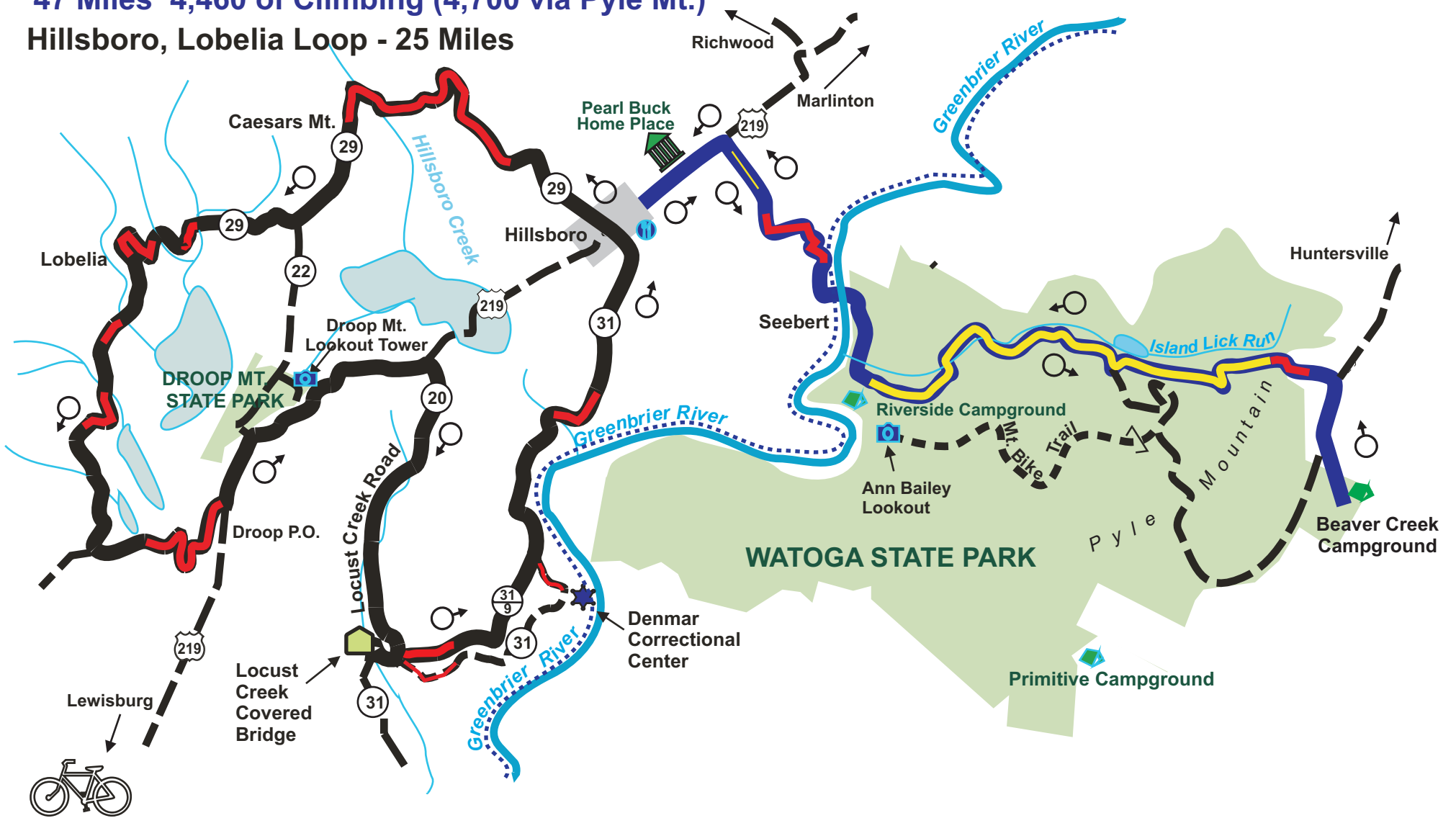


Watoga, Hillsboro, Lobelia Road Ride

47 Miles 4,460 of Climbing (4,700 via Pyle Mt.)

Hillsboro, Lobelia Loop - 25 Miles



- Beaver Creek Campground to Hillsboro Portion
10.1 miles one way
- Hillsboro Loop Portion - 25 miles
- Other paved roads
- Sinks
- Steams
- Park Boundaries
- Climbs Outbound
- Climbs Inbound
- Greenbrier River Trail
- Campgrounds
- Lookout Towers

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Turn List

- 0.3 **R on Cty 21 from Campground access road.**
- 0.9 **L on road thru park.**
- 1.0 Begin Climb.
- 1.6 Top of Climb BM2746
- 7.4 Greenbrier R. at Seebert
- 9.7 **L at 219**
- 11.0 **R onto Lobelia Road, just past the copper top church.**
- 12.3 Start climb.
- 14.8 Top of climb at Caesars Mt. BM 3,007
- 15.9 Int. with Cty. 22 Viney Mt. Road. Bare Right and down. Taking a left and going thru the park cuts off the 5 short climbs and 1 one climb. **There is a very sharp 180 degree turn on this descent at the end of a short straight stretch. A dirt road continues straight off the road so it is visually deceptive.**
- 17.5 Begin short climb
- 17.8 Top of climb
- 18.2 Lobelia BM 2506
- 18.9 Begin Steep Climb
- 19.4 **Top of Climb - Water Drop for Camping Weekend Ride**
- 20.2 Begin steep climb.
- 20.6 Top of climb.
- 20.9 Begin climb
- 21.5 Top of climb.
- 21.9 **L at Int. of Jacox Road in a downhill turn.**
- 22.7 Begin climb of Droop Mt
- 24.0 **L on 219 at top of Droop Mt.**
- 24.7 First Droop Mt. Park Entrance - Viney Mt. Road. Continue Straight
- 25.0 **L into park. - Second entrance.**

- 25.3 Lookout Tower - return to 219 the way you came in.
- 25.6 **L onto 219 again. Begin downhill.**
- 27.1 **R on Cty 20** You are not at the bottom of the hill. After you come out of the S turns, be looking for 20 to cut sharply to the right.
- 30.2 **L on Cty 31 and immediate L again on Cty 31/9 - Begin climb.** Locust Creek Covered Bridge is just to the Right of this intersection.
- 30.6 Top of climb. Good views of Greenbrier R. valley.
- 32.1 Int. of 31 - Continue straight
- 33.5 Begin another short climb.
- 34.0 Top of climb.
- 35.9 **R on 219 Back at the copper top church again.** There is a restaurant here and a convenience store on up the road for food and water.
- 37.1 **R to head back to Watoga via Seebert.**
- 39.4 Cross Greenbrier R.
- 40.2 Begin climb thru park.
- 45.3 Top of climb.
- 45.9 **R on Cty 20**
- 46.5 **L on campground access road.**
- 46.8 **Finish.**

Opportunities for water on this ride exist in Hillsboro and Droop Mt. State Park, though the fountains in the Park will be shut off in cooler weather.

This is a challenging ride that rewards cyclist with great vistas and wonderful pastoral scenes. It is one of those rides you like to do in Spring, Summer and Fall to enjoy the seasonal

changes.

There are several bailout and cut off points along the route. Persons wanting a climbing challenge but not all the miles can start in Hillsboro and just do the 25 mile loop portion of the ride.

At Caesars Mt., Cty. 22 cuts across to 219 after passing thru Dr. Mt. State Park. This shortcut eliminate 5 short climbs and one long climb up Droop Mt.

Persons can go back to Hillsboro on 219 from Droop Mt, cutting off the Locust Creek portion of the ride.

When you get to the Locust Creek Covered Bridge at the intersection of Cty. 31 you could continue on 31, rather than taking the immediate left on 31/9. This will take you down by the Greenbrier river and by the Denmark Correctional Center*. This adds 0.6 miles and an additional short climb to the route.

Unfortunately, taking any shortcut eliminates some beautiful scenery. The best thing to do is take your time and enjoy the ride.

* The correctional center was originally opened in 1938 as the Denmark Sanitarium, for black TB patients. In 1957 it was desegregated and turned into a long term care facility with the TB patients transferred to Pinecrest Hospital in Beckley. It closed in 1990 and was converted into a prison in 1993.