AVERAGE

**Distance:** 249 miles

**Lunch Stop:** Chatterbox Tavern, McConnelsville, OH

**Direction from Marietta:** W, NW COUNTERCLOCKWISE

**Comments:** Includes the best section of OH 555, plus a good collection of fun Twisty roads West and Northwest of Marietta, includes OH 676, 339, 550, 3, 669, 37, 78, 83, 284, 266, 792, 676.

## 14 WV South 239

**Route Type:** TWISTY

**Navigation difficulty:** AVERAGE

**Distance:** 239 miles

**Lunch Stop:** Gino's Pizza, Clay, WV

**Direction from Marietta:** S COUNTERCLOCKWISE

**Comments:** The beginning of the route uses a small non-technical portion of the *07 Hillbilly Hotdogs Tech* route to take you to Elizabeth, WV. There, it picks up what is essentially the Northern half of the popular Bridge route in reverse, stopping at Clay for lunch. The afternoon leg follows WV 16 to Harrisville, then backroads up to US50 and on to the hotel.

## 15 WV East 276

**Route Type:** TWISTY

**Navigation difficulty:** SIMPLE

**Distance:** 276 miles

**Lunch Stop:** Vito's Pizza, Clarksburg, WV Note: Closed Monday

**Direction from Marietta:** NE, E, SE COUNTERCLOCKWISE

**Comments:** Starts with a run up OH 26 and down 800, crossing the Ohio River at Sistersville on the ferry. Then it follows a path similar to *12 Tour3* run in reverse order with a short extra loop through Smithville, WV before re-joining the reverse path of *12 Tour3* back to the hotel.

**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.

## 16 WV SEast 301

**Route Type:** TWISTY

**Navigation difficulty:** SIMPLE

**Distance:** 301 miles

**Lunch Stop:** Hickory House, Weston, WV

**Direction from Marietta:** NE, E, SE CLOCKWISE

**Comments:** Goes through the same general areas as the *15 WV East* route above, but runs in the opposite direction on mostly different roads. Starts with the beginning of the *02 BridgeRide* down past Grantsville, then heads East to the lunch stop at Weston. After lunch it follows a winding path using bits of *12 Tour3* from time to time, winding up at Sistersville and taking the Ferry back to Ohio. A run over OH 260 and down OH 26 finishes the day.

**Note about the Ferry:** It only runs 6AM-6PM Thursday-Sunday, 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.

## 19 Short OH 60

**Route Type:** SINGLE SEGMENT SHORT, TWISTY

**Navigation difficulty:** AVERAGE

**Distance:** 60 miles

**Lunch Stop:** None

**Direction from Marietta:** NE COUNTERCLOCKWISE

**Comments:** Quick sampler of the sweepers, tighter curves and hills just NE of Marietta. Includes parts of OH 260, 565, 821, 26

## 20 Short WV Tech 110

**Route Type:** SINGLE SEGMENT SHORT, TECHNICAL

**Navigation difficulty:** COMPLEX

**Distance:** 110 miles

**Lunch Stop:** None

**Direction from Marietta:** SE COUNTERCLOCKWISE

**Comments:** Quick sampler of West Virginia technical backroads SE of Marietta. Goes through Petroleum, Harrisville, including Pullman Road to Pullman, crossing back over the Ohio river at St Marys, WV.

## 21 Short WV Tech 86

**Route Type:** SINGLE SEGMENT SHORT, TECHNICAL

**Navigation difficulty:** COMPLEX

**Distance:** 86 miles

**Lunch Stop:** None

**Direction from Marietta:** SE COUNTERCLOCKWISE

**Comments:** Quick sampler of West Virginia backroads SE of Marietta. Goes through Walker, Petroleum, then North, crossing the river to Ohio at St Marys, WV.

## 22 OH Windy 9 Taste of the Nickel 108

**Route Type:** SINGLE SEGMENT SHORT, SIMPLE, TOURING BIKE-FRIENDLY

**Navigation difficulty:** SIMPLE

**Distance:** 108 miles

**Lunch Stop:** None

**Direction from Marietta:** W CLOCKWISE

**Comments:** This route is from Ohio's "Windy Nine" collection, modified to begin and end at the FlyBy Week event hotel.

## 26 RVess Spec-Tech 220

**Route Type:** TECHNICAL, TWISTY

**Navigation difficulty:** COMPLEX

**Distance:** 220 miles

**Lunch Stop:** Gulla's Lunch, Bellaire, OH

**Direction from Marietta:** NE, CLOCKWISE

**Comments:** Regular attendees of FlyBy Week all know Ron Vess, who helps with the outdoor lounge and other details of our event. Ron lives nearby and grew up here so he knows all the roads and just about everything that goes on in the area. He developed this fun route that uses some "new" roads. The Southeastern part of Ohio has seen extensive oil and gas drilling and pipelines over the past few years, and to get the equipment and materials in and out, they paved and improved some of the gravel roads in the area. The work is mostly done now and we have some new curvy roads with great views and perfect pavement. Ron's route provides quite a tour!

There are a few short sections of county roads that are technical. They are shown on the map with red flags.

The route begins on OH26 but quickly diverts to twisty backroads including Dalzell road, bits of 565, 537, 800, 556, on to the lunch stop in Bellaire, OH. Gulla's Lunch has a good variety of salads, sandwiches and entrees available. I had the fish sandwich and it was to die for.

After lunch, the route takes you on German Ridge road, 556, Sykes Ridge, and a bunch of other county roads before bringing you back to the hotel. **Don't miss this one!**

## 28 Country Lanes WV Tech 216

**Route Type:** TECHNICAL, TWISTY

**Navigation difficulty:** COMPLEX

**Distance:** 216 miles

**Lunch Stop:** The Downtowner, Ripley, WV **(Closed on Monday)**

**Direction from Marietta:** S, COUNTERCLOCKWISE

**Comments:** Norm began work on the "Country Lanes" concept in 2018, with the goal of creating a route that explores the quaint back country roads of Northern West Virginia, but ran out of time in the Fall. When he came back in the Spring, the harsh winter had damaged the roads with so many frost heaves that he abandoned the idea. Now the roads are in better shape and they are just what attendees riding ADV and GS style bikes are looking for. Brian Holmes calls this a "Paved Adventure Route."

## 29 Morgans Raid Road 216

**Route Type:** DESTINATION, TOURING BIKE-FRIENDLY, TWISTY

**Navigation difficulty:** AVERAGE

**Distance:** 223 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.

Covering over 1000 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. He also created a nice road version suitable for all road bikes that includes lots of historical sites. For FlyBy Week attendees I used the 117 mile section of Jim's route that runs from Nelsonville to Senecaville, Ohio, adding about 50 miles from the ends 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>



### 33 NER Big Muskie 186 *New*

**Route Type:** DESTINATION, TWISTY

**Navigation difficulty:** COMPLEX

**Distance:** 186

**Lunch Stop:** Ida's Lunchbox, Woodsfield, OH **Note: Open every day but close at 3pm on Monday & Tuesday**

**Direction from Marietta:** NW, NE, CLOCKWISE

**Comments:** Stops on the route include the historic Mound Cemetery in Marietta and the Big Muskie Shovel near Mcconnelsville.

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### 34 NER Hocking Hills 218 *New*

**Route Type:** DESTINATION, TWISTY

**Navigation difficulty:** COMPLEX

**Distance:** 218 miles

**Lunch Stop:** Full Brooks Cafe, Nelsonville, OH **Note: Closed Monday & Sunday, open 730am -330pm Tuesday - Saturday**

They feature soups and sandwiches, with lots of home made baked goods.

**Direction from Marietta:** W COUNTERCLOCKWISE

**Comments:** Stops on the route include Lookout Point in Marietta, and Old Man's Cave in Hocking Hills West of Athens, OH.

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## 35 Staunton Turnpike 208 *New*

**Route Type:** TWISTY

**Navigation difficulty:** COMPLEX

**Distance:** 208 miles

**Lunch Stop:** The Fairview, West Union, WV Note: Open every day 7am - 7pm. Small town family restaurant. Breakfast served all day. Soups, salads, sandwiches, dinners.

**Direction from Marietta:** SE COUNTERCLOCKWISE

**Comments:** Staunton turnpike begins as WV route 47, which runs from south of Parkersburg to Lynn, WV, where it joins US 119, 33 and 250 to Staunton, VA. It was originally built in the 1840s as a toll road. WV. For many years, FlyBy Week routes have crossed and used short sections of WV 47. I discovered it this Spring when preparing a route to go to Canaan Valley, WV. WV 47 is 60 miles of hills and twisties, with good pavement and very little traffic, worthy of being featured in a route. On another weekend, I rode with Ron Vess, who took me on some great backroads he found further north in West Virginia, so I combined those two to make this route. Read more about the Staunton Turnpike [HERE](#)

**Full Disclosure:** There's about 14 miles of I-77 at the beginning of the route to quickly get you to the Staunton Turnpike. You might be able to improvise a backroads route to get there but the few alternatives I checked out were pretty rough. The last 22 miles of the route follow the Ohio river via WV route 2 and Ohio route 7. If I can find any good alternatives I will update the route in the future.

## [36 NER 3 Nickel 235](#) *New*

**RouteType:** TWISTY

**Navigation difficulty:** COMPLEX

**Distance:** 235 miles

**Lunch Stop:** Triple Nickel Diner, Chesterhill, Ohio, CLOSED Tuesday - CLOSED Wednesday - Thursday - Sunday 830 AM - 8 PM

The Triple Nickel Diner is a locally owned and locally sourced full service restaurant.

**Direction from Marietta:** W, SW, NW, COUNTERCLOCKWISE

**Comments:** If you want to experience OH 555, this is the route for you. Heads west on OH 550, south on OH 555, west to OH 144, 550, & 377. At Chesterhill you are back on OH 550 almost to Zanesville, OH. From there it's south on OH 60, 377 back to Chesterhill for lunch. Part 2 of the route takes you another 87 miles in a loop that includes parts of OH 329, 78, 376 & 676. It's a pretty demanding route, although it's easy to shortcut back to Marietta from Chesterhill after lunch.

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