

# BACKROADS CENTURY RIDER GUIDEBOOK

This Rider Guidebook collects in one place the information you need to know about the Backroads Century Weekend and the Shepherdstown area. Much of the information found herein may also be found online at <http://www.backroadscentury.com/> and <http://www.shepherdstown.info>

Thank you for attending the 2017 BRC. We hope that you thoroughly enjoy yourselves.

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## Potomac Pedalers

Dear Back Roads Century Rider,

On behalf of Potomac Pedalers, welcome to the 2017 Back Roads Century! We have been working hard to make this a great event, and are thrilled you will be riding with us. This event is one of the premier rides on the Atlantic Coast offering routes from 23 to 100 miles through the Northern Shenandoah Valley at the intersection of West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia. This is our third year hosting the event in Shepherdstown, and we are excited to share a full weekend of activities in this hip community.

First, I want to thank our hosts who have made this year's event possible— Shepherd University and Shepherdstown Visitors Center as well as the many local merchants, community groups, and public officials spanning a five-county region, our event planners and Potomac Pedalers member volunteers.

Second, the riding! The fun begins on Saturday, September 16 with Potomac Pedalers offering two free Club rides just across the river from Shepherdstown in the area around the historic Antietam National Battlefield. The short route will begin and end at the Antietam Creek Vineyards (4835 Branch Ave, Sharpsburg, MD 21782, Sharpsburg, MD 21782). Start time is 1:30. The long route will begin and end at 16609 Shepherdstown Pike, Sharpsburg, MD 21782 (last year's ride start for those familiar) and roll out at Noon. Both routes will feature Nutter's Ice Cream as a rest stop. The long route will also have the Winery as a stop. We will have historical interpreters on hand at the winery to elevate our experience! And no worries about carrying any purchased bottles back with you - the Vineyard will deliver any purchases into Shepherdstown Saturday evening. To learn more about these rides, please check out the Club's Ride Calendar by clicking here <https://www.potomacpedalers.org/node/480>

After the Antietam rides, we hope you will enjoy an afternoon and evening in Shepherdstown. We have planned a party from 5:30 to 8:00 at the Town Run Tap House and Community Pub, complete with music and a buffet dinner. Join us there for dinner if you have made reservations, or come on over after you have dined at one of Shepherdstown's many other fine restaurants.

Sunday's Main Event – the Back Roads Century itself. We have worked for three years to refine the routes and have put together routes that promise a day of beautiful cycling. These routes offer something for all cyclists with beautiful, rolling roads that meander through the foothills of the Appalachians, across groves of orchards and fields of grain and corn, and above the bluffs overlooking the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers.

Like last year, the ride officially begins at Shepherd University. We have five rest Volunteers from local community groups and PPTC volunteers will be staffing each rest stop. You'll be offered great food and refreshments, and all riders, regardless of route selected, will have the chance to rest at the Audubon Society's Yankauer Preserve. Each rest stop will also have available free mechanical services by regional bike shops.

After the ride, we can celebrate together at the historic Popodicon Manor with a fantastic post-ride meal and live music from local musicians. You can also take advantage of the Shepherd University Wellness Center for a shower (including towel) to freshen up after the ride. We ask that you leave a tip to thank our hosts for this great service.

Fourth, we have invested heavily in keeping cyclists safe and healthy, including a large SAG presence –car and HAM radio operators (thanks to the Pan Handle Traffic Net!), and bike SAG (thanks again to Spoke Cycles!). We also have dozens of Potomac Pedalers members volunteering as ride marshals and ride guards to help keep all safe and healthy.

We are a large group of guests, and we need to remember to act courteously and mindfully. Our large event places huge demands on local residents and law enforcement so ride politely and safely. However tempting,

do not ride more than two abreast. Obey the stop signs -- local law enforcement officials will be out in force. They will be protecting not only our safety but also that of drivers and pedestrians with whom we'll be sharing the roads. While off the bike, please be gracious to those who call this place their home. And support the local merchants! The economic benefits we bring in from our eco-tourism are deeply valued.

Finally, keep in touch once you finish the event and get home. Please respond to our post-event survey when we send it out in the email to help us learn what we did well and what we can improve. Share your stories and photos. Our volunteer photographers and journalists will be sharing their memories too on our website, blog, Facebook page, Instagram, Twitter, and our monthly Pedal Patter! And don't forget to join us on our other Club rides, more than 1,200 annually, 365 days/year.

Happy Spinning,

Eric Pilsk, Century Vice Chair

Dear riders, volunteers, family, and friends,

Shepherdstown is pleased to welcome the Potomac Pedalers and all of you who will join in the Back Roads Century ride and weekend September 16th and 17<sup>th</sup>.

We want you to let Shepherdstown surprise you with its restaurants, bars, and shops. You'll find no chains here except bike chains. Most of the food we eat is local and much of it organic. This tiny community supports a chamber orchestra, a hundred-member chorale, and an independent bookstore. You'll be surrounded by sustainable farms, and the studios of dozens of artists and artisans. We hope that you will delight as we do in the landscape that surround us, and that you will take a few moments to enjoy the marvels of our natural world from resident plants and animals to migrating birds.

Our town is charming, lovely, lively, quirky, eclectic, relaxed, sophisticated, and authentic. It is what you see, a 21st century town happy to go about its business in 18th and 19th century surroundings. During your stay, do come into the Shepherdstown Visitors Center to say hello and to get a map of the town and all our businesses and attractions. We're at 201 S. Princess St. from 10-4 every day.

Ride safely, ride well, and enjoy your time with us!

Marianne Davis

Director

Shepherdstown Visitors Center

[www.Shepherdstown.info](http://www.Shepherdstown.info)

# Driving to Shepherdstown and Addresses of Note

## Driving: The BRC begins and ends in Shepherdstown, WV

- From Washington, DC – 90 Minutes
- From Dulles Town Center – 1 Hour
- From Gaithersburg, MD – 1 Hour
- From Baltimore, MD – 90 Minutes

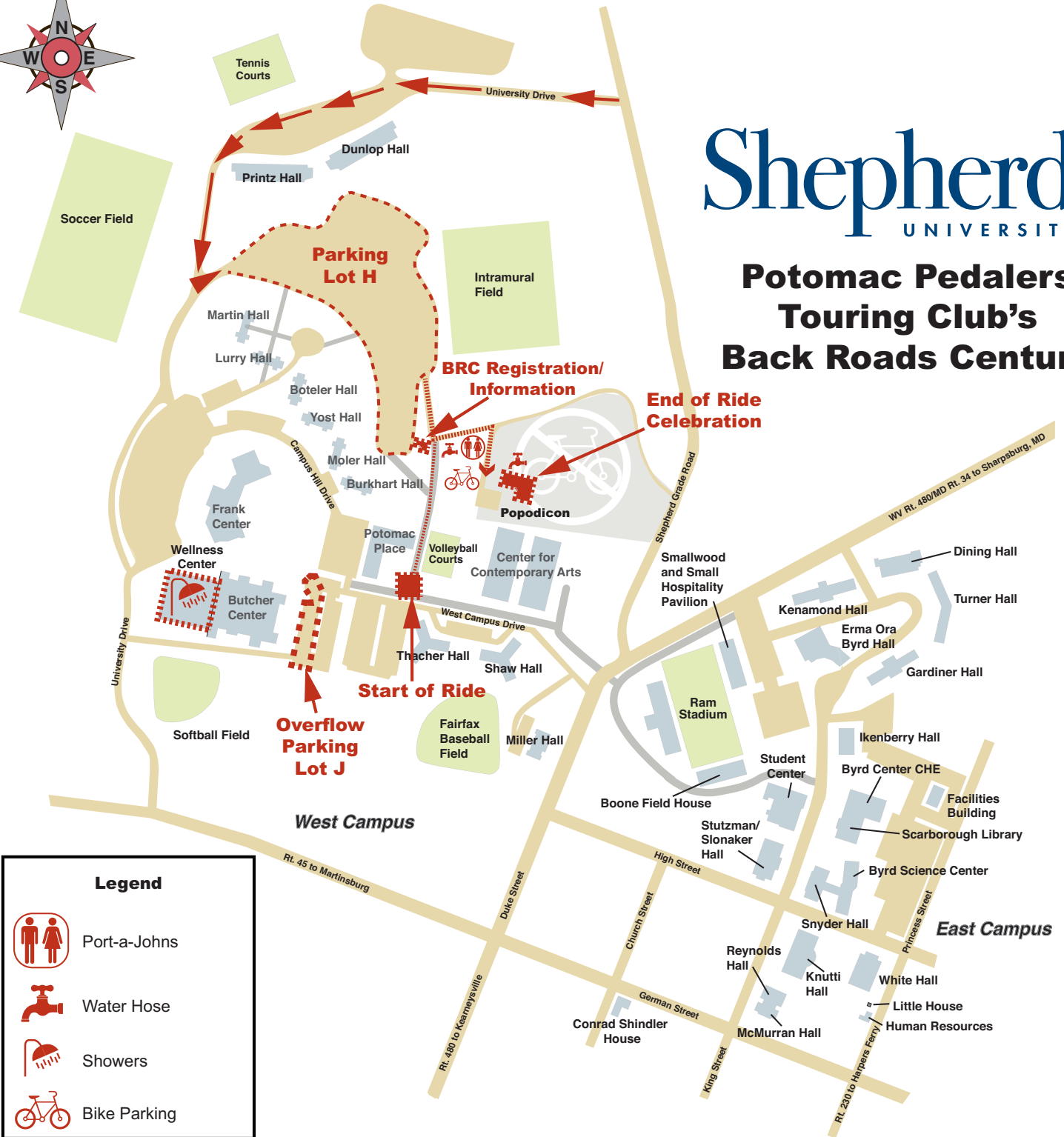
## Key Locations

- **Event Command Center/Shepherd University Center for Contemporary Arts II, room 211**
  - Parking: All riders and volunteers may park in Lot H on University Drive. Lot G on West Campus Drive is also available for parking. **Entrance to the Parking Lot is via Shepherd Grade Rd. and University Drive. DO NOT use the West Campus Dr. entrance to Shepherd University as that will be used by cyclists.**
  - Information: Tent in Parking Lot H, located near the service road to Popodicon. **Those who registered for the BRC late will also pick up their packets there.**
  - Good coffee, morning snacks, and Port-a-Lets will also be available on the service road between Parking Lot H and Popodicon
  - Water Station (white water hose): Will be available before the ride on the service road between Popodicon and Parking Lot H, adjacent to the Information Tent. Available-post ride at the rear of the Popodicon Manor.
  - **Ride Start: West Campus Drive, accessible by short bike path from Parking Lot H. See map following.**
  
  - **Popodicon Manor - After-Ride Party:**
    - Access via service road or path from Parking Lot H
  
  - **Showers and towels**
- Shepherd University Wellness Center is located at 164 University Drive.  
Please be prepared to make a donation to this woefully under-supported public school.



# Shepherd UNIVERSITY

## Potomac Pedalers Touring Club's Back Roads Century



# Rider Safety and the Weather

## **Rider safety is very important to us!**

We will monitor local weather forecasts. We will try to let you know through our team of SAGs, Ride Marshals, and other safety volunteers, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to warn you of weather hazards. You must be responsible for your own safety. Here are some helpful tips from the League of American Bicyclists:

1. Carry rain gear. Even in the summer, hypothermia can set in very fast in heavy downpours.
2. Assess the risk. When skies darken, stop pedaling and look AND listen for wind, lightning, and thunder. If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning. Lightning often may occur as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall. Count seconds between a lightning flash and the thunder -- sound travels about a mile every 5 seconds
3. Seek shelter. Look for a house, an underpass, a barn, or a store. Avoid small sheds, isolated trees, tall trees, and hilltops. Taking shelter inside a car is okay, but do not crawl under it.
4. No shelter? Get away from your metal bike. Rubber tires and rubber shoe soles offer no protection from lightning. Find a low spot, avoiding fences and poles. If you really need to be under a tree, pick a short one. Cellular phones are safe to use, but avoid using land lines.
5. Strike imminent. If you feel your skin tingle or your hair stand on end, squat low to the ground, feet close together, on the balls of your feet. Place your hands on your knees with your head between them. By minimizing your contact with the ground, the electric potential that radiates outward from a lightning strike is less likely to flow through you, minimizing risk such as cardiac arrest, organ damage, and burns. NEVER lie down on the ground!

Additional Information: Lightning Safety When Working Outdoors:

[http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/resources/OSHA\\_FS-3863\\_Lightning\\_Safety\\_05-2016.pdf](http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/resources/OSHA_FS-3863_Lightning_Safety_05-2016.pdf)

NWS Lightning Safety Page: <http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/>

Dear Back Roads Century Rider,

Thank you! The 2016 Back Roads Century was a great success in large part because our riders were polite, respectful, and mindful of their surroundings. We were proud and pleased that we did not receive any serious complaints from area residents or law enforcement. Local officials who had made it clear that the future of the BRC was in danger were immensely pleased by the change in 2016. Congratulations to all the riders who helped in this transformation!

In 2017, we can continue that success and reinforce the support of the communities through which we ride. It will be so simple – behave as the welcome guest that you are. Civility and camaraderie will keep residents and riders safe and happy.

We ask you to follow these basic courtesies as you ride:

1. Follow the Golden Rule:

- Act like you would want a cyclist to act as if they were driving in your own neighborhood. We are not on a closed-course set aside for our sole enjoyment.

2. Obey the Law!

- Stop at stop signs and traffic lights
- Do not cross the center line
- Yield to pedestrians
- Obey direction from law enforcement
- Ride two-abreast only when there is no traffic in sight, and quickly form a single-file line to the right when a car approaches. Do not ever ride more than two-abreast.

3. Be courteous and considerate

- Call out “Car Back” or “Car Up” to alert nearby cyclists to form a single-file line on the right.
- If there is a “car back,” form a single file line to the right and allow the car to pass
- At intersections, allow cars to go first so they are not held up
- Do not litter
- Wave, say hello, and thank residents you encounter to convey that you appreciate them hosting us for the day

4. Follow common-sense rules of public behavior

- Set the tone for the ride, and let other riders know it is THAT kind of ride.
- Watch the obscenities, particularly near residential areas or where children are present
- Use the Port-a-Lets at rest stops or public rest rooms on the route.

We have made arrangements for additional law enforcement to be present on the route to assure that cyclists and drivers respect each other and the law. Police have and will cite violators. ***The route is not closed to traffic, cyclists need to exercise caution and obey the laws of the road. Failure to follow law may result in tickets and fines.***

Potomac Pedalers volunteers and SAG drivers on the course and at rest stops will be monitoring rider and vehicular behavior. Dangerous and illegal conduct by either vehicles or cyclists WILL be reported to law enforcement. Riders who do not follow these basic rules can be removed from the ride and sagged back to the start, and may be barred from participating in future Back Roads Centuries and other PPTC events.

We have reached out to the local communities along the Back Roads Century routes to convey our appreciation to our hosts. These efforts include meetings with community groups and officials, making donations to local organizations, buying rest stop supplies locally, encouraging riders to visit local businesses and take advantage of all local officials have to offer.

Do your part to be a courteous guest so that we can all enjoy this ride for many years to come. We look forward to seeing you at the Back Roads Century!



## Know Before You Go: Tips

- Pre-Ride ABCs: **Before** leaving home, check tire air pressure and tire wear, brakes for rubbing and pad wear, and chains for lubrication. Here is a helpful pre-ride bike check video from League of American Bicyclists: <http://bikeleague.org/content/basic-bike-check>. Every year, riders are delayed at the start, or have to cut their ride short because of mechanical problems that could have been prevented by a basic pre-ride check. Take a few minutes before you get the Shepherdstown so you can enjoy the ride!
  - Thumbs down: Ride Marshals, and SAG vehicles will stop for you if you are off the road, off your bike, and giving a “thumbs down” sign or holding your helmet in the air.
  - Ride Marshals: This team of vest-wearing cyclists provide support on the rides by offering minor mechanical help along the route and encourage cycling safety and etiquette.
  - Rest Stops: Use extreme care at entrances: pull over, dismount, and move away from the road. When exiting, move beyond the rest area on the right, then merge with faster cyclists.
  - Mechanical problems: Move off the road. Call SAG # on cue, or flag down Ride Marshal or SAG vehicle. Indicate **road hazards** and directions to other riders by gestures & words. Speak loudly & clearly.
  - “On your left”: A rider is approaching your left side. Allow room to pass.
  - “Car back”: A car is approaching from the rear. Move to the right in a single file until it passes.
  - “Passing”: Passing and being passed occurs continuously. Call out “passing on your left” and allow time for the cyclist being overtaken to move to the right — then pass safely.
  - Gravel, pothole, sand, tracks: Call out/point to hazard to alert riders behind
  - Flat: Allow room for the rider to slow down and move to the right to repair. Offer assistance if needed.
  - “Slowing”: A cyclist in front is slowing down. Use caution and prepare to stop. Extend your arm/hand toward riders behind to indicate slowing and stopping.
  - “Stopping”: A rider ahead is stopping. Unclip from your pedals!
  - This is a fun ride and not a race. All cyclists should ride at a comfortable pace.
  - **Unclip and foot down at STOP signs.**
  - Cyclists must carry emergency use cell phone, ID, emergency contact information and insurance cards.
  - **Do wear a properly fitted helmet, with chin-strap cinched tight**
  - Headphones, cell phones, radios, and similar radio devices are not permitted while riding (cell phone are for emergency use only).
  - **Please don't use aerobars**
  - When not passing, don't “half wheel”. Keep your front wheel a safe distance (2 feet) BEHIND the rear wheel of the rider in front of you, especially on hills.
  - Be predictable, keeping a straight line so riders and cars can anticipate your behavior
- Signal your Intentions.** In addition to calling out road hazards, use hand signals to let other cyclists and cars know where you are going. Basic hand signals include:
- Left Turn:** Fully extend your left arm out to the side
  - Right Turn:** Fully extend your right arm out to the side or bend your left arm up at a right angle with your hand flat.
  - Slowing or Stopping:** Extend your left arm out at a right angle with your hand open

## FAQs & Ride Start Times

If you're ready, pin your bib number to your jersey, apply your wristband, and get rolling!

### **When do we begin riding?**

- Whenever you are ready! There is a rolling start (show and go) from 7:00 am to 9:30 am.

- Ride Starting Times □ to avoid congestion we recommend

7:00 am □ 7:30 am □ 100 Mile English Century Riders

7:30 am □ 8:00 am □ 63 Mile Metric Century Riders

8:00 am □ 8:30 am □ 45 and 51 Mile (Half Century) Riders

8:30 am □ 9:00 am □ 27 Mile Riders

- Route Riding Times □ Routes are open from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Be sure to return before 6:00 pm, when the route services will close; and start early if you plan on doing the 100-mile ride!

### **What if I did not receive my ride packet?**

- If you have not received your ride packet you will need to pick up new materials on site at the Information Tent.

### **What if I cannot find my ride packet?**

- If you have misplaced these items, you will need to pick up new materials on site at the Information Tent.

### **What if I registered after September 1?**

If you registered after September 1 and did not receive registration materials by mail, you will need to check in at the Information Tent for your rider number and wrist band.

### **What if I need to transfer the name on a registration because I bought it from someone?**

- Come to The Information tent to update emergency contact information and to sign the waiver.

### **Where is the Information Tent?**

- In Parking Lot H on West Campus Drive. The Information Tent will be staffed until 10:00.

- Please see this guide for an event map of key Back Roads Century locations.

### **I want to beat the crowd and start early!**

- The ride officially starts at 7 AM; local motorists will not expect cyclists in the twilight. Rest stops on your route may not be open if you leave too early. (See page 15 for rest stops info and hours.)

### **I had too much fun Saturday night and want to sleep in!**

- Don't snooze too much — Check page 15 to ensure that rest stops on your route will be open if you arrive late.

### **I don't know anyone and want to ride with people.**

- With so many cyclists, if you start between 7 AM and 9 AM you won't be alone

### **What about the jersey or t-shirt I ordered**

- Jersey and t-shirts will be mailed to you in early November.

### **I'll have a question on ride day, I just can't think of it yet!**

- The Information table will be staffed 7 AM □ 10 AM. After that, you can stop by Popodicon Manor (the site of the after-ride party) 10:30 AM - 6 PM, or check with the PPTC volunteer at each rest stop.

## What to Bring

Prepare for the ride and bring everything you need for the BRC and the weekend. It will make the events more enjoyable; and, if you do have an issue, you'll be able to resolve it faster and with less hassle.

Here is a check list of items that you should bring. Please print this page and refer to it when you're scrambling to get out of the house, and can't find your keys.

1. Bib Number and wristband  Rider numbers and wristbands are mailed in early September. You may not ride without a rider number attached to your jersey.
2. Bike, and BOTH wheels – Who wants to walk 100 miles?
3. Helmet  This is required for our ride.
4. Cycling Shoes – Don't forget your shoes! We've all done this at least one time.
5. Cycling Socks – Your feet will hurt without them; two pairs if you plan to ride both days.
6. Cycling Gloves – Your palms with thank you at the end of the day.
7. Cycling Shorts – You don't want to ride 100 miles in jeans; two pairs if you plan to ride both days.
8. Cycling Jersey – Long sleeve if it's cool and short sleeve if it's warm; two if you plan to ride both days.
9. Cycling Jacket – Late September mornings tend to be cool. Vests work especially well this time of year.
10. Leg and Arm Warmers – Bring warmers to stay nice and cozy in the morning.
11. Cycling Glasses – Keeps the wind out of your eyes while you're going 30mph downhill and look cool.
12. Bike Computer – You'll need this to follow the cue sheets and prove that you rode 100 miles.
13. Cue Sheet – Print out your cue sheet and bring it with you. If you forget, we'll have extras.
14. Cue Sheet Holder – Bring binder clips or get a fancy cue sheet holder from a bike shop.
15. Cell Phone – Indispensable for getting help or ordering pizza.
16. ID and Emergency Contact Information  Program your cell phone so your name and number appear on the lock screen.
17. Sun Screen – Get that perfect "100-mile tan" during the day.
18. Leg Ointment  Many cyclists like to apply a heating ointment or sports cream before a long ride.
19. Chamois Ointment  Putting chamois ointment on your cycling shorts can help prevent chafing.
20. Water Bottle(s) – We recommend having two. It's a long ride!
21. Energy Bars – If you have a favorite, bring some in case you start to bonk before the next rest stop.
22. Spare Tube – Carry an extra. Even if you're unable to change your tire, someone else can assist.
23. Inflation Device – Carry a pump or CO2 cartridge to get yourself back on the road if you have a flat.
24. MiniTool – Even if you can't perform repairs yourself, a passing cyclist may be able to help.
25. Non-Bike Clothes & Shoes – You don't want to miss any of the non-cycling fun. **NO BIKE SHOES ARE PERMITTED AT THE WELLNESS CENTER. If you want a shower, change your shoes.**
26. No Towel! Enjoy a shower at the Wellness Center after ride, and use their towels!
27. Smile – You must bring a smile and carry it with you at all times. We want you to have fun and enjoy the day!

## Saturday Rides

### **Tour of Antietam - Back Roads Century Warmup**

***Plan to arrive in Shepherdstown on Saturday and explore Antietam National Park by bicycle. Potomac Pedalers will cover the park entrance fee; entrance is free for those participating in this Club ride. You will only need to let the park know that you're with the Potomac Pedalers Back Roads Century.***

On September 17, 154 years ago, Confederate and Union troops in the Civil War clashed near Maryland's Antietam Creek in the bloodiest one-day battle in American history - 23,000 soldiers were killed, wounded or missing after twelve hours of savage combat on this day in 1862. The Battle of Antietam ended the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia's first invasion into the North and led to Abraham Lincoln's issuance of the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation.

Antietam National Park will be commemorating the battle and we have designed touring rides of approximately 19 and 35 miles, giving you an opportunity to explore the park and the surrounding area. While both rides are free, we will have active bike marshals and other support in enjoying the breathtaking scenery and historic landscapes.

These rides are open to all club members, whether you are participating in the BRC or not, and are part of the Club's regular and ongoing ride schedule.

Details are posted here: <https://www.potomacpedalers.org/node/480>

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### **2017 Tour of Antietam - Long Route RWGPS:**

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/15802252>

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### **ALL Tour of Antietam - Short Route RWGPS:**

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/15800036>

## SATURDAY CUE SHEETS

### Back Roads Century 2017 Route Descriptions

*by Eric Pilsk and Jim Quinn*

We are pleased to present our routes for the 2017 Back Roads Century!

Based on rider feedback from 2016 we have made some minor changes in offering five routes of varying mileage and challenge so cyclists of all levels can enjoy the beauty of riding through the Northern Shenandoah Valley.

The Century, Metric Century, and Half Century remain largely the same as last year, with most changes being in the last 20 miles to eliminate two-cycling traffic and to route to the new post-ride party at Popodicon Manor. All three of these routes are moderately challenging rides designed for fit cyclists looking for a physical challenge. These routes all include a few short but steep climbs that require strength, stamina, and proper gearing. Please see the detailed route descriptions, maps, and elevation profiles below to make sure these are the routes for you.

We have developed two new routes, the Short Meander and the Long Meander, for riders looking for shorter rides with less climbing. These routes are suitable for casual riders, families with children, or anyone looking for a mellow bike ride. These routes all feature a fully-stocked rest stop at the Yankauer Nature Preserve where you can enjoy a short hike on the Preserve's trails or just relax for a bit before heading back to Shepherdstown and the post-ride party.

All routes include short cuts and end at the historic Popodicon Manor on the campus of Shepherd University. The Manor is the model of elegance, and the grounds will provide a beautiful and restful place to enjoy a post-ride meal and sit-down. Optional massages are also available. After you have recovered from the ride with the fantastic party at the Manor, we hope you will wander into Shepherdstown before headed home.

## Back Roads Century 2017 Route Descriptions

### **BRC Century – 101.2 Miles, +4305 feet**

The Century route (red markings) showcases the very best of the northern Shenandoah Valley. Offering views of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers, the Blue Ridge and North Mountain, apple orchards, and rolling farm land, the Century is a mini-tour of the Valley. There are no long or sustained climbs on the route, but there are plenty of rollers and several short, steep pitches over 10% (and one or two over 15%) to make you earn the views and descents. Last year's riders described this as a hilly route, so train accordingly so you can enjoy the ride! We will have rest stops every 20 miles or so to keep you fueled and fresh.

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/20937349>

### **BRC Metric Century – 63.8 miles, +2825 feet**

If you want a bit more of a challenge try the Metric Century (green markings) route instead of the Half Century. The route adds about 12 miles of beautiful farmland and just a few more small hills, but lets you say you rode 100 Km in a day! This route also features several short, steep pitches over 10% (and one or two over 15%) to keep you honest. Three rest stops will fuel your body and the views will keep you inspired.

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/15127059>

### **BRC Half Century – 52.1 miles, +2400 feet**

Half the miles but most of the views, the Half Century (blue markings) allows riders to enjoy most of the views and beautiful countryside as the Century route without so many miles. This is also a hilly route so be prepared to work for those miles. There are no long, sustained climbs, but there are several short, steep pitches over 10% (and one or two over 15%) to make you earn the sweeping views and fun downhill sections. Take your time, enjoy the scenery and the three rest stops, and you will have a great day.

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/20935756>

### **BRC Long Meander – 47.5 miles, +1553 feet**

For riders looking for a slightly longer route without all of the hills on the Half Century route, we have an Long Meander (yellow markings) that gets you out into the rolling farmland south and west of Shepherdstown with views of the mountains at a comfortable distance. We will have two rest stops to keep you fueled and fresh before you head back to Shepherdstown and the post-ride party.

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/17132322>

### **BRC Short Meanders – 27.3 miles (+1043 feet) or 23.2 miles (+927 feet)**

The Short Meander (orange markings) route loops northwest of Shepherdstown through gently rolling farmland to Yankauer Nature Preserve where you can refresh your body at our stocked rest stop at around 15 miles and refresh your spirit with a short hike or stroll through the Nature Preserve. The route wanders back to Shepherdstown for more sightseeing, shopping, and the post-ride party at Bellevue Estate.

RWGPS: 27.3: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/23492089>

23.2: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/20937146>

## 2017 Backroads Rest Stops

**Jefferson Fairgrounds** 1707 Old Leetown Pike, Gate 2 Kearneysville, WV 25430

7:45 AM – 12:45 AM

Food served: bagels & cream cheese, PBJ, fruit, energy bars, water & energy drink

First stop for Metric, Half Century and the Long Meander.

**Moulton Park** 716 Bloomery Rd Charles Town, WV 25414

7:30 AM – 10:30 PM

Food served: bagels & cream cheese, PBJ, energy bars, additional salty snacks, water & energy drink

First stop for Century riders ONLY.

**Clearbrook Park** 3300 Martinsburg Pike Clear Brook, VA 22624

9:00 AM – 1:00 AM

Food served: PBJ, fruit, veggies, energy bars, additional salty snacks, water & energy drink

Second stop for Century riders ONLY.

**Henry Arena** 233 Almshouse Rd Martinsburg, WV 25403

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Food served: famous tomato & hummus sandwiches, PBJ, fruit, veggies, additional salty snacks, water & energy drink

Stop for Century, Metric and Half Century.

**Yankauer Nature Preserve** Across the Road from 455 Whiting's Neck Road Martinsburg, WV 25404

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Food served: boiled potatoes, PBJ, fruit, veggies, energy bars, salty snacks, water & energy drink

Stop for ALL riders.

**BRC Century, Sept. 17, 2017**

Follow **RED** Arrows

R = Right; L= Left; BR = Bear Right; BL = Bear Left; Bec = Becomes; @SS= Stop Sign

@TL = Traffic Light; TRO = to remain on; !!!! = CAUTION

Emergency Call: 911; SAG Call: (240) 893 3499, (304) 620-8153, (304) 620-8177 or 304-702-9541

Mile	Cue	Description
0.0	L	W Campus Dr from Registration
0.1	BL	Onto path through tunnel
0.2	R	After underpass; follow path around Stadium to N. King St
0.4	R	N. King St
0.5	L	E. High St
0.6	R	N. Mill St
0.7	L	E. German St
0.8	S	For Century (Routes Split)
1.0	S	Bec River Rd. CAUTION Steep Downhill; Rough Road
6.0	R	Knott Rd
6.4	S	Bec Engle Molders Rd
8.0	S	For Century (Routes Split)
8.2	L	TRO Engle Molders Rd
10.0	L	TRO Engle Molders Rd
10.2	BL	Best Rd
11.1	R	Bakerton Rd ( <b>TRAFFIC</b> )
12.0	!!!	Sharp Right into 1-lane tunnel
13.5	X	US 340 @ TL <b>TRAFFIC</b> Bec Millville Rd/Bloomery Rd
15.4	!!!	Cross RR Tracks
15.6	!!!	Cross RR Tracks
18.7	L	<b>REST STOP - Moulton Park Exit L</b>
19.4	R	WV-115 / Charles Town Rd
19.5	!!!	CAUTION Narrow Bridge, No Shoulder ( <b>TRAFFIC</b> )
20.3	L	Kabletown Rd <b>TRAFFIC</b>
24.7	R	Meyerstown Rd
26.1	R	TRO Meyerstown Rd
27.3	R/L	US340/Long St (Gravel) <b>TRAFFIC</b>
27.5	L	Withers Larue Rd
30.3	R	Leetown Rd
32.3	L	Summit Point Rd
35.4		Enter Clark Co VA. (FULL STOP @SS)
35.5	R	Swimley RD (FULL STOP @SS)
37.4	!!!	CAUTION 1 Lane Bridge
37.4	L	Brucetown Rd
40.3	L	Poolside Dr. to Rest Stop
40.5	L	<b>REST STOP - Clearbrook Park Pool; U-Turn to Exit</b>
40.7	L	Brucetown Rd
41.1	L/R	US11 @ TL to Hopewell Rd <b>TRAFFIC</b>
43.2	R	Welltown Rd
44.2	L	Cedar Hill Rd
45.1	S	Bec White Hall Rd (Cedar Hill goes R)
46.0	R	Apple Pie Ridge Rd
48.5	S	Bec Runnymede Rd (In WV)
50.2	L	Goldmiller Rd
52.7	S	X WV-51 to Horners Sawmill Rd <b>TRAFFIC</b>

Mile	Cue	Description
55.5	BL	TRO Horners Sawmill Rd
55.8	R	Tabler Station Rd
56.8	L	Arden Nollville Rd
57.0	S !!!	@ SS EXTREME CAUTION Traffic from R does not stop
57.2	L	WV 45/Apple Harvest Dr
57.3	S	Bec Pitzers Chapel Rd
58.3	!!!	GEAR DOWN - Steep Hill
58.5	!!!	Curve & Steep Downhill, Smile!
59.2	R	Poor House Rd
61.3	R	<b>REST STOP - Henry Arena Don't Block Entrance; Exit right.</b>
62.1	R	Tuscarora Pike
62.5	L	Thatcher Rd ( <b>TRAFFIC</b> )
64.6	R	Dry Run Rd ( <b>TRAFFIC</b> )
64.8	L	Ridge Rd ( <b>TRAFFIC</b> ) SLOWER BIKES Keep R)
68.0	X	WV 9/Hedgesville Rd @ TL TRO Ridge Rd (Routes Split)
68.9	!!!	CAUTION-Gravel in Tunnel
70.2	R	Hammonds Mill Rd ( <b>TRAFFIC</b> )
70.5	BL	Little Georgetown Rd ( <b>TRAFFIC</b> )
73.2	R	Vineyard Rd
74.8	BR	Hammonds Mill Rd ( <b>TRAFFIC</b> )
75.0	L	Harlan Springs ( <b>TRAFFIC</b> )
75.6	L	Ropp Dr
76.3	R	TRO Ropp Dr
77.0	L	Nipetown Rd
78.8	X !!!	US-11 @TL Bec Bedington Rd
80.3	L	Scrabble Rd
82.2	L	Carlyle Rd
83.1	R	Whitings Neck Rd
83.7	L	<b>REST STOP - Yankauer Nature Preserve; Exit Left</b>
84.1	L	Scrabble Rd (Route Split)
85.3	R	Cedar Rd/Cedar Ln (Route Split)
87.6	R	Swan Pond Rd (Route Split)
88.2	L	Files Cross Rd
89.3	S	X WV45/Shepherdstown Rd <b>TRAFFIC</b>
90.8	L	Winebrenner Rd
92.3	L	Gosling Marsh Rd
92.9	S	X WV 45/Shepherdstown Rd <b>TRAFFIC</b>
93.9	R	Swan Pond Rd
93.8	S	Bec Billnyer Mill Rd
94.1	L	Turner Rd
96.0	L	Scrabble Rd
96.4	S	Bec Shepherd Grade Rd
100.5	R	University Dr
101.0	L	<b>Parking Lot H</b>
101.1	END!	For Party, continue to end of Lot H, turn Left

For Showers: Go Left on University Dr from Lot H to Lot G & Wellness Center



## BRC Metric Century, Sept. 17, 2017

### Follow GREEN Arrows

R = Right; L= Left; BR = Bear Right; BL = Bear Left; Bec = Becomes

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Mile	Cue	Description
0.0	L	W Campus Dr from Registration
0.1	BL	Onto path through tunnel
0.2	R	After underpass; follow path around Stadium to N. King St
0.4	R	N. King St
0.5	L	E. High St
0.6	R	N. Mill St
0.7	L	E. German St
0.8	S	For Metric (Routes Split)
1.0	S	Bec River Rd. CAUTION Steep Downhill; Rough Road
6.0	R	Knott Rd
6.4	S	Bec Engle Molers Rd
8.0	R	Uvilla Rd (Route Split)
9.4	R	Shepherdstown Pk <b>TRAFFIC!</b>
9.5	L	French Rd
10.9	L	Flowing Springs Rd <b>TRAFFIC!</b>
11.1	R	Whitmer Rd
11.9	L	TRO Whitmer Rd
12.5	L	Ridge Rd CAUTION! (Rejoin Half Century & 47 routes)
13.5	R	Luther Jones Rd
14.0	S	X Warm Springs TRO Luther Jones
14.6	!!!	X RR tracks & busy intersections
14.7	S	Wiltshire Rd @TL
17.7	R	Old Leetown Pk <b>TRAFFIC!</b>
18.2	R	Fairground Ln
18.3		Rest Stop - Jefferson Co. Fair Ground. U-turn back to exit
18.6	R	Old Leetown Pk <b>TRAFFIC!</b>
19.2	S	TRO Old Leetown Pk (Route Split)
20.6	L	Leetown Rd
21.0	R	Sulphur Springs Rd
22.7	R	Strobridge Rd
24.9	S	Bec Airport Rd
25.8	L	Novak Dr
27.1	S	X US-11 to Business Park Dr @TL
27.9	S	Bec Tabler Station Rd
29.6	R	Arden Nollville Rd
Mile	Cue	Description

29.8	S !!!	@ SS EXTREME CAUTION Traffic from R does not stop
30.0	L	WV 45/Apple Harvest Dr
30.0	S	Bec Pitzers Chapel Rd
31.0	!!!	GEAR DOWN - Steep Hill
31.3	!!!	Caution-Curve & Steep Downhill; Smile!
32.0	R	Poor House Rd
34.1	R	Rest Stop - Henry Arena Don't Block Entrance; Exit right
34.8	R	Tuscarora Pk
35.3	L	Thatcher Rd <b>TRAFFIC</b>
37.4	R	Dry Run Rd <b>TRAFFIC</b>
37.6	L	Ridge Rd S <b>TRAFFIC SLOWER BIKES</b> Keep R
40.8	X	WV 9/Hedgesville Rd @TL TRO Ridge Rd (Route Split)
41.6	!!!	CAUTION-Gravel Tunnel
43.0	R	Hammonds Mill Rd <b>TRAFFIC</b>
43.3	BL	Little Georgetown Rd <b>TRAFFIC</b>
46.0	R	Vineyard Rd
47.5	BR	Hammonds Mill Rd <b>TRAFFIC</b>
47.7	L	Harlan Springs <b>TRAFFIC</b>
48.4	L	Ropp Dr
49.1	R	TRO Ropp Dr
49.7	L	Nipetown Rd
51.6	X !!!	US-11 @TL Bec Bedington Rd
53.0	L	Scrabble Rd
55.0	L	Carlyle Rd
55.9	R	Whittings Neck Rd
56.5	L	Rest Stop - Yankauer Nature Preserve; Exit Left
56.9	L	Scrabble Rd (Route Split)
58.1	S	TRO Scrabble (Route Split)
59.0	L	Shepherd Grade Rd
63.6	R	University Dr
63.3	L	Parking Lot H
63.5	END!	For Party, continue to end of Lot H, turn Left
For Showers: Go Left on University Dr from Lot H to Lot G & Wellness Center		

## BRC Half Century, Sept. 17, 2017

### Follow BLUE Arrows

R = Right; L= Left; BR = Bear Right; BL = Bear Left; Bec = Becomes

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Mile	Cue	Description
0.0	L	W Campus Dr from Registration
0.1	BL	Onto path through tunnel
0.2	R	After underpass; follow path around Stadium to N. King St
0.4	R	N. King St
0.5	L	E. High St
0.6	R	N. Mill St
0.7	L	E. German St
0.8	R	S Mill St (Routes Split)
0.9	L	Shepherdstown Pk <b>TRAFFIC</b>
1.6	L	Engle Molers Rd
2.7	R	Trough Rd
3.4	R	TRO Trough Rd
4.3	S !!!	X Shepherdstown Pk to Gardners Ln
5.6	L	TRO Gardners Ln
6.1	L	Ridge Rd
7.7	S	Rejoin Metric route
8.8	R	Luther Jones Rd
9.3	X	Warm Springs TRO Luther Jones
9.9	!!!	X RR tracks & busy intersections
9.9	S	Wiltshire Rd @TL
12.9	R	Old Leetown Pk <b>TRAFFIC</b>
13.5	R	Fairground Ln to rest stop
13.6		Rest Stop - Jefferson Co. Fair Ground. U-turn back to Exit
13.8	R	Old Leetown Pk <b>TRAFFIC</b>
14.4	S	TRO Old Leetown Pk (Route Split)
15.8	L	Leetown Rd
16.3	R	Sulphur Springs Rd
18.0	R	Strobridge Rd
20.2	S	Continue onto Airport Rd
21.1	L	Novak Dr
22.3	S	X US-11 @TL Cross onto Business Park Dr
23.2	S	Bec Tabler Station Rd
24.9	R	Arden Nollville Rd
25.1	S !!!	@ SS EXTREME CAUTION Traffic from R does not stop
25.2	L	WV-45/Apple Harvest Dr
25.3	S	Bec Pitzers Chapel Rd

Mile	Cue	Description
26.3	!!!	GEAR DOWN - Steep Hill
26.6	!!!	Caution-Curve & Steep Downhill, Smile!
27.3	R	Poor House Rd
29.3	R	Rest Stop - Henry Arena Don't Block Entrance Exit right
30.1	R	Tuscarora Pike <b>TRAFFIC</b>
30.6	L	Thatcher Rd <b>TRAFFIC</b>
32.7	R	Dry Run Rd <b>TRAFFIC</b>
32.9	L	Ridge Rd S <b>TRAFFIC SLOWER</b> BIKES Keep R
36.0	R	WV 9/Hedgesville Rd @TL <b>TRAFFIC</b> (Route Split)
36.1	L	Cumbo Rd
37.2	L	Harlan Springs Rd
37.2	R	Ropp Dr
38.0	R	Nipetown Rd
39.9	X !!!	US-11 @TL to Bedington Rd
41.4	L	Scrabble Rd
43.3	L	Carlyle Rd
44.2	R	Whitings Neck Rd
44.8	L	Rest Stop - Yankauer Nature Preserve; Exit Left
45.2	L	Scrabble Rd (Route Split)
46.4	S	TRO Scrabble (Route Split)
47.3	L	Shepherd Grade Rd
51.4	R	University Dr
51.9	L	Parking Lot H
52.1	END!	For Party, continue to end of Lot H, turn Left
		For Showers: Go Left on University Dr from Lot H to Lot G & Wellness Center

## BRC Long Meander (47), Sept. 17, 2017

### Follow YELLOW Arrows

R = Right; L= Left; BR = Bear Right; BL = Bear Left; Bec = Becomes

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Mile	Cue	Description
0.0	L	W Campus Dr from Registration
0.1	BL	Onto path through tunnel
0.2	R	After underpass; follow path around Stadium to N. King St
0.4	R	N. King St
0.5	L	E. High St
0.6	R	N. Mill St
0.7	L	E. German St
0.8	R	S Mill St (Routes Split)
0.9	L	Shepherdstown Pk <b>TRAFFIC</b>
1.6	L	Engle Molers Rd
2.7	R	Trough Rd
3.4	R	TRO Trough Rd
4.3	S !!!	X Shepherdstown Pk to Gardners Ln
5.6	L	TRO Gardners Ln
6.1	L	Ridge Rd
7.7	S	Rejoin Metric route
8.8	R	Luther Jones Rd
9.3	X	Warm Springs TRO Luther Jones
9.9	!!!	X RR tracks & busy intersections
9.9	S	Wiltshire Rd @TL
12.9	R	Old Leetown Pike <b>TRAFFIC</b>
13.5	R	Fairground Ln to Rest Stop
13.6		Rest Stop - Jefferson Co. Fair Ground. U-turn back to Exit
13.8	R	Old Leetown Pk <b>TRAFFIC</b>
14.5	R	Jefferson Orchard Rd (Route Split)
15.7	L	Hite Rd
16.7	L	Leetown Rd <b>TRAFFIC</b>
17.0	R	Paynes Ford Rd
18.7	BR	Mount Zion Rd
19.4	S	Bec Short Rd
20.6	R	TRO Short Rd
20.8	L	Van Metre Dr
21.5	L	Charlestown Rd <b>TRAFFIC</b>
21.6	R	Baker Rd
22.3	L	TRO Baker Rd

Mile	Cue	Description
23.4	L	Golf Course Rd
23.7	R	Winebrenner Rd
24.2	L	Files Cross Rd
25.7	X	WV 45/Sheperdstown Rd <b>TRAFFIC</b>
26.8	L	Swan Pond Rd
27.8	R	Greensburg Rd
29.2	S	Myers Bridge Rd
29.5	R	Jacobs Rd
31.1	R	Scrabble Rd
31.8	L	Carlyle Rd
32.7	R	Whitings Neck Rd
33.3	L	Rest Stop. Yankauer Nature Preserve Exit Left
33.7	R	Scrabble Rd (Route Split)
34.1	L	Greenburg Rd
36.0	L	t-r-o Greensburg Rd
37.5	L	Swan Pond Rd
40.2	S	Bec Billmyer Mill Rd
40.2	L	Turner Rd
42.1	L	Scrabble Rd
42.5	BR	Shepherd Grade Rd
46.7	R	University Dr
47.1	L	Parking Lot H;
47.2	END!	For Party, continue to end of Lot H, turn Left

For Showers: Go Left on University Dr from Lot H to Lot G & Wellness Center

## BRC Short Meanders (27 & 23), Sept. 17, 2017

Follow **ORANGE** Arrows

R = Right; L= Left; BR = Bear Right; BL = Bear Left  
 Bec = Becomes; @SS= Stop Sign; @TL = Traffic Light  
 TRO = to remain on; !!!! = CAUTION

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### 27 Mile Route

Mile	Cue	Description
0.0	R	W Campus Dr from Registration
0.1	L	Through last parking row. Continue around building on R.
0.2	L	University Dr. after softball field
0.4	R	WV-45 /W German St <b>TRAFFIC</b>
1.1	R	Old Martinsburg Rd
1.3	R	Billmyer Mill Rd
2.8	S	Bec Swan Pond Rd
3.0	L	Gosling Marsh Rd (Route Split)
3.9	X	45/Shepherdstown Rd <b>TRAFFIC</b>
4.5	R	Winebrenner Rd
6.0	R	Files Cross Rd
7.5	X	45/Shepherdstown Rd <b>TRAFFIC</b>
8.7	L	Swan Pond Rd
9.6	R	Greensburg Rd
11.1	BL	Myers Bridge Rd
11.3	R	Jacob Rd
12.9	R	Scrabble Rd
13.6	L	Carlyle Rd
14.5	R	Whitings Neck Rd
15.1	L	Rest Stop - Yankauer Nature Preserve Exit Left
15.5	L	Scrabble Rd (Route Split)
16.7	R	Cedar Rd/Cedar Ln (Route Split)
19.0	L	Swan Pond Rd (Route Split)
20.1	S	Bec Billmyer Rd
20.2	L	Turner Rd
22.1	L	Scrabble Rd
22.5	BR	Shepherd Grade Rd
26.6	R	Turn right onto University Dr
27.1	L	Turn left into Parking Lot H
27.3	END!	For Party, continue to end of Lot H, turn left.  For Showers, go left on University Dr from Lot H to Lot G & Wellness Center

### 23 Mile Route

Mile	Cue	Description
0.0	R	W Campus Dr from Registration
0.1	L	Through last parking row. Continue around building on R.
0.2	L	University Dr. after softball field
0.4	R	WV-45 /W German St <b>TRAFFIC</b>
1.1	R	Old Martinsburg Rd
1.3	R	Billmyer Mill Rd
2.8	S	Bec Swan Pond Rd
3.0	S	Remain on Swan Pond (27 mile route goes Left) (Route Split)
4.5	S	Remain on Swan Pond Rd (Rejoin 27 Mile Route)
5.5	R	Greensburg Rd
6.9	BL	Myers Bridge Rd
7.2	R	Jacob Rd
8.8	R	Scrabble Rd
9.5	L	Carlyle Rd
10.4	R	Whitings Neck Rd
11.0	L	Rest Stop - Yankauer Nature Preserve Exit Left
11.4	L	Scrabble Rd (Route Split)
12.6	R	Cedar Rd/Cedar Ln (Route Split)
14.9	L	Swan Pond Rd (Route Split)
16.0	S	Bec. Billmyer Rd
16.1	L	Turner Rd
18.0	L	Scrabble Rd
18.4	BR	Shepherd Grade Rd
22.5	R	Turn right onto University Dr
23.0	L	Turn left into Parking Lot H
23.2	END!	For Party, continue to end of Lot H, turn left.  For Showers, go left on University Dr from Lot H to Lot G & Wellness Center

## Shepherdstown History

Settlers began migrating into this region in the early 1700s. The colony of Virginia issued Shenandoah Valley land grants in the 1730s (so did Maryland's governor, oops) but settlers had already been here for years. In 1734, Thomas Shepherd organized 222 acres along Town Run. More than twenty springs feed the Run, which rarely floods and never runs dry; it meanders through backyards, and under buildings and streets before rushing to the Potomac. Early settlers found water for cooking, cleaning, and firefighting, as well as plentiful fish. It powered the shops of millers, tanners, potters, smiths, and other artisans.

In 1775, George Washington called for rifle companies to aid Boston. A 100-man company left here on the "Beeline March", that covered 600 miles in 24 days. The men became the first to help another colony. A former Sect. of the Army declared this the birthplace of the U.S. Army. The town's cemeteries contain at least 38 Revolutionary veterans, a measure of its military involvement.

The little town flourished. On December 3, 1787, James Rumsey held a successful trial of his steamboat, decades before Fulton's. A half-sized working replica can be seen at our museum. An English and a German school were among several started before the War. Two free schools were established here in 1848; one is now the home of the Visitors Center.

Many of the wooden structures of pioneer Shepherdstown were torn down to make way for brick homes and shops. Houses for the brickyard workers, known as Fossett Row, still stand on W High Street. African American workers, both slave and free, lived at each end of German Street; Little Philadelphia on the west and Angel Hill on the east. By 1857, nearly 100 slaves lived here.

The arrival of the C & O Canal in the 1830s increased commerce. In 1879 the railroad arrived, turning the town away from the river. Canals and railroads knit the nation together; the Civil War tore it apart and Shepherdstown was divided. In October, 1859, the town's Hamtramck Guard rushed to Harpers Ferry to end John Brown's raid on the Federal Arsenal. At the outbreak of the War, they became Company B, 2nd Virginia Infantry, a part of the famous Stonewall Brigade. Many local young men fought on the side of the Confederacy, and many fought for the Union. Families and neighbors split; slaves hoped for a new day.

After the Battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862, General Robert E. Lee's forces retreated across the Potomac. Shepherdstown, population 1219, provided care for 5-8,000 casualties for months. The wounded filled nearly every house, shop, church, and street. The Battle of Shepherdstown added to the carnage, but ended Lee's Maryland ambitions. Two days later, Pres. Lincoln announced his emancipation order. Today, Elmwood Cemetery holds the graves of 285 Confederate veterans.

In 1872, Shepherdstown found its future as a college town with a teaching college. From this seed grew Shepherd University, providing educational and employment opportunities, and cultural attractions. In 2000, Pres. Bill Clinton chose this as the site of the Israel/Syria peace talks. The President, delegates, and press often took time to stroll German Street. You might still see some peace signs that delighted townspeople hung in their windows.

Occasionally, fire destroyed important buildings, but the rows of 18th and early 19th century houses remain remarkably intact. The many fine homes and buildings as well as surviving examples of humbler dwellings reflect Shepherdstown's varied and distinguished history in architecture, education, religion, transportation, politics, and commerce. Serendipitously, the town could not afford to raze its old buildings to put up malls. Buildings were preserved by adapting them to new uses. Some Shepherdstown folk's families reach deep into the past. Others are retired professors, foreign service officers, and others who want to stay close (but not too close) to D.C.; visionary scientists at SkyTruth and others who seek deep change; sustainable farmers, cheesemakers, blacksmiths, and other artists and artisans of all kind. We are now surrounded by the past, but living in the 21st century. For more information, visit [Shepherdstown.info](http://Shepherdstown.info).

## Historical Sites – Century Route

100.5 miles

### BRC Century (100.5 mi, 4279 ft)

Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
	←	Left	Official Start: Turn left onto W Campus Dr	0.0
0.1	←	Left	Bear left onto path. Continue through underpass.	0.1
0.1	→	Right	Turn right after underpass and follow path around Stadium to N. King St	0.2
0.2	→	Right	Turn right onto N. King St	0.4
0.1	←	Left	Turn left onto E High St	0.5 Early football great Red Grange bought gas in the late 1920s at the Blue Moon site.
0.2	→	Right	Turn right onto N Mill St	0.6 Green bldg. c. southeast where George Washington really did stay in about 1751 on a visit to friend across the street. Later was a rowdy tavern known for its bullwhip fights.
0.1	←	Left	Turn left onto E German St	0.7 (r) Reformed Church Cemetery & Lutheran graveyard (l) have nineteen veterans of the American Revolution buried there.
0.0	↑	Straight	(Route Split) Metric & Century continue straight.	0.8
0.2	↑	Straight	Continue onto River Rd. CAUTION Steep Downhill; Rough Pavement	1.0 (going downhill) called Mt. Misery in the 1850s by locals, old roadbed up to the left. Where River Road turns off from the river (l) - Knott Island is where President Grover Cleveland fished with Dr. Reynolds and Wm Reinhart when President in 1890s. Didn't catch anything. They sent fish on ice to the White House for him.
5.0	→	Right	Turn right onto Knott Rd	6.0 (obelisk) At United Methodist Church area, skirmish occurred in Civil War October 15-16, 1862.

Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
0.3	↑	Straight	Continue straight onto Engle Molders Rd	6.4
				8.0
1.6	↑	Straight	(Routes Split) Century continues straight.	
0.2	←	Left	Turn left to stay on Engle Molders Rd	8.2
1.8	←	Left	Turn left to stay on Engle Molders Rd	10.0
0.2	←	Left	Slight left onto Best Rd	10.2 The left-hand side of Best Road at Bakerton Rd. was Stonewall Jackson's extreme left flank (battery) when capturing Harper's Ferry Sept. 14-15, 1862.
0.9	→	Right	Turn right onto Bakerton Rd (Caution-Traffic)	11.1
0.8	→	Right	t-r-o Bakerton Rd (Caution-1-lane tunnel)	11.8 - (left-hand side) Semple's Keep Tryst Furnace was operating in 1764. . . . Down Bakerton Road, Harper's Ferry Toy Train and Museum right-hand side. . . . On both sides, Stonewall Jackson's line when capturing HF Sept., 1862. Thru 340, on south side of 340 up on hill to left River Riders; at foot of road to RR, Allstadt's Ordinary, preserved home of John Allstadt, a hostage taken by John Browns' raiders October 16, 1859.
1.6	↑	Straight	Continue onto Millville Rd	13.5 at Millville (Keyes' Switch) April 5, 1965 Raider John Mosby skirmished with Federal Loudoun Rangers.
2.0	↑	Straight	Continue onto Bloomery Rd	15.5 On a ridge to the right, once the home of the Brookings Institution's (Washington, D.C.) first president, Harold Moulton.
3.2	↑	Food	Rest Stop-Moulton Park	18.7 Called "The Big Eddy" - Where F. Scott Fitzgerald (while writing "This Side of Paradise") swam with local girls w/ chaperones during his one month stay here in July, 1916. He sunburned easily and wore a hat. "He was a good swimmer, but out of the water we sat in the shade most of time because of his tender skin."
0.7	→	Right	Turn right onto WV-115 / Charles Town Rd (Caution-Traffic)	19.4

Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
0.1	↑	Danger	CAUTION Narrow Bridge, No Shoulder	19.5
0.8	←	Left	Turn left onto Kabletown Rd	20.3 Beeler's (Beller's) Mill, Kabletown Road (right hand side): September 2nd, 1861 - The Massachusetts 13th inf. regiment surrounded the Charlestown Home Guards Cavalry about two o'clock this afternoon at Beller's Mill, and took twenty prisoners, having first killed three and wounded five. . . - 22.9 - (l) Hawthorndale road leads east to 1. Shannon Hill, first home of Charles "Broadway" Rouss who went from rags-to-riches after the Civil War in NYC. 2. beyond Shannon Hill across the Shenandoah River by ferry stood the elegant Shannondale Springs resort in mid-1800s, patronized by at least three presidents (van Buren, Pierce and Fillmore). . . . 23.8 - above Kabletown - late August, 1861 fight between Federal cavalry and CSA infantry. 24.7 November 15, 1864 (to the left, eastward) 200 yards east of intersection, a grove of trees where an important battle occurred between Raiders with John S. Mosby and Richard Blazer's Federal Scouts.
4.4	→	Right	Turn right onto Meyerstown Rd	26.1
1.4	→	Right	Turn right to stay on Meyerstown Rd	27.4 Oct. 18, 1863 - in Rippon village, CSA Gen. Imboden fought pursuing Federal cavalry after a severe battle in Charles Town.
1.2	→	Right	Turn right onto US-340 N/Berryville Pike	27.5
0.2	←	Left	Turn left onto Withers Larue Rd	30.3
2.8	→	Right	Turn right onto Leetown Rd	32.8
2.0	←	Left	Sharp left onto Summit Point Rd	In Summit Point, right-hand side to the west, the Winchester-Potomac Railroad, completed and connected to the B&O railroad in 1837. . . . 33.4 - Motorsports Center on the left. Summit Point Raceway here; Actor Paul Newman raced often, an excellent driver. Now, where Feds learn kidnap evasion driving tactics.



Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
3.1	↑	Generic	Entering Clark Co VA. (FULL STOP @SS)	35.4
0.0	→	Right	Turn right onto State Rte 672 / Swimley RD (STOP)	35.5
1.9	↑	Danger	CAUTION-1 Lane Bridge	37.4
0.0	←	Left	672/Brucetown Rd	39.0 Sept. 7, 1864 - near Brucetown, Federal cavalry demonstration; Sept. 13, heavy cannonading.
3.1	←	Left	Turn left onto Community Dr	40.6
0.1	↑	Food	Rest Stop - Clearbrook Park. U-Turn to Exit	Clear Brook Park community. Hopewell Friends Meeting House (one mile west of park at 604 Hopewell). The oldest portion of the structure was built between 1759-1761. . . . About two miles south of the rest area is Stephenson's Depot where most of R. E. Lee's Army encamped in October, 1862 after Antietam.
0.1	←	Left	Turn left onto State Rte 672/Brucetown Rd	40.7
0.1	←	Left	Turn left onto US-11 S/Martinsburg Pike	40.9
0.0	→	Right	Turn right onto State Rte 672/Hopewell Rd	40.9
2.1	→	Right	Turn right onto State Rte 661/Welltown Rd	42.9
1.0	←	Left	Turn left onto State Rte 671/Cedar Hill Rd	44.0
0.9	↑	Straight	White Hall Rd (as Cedar Hill turns right)	44.9
0.9	→	Right	Turn right onto State Rte 739/Apple Pie Ridge Rd	45.8
2.6	↑	Straight	bec. 26/185 Runnymede Rd (Entering WV)	48.3 about 49.3 (2956 Runnymede) - Cool Spring Farm; land bought in 1735 by Morgan Morgan, first white and permanent settler in today's West Virginia, founder also of Morgantown.
1.6	←	Left	Turn left onto 24/Goldmiller Rd	50.0
2.5	↑	Straight	Cross 51/Gerrardstown onto 24/Horners Sawmill Rd Caution-Traffic)	52.5

Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
2.8	←	Left	Slight left to stay on 24/Horners Sawmill Rd	55.3
	→	Right	Turn right onto 37/Tabler Station Rd	55.6
0.3				
				56.6 - Arden was named in 1775 by the Quaker Jacob Moon after the district of Arden in Warwickshire, England. . . . 4799 Nollville-Arden Road - Thomas Thornburgh's house built 1751. (leading Quaker)
1.0	←	Left	Turn left onto Arden Nollville Rd	
0.2	↑	Straight	EXTREME CAUTION - Traffic from right on 45 does not stop if turning right.	56.8
0.1	←	Left	Turn left to stay on WV-45 W/Apple Harvest Dr	57.0
0.1	↑	Straight	Continue onto Pitzers Chapel Rd	57.1
1.0	↑	Straight	GEAR DOWN - Steepest Hill on Ride.	58.1
0.3	↑	Straight	Caution-Curve & Steep Downhill, Smile!	58.4
0.7	→	Right	Turn right onto Poor House Rd	59.0
2.1	↑	Food	Rest Stop - Henry Arena at Poor House Farm. Exit right.	61.1 "Henry Arena is a non-profit Equine Facility whose goal is to promote horsemanship in Berkeley County and surrounding area by holding Jackpot Barrel Races, Open shows, Youth and NBHA rodeos, 4-H riding programs, pony club events, equine educational seminars and all eventing competitions for English and Western enthusiasts."
0.8	→	Right	Turn right onto Boyds Gap Rd/Tuscarora Pike (Caution-Traffic)	61.9
0.4	←	Left	Turn left onto Thatcher Rd (Caution-Traffic)	62.3
2.1	→	Right	Turn right onto Dry Run Rd/Parks Gap Rd (Caution-Traffic-Left)	64.4

Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
0.2	←	Left	Turn left onto Ridge Rd S (Caution-Traffic, Hills, SLOWER TRAFFIC Keep Right)	64.6 Battles in Civil War around Hedgesville - Oct. 20, 1862, July 18, 1863, Oct. 15, 1863.
3.2	↑	Straight	@tl X 9/Hedgesville Rd t-r-o Ridge Rd (Route Split)	67.8
0.9	↑	Danger	CAUTION-Gravel in RR Tunnel	68.7
1.3	→	Right	Turn right onto WV-901 E (Caution-Traffic)	70.0 Less than a mile west of the turn eastward on 901, two Civil War skirmishes occurred at North Mountain on July 4th and July 17th, 1863. . . Also on Oct. 9-10, 1862 where Jeb Stuart and 1800 men camped before riding around Federal Army in Pa.
0.3	↑	Straight	Continue onto Little Georgetown Rd (Caution-Traffic-Right)	70.3
2.7	→	Right	Turn right onto Vineyard Rd	73.1
1.5	↑	Straight	Continue straight onto WV-901 W (Caution-Traffic-Left)	74.6
0.2	←	Left	Turn left onto Co Rte 1/Harlan Springs (Caution-Traffic)	74.8
0.6	←	Left	Turn left onto Ropp Dr	75.4 (.1 mile south of turn on to Ropp Dr. at 3182 Harlan Springs road is the Harlan Springs Historic District, with four structures, the largest "The Willows," (1812) of three-bay side-hall style.
0.8	→	Right	Turn right to stay on Ropp Dr	76.2
0.6	←	Left	Turn left onto Nipetown Rd	76.8
1.8	↑	Straight	@tl Cross US-11/Williamsport Pike onto Bedington Rd	78.6 - at Hainesville - the battle of Falling Waters July 2, 1861 occurred about one mile north around State Route 11. Hainesville was a point of retreat for the Confederates, who camped at Hainesville and Bedington. . . . 79.0 - Leaving Bedington - big house on Right with barn and mill - home of Revolutionary War major Henry Bedinger, opposite up side roads where Gen. Wade Hampton's cavalry camped in July, 1861.

Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
1.5	←	Left	Turn left onto Scrabble Rd	80.1
2.0	←	Left	Turn left onto Carlyle Rd	82.1
0.9	→	Right	Turn right onto Whitings Neck Rd	83.0
0.5	↑	Food	Rest Stop - Yankauer Nature Preserve	83.5
<p>The Yankauer Nature Preserve is named after Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Yankauer, who donated it to The Nature Conservancy in 1967. The preserve encompasses a total of 104 acres of gently rolling former farmland that is gradually returning to its natural forested state. Because this land is in this kind of transition, it is, in effect, an especially interesting and informative natural laboratory: visitors can view a constantly changing blend of fast-growing shrubs and trees, red cedar glades, and emerging oak forest. The preserve also includes a section of wooded, high limestone bluffs overlooking the Potomac River, which adds even more variety to the landscape and habitat mix.</p>				
0.0	←	Left	Turn left onto Whitings Neck Rd	83.5
0.4	←	Left	Turn left onto Scrabble Rd	83.9
1.1	→	Right	(Route Split) Century turns right onto Cedar Rd/Cedar Ln	85.1
2.3	→	Right	(Route Split) Century turns right onto Swan Pond Rd	87.4
0.6	←	Left	Turn left onto Files Cross Rd	88.0
1.1	↑	Straight	X 45/Shepherdstown Rd (Caution-Traffic)	89.1
1.5	←	Left	Turn left onto Winebrenner Rd	90.6
<p>Winebrenner Road to Gosling Marsh Road was the main road from Martinsburg to Shepherdstown during the Civil War.</p>				
1.5	←	Left	Turn left onto Gosling Marsh Rd	92.1
0.1	↑	Water	Emergency Water Stop	92.2
0.5	↑	Straight	X 45/Shepherdstown Rd (Caution-Traffic)	92.7
1.0	→	Right	Turn right onto Swan Pond Rd	93.7

Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
0.2	↑	Straight	Continue onto Co Rte 12/1/Billmyer Mill Rd	93.8 At Rocky Marsh and Billmyer's Mill, Stonewall Jackson's Brigade rested and bathed about two days after the Antietam Battle across the Potomac.
0.1	←	Left	Turn left onto Turner Rd	93.9 94.6 - on the east side of the road on the "Staley Farm" Gen. Robert E. Lee camped and set up his headquarters on September 18-19th 1862.
1.9	←	Left	Turn left onto Scrabble Rd	95.8 Going clockwise around Shepherd Grade you will pass the Shepherd "Lower Farm" also called Springwood and just after it, the entrance to the National Conservation Training Center of the Fish and Wildlife Service. Next, on the left is Terrapin Neck Road, next on the right is the long lane to Wild Goose, the second largest home in the County and built in 1842 by Rezin D. Shepherd, who was described in the New Orleans Picayune as the wealthiest man in New Orleans. As you approach a merging of two ends of Shepherd Grade there is a small wood on the right called "Finger Board Woods," where the gypsies once sold horses.
0.4	↑	Straight	Continue onto Shepherd Grade Rd	96.2
4.1	↑	Generic	Straight for Party at Belle Vue Estates....Or.... right for showers and parking.	100.3
0.1	←	Left	Turn left into Belle Vue - The End - Party Time!	100.5

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# Historical Sites - Metric Century

63.3 miles

## BRC Metric Century (63.3 mi, 2798 ft)

Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
	←	Left	Official Start: Turn left onto W Campus Dr	0.0
0.1	←	Left	Bear left onto path. Continue through underpass.	0.1
0.1	→	Right	Turn right after underpass and follow path around Stadium to N. King St	0.2
0.2	→	Right	Turn right onto N. King St	0.4
0.1	←	Left	Turn left onto E High St	0.5 Early football great Red Grange bought gas in the late 1920s at the Blue Moon site. 0.6
0.2	→	Right	Turn right onto N Mill St	Green bldg. c. southeast where George Washington really did stay in about 1751 on a visit to a friend. Later, it was a rowdy tavern known for its bullwhip fights. 0.7
0.1	←	Left	Turn left onto E German St	(r) Reformed Church Cemetery & Lutheran graveyard (l) have nineteen veterans of the American Revolution buried there. 0.8
0.0	↑	Straight	(Route Split) Metric & Century continue straight.	1.0 (going downhill) called Mt. Misery in the 1850s by locals, old roadbed up to the left.
0.2	↑	Straight	Continue onto River Rd. CAUTION Steep Downhill; Rough Pavement	Where River Road turns off from the river (l) - Knott Island where President Grover Cleveland fished with Dr. Reynolds and Wm Reinhart when President in 1890s. Didn't catch anything. They sent fish on ice to the White House for him.

Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
				6.0
5.0	→	Right	Turn right onto Knott Rd	(obelisk) At United Methodist Church area, skirmish occurred in Civil War October 15-16, 1862.
0.3	↑	Straight	Continue straight onto Engle Molders Rd	6.4
1.6	→	Right	(Route Split) Metric turns right onto Uvilla Rd	8.0
1.4	→	Right	CAUTION! Turn right onto WV-230 N/Shepherdstown Pike	9.4 July 16th, 1863 33 Union soldiers captured in skirmish in area of Uvilla and French Road.
0.1	←	Left	Turn left onto French Rd	9.5
1.5	←	Left	CAUTION! Turn left onto Flowing Springs Rd	10.9
0.1	→	Right	Turn right onto Whitmer Rd	11.1
0.8	←	Left	Turn left to stay on Whitmer Rd	11.9
				12.5
0.6	←	Left	CAUTION! Turn left onto Ridge Rd (Rejoin Half Century & 47 routes)	12.6 - 2000 Ridge Road, Shenandoah Jct. - Rock Springs, built 1797-99, added to 1825. A convalescing Confederate soldier was shot and killed in the house in 1864 by an intruder; son 10-year-old Nelson Snyder delivered message from Confederate Gen. R. E. Lee to spy Belle Boyd from Rock Springs. . . . 12.9 1583 Ridge Road - York Hill (right hand side) Land bought in 1754, and the original log portion of house was built in the late 1760s by Col. James Hendricks.
1.1	→	Right	Turn right onto Luther Jones Rd	13.5 Warm Springs was the main road from Martinsburg to Charles Town during the mid-1800s.
0.5	↑	Straight	Cross Warm Springs to stay on Luther Jones Rd	14.0
0.6	↑	Straight	CAUTION! Crossing RR tracks & crossing traffic intersections	14.6 On October 12th, 1864 CSA Col. John Mosby burned a train and took \$173,000 in Union payroll near this spot in "The Greenback Raid."

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				14.7
0.0	↑	Straight	@tl continue straight onto WV-115/Wiltshire Rd	15.9 (right hand side "Johnson Town Road - (bldgs. - 2575-2599 Hite Road) Johnstontown Freed African American Community - founded by free African Americans, George W. and Betty Johnson in 1848 on 12 acres. It was the first free black community in the state. The Johnsons and other families built a number of homes and a log one-room graded school which also served as a meeting place. The church and cemetery remain.
3.0	→	Right	CAUTION! Turn right onto Old Leetown Pike	17.7 (to the left/east, you're turning right and west) About 1.8 miles to the east from the Old Leetown Pike and Wiltshire road intersection - a daylong artillery and cavalry battle on August 21st, 1864 to control the road.
0.5	→	Right	Turn right onto Fairground Ln	18.2
0.2	↑	Food	Rest Stop - Jefferson Co. Fair Ground. U-turn back to Old Leetown Rd	18.3 To the west a bldg. call the Snow Hill Farm was the County Poor Farm from 1850 to about 1960.
0.2	→	Right	CAUTION! Turn right onto Old Leetown Pike	18.6
2.0	←	Left	Turn left onto Leetown Rd	20.6 (on right) "Prato Rio," the home of Revolutionary War Gen. Charles Lee.
0.4	→	Right	Turn right onto Sulphur Springs Rd	21.0 (on Bowers Road on right just before crossing Opequon) "The Bower," where Jeb Stuart and a hundred men stayed and partied for a month, October, 1862.
1.7	→	Right	Turn right onto Strobridge Rd	22.7
2.2	↑	Straight	Continue onto Airport Rd	24.9
0.9	←	Left	Turn left onto Novak Dr	25.8
1.3	↑	Straight	@tl Cross US-11 onto Business Park Dr	27.1
0.9	↑	Straight	Continue onto Tabler Station Rd	27.9
1.7	→	Right	Turn right onto Arden Nollville Rd	29.6 Arden was named in 1775 by the Quaker Jacob Moon after the district of Arden in Warwickshire, England. . . . 4799 Nollville-Arden Road - Thomas



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				Thornburgh's house built 1751. (leading Quaker)
0.2	↑	Straight	EXTREME CAUTION - Traffic from right on 45 does not stop if turning right.	29.8
0.1	←	Left	Turn left to stay on WV-45 W/Apple Harvest Dr	29.9
0.1	↑	Straight	Continue onto Pitzers Chapel Rd	30.0
1.0	↑	Straight	GEAR DOWN - Steepest Hill on Ride.	31.0
0.3	↑	Straight	Caution-Curve & Steep Downhill, Smile!	31.3
0.7	→	Right	Turn right onto Poor House Rd	32.0 "Henry Arena is a non-profit Equine Facility whose goal is to promote horsemanship in Berkeley County and surrounding area by holding Jackpot Barrel Races, Open shows, Youth and NBHA rodeos, 4-H riding programs, pony club events, equine educational seminars and all eventing competitions for the English and Western enthusiasts."
2.1	↑	Food	Rest Stop - Henry Arena at Poor House Farm. Exit right.	34.1
0.8	→	Right	Turn right onto Boyds Gap Rd/Tuscarora Pike (Caution-Traffic)	34.8
0.4	←	Left	Turn left onto Thatcher Rd (Caution-Traffic)	35.3
2.1	→	Right	Turn right onto Dry Run Rd/Parks Gap Rd (Caution-Traffic-Left)	37.4
0.2	←	Left	Turn left onto Ridge Rd S (Caution-Traffic, Hills, SLOWER TRAFFIC Keep Right)	37.6 Battles in Civil War around Hedgesville - Oct. 20, 1862, July 18, 1863, Oct. 15, 1863.
3.2	↑	Straight	@tl X 9/Hedgesville Rd t-r-o Ridge Rd (Route Split)	40.8
0.9	↑	Danger	CAUTION-Gravel in RR Tunnel	41.6
1.3	→	Right	Turn right onto WV-901 E (Caution-Traffic)	43.0

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0.3	↑	Straight	Continue onto Little Georgetown Rd (Caution-Traffic-Right)	43.3
2.7	→	Right	Turn right onto Vineyard Rd	46.0
1.5	↑	Straight	Continue straight onto WV-901 W (Caution)-Traffic-Left)	47.5
0.2	←	Left	Turn left onto Co Rte 1/Harlan Springs (Caution-Traffic)	47.7
0.6	←	Left	Turn left onto Ropp Dr	48.4 (.1 mile south of turn on to Ropp Dr. at 3182 Harlan Springs Historic District, with four structures, the largest "The Willows," (1812) of three-bay side-hall style.
0.8	→	Right	Turn right to stay on Ropp Dr	49.1
0.6	←	Left	Turn left onto Nipetown Rd	49.7
1.8	↑	Straight	@tl Cross US-11/Williamsport Pike onto Bedington Rd	51.6 Route 11/Bedington (Hainesville) a mile south of the Battle of Falling Waters that occurred July 2, 1861; Leaving Bedington - big house on Right with barn and mill - home of Revolutionary War major Henry Bedinger, opposite up side roads where Gen. Wade Hampton's cavalry camped in July, 1861.
1.5	←	Left	Turn left onto Scrabble Rd	53.0
2.0	←	Left	Turn left onto Carlyle Rd	55.0
0.9	→	Right	Turn right onto Whitings Neck Rd	55.9
0.5	↑	Food	Rest Stop - Yankauer Nature Preserve	56.5 The Yankauer Nature Preserve is named after Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Yankauer, who donated it to The Nature Conservancy in 1967. The preserve encompasses a total of 104 acres of gently rolling former farmland that is gradually returning to its natural forested state. Because this land is in this kind of transition, it is, in effect, an especially interesting and informative natural laboratory: visitors can view a constantly changing blend of fast-growing shrubs and trees, red cedar glades, and emerging oak forest. The preserve also includes a section of wooded, high

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				limestone bluffs overlooking the Potomac River, which adds even more variety to the landscape and habitat mix.
0.0	←	Left	Turn left onto Whittings Neck Rd	56.5 Going through village of Scrabble, left turn just before stream crossing is Swearingen's Mill, circa 1750s.
0.4	←	Left	Turn left onto Scrabble Rd	56.9
1.1	↑	Straight	(Route Split) Metric continues straight	58.1
0.9	←	Left	Turn left onto Shepherd Grade Rd	59.0 Going clockwise around Shepherd Grade you will pass the Shepherd "Lower Farm" also called Springwood and just after it, the entrance to the National Conservation Training Center of the Fish and Wildlife Service. Next, on the left is Terrapin Neck Road, next on the right is the long lane to Wild Goose, the second largest home in the County and built in 1842 by Rezin D. Shepherd, who was described in the New Orleans Picayune as the wealthiest man in New Orleans. As you approach a merging of two ends of Shepherd Grade there is a small wood on the right called "Finger Board Woods," where the gypsies once sold horses.
4.1	↑	Generic	Straight for Party at Belle Vue Estates....Or.... right for showers and parking.	63.1
0.1	←	Left	Turn left into Belle Vue - The End - Party Time!	63.2

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# Historical Sites – Half Century Route

51.6 miles

## BRC Half Century (51.6 mi, 2373 ft)

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	←	Left	Official Start: Turn left onto W Campus Dr	0.0
0.1	←	Left	Bear left onto path. Continue through underpass.	0.1
0.1	→	Right	Turn right after underpass and follow path around Stadium to N. King St	0.2
0.2	→	Right	Turn right onto N. King St	0.4
0.1	←	Left	Turn left onto E High St	0.5 Early football great Red Grange bought gas in the late 1920s at the Blue Moon site.
0.2	→	Right	Turn right onto N Mill St	0.6 Green bldg. c. southeast where George Washington really did stay in about 1751 on a visit to a friend. Later, it was a rowdy tavern known for its bullwhip fights.
0.1	←	Left	Turn left onto E German St	0.7 (r) Reformed Church Cemetery & Lutheran graveyard (l) have nineteen veterans of the American Revolution buried there.
0.0	→	Right	(Route Split) Half Century turns right onto S Mill St	0.8
0.2	←	Left	CAUTION! Turn left onto WV-230 S/Washington St/Shepherdstown Pike	0.9 O'Hurleys area called "Pot-Licker Flat" in mid-1800s. Blacksmith Conrad Snyder hid whiskey-filled cylinders in shaft of his cane during Federal occupations.
0.7	←	Left	Turn left onto Engle Molers Rd	1.6
1.1	→	Right	Turn right onto Trough Rd	2.7 2.8 (lefthand side) Aspen Pool Farm, built in 1827 originally two-story side hall style. CSA Gen. A.P. Hill's infantry approached and retreated from battle Sept. 20, 1862.
1.5	↑	Straight	Cross 230/Shepherdstown Pike onto Gardners Ln	4.3 (right-hand side) once a very large Federal encampment in this field during the Civil War.

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1.3	←	Left	Turn left to stay on Gardners Ln	5.6
0.6	←	Left	Turn left onto Ridge Rd	6.1
				7.3 - 2640 Ridge Road Shenandoah Jct. - Glen Burnie original structure built by James Glenn in 1802. Federal style slate roof. He was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown ending the Revolution.
				8.0 - 2000 Ridge Road, Shenandoah Jct. - Rock Springs, built 1797-99, added to 1825. A convalescing Confederate soldier was shot and killed in the house in 1864 by an intruder; son 10-year-old Nelson Snyder delivered message from CSA Gen. R. E. Lee to spy Belle Boyd from Rock Springs. . . . 8.3 8.3 1583 Ridge Road York Hill (right hand side) Land bought in 1754 The original log portion of house was built in the late 1760s by Col. James Hendricks.
1.6	↑	Straight	Rejoin Metric route	
1.1	→	Right	Turn right onto Luther Jones Rd	8.8
0.5	↑	Straight	Cross Warm Springs TRO Luther Jones	9.3 Warm Springs Road was the main road from Martinsburg to Charles Town during the mid 1800s. Road taken by CSA Gen. Jackson en route to capture Harpers Ferry, Sept., 1862.
0.6	↑	Straight	CAUTION! Crossing RR tracks & crossing traffic intersections	9.9 On October 12th, 1864 CSA Col. John Mosby burned a train and took \$173,000 in Union payroll near this spot. Called "The Greenback Raid."
0.0	↑	Straight	@tl continue straight onto WV-115/Wiltshire Rd	12.0 (right hand side "Johnson Town Road -(bldgs. - 2575-2599 Hite Road) Johnstontown Freed African American Community was founded by free African-Americans, George W. and Betty Johnson in 1848 on 12 acres. It was the first free black community in the state. The Johnsons and other families built a number of homes and a log one-room graded school which also served as a meeting place. The church and cemetery remain.

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				12.9 (to the left/east, you're turning right and west) About 1.8 miles to the east from the Old Leetown Pike and Wiltshire road intersection - a daylong artillery and cavalry battle on August 21st, 1864 to control the road.
3.0	→	Right	CAUTION! Turn right onto Old Leetown Pike	
0.5	→	Right	Turn right onto Fairground Ln	13.5 To the west a bldg. call the Snow Hill Farm was the County Poor Farm from 1850 to about 1960.
0.2	↑	Food	Rest Stop - Jefferson Co. Fair Ground. U-turn back to Old Leetown Rd	13.6
0.2	→	Right	CAUTION! Turn right onto Old Leetown Pike	13.8
2.0	←	Left	Turn left onto Leetown Rd	15.8
				15.9 (on right) "Prato Rio," the home of Revolutionary War Gen. Charles Lee.
0.4	→	Right	Turn right onto Sulphur Springs Rd	16.3 (on Bowers Road on right just before crossing Opequon) "The Bower," where Jeb Stuart and a hundred men stayed and partied for a month, October, 1862.
1.7	→	Right	Turn right onto Strobridge Rd	18.0
2.2	↑	Straight	Continue onto Airport Rd	20.2
0.9	←	Left	Turn left onto Novak Dr	21.1
1.3	↑	Straight	@tl Cross US-11 onto Business Park Dr	22.3
0.9	↑	Straight	Continue onto Tabler Station Rd	23.2
1.7	→	Right	Turn right onto Arden Nollville Rd	24.9 Arden was named in 1775 by the Quaker Jacob Moon after the district of Arden in Warwickshire, England. . . . 4799 Nollville-Arden Road - Thomas Thornburgh's house built 1751. (leading Quaker)
0.2	↑	Straight	EXTREME CAUTION - Traffic from right on 45 does not stop if turning right.	25.1
0.1	←	Left	Turn left to stay on WV-45 W/Apple Harvest Dr	25.2
0.1	↑	Straight	Continue onto Pitzers Chapel Rd	25.3

Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
1.0	↑	Straight	GEAR DOWN - Steepest Hill on Ride.	26.3
0.3	↑	Straight	Caution-Curve & Steep Downhill, Smile!	26.6
0.7	→	Right	Turn right onto Poor House Rd	27.3
2.1	↑	Food	Rest Stop - Henry Arena at Poor House Farm. Exit right.	29.3 "Henry Arena is a non-profit Equine Facility whose goal is to promote horsemanship in Berkeley County and surrounding area by holding Jackpot Barrel Races, Open shows, Youth and NBHA rodeos, 4-H riding programs, pony club events, equine educational seminars and all eventing competitions for English and Western enthusiasts."
0.8	→	Right	Turn right onto Boyds Gap Rd/Tuscarora Pike (Caution-Traffic)	30.1
0.4	←	Left	Turn left onto Thatcher Rd (Caution-Traffic)	30.5
2.1	→	Right	Turn right onto Dry Run Rd/Parks Gap Rd (Caution-Traffic-Left)	32.7
0.2	←	Left	Turn left onto Ridge Rd S (Caution-Traffic, Hills, SLOWER TRAFFIC Keep Right)	32.9
3.2	→	Right	CAUTION! @tl turn right onto 9/Hedgesville Rd (Route Split).	36.0 Battles in Civil War around Hedgesville - Oct. 20, 1862, July 18, 1863, Oct. 15, 1863.
0.1	←	Left	Turn left onto Cumbo Rd	36.1
1.1	←	Left	Turn left onto Co Rte 1/Harlan Springs Rd	37.2
0.0	→	Right	Turn right onto Ropp Dr	(.1 mile south of turn on to Ropp Dr. at 3182 Harlan Springs Historic District, with four structures, the largest "The Willows," (1812) of three-bay, side-hall style).
0.8	→	Right	Turn right onto Nipetown Rd	38.0
1.8	↑	Straight	@tl Cross US-11/Williamsport Pike onto Bedington Rd	39.9 at Hainesville - the battle of Falling Waters July 2, 1861 occurred about a mile north around State Route 11. Hainesville was a point of retreat for the CSA, who camped at Hainesville and Bedington. . . .

Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
				79.0 - Leaving Bedington - big house on Right with barn and mill - home of Revolutionary War major Henry Bedinger, opposite up side roads where Gen. Wade Hampton's cavalry camped in July, 1861.
1.5	←	Left	Turn left onto Scrabble Rd	41.3
2.0	←	Left	Turn left onto Carlyle Rd	43.3
0.9	→	Right	Turn right onto Whitings Neck Rd	44.2
				44.8 The Yankauer Nature Preserve is named after Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Yankauer, who donated it to The Nature Conservancy in 1967. The preserve encompasses a total of 104 acres of gently rolling former farmland that is gradually returning to its natural forested state. Because this land is in this kind of transition, it is, in effect, an especially interesting and informative natural laboratory: visitors can view a constantly changing blend of fast-growing shrubs and trees, red cedar glades, and emerging oak forest. The preserve also includes a section of wooded, high limestone bluffs overlooking the Potomac River, which adds even more variety to the landscape and habitat mix.
0.5	↑	Food	Rest Stop - Yankauer Nature Preserve	
0.0	←	Left	Turn left onto Whitings Neck Rd	44.8
0.4	←	Left	Turn left onto Scrabble Rd	45.2 Going through village of Scrabble, left turn just before stream crossing is Swearingen's Mill, circa 1750s.
1.1	↑	Straight	(Route Split) Metric continues straight	46.4
0.9	←	Left	Turn left onto Shepherd Grade Rd	95.8 Going clockwise around Shepherd Grade you will pass the Shepherd "Lower Farm" also called Springwood and just after it, the entrance to the National Conservation Training Center of the Fish and Wildlife Service. Next, on the left is Terrapin Neck Road, next on the right is the long lane to Wild Goose, the second largest home in the County and built in 1842 by Rezin D. Shepherd, who was described in the New Orleans Picayune as



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				the wealthiest man in New Orleans. As you approach a merging of two ends of Shepherd Grade there is a small wood on the right called "Finger Board Woods," where gypsies once sold their horses.
4.1	↑	Generic	Straight for Party at Belle Vue Estates....Or.... right for showers and parking.	51.4
0.1	←	Left	Turn left into Belle Vue - The End - Party Time!	51.6

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## Historical Sites – Long Meander Route

47.0 miles

### BRC Local Meander 47 (47.0 mi, 1551 ft)

Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
	←	Left	Official Start: Turn left onto W Campus Dr.	0.0
0.1	←	Left	Bare left onto path. Continue through underpass.	0.1
0.1	→	Right	Turn right after underpass and follow path around Stadium to N. King St	0.2
0.2	→	Right	Turn right onto N. King St	0.4
0.1	←	Left	Turn left onto E High St	0.5
0.2	→	Right	Turn right onto N Mill St	0.6
0.1	←	Left	Turn left onto E German St	0.7
0.0	→	Right	(Route Split) Half Century turns right onto S Mill St	0.8
0.2	←	Left	CAUTION! Turn left onto WV-230 S/Washington St/Shepherdstown Pike	0.9
0.7	←	Left	Turn left onto Engle Molders Rd	1.6
1.1	→	Right	Turn right onto Trough Rd	2.7
1.5	↑	Straight	Cross 230/Shepherdstown Pike onto Gardners Ln	2.8
1.3	←	Left	Turn left to stay on Gardners Ln	4.3
0.6	←	Left	Turn left onto Ridge Rd	5.6
1.6	↑	Straight	Rejoin Metric route	6.1

0.9 O'Hurleys area called "Pot-Licker Flat" in mid-1800s. Blacksmith Conrad Snyder hid whiskey-filled cylinders in shaft of his cane during Federal occupations.

2.8 (lefthand side) Aspen Pool Farm, built in 1827, originally two-story side hall style. Confederate Gen. A.P. Hill's infantry approached and retreated from battle Sept. 20, 1862.

4.3 Major Federal encampment in the field to your right, after the turn.

7.3 - 2640 Ridge Road Shenandoah Jct. - Glen Burnie - original structure built by James Glenn in 1802. Federal style slate roof. He was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown ending the Revolution.

Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
				8.0 - 2000 Ridge Road, Shenandoah Jct. - Rock Springs, built 1797-99, added to 1825. A convalescing Confederate soldier was shot and killed in the house in 1864 by an intruder; son 10-year-old Nelson Snyder delivered message from Confederate Gen. R. E. Lee to spy Belle Boyd from Rock Springs. 8.3 - 1583 Ridge Road York Hill (right hand side) Land bought in 1754, original log portion of house was built in the late 1760s by Col. James Hendricks.
1.1	→	Right	Turn right onto Luther Jones Rd	8.8
0.5	↑	Straight	Cross Warm Springs TRO Luther Jones	9.3 Warm Springs Road was the main road from Martinsburg to Charles Town during the mid-1800s and Civil War. Road taken by CSA General Jackson en route to capture Harpers Ferry, Sept., 1862.
0.6	↑	Straight	CAUTION! Crossing RR tracks & crossing traffic intersections	9.9 On October 12th, 1864 CSA Col. John Mosby burned a train and took \$173,000 in Union payroll near this spot. Called "The Greenback Raid."
0.0	↑	Straight	@tl continue straight onto WV-115/Wiltshire Rd	9.9 12.0 (right hand side "Johnson Town Road -(bldgs. - 2575-2599 Hite Road) Johnsontown Freed African American Community - founded by free African Americans, George W. and Betty Johnson in 1848 on 12 acres. It was the first free black community in the state. The Johnsons and other families built a number of homes and a log one-room graded school which also served as a meeting place. The church and cemetery remain.
3.0	→	Right	CAUTION! Turn right onto Old Leetown Pike	12.9 (to the left/east, you're turning right and west) About 1.8 miles to the east from the Old Leetown Pike and Wiltshire road intersection - a daylong artillery and cavalry battle on August 21st, 1864 to control the road.
0.5	→	Right	Turn right onto Fairground Ln	13.5 To the west a bldg. call the Snow Hill Farm was the County Poor Farm from 1850 to about 1960.
0.2	↑	Food	Rest Stop - Jefferson Co. Fair Ground. U-turn back to Old Leetown Rd	13.6
0.2	→	Right	CAUTION! Turn right onto Old Leetown Pike	13.8
0.6	→	Right	(Route Split) Local 47 turns right onto Jefferson Orchard Rd	14.4

Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
1.3	↑	Straight	Continue onto Hite Rd	15.7 To the right/east at this turn, there is the 18th century home of Thomas Hite, who was killed in the Revolution. On the property is the "Old Hite Fort" where the family stayed during Indian attacks, with a stream within and underneath.
1.0	←	Left	CAUTION! Turn left onto Leetown Rd	16.7
0.2	→	Right	Turn right onto Paynes Ford Rd	16.9
1.8	↑	Straight	Continue onto Mount Zion Rd	18.7
0.7	↑	Straight	Continue onto Short Rd	19.4
1.2	→	Right	Turn right to stay on Short Rd	20.6
0.2	←	Left	Turn left onto Van Metre Dr	20.7
0.8	←	Left	CAUTION! Turn left onto WV-115/Charlestown rd	21.5
0.0	→	Right	Turn right onto Baker Rd	21.6 - Adjacent is the large regional VA Medical Center, named after Newton D. Baker, the Sec'y of War.
0.8	←	Left	Turn left t-r-o Baker Rd	22.3
1.1	←	Left	Turn left onto Golf Course Rd	23.4
0.3	→	Right	Turn right onto Winebrenner Rd	23.7 In the 1800s, Winebrenner Rd was the main road from Martinsburg. The road split at Winebrenner's Crossroads, one toward Charles Town, the other toward Shepherdstown
1.9	←	Left	Turn left onto Gosling Marsh Rd	25.7
0.6	↑	Straight	Cross WV-45/Martinsburg Pike TRP Gosling Marsh Rd	26.3
1.0	←	Left	(Route Split) Local 47 turns left onto Swan Pond Rd	27.2
1.0	→	Right	Turn right onto Cedar Ln	28.3
1.8	↑	Straight	Continue onto Cedar Rd	30.1
0.5	←	Left	Turn left onto Scrabble Rd	30.6
1.1	→	Right	Turn right onto Whitings Neck Rd	31.7
0.4	↑	Food	Rest Stop. Yankauer Nature Preserve	32.2 The Yankauer Nature Preserve is named after Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Yankauer, who donated it to The

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				Nature Conservancy in 1967. The preserve encompasses 104 acres of gently rolling former farmland that is gradually returning to its natural forested state. Because this land is in this kind of transition, it is, in effect, an especially interesting and informative natural laboratory. Visitors can view a constantly changing blend of fast-growing shrubs and trees, red cedar glades, and emerging oak forest. The preserve also includes a section of wooded, high limestone bluffs overlooking the Potomac River, which adds even more variety to the landscape and habitat mix.
0.0	→	Right	Turn right onto Whitings Neck Rd	32.2
0.5	←	Left	Turn left onto Carlyle Rd	32.7
0.9	→	Right	Turn right onto Scrabble Rd	33.6
0.7	←	Left	Turn left onto Co Rte 12/4 / Jacobs rd	34.3
1.6	←	Left	Turn left onto Myers Bridge Rd	35.9
0.3	↑	Straight	Continue onto Greensburg Rd	36.2
1.5	←	Left	Turn left onto Swan Pond Rd	37.6
2.7	↑	Straight	Continue onto Co Rte 12/1 / Billmyer Mill Rd	40.3
				40.4 40.4 At Rocky Marsh and Billmyer's Mill, Stonewall Jackson's Brigade rested and bathed about two days after the Antietam Battle across the Potomac.
0.1	←	Left	Turn left onto Turner Rd	41.2 - on the east side of the road on the "Staley Farm" Gen. Robert E. Lee camped and set up his headquarters on September 18-19th 1862.
				42.3 Going clockwise around Shepherd Grade you will pass the Shepherd "Lower Farm" also called Springwood and just after it, the entrance to the National Conservation Training Center of the Fish and Wildlife Service. Next, on the left is Terrapin Neck Road, next on the right is the long lane to Wild Goose, the second largest home in the County and built in 1842 by Rezin D. Shepherd, who was described in the New Orleans Picayune as the wealthiest man in New Orleans. As you approach a merging of two ends of Shepherd Grade there is a small wood on the right
1.9	←	Left	Turn left onto Scrabble Rd	

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				called "Finger Board Woods," where the gypsies once had horses for sale.
0.4	↑	Straight	Continue straight onto Shepherd Grade Rd	42.7
4.1	↑	Generic	Straight for Party at Belle Vue Estates....Or.... right for showers and parking.	46.8
0.1	←	Left	Turn left into Belle Vue - The End - Party Time!	46.9

# Historical Sites – Short Meander Route

26.8 miles

## BRC Local Meander 27 ( 26.8 mi, 1001 ft)

Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
	→	Right	Official Start: Turn right onto W Campus Dr	0.0
0.0	←	Left	Turn left through last parking row. Continue around building on your right.	0.0
0.2	←	Left	After passing softball field, turn left onto University Dr	0.2
0.1	→	Right	Caution-Traffic. Turn right onto WV-45 W/W German St/Martinsburg Pike/Martinsburg Pkwy	0.4
0.7	→	Right	Turn right onto Old Martinsburg Rd	1.1
0.2	→	Right	Turn right onto Co Rte 12/1/Billmyer Mill Rd	1.3
			Log house on the northeast corner is the home of Jacob Keplinger and daughter Coopsie. It has always been known as "Keplinger's Corner." At 2.7 (where Turner Road is to the right and Swan Pond ahead), on September 19-22, 1862 Confederate Gen Stonewall Jackson stayed at the home to the left called Millbrook and his men camped at Billmyer's Mill. North on Turner Rd. about a mile Gen. R. E. Lee had an encampment.	
1.5	↑	Straight	Continue onto Swan Pond Rd	2.8
0.2	←	Left	(Route Split) Local 27 turns left onto Gosling Marsh Rd	3.0
1.0	↑	Straight	X 45/Shepherdstown Rd (Caution-Traffic)	3.9
0.6	→	Right	Turn right onto Winebrenner Rd	4.5
			Winebrenner Rd. was the main road from Martinsburg to Shepherdstown in the 1800s.	
1.5	→	Right	Turn right onto Files Cross Rd	6.0
1.5	↑	Straight	X 45/Shepherdstown Rd (Caution-Traffic)	7.5
1.1	←	Left	Turn left onto Swan Pond Rd	8.7

Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
0.9	→	Right	Turn right onto Greensburg Rd	9.6
1.5	↑	Straight	Continue onto Myers Bridge Rd	11.1
0.3	→	Right	Turn right onto Co Rte 12/4/Jacob Rd	11.3
1.6	→	Right	Turn right onto Scrabble Rd	12.9
0.7	←	Left	Turn left onto Carlyle Rd	13.6
0.9	→	Right	Turn right onto Whitings Neck Rd	14.5

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0.5	↑	Food	Rest Stop - Yankauer Nature Preserve	
0.0	←	Left	Turn left onto Whitings Neck Rd	15.1
0.4	←	Left	Turn left onto Scrabble Rd	15.5
1.1	→	Right	(Route Split) Local 27 turns right onto Cedar Rd/Cedar Ln	16.7
2.3	←	Left	(Route Split) Local 27 turns left onto Swan Pond Rd	19.0
1.2	↑	Straight	Continue onto Co Rte 12/1/BillMyer Mill Rd	20.1
0.1	←	Left	Turn left onto Co Rte 14/Turner Rd	20.2

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				Road, next on the right is the long lane to Wild Goose, the second largest home in the County and built in 1842 by Rezin D. Shepherd, who was described in the New Orleans Picayune as the wealthiest man in New Orleans. As you approach a merging of two ends of Shepherd Grade there is a small wood on the right called "Finger Board Woods," where the gypsies used to have their horses for sale.
0.4	↑	Straight	Continue onto Shepherd Grade Rd	22.5
4.1	↑	Generic	Straight for Party at Belle Vue Estates....Or.... right for showers and parking.	26.6
0.1	←	Left	Turn left into Belle Vue Estate for End of Ride Festival	26.8

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## Things to do in Shepherdstown

Shepherdstown is a lively place throughout the year. Don't leave your friends or family at home!

**The Cut to the Chase Film Festival** - Running through the weekend, this festival features short films from across the world, all loosely based on the theme of kiss. They are presented in blocks of several films. Animation, suspense, comedy, drama and documentaries shorts from local, regional and international filmmakers. Ticket information and schedules are at [www.c2cfilmfestival.org](http://www.c2cfilmfestival.org).

**Pedal & Paddle** - Shepherdstown's renowned bike and boat shop offers a great package throughout the weekend. With a rented trail bike, you'll ride about five miles on the lovely C&O Canal Towpath then they will swap out the bike for a kayak. You'll enjoy a trip back downstream at your own pace. Reservations are required, and double kayaks are available; the cost is \$80. Call 304 876-3000 to reserve.

**Shepherdstown Mystery Walks** - Dana Mitchell, of *Ghosts of Shepherdstown* TV fame, leads a 90-minute walk through this historic town, highlighting some of the many sites of both natural and supernatural mysteries. Reservations are required for this extremely popular Shepherdstown staple, which is also offered on Friday evening. Tickets are \$12; reservations are by phone at 240 593-2317.

**Wine Tasting** – FREE - On Saturday from 1–7, Grapes & Grains Gourmet in the heart of town offers a free tasting of fine wines. Check out the prices; you'll never see them in D.C. Bonus: case discounts.

**Oktoberfest** - On Sunday, non-riders can enjoy an event that has been cheering Shepherdstown for over thirty years. From noon to 6 PM, there will be German food, beer, sausages, music and dance, and more. Kids activities and arts and crafts will keep the whole family busy and happy while riders enjoy their own party. Price is TBA. No bicycles are permitted on grounds during Oktoberfest.

**Little House** - Shepherdstown's leading attraction for children, the Little House is a fully furnished two-story stone house that's just ten feet tall. Although used as a playhouse now, it was built almost 90 years ago as a learning laboratory for teaching students about childhood development. Together with the Little Barn, which is no longer open to the public, the Little House was a part of a tiny farming homestead.

**Shepherdstown Visitor Center** - Rated by Trip Advisor as the #1 must see in Shepherdstown (WOW!), this lively and informative place is open every day from 10-4, and should be your first stop. Grab a map and orient yourself to the town, its history, its live music venues, and its many attractions.

**Historic Walking Tours of Shepherdstown** – Saturday – 10am, 1pm, 4pm - Enjoy a stroll through 300 years. First settled by Europeans around 1720 this oldest town in West Virginia has seen it all. Learn about life in a frontier town, on the front lines of the Civil War, and so much more from local historian Jim Surkamp ([civilwarscholar.org](http://civilwarscholar.org)). Reservations required through [jsurkamp@gmail.com](mailto:jsurkamp@gmail.com), tickets are \$10 for adults, free for children 12 and under.

**Commemoration of the Battles of Antietam and Shepherdstown** – TBA – Recreate the retreat and pursuit by walking across the Potomac at Packhorse Ford from Sharpsburg, Maryland to Shepherdstown, West Virginia just as soldiers did on Sept. 17, 1862. Weather and river level permitting, swimmers only. Details pending from the National Park Service at Antietam National Battlefield

**Pedal & Paddle Package** – 10 am - Pedal & Paddle will provide you with a trail bike for a 5-mile ride up the C&O Canal, then swap the bike for a kayak or canoe. Take a leisurely 3-5 hours to move down the Potomac, during which you may see young black bears, bobcats, foxes, mink, bald eagles, hawks of all descriptions and other native animals. Reservations must be made at (304) 876-3000.

**Story Time at Shepherdstown Public Library** – TBA – The Library organizes a variety of activities for children of all ages. All programs are free. The final schedule will be found at [Shepherdstown.info](http://Shepherdstown.info).

**Shopping** – No chain stores here, so enjoy the eclectic and original mix of shops in town. Check [Shepherdstown.info](http://Shepherdstown.info) for details.

More events are added daily to the busy Shepherdstown calendar which can be found at [www.shepherdstown.info](http://www.shepherdstown.info). With apologies to Samuel Johnson, if you are tired of Shepherdstown, you are tired of life. The Back Roads Century Ride has always been special. Now, it is simply irresistible!

## Things to do in the Region

### Jefferson County WV

**Bloomery Plantation Distillery** - Inspired by the art of crafting home-grown, natural fruit cordials, you'll feel right at home on this farm. Savor a great spirit in the casual and relaxed tasting room and a historic 1840s log cabin distillery. First come first serve, no reservations necessary. Your sampling experience lasts about an hour, but plan to linger.

**Harpers Ferry National Historic Park** - Harpers Ferry National Historical Park offers a variety of experiences for visitors. Whether you enjoy recreation or historical inquiry, a quiet stroll by the river or a guided program with a ranger, there are opportunities for everyone to find their place here.

**Hollywood Casino at the Charles Town Races** – Exactly what you'd think a casino might be. Horseracing year- round; Post time on Sept. 16 is 5 p.m.

### Washington County MD

**Pry House Field Hospital Museum** — This birthplace of military and emergency medicine served both as Union Commander McClellan's and as Medical Director Dr. Jonathan Letterman's HQs. Exhibits include an operating theater, medical equipment, 19th century-style medicinal and kitchen garden. \$5 – Saturday & Sunday: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Guided tours available for groups of 10 or more.

**Crystal Grottoes Caverns** — This natural phenomenon has more formations per square foot than any other cave. Tour guides answer technical, historical, and geological questions. And don't forget - its 54 degrees in the caves all year! 10:00 - 5:00 Adults - \$20 Kids (<11) - \$10 Group Discount tickets available by reservation. CASH ONLY

**Rural Heritage Museum** — The museum is held in three buildings: Early Rural Life, Farming Progression, and Transportation Methods. In addition, there is a Rural Heritage Village and Homestead. Admission is free; donations are welcome.

**DLC Ciderworks** - Distillery Lane Ciderworks started selling hard cider in 2010. For home brewers, there is fresh juice to ferment at home. There's also a Cider Making class for those interested in making their own or looking for a perfect gift. Tastings are \$6.00/person for 5 one-ounce pours and a souvenir glass.

**Antietam Creek Vineyards** – The southern neighbor of Antietam National Battlefield, Antietam Creek takes exceptional care in the vineyard to produce quality grapes that express the full characteristics of Bordeaux-style wines. Join them for a tasting in their converted 1903 barn and take in a view of rolling hills and the mountains beyond.

## Shepherdstown Restaurants

This town is so serious about being itself that chain stores and restaurants are prohibited by statute. You are sure to find something for your taste and budget, whether it's casual, ethnic, cosmopolitan, or locally-grown fare. Shepherdstown was chosen as one of five Foodiest Towns in West Virginia.

### **Bavarian Inn**

Whether you are looking for the best in classic and modern German cuisine or for American food with European flare, the Bavarian Inn is for you. Choose from dining in the formal Potomac Room, the lively Rathskellar, or if the weather permits, on the patio or poolside. The wine list, over 600 offerings, sets a standard for the Mid-Atlantic region. Make dining an occasion. 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

### **Betty's Restaurant**

If your town doesn't have a Betty's, move. This town landmark serves breakfast and hot lunch, and is beloved for its traditional down home regional fare. No one gets out of Shepherdstown without falling in love with Betty's biscuits sausage gravy or their honest-to-God grilled cheese sandwiches. Betty's doesn't take credit cards, but they do have an ATM on site. Sat 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun – 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### **Bistro 112**

A neighborhood restaurant offering creative French food from local sources at affordable prices, the Bistro is evocative of a Parisian boîte. Bistro 112 boasts seasonal menus, and passionately supports local farmers. Try l'entrecôte and pommes frites, mussels, roast chicken, pate, cheeses, and crepes. There is enough variety to suit vegetarians. The bar is charming, so plan to linger. Noon to 9 p.m.

### **Blue Moon Café**

You could walk in to this Shepherdstown favorite in your pajamas and still have a good meal and a great time. The menu is extensive, with dozens of dishes to please vegetarians as well as meat and fish dishes. There's always a special soup and a special quiche to tempt even jaded regulars, too. Find local beers and ciders here, and ice cream cones! Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### **Community Garden Market**

Imagine an organic grocery store that is also a great deli. Pastrami on rye? The pastrami is from the Farmer's Daughter, West Virginia's renowned organic butcher. The BLT will reintroduce you to real tomatoes, and bacon as it should be. Of course, the bread is organic and vegetarian offerings abound. Top it all off by taking a pint of Trickling Springs organic ice cream for the road. Saturday & Sunday 10-6

### **Devonshire Arms Café and Pub**

Where you see the Union Jack waving proudly with the Stars & Stripes you'll find the best of British comfort food along with some surprises. Fish & chips are made with proper cod dressed in an airy coating next to hearty chips. Yes, you can get a fry up breakfast here. Try the cottage pie, the Cornish pasties, or just a burger. But don't leave without sticky toffee pudding, spotted dick, or a Bakewell tart. The cozy pub features local as well as British favorites well into the night. 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. (!)

### **Domestic**

Domestic's goal is serving tasty American fare with a creative twist in a fun and lively setting. They offer a selection of domestic wines with a focus on small producers, a rotating list of American craft beers with a celebration of local West Virginia breweries, and seasonal cocktail lists. Don't miss the locally-made double

Domestic dogs or the Rise & Shine burger. 11:30 to 9 p.m., bar open until midnight

### **The Green Pineapple**

New to the Shepherdstown scene, Green Pineapple offers Korean fusion dishes with a couple of family favorites thrown in for fun. Try the tacos with fresh kim chee, or the vegetarian japchae noodles. The big draw during the afternoon is bubble tea in a wide variety of flavors, and snow cream! If you've never sampled those delights, you're in for a treat. Sat - 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sun - noon to 8 p.m.

### **Lost Dog Coffee Fine Arts Drink Emporium**

Coffee culture has lived here for decades with dozens of offerings both hot and cold. Add a scone, Danish, cookie or other sweetie for a morning or afternoon treat and linger awhile. Don't miss the marvelous teas, either. Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Maria's Taqueria**

Everything is fresh at Maria's and if we grew avocados and limes in West Virginia everything would be local from the veggies to the meats. You'll find your favorites here – burritos you know you ought to split but don't, tacos in both traditional and Maria's style. Choose from beef, chicken, pork, rice & beans, sautéed veggies, or fried cod. You'll be glad you did. Sat 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Closed Sunday

### **Mellow Moods**

Vegetarians and vegans won't be stuck with salads at Mellow Moods. The menu does have a couple of chicken dishes, and a smattering of fish, but menu is predominantly vegetarian, and entirely organic. Mellow Moods provides the hummus you'll enjoy at the BRC, too. Not that hungry? Stop in for fresh juices and fabulous smoothies. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **The Press Room**

German Street's go-to special occasion restaurant has made its name with a consistent focus on simplicity, freshness, and variety. Its large selection of fresh and seasonal soups, salads, grilled seafood, meats, and house-made pastas delight visitors and residents alike. No spaghetti Bolognese here, but how about tagliatelle with pork cheeks and peas? The Press Room also boasts the area's best selection of oysters on the half shell. Sat – 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sun – 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (brunch) and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### **Pressed Flour**

Bread doughs are mixed by hand; fruit fillings and jams always begin as fruit; pork belly is house-cured, even condiments are made in-house with attention to locally-sourced ingredients. Treat yourself to an astounding pork belly breakfast sandwich on brioche; not your father's McMuffin. Fri – Sun from 10 a.m. until sold out

### **Rumsey Tavern at the Clarion Hotel**

American food and American atmosphere characterize this relaxed dining spot. The menu ranges from burgers and club sandwiches to hearty steaks at dinner. A full bar makes the Rumsey Tavern a good spot to gather with friends at the end of a hectic day. Locals know Rumsey Tavern for its signature crab cakes made from fresh lump crab meat. Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

### **Shepherdstown Sweet Shop**

Sweet Shop breads and desserts are served in restaurants throughout states, and Shepherdstown is lucky enough to have them right here. Cakes, macarons, cookies, tarts, cheesecakes, and fine pastries of every variety are displayed alongside sandwiches made with their wholesome breads, which are also available by

the loaf. Linger over coffee or tea with a slice of their nationally-renowned stolen and you won't soon forget Shepherdstown. Fri & Sat 8am–6pm Sun 8am–4pm

### **Tommy's Pizza**

Everything is fresh and homemade at Tommy's. Just order pizza, calzones, salads, gyros, burgers, and subs at the counter, sit back, and wait. Cold beer at discount prices adds to the atmosphere of this pizza joint that's been serving students for more than 35 years. Open for lunch and dinner.

### **Town Run Tap House & Community Pup**

How does an old hardware store turn into a restaurant and bar? By embracing the quirkiness and filling the building with a bit of fun. The Town Run's food runs toward hearty and regional, and the bar and conversation really draw folks in. Hoist a local beer or two, dig into some loaded mashed potatoes, and launch into philosophical speculation with your neighbors. Sat 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. Sun – noon to 10 p.m.

Just outside of town you'll find fast food.

# 2017 Back Roads Century Event Day Contacts

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Eric Pilsk, Incident Commander  
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**\*\* In the event of an emergency, please dial 911! \*\***  
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**YOUR BIB NUMBER AND LOCATION, BY STREET OF**  
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