

Bennington Triumph Bash Mt Equinox Ride

(Loop of about 100 miles)

This ride is about 100 miles total, so we shouldn't need a gas stop if we gas up ahead of time. We CAN stop for gas somewhere if people need it. I plan on getting gas and Dunkin Donuts before the ride. If enough people want to, we can hit a gas/Dunkie's stop on the way out of town.

Start out by turning left out of the parking lot onto River St. At the end of the block, turn right onto Benmont Ave, 67A. At the light, turn left onto Ethan Allen Hwy/Northside Drive, staying on 67A. Go for about a half mile. Then turn right onto Rt 7A North.

Stay on 7A for 10.8 miles. Turn right onto Warm Brook road, directly across from a bright yellow motel. Go for 1.7 miles until the road ends at East Arlington road, where you turn right. East Arlington road turns into Sunderland Hill road as you go through the covered bridge, then River Road in Manchester. Take it all the way till it ends at Rt 7A, a total of about 9 miles.

Take a right on 7A into the Village of Manchester for a half mile. Right after the Equinox Hotel on the left, and the civil war statue on the right, bear left onto West Road. You will actually be going in a straight line, but because Rt 7 bends to the right, it is technically a left turn. Careful, because there is also a full left turn at the same intersection! Go 3.5 miles.

At the end of West Rd, take a left onto Rt 30 North, and go 0.8 miles to Morse Hill Road, where you make a right. Go 3.6 miles into the Village of East Dorset.

Make a left onto 7A which will immediately take you to the intersection of 7A and 7, it's the end of the highway bypass of Manchester. Make that left onto 7 and make your first right onto Village St. Watch the train tracks! The intersection of Village St and Mad Tom Road is the location of the Wilson house where we will stop to look around for a while.

Leaving Wilson house, making a left onto Mad Tom, then a left on 7 and go a half mile before making a slight right to go back onto 7A south and head towards Manchester for 4.3 miles.

At the end of a long very straight stretch of road coming into Manchester, make a left onto Barnumville Rd (named after PT Barnum). Go 2.7 miles. After the tunnel, then at the top of the hill make a right into New Ireland Road. Follow that around (less than a mile, watch the SHARP left turn) to the stop at Rt 11&30. Turn right and go 1.4 miles.



As you are on 11&30, you'll go around a bend to the right, pass the Manchester Bar n Grill (moose on the sign) and Laney's (olde timey bicycle on the sign) and down a hill. Just before the highway overpass on the left is our lunch stop, the Double Hex. (1568 Depot St for you GPS folks)

After lunch, bang a right out of the Double Hex and back up 11&30 to the top of the hill, 0.2 miles. Make a right, just after the Manchester Bar n Grill, onto East Manchester Rd. Go 1.7 miles, and watch the speed! It's only a 30 MPH zone, and I got a written warning last time I visited my parents who live off that road.

At the end of E Manchester, go left onto Richville Road, 3.4 miles. At the end of Richville, turn left on River Rd (opposite direction from earlier) and go 2.7 miles. Turn right on Hill Farm Road and take it to the end at Rt 7A, about a half mile. Make a right on 7A and go 0.4 miles till you see the Skyline Drive entrance on the left. There is a large parking lot and the toll house at the base of the mountain.

After we pay the toll (\$5) we will head up beautiful Skyline Drive to the top of Mt Equinox!! It's 5 miles of fun! We will take one or two stops either on the way up or down for photo ops. Some AWESOME views, and even a monastery!

At the bottom of the mountain, make a right back onto Rt 7A south. Go 4 Miles into the center of Arlington where we will make a right onto Rt 313 West. We'll take that along the river into NY state for about 15 miles.

In Cambridge NY, turn left onto Rt 22. After about 7 miles, it joins Rt 67. Stay on 67 in Eagle Bridge, and follow that all the way back to Bennington, about 10 miles.