



Tellico Riders Post Ride Report

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Major Destination Cumberland Gap Ride

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Type of Ride Ride to Ride Club Ride

Scheduled Ride _____

Time Start 8:30am Time End 5pm- rain delay # of Miles approx 240

Weather Conditions Temps in low 80's and threat of scattered T-storms (which came true)

of Motorcycles 6 # of Riders 7

of Cars N/A # of Passengers _____

Pictures Available? Yes No

Directions

Take 444N to 321 twd Lenoir City.

Go right on 11N to Watt Rd go left at the light and take Watt Rd to I-40/75E go right and take the interstate to 162N (Pellissippi Hwy) exit twd Oak Ridge.

Get off 162N at 170E and take 170E to I-75N. Get on I-75 and take to exit 122 (Norris). Go right on 61E off the exit ramp (NOTE: 1st comfort stop @ Shell station on rt). About 50 miles from start.

Continue on 61E (approx 20 miles) NOTE: stay on 61E (there is one sharp right turn where 170 intersects) to the stop sign. NOTE: 61 gets real tight after the first 10 miles including 180 switchbacks - yes, they are "dirty".

At top sign go left on 33N twd Maynardville

Stay on 33N till thru New Tazwell (about 30 miles). NOTE: the Old Town Grill is on the other side of town- it's on the left just past the Taco Bell. There is an Exxon station there as well - get gas!

Continue on 33N/61E toward Middlesboro, KY thru the Cumberland Gap tunnel (the road turns into 25E). NOTE: make sure you are in the left hand lane after the tunnel as the left turn for 74W comes up fast.

Take a left turn at the first light in Middlesboro on 74W. Go thru town and stay to the left as the road narrows.

74W is at best dusty and dirty from the coal trucks. NOTE: If it's wet it's slippery as frog snot! The trucks will eventually turn off so you will get to sorta enjoy the twisties but the road is not in the best shape so keep a wary eye (it's worse on the "other" side). NOTE: Make sure you stay on your side of the road - there are BIG log trucks that you'll see coming up as you go down... alas, the road gets MUCH better after 18 miles when it turns into 90W at the TN stateline (kinda like rt360). NOTE: make sure you stay on 74W - there is one spot where another road intersects - follow sign for 74W! NOTE: The RR crossings (3 out of 4) are extremely "dirty" so use care.

At the stop sign take 25W twd LaFollette. Nice road!

In La Follete take a right at the light onto 63. The last comfort stop is about 4 miles down the road at an Exxon on the right. (about 60 miles since lunch stop).

Get back on 63 twd the interstate but get in the left lane as you approach Caryville and take a left at the light onto 116S. (NOTE: sharp turn on 116S after about 2.5 miles).

Take 116S (about 6 miles to Lake City and get on I-75 twd Knoxville.

Get off I-75 at exit 117 and go right off the exit ramp on 170W.

Take 170W to 62E and 162S (Pellissippi Hwy) ted Knoxville.

Get on I-40/75W and take to Watt Rd exit. Go left off the exit ramp on Watt Rd and take to RT 11.

Take a right on RT 11 at the light and follow to Lenoir City.

Take a left on 321 in Lenoir City to 444S back to Tellico Village.

Gas/Pit Stops 3 - see directions above for details

Restaurants Old Town Groll (New Tazwell)

Additional Comments This is a challenging ride: some interstate but mostly 2 lane, twisty roads, with varying road conditions and more mileage than most of our club rides, but it is a ride to enjoy due to its variety and scenery as well. Challenge yourself if you feel ready, take it at your pace, and DO read and heed the "NOTE"s in the directions.

I'll do it again in 6 months 1 year 2 years 3 years Never!

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