


BICYCLE ROUTES

(Map references correspond to Anson County
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( designates most scenic routes)

Outer Route – Northern Leg (32.2 mi.)

This section of the route meanders through gently rolling hills, past creeks, old historic churches and cemeteries. Aged oaks shade centuries-old farmhouses.

Start this section in Fountain Hill **(C1)** at NC218 and Blonnie Ross Rd (SR1455). Travel north on Blonnie Ross Rd, past Olive Branch Rd (SR1456) and bridge at Richardson Creek. Turn right at SR1459 (still Blonnie Ross Rd), then left at NC742 and right at SR1603 or Thomas Rd. (unsigned but just before the Union County sign). Right at Rocky Mount Church Rd (SR1600), cross bridge at Branch Creek. Left at Rocky River Church Rd (SR1612). Cross Cribs Creek. Rocky River Baptist Church (est. 1776) is on the right. Continue on past Cedar Grove Church Rd (SR1610) (becomes Randall Rd (SR1619)). The route takes a sharp left at Little Creek Rd (SR1619) and then left at Plank Rd (SR1621). Right on Concord Church Rd (SR1623) and right at Springer Rd (SR1628). Old cemetery on right. Take Old Hwy 52 to the right (SR1627). The old bridge over the RR tracks was built in 1931 with State Highway Commission & federal funds. Cross US52 and pickup the NC Scenic Highway on Pinkston-River Rd (SR1627). (The nearby town of Ansonville (est. 1844) has convenience stores). Turn left at Grassy Island Rd (SR1634) which brings you to the northern edge of the 8,500 acre Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge. You'll see the turn off for the Gaddy Covered Bridge on the left. Cross Brown Creek and NC109 and finish this section of the route at Stanback Ferry Rd (SR1703).

Outer Route – Eastern Leg (34.7 mi.)

In this section of the route, you'll travel through scenic rolling farmland with farm houses, old tobacco barns and country churches.

Start this section at the intersection of Grassy Island Rd (SR1634) and Stanback Ferry Rd (SR1703) **(C6)**. Take Stanback Ferry Rd south to Lilesville. Along the way, you'll pass Mt. Zion Baptist Church (est. 1912) and Olivet United Methodist Church (est. 1843). (Convenience store at Ingram Mtn Rd (SR1704)). In Lilesville (est. 1828), turn left on West Wall St (SR1730) and proceed through the small town of Lilesville (service stations and convenience stores). Go over RR overpass; road becomes Vintage Rd (SR1730). Turn right on Hailey's Ferry Rd (SR 1801) and cross US74. Continue south on Hailey's Ferry Rd (SR1801) past Welika Lake Restaurant on left. Turn right at NC145. There is a series of long steep hills. Cross Jones Creek. At stop sign, turn left on Diggs Rd (SR1812). Turn left at Sneedsboro Rd (SR1829). In this area, you'll pass by the site of the old Town of Sneedsborough (ca. 1790-1830) and the Sneedsborough Cemetery (ca. 1795-1840). From Sneedsborough, the route swings west into farming and hunting land. In the McFarlan community (est. 1883), cross US52 to SR1838 (which becomes Main St). (There is an old wood barn at the intersection). Go through McFarlan (on Main St) and turn left at McLendon Rd (SR1003) (unsigned); in a short distance, turn right at "1003 RD" sign and continue on SR1003. At stop sign (take left fork), cross NC145 and continue on SR1003. The road becomes Cason Oldfield Rd (SR1003) (unsigned). This section of the route ends at the intersection of NC742 and Cason Oldfield Rd (SR1003) in the community of Cason Oldfield. You may continue on the [Lower Anson Route](#) from this point.

Outer Route – Southern Leg (11.6 mi.)

Starting at the intersection of NC742 and Deep Creek Rd (SR1003) **(H4)** in the Cason Oldfield community, this section of the route winds west through picturesque countryside. You'll pass the Ann Ratliff house, a colonial house with civil war history. Further on, in the Deep Creek community, you'll see the Old Deep Creek School site (1918-1958), Beck's Store (an old country store), and Deep Creek Baptist Church and cemetery. Cross over NC109 and the road becomes Union Church Rd (SR1003). Veer left to continue on Union Church Rd (SR1003) at junction with Redfearn Rd (SR1216). The Union Methodist Church was established in 1870; the Redfearn Cemetery dates from 1829. Continue to the White Store community (once a location for Barnum & Bailey Circus). The intersection with White Store Rd (SR1228) marks the end of this section. (Convenience store).

Outer Route – Western Leg (17 mi.)

North of US74, this section of the route travels a fairly level winding country road through scenic rolling hills dotted with aged oaks, small farms and ranches, historic country churches and cemeteries. It's a rustic setting with timberland and farmland. South of US74, it's rolling hills but mostly timberland.

Start this section at Fountain Hill **(C1)** on NC218. Head south on NC218; turn left at caution light at New Home

Church Rd (SR1002) (becomes Hopewell Church Rd (SR1002)). New Home Baptist Church (est. 1890) began as a brush arbor meeting place. Turn right on Lanier Rd (SR1439) and continue past Kiker Rd. The road becomes Johnson Rd and Bill Curlee Rd, but take the left forks, continue on and it becomes Ponds Mill Rd (SR1432). Take a short jog to the right at Ansonville-Polkton Rd (SR1418) and left at Cameron Rd (SR1428). You'll pass the Judge Cameron homestead and farm. Turn right at NC742 and then right at Boggan Cut Rd (SR1422). Carefully cross both lanes of US74 and continue on Ridge Path Rd (SR1248). Take a quick jog to the right and continue on Ridge Path Rd to a left at Camden Church Rd (SR1121) (unsigned). Turn right at White Store Rd (SR1205) for a mile, then veer right to continue on White Store Rd (SR1228). The convenience store at White Store community at the intersection of White Store Rd and Union Church Rd (SR1003) marks the end of this section of the bike route.

Lower Anson Route (16.3 mi.)

This section of the route winds through scenic farmland with grazing cattle and picturesque old houses and barns.

Start this route at the intersection of NC742 and Mayesville Rd (SR1110) **(H4)** in the Cason Oldfield community. Proceed southwest on Mayesville Rd (SR1110 then SR1108) and turn right at George Ratliff Rd (SR1109) at the South Carolina state line. Cross NC109 onto Long Pine Church Rd (SR1220). On the left, you'll pass the Long Pine United Methodist Church (est. 1700) and historic cemetery. Veer right at the junction with Old NC109 and continue on Long Pine Church Rd (SR1220). Along this part of the route, you'll encounter panoramic views of farmland and grazing cattle. At the Union Co. line, turn right onto White Store Rd (SR1228). Pass the Mount Olive Baptist Church (est. 1833) with covered well. You'll pass the old Chambers-Morgan House and Farm (est. 1829) with plantation house and 273 acre farm (on the National Register of Historic Places). A gradual climb brings you to Molly's Backbone with panoramic views of the countryside both right and left. This section of the route ends at the White Store community (with convenience store) at the intersection of White Store Rd (SR1228) and Union Church Rd (SR1003).

Western Anson Route (20.5 mi.)

In this section, you'll travel through heavily forested timberland and idyllic countryside, then the small town of Peachland and rolling hills to the north.

Start this section of the route in the White Store community at the junction of White Store Rd (SR1228) and Lower White Store Rd (SR1225) **(G1)**. Proceed north on Lower White Store Rd (SR1252) through timberland. Continue straight on SR1252 at the junction with Upper White Store Rd (SR1236). Take a left turn at Mineral Springs Church Rd (SR1240). As you near the town of Peachland, you'll pass an old Victorian house on the right and cemetery on the left. Turn right onto Clinton Ave (unsigned) to cross the overpass at US74. Proceed through downtown Peachland and take a left at the "T" intersection of German Hill Rd (SR1404) and Clinton Ave/Mineral Springs Church Rd (SR1240). Continue on German Hill Rd (SR1404); bear left at the junction with Deep Springs Church Rd (SR1411). Take a right at Gold Mine Ext (SR1405). Across from the Harmony Community Church (est. 1899), turn right and then quickly left onto Old Plank Rd (SR1421) (unsigned). You'll pass scenic rural countryside with old barns and farms. Continue straight across W. Deep Springs Rd (SR1408); the road becomes Caudle-Kiker Rd (SR1409) (unsigned). At next stop sign, turn right onto Tucker Rd (SR1443) (unsigned). Left at stop sign (Deep Springs Church Rd (SR1411)) and then left again at NC218. (Convenience store at SW corner of NC218 and Tucker Rd). Continue to the end of this section at the blinking light at the intersection of Mitchum Rd (SR1002) and New Home Church Rd (SR1002), just south of Fountain Hill.

North Route (11.6 mi.)

Start this section just east of the "Welcome to Wadesboro" sign on US74 at Morven Freight Line Rd (SR1726) **(E5)**. Head north and turn right at stop sign (next to RR tracks) on Stanback Ferry Ice Plant Rd (SR1714) (unsigned). Left at Carpenter Kendall Rd (SR1715). Turn right at NC109; make a short jog to V.F.W. Club Rd (SR1646) and turn left (on map as Morgan Sellers Rd). Right at stop sign at Airport Rd (SR1645) (on map as Leaks Ferry Rd (SR1633)). Right at Pinkston-River Rd (SR1627). Jeff Cloud Airport is on the left. Be on the lookout for wild turkeys. Cross Pleasant Grove Church Rd (SR1649) (on map as Dennis Rd (SR1650)) and continue on into the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge (heavily forested timberland – watch for wildlife). Cross Brown Creek. This section ends at the intersection of Pinkston-River Rd (SR1627) and Grassy Island Rd (SR1634). You may pick up the **Outer Route – Northern Leg** at this point.

South Route (7.6 mi.)

Start this section of the route at the intersection of NC145 and Diggs Rd (SR1812) **(G5)**. Travel north on Diggs Rd (SR1812). In about 3 miles, the 2-story white house on the right was used for the movie, "The Color Purple", in 1985. Bear left at McRae Rd (SR1812) (right fork is Parsons Grove Church Rd (SR1833)). This section ends at

junction with US74.

Clark Mtn/Ingram Mtn Route (15.7 mi.)

This section of the route takes you through mostly flat, but at some points, winding and fairly steep terrain. The route comes near the Pee Dee River, part of the Yadkin-Pee Dee Lakes system connecting the Pee Dee River to Lake Tillery, Badin Lake and farther north, High Rock Lake. Along the route, you'll pass historic country churches and cemeteries, old barns and farms.

Start this section of the route east of Lilesville **(E6)** at the junction of US74 and Hailey's Ferry Rd (SR1801). Head north on Hailey's Ferry Rd (SR1801) (steam engine on left) and turn right at Vintage Rd (SR1730), then left at Clark Mtn Rd (SR1744). In a few miles, you will pass the turn off for the Samuel Spencer Homesite and beautiful views of the Pee Dee River. Continue on Clark Mtn Rd and make a sharp right at Ingram Mtn Rd (SR1704). Turn left at Stanback Ferry Rd (SR1703). The old Ingram homestead is on the right. Continue south to Grassy Island Rd (SR1634) which is the end of this section of the bike route.

SAFETY TIPS & BICYCLE LAWS

The routes included on the bike map follow North Carolina highway system roads. They do not include any special accommodations for bicycles such as paved shoulders or designated bike lanes. Most of the routes are more lightly traveled roads but care should be taken when short sections of busier highways are used. These suggested bike routes are not intended to be used by children. Please remember to be courteous to other road users.

NC traffic laws require that bicyclists:

- Ride on the right in the same direction as other traffic
- Obeys all traffic signs and signals
- Use hand signals to communicate intended movements
- Equip bicycle with a front lamp visible from 300 ft and a rear reflector visible from 200 ft when riding at night

In addition, ride defensively and in a predictable manner. Wear a bicycle helmet. Avoid riding at night. Ride single file if riding in a group. Wear bright clothing to increase visibility. Keep traffic flowing by helping motorists pass safely.

Have a safe and enjoyable ride.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergencies	9-1-1
Anson County Sheriff	704-694-4188
Wadesboro Police Dept.	704-694-2167

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BICYCLING ANSON COUNTY

Anson County is an historic rural county in the southern Piedmont region of North Carolina. Winding country roads meander through scenic countryside and rolling hills. On your journey, you'll discover old homesteads and barns, country churches and cemeteries, old oaks, pine forests, small creeks and grazing cattle. Wadesboro (est. 1783) is the county seat and largest town in Anson County.

Directions to Wadesboro, NC: On US Highway 74, approximately 1 hour east of Charlotte and 1 ½ hours west of Fayetteville.

This brochure and accompanying map are available through:

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