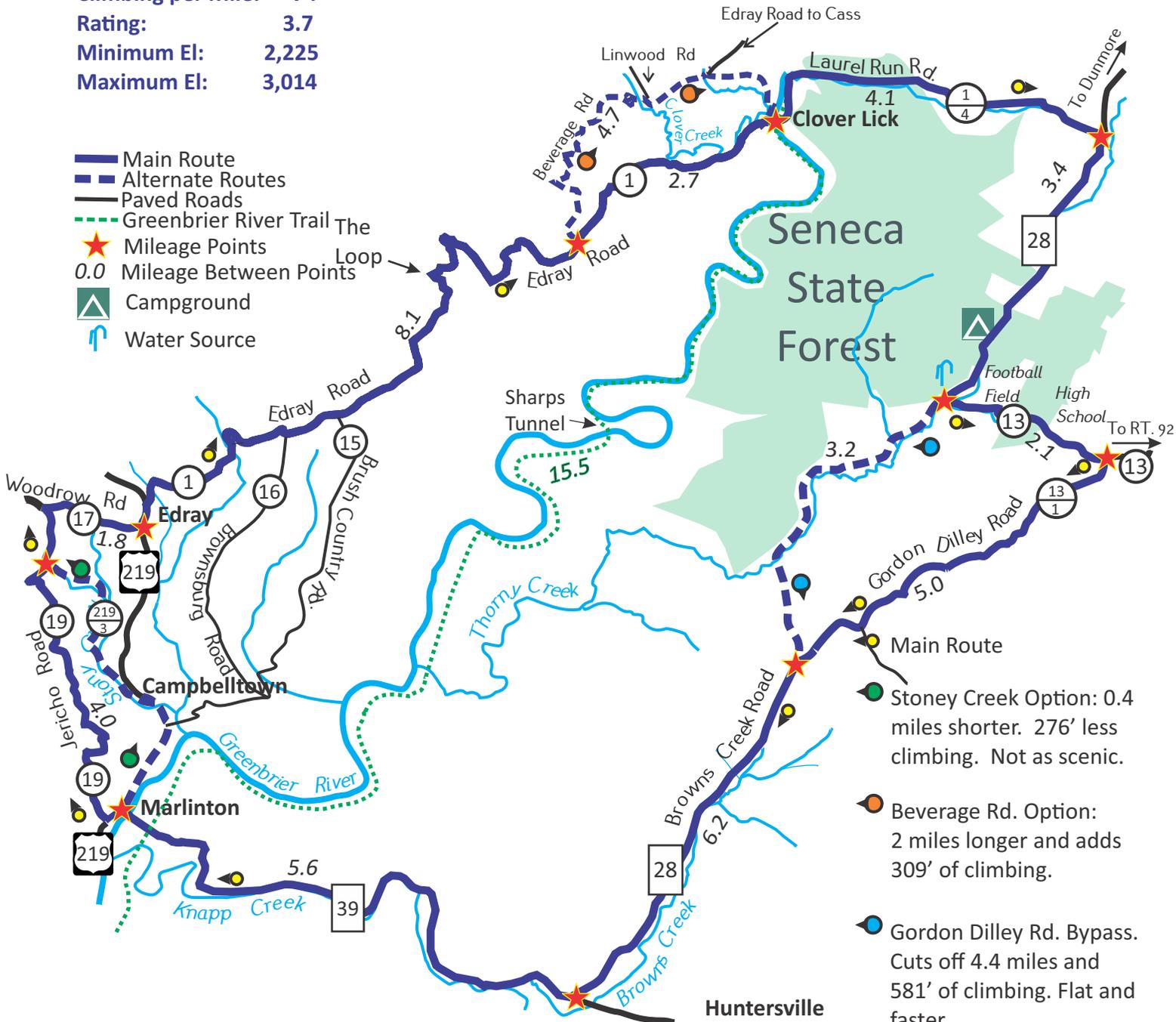


Short Marlinton Loop

Mileage: 43
 Climbing: 3,184
 Climbing per Mile: 74
 Rating: 3.7
 Minimum El: 2,225
 Maximum El: 3,014

-  Main Route
-  Alternate Routes
-  Paved Roads
-  Greenbrier River Trail
-  Mileage Points
-  0.0 Mileage Between Points
-  Campground
-  Water Source



-  Stoney Creek Option: 0.4 miles shorter. 276' less climbing. Not as scenic.
-  Beverage Rd. Option: 2 miles longer and adds 309' of climbing.
-  Gordon Dille Rd. Bypass. Cuts off 4.4 miles and 581' of climbing. Flat and faster.



Short Marlinton Loop

Turn List

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| 0.0 | 0.0 | Starting from the intersection of Rt. 28 and Rt. 39 near Huntersville. |
| 5.6 | 5.6 | Left onto Rt. 219 in Marlinton |
| 0.2 | 5.8 | Right onto Rt. 19, Jericho Road |
| 3.8 | 9.6 | Bare Left to continue on Jericha Road |
| 0.4 | 10.0 | Right onto Rt. 17, Woodrow Rd. |
| 1.4 | 11.4 | Left on Rt. 219 in Edray. Convenience Store at intersection. |
| 0.2 | 11.6 | Right on Rt. 1, Edray Road. |
| 7.9 | 19.5 | Intersection with Beverage Road Optional Route. Continue straight for main route. |
| 2.7 | 22.2 | Continue Straight onto Rt. 1/4 Laurel Run Road at intersection in Clover Lick crossing Greerbrier R. Trail and the Greenbrier River. Co. 1 does a 90 degree left at the intersection. |
| 4.1 | 26.3 | Right on route 28. |
| 3.0 | 29.3 | Seneca State Forest Office, Water source on side of building behind office. |
| 0.4 | 29.7 | Left onto Co. 13. |
| | 29.7 | Continue straight for shorter Optional Route. |
| 2.1 | 31.8 | Right on Rt. 13/1 Gordon Dilley Road. |
| 5.0 | 36.8 | Left onto state route 28 |
| 6.2 | 43.0 | Finish |

Short Marlinton Loop

Always one of my favorite bike routes. At 74 feet of climbing per mile, it is not the easiest ride but the scenery is outstanding. Fifteen point two miles of the route is on two lane striped road. These are fifty-five mph routes. Generally fairly low traffic levels but seasonal or local events can increase traffic levels. The remaining 27.8 miles is on non striped country lanes with low traffic levels.

Most of the ride is thru rural farm country, with a small portion thru forest. The climbing rewards you with some great vistas. A unique geological feature is the valley at Clover Lick where the Greenbrier River once flowed thru it before it eroded thru the oxbow.

Water and food sources can be found in Marlinton, the convenience store at Edray and water is available in Seneca State Forest from an outside faucet on the shower building behind the office. I would make sure you have two full water bottles leaving Edray.

Section Descriptions

Huntersville to Marlinton: The intersection of state routes 28 and 39 near Huntersville is one of my preferred starting locations. There is a large parking area at the location. This section generally has the most traffic and by starting here, you get it out of the way while you are fresh and also warms your legs up before tackling the climbing on the next section. This section is fairly flat and overall down hill as the road follows Knapp Creek to Marlinton. You have a small climb as you near Marlinton and then drop into Marlinton and proceed thru town to the stoplight. I often take a the first left at the bottom of the hill and detour past the county courthouse and thru the residential section of Marlinton before rejoining the route.

Marlinton to Edray: Arriving at the stoplight at the junction of 39 and 219, you take a left and go a short distance and take the next right onto Jericho Road. You begin a gradual ascent that continues to get steeper as you pass an old rock quarry. The next three miles is rolling terrain with some short steep climbs before descending down past the old log church. From there you bare left at the intersection with Stoney Creek Road and gradually climb up to Woodrow Road with views of some beautiful farms. Taking a right at Woodrow Road, you drop down past the state fish hatchery and then begin a steep climb up to the intersection with U.S. Route 219. There is a convenience store at this intersection and the last chance to top off the water bottles till Seneca State Forest. Approaching the intersection, you pass by one of the most photographed barns and farm in West Virginia.

Optional Routing: Arriving at the junction of routes 39 and 219, you take a right, follow 219 till you cross a bridge and take an immediate left onto Co. 219/3 Stoney Creek Road. You follow the road till it intersects with Jericho Road and the main route. This option

Edray to Clover Lick: Taking a left onto route 219, you pass a couple churches before baring right on County 1, the Edray Road. From here you begin a series of descents followed by climbs, gradually gaining altitude reaching the high point on Edray road shortly before descending thru The Loop. Climbing is not over on this section, but overall you will be descending till you reach Clover Lick. You have a final long descent thru trees before breaking out into the valley where the Greenbrier River once flowed, and you follow along the edge of the valley before arriving at Clover Lick.

Optional Routing: You can take a left on Beverage Road and skirt the upper and far end of the valley before arriving at Clover Lick. This became available in 2024 with paving of Beverage Road. This option is two miles longer and adds 309 feet of climbing.

Clover Lick to Seneca State Forest Office: This section begins with a 4.1 mile climb thru a forest before

a short steep descent down to the intersection with Route 28. A lot of this section is thru a portion of Seneca State Forest. Control you speed on the descent as there is a stop sign at the bottom. Turing right onto route 28, you climb gradually up thru Seneca State Forest past the campground. You then start to descent before arriving at the office.

Behind the office is a shower facility and there is a faucet low down in the side of the building from which you can get fill you water bottles.

Seneca State Forest Office to Huntersville: Leaving the office you go down Route 28 a short distances and turn left on the Co. 13 just past the football fields and begin climbing up to the ridge that separates routes 28 and 92. Reaching the top of the ridge, you turn right onto route 13/1 Gordon Dilley Road. This route follow the ridge for about 4 miles with some descents and climbs and some great vistas before descending back to route 28. From the intersection you continue to descend most of the way back to Huntersville, with only a couple rises to interrupt a pleasant cruise to Huntersville.