

## Indian Mills - Greenville Area

Riding in this area is characterized by relatively flat roads along the river and creek valleys and rolling terrain along the ridges and upland areas. The transitions between the valleys and upland area can feature climbs with some very steep sections. Even the upland areas can have some short steep ramps to climb.

The climbing however, is rewarded with great vistas from most of the upland roads. Since most of the flat land has been cleared for farming, you often have unobstructed views for miles into the distance. There is about a 500 foot average elevation difference from the stream valleys to the upland areas.

In the valleys you are usually riding alongside crop and pasture lands. The upland features more hay and pasture. The steep hillside are usually covered in forest.

U.S. Route 219 skirts the Southwest corner of the area and has the most traffic and is generally avoided by area cyclist. Two State routes, 12 and 122, bisect the area. Route 12 runs North - South and has the moderate traffic at most times. Route 122 runs East -West and has lighter traffic and follows Indian Creek for much of distance in the area. The other paved roads in the area are county routes and generally have light traffic. The county routes vary from 2 lanes striped, to single lane (most common) requiring vehicles to put right side tires on the gravel to pass.

The Indian Mills Loop (36.3), Red Sulphur Springs Loop (21.7), Wikel Loop (20.7) and the Indian Mills - Wikel Comb (62.2) are routes on the website in this area that give more detailed descriptions and ride profiles. The area map was adapted from the Indian Mills - Wikel Combo map to help people devise their own routes in the area.

Knowing that some cyclist seek out climbs for the challenge, others try to avoid them, and some just want to be prepared, here is a listing of some of the more testy climbs in the area in no particular order. On the first map, the steeper climbs are designed with a thick red arrow - . Remember that "average" means you will have gradients of more and less on the climbs.

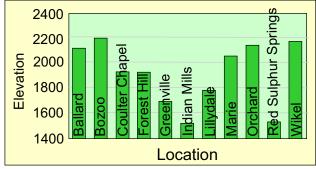
- **Kibble Hill West Side Climb** on Co. 27 from Red Sulphur Springs. 1.1 miles total averaging 7%. Average 9.5% for first 0.6 miles.
- **Kibble Hill East Side Climb** on Co. 25/2 from Co. 25 on Hans Creek. 0.8 miles, average 7%, 0.4 miles averaging 9%.
- Baker Hill Climb on Co. 19 from route 122. 0.9 miles, 8%, 0.5 miles 9.8%
- Wikel Climb on co. 23/7 from route 122; 0.9 miles, average 8.6%. 6% first 0.4 and 12% last 0.5 miles.
- Blue Lick on Co. 25/5 to Co. 27; 0.4 miles, average 9%. 12.5% first 0.2 and 5.8% last 0.2 miles
- **Ballard** on Rt. 12 South form Red Sulphur; 1.3 miles, 6.5% average, 8.6% last 0.8 miles.
- Route 122 West from Indian Creek toward Forest Hill; 0.6 miles, average 8.5%, 10% for 0.5 miles.

**Food - Water - Gas Sources -** There are two stores in the area. One located in Ballard on State Route 12, and one located in Greenville on State Route 122.

**Favorite Sections:** I love the whole area, but riding up Hans Creek, across Orchard Road (Co. 33), going to Bozoo and Marie are always highlights for me. The Lillydale area with the covered bridge is fun, cruising down 23/5 along Back Creek and stopping at Cooks Old Mill outside of Greenville are all highlights of riding in the area.

<sup>1</sup> Elevations, distances, and percent (%) gradients were computed using USGS topographical maps, Terrain Navigator Pro software and a calculator.

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## Road Elevations Alpha - Sort

Ballard	2,127
Bozoo	2,214
Coulter Chapel	1,932
Forest Hill	1,931
Greenville	1,702
Indian Mills	1,525
Lillydale	1,793
Marie	2,065
Orchard	2,152
Red Sulphur Springs	1,540

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