

# Century Ride Route Directions

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**IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR HELMETS AND OBEY ALL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.**

The TMCC Mt. Washington Century will follow a course around Mount Washington and the surrounding National Forest. Cyclists will leave Mt. Washington Auto Road/Great Glen Trails on Route 16 at the base of the Mount Washington Auto Road and climb south to Pinkham Notch passing Wildcat Mountain . With Mt. Washington and its glacial cirques, Huntington and Tuckerman Ravines, looming over their right shoulders riders will begin a long descent that will take them through Jackson and Glen where they will turn west (right) onto route 302.

Across from Attitash/Bear Peak ski area parking lot, Riders will find the 1 st Century Rest Stop . Riders will continue on Route 302 and will see "BEARLY THERE RESTAURANT" on their left. This is the turn around point for the 40 mile ride. Century and 80 mi. riders will enter the village of Bartlett . Cyclists will begin the gradual ascent of Crawford Notch as Wiley Range rises to the left and cliffs and mountains of the Presidentials tower overhead to the right. Following a short but steep climb, riders will find themselves at the top of the Notch with the Conway Scenic Railway Station and the AMC Crawford Notch Hostel to their left and Saco Lake to the right.

Now Route 302 begins a gradual descent to the Bretton Woods, home of the Mt. Washington Hotel. Riders will find the 2nd Century Rest Stop at the Bretton Woods Irving station . Once refreshed, riders will continue along Route 302 and enter Twin Mountain , here Route 302 intersects with Route 3. Cyclists wishing to ride the 80 mile route will turn right on Route 3 and follow it a few miles before turning right on Route 115 for approximately 10 miles of gentle rolling terrain through the north country farmland, rejoining the Century route at the intersection of Route 2, where they will turn right on Route 2. The more ambitious riders will continue the Century, riding west on Route 302 through the historic and picturesque town of Bethlehem . Riders will then pass over route 93 and then descend under rt. 93 coming to a T intersection at Cottage St. (still Rt. 302) in Littleton. Riders will take a right and descend 100 yards to the 3 rd Century Rest stop in Littleton at the Woodsville Guarantee Bank . Here Riders can refresh themselves and take advantage of Bishop's Ice Cream shop next door. Riders will leave the rest stop and continue on Cottage St (route 302) passing over the river to the traffic light at the intersection of Routes 302 and 116. Riders will take the right turn onto Route 116. Riders will pedal through farmlands and forest on route 116/142 before descending into the town of Whitefield . NOTE: Upon entering Whitefield, Riders will take a quick left, then a quick right, then a second quick right again staying on Route 116. Riders will proceed along Route 116. The 4 th rest stop will be found at the Jefferson town line on Route 116 at a school bus turnaround . Riders will then proceed on Route 116 until it intersects with Route 2 in Jefferson . They will turn right onto Route 2.

Four miles after leaving Jefferson on Route 2, riders will pass the intersection of Route 115, here the 80 mile route rejoins the Century route. All riders will continue east on Route 2 and begin the gradual ascent of Jefferson Notch with the mountains of the Crescent Range appearing ahead on the left and the omnipresent Mt. Washington and the Presidential Range to the right. 9 miles after the intersection of Route 115 and Route 2, riders will approach the 5 th and last Century rest stop at the Grandview Lodge . Riders will continue on Route 2 passing through Randolph and will enjoy an exhilarating descent into Gorham at the intersection of Routes 16 and 2. There they will turn Right and will pass through the town of Gorham . Cyclists will then turn south (rt.) on Route 16. Cyclists will climb the final eight miles with the Carter Range to the east and the Presidentials to the west, back to the Mt. Washington Auto Road for a well-deserved Barbeque and awards ceremony.

There will be 5 Rest Stops with water, electrolyte replacement, food and portajohns. Support vehicles will patrol the course throughout the day, including mechanics from the Red Jersey Cyclery.

	>LOCATION	DISTANCE FROM START	CLOSES AT
<b>#1 Attitash/Bear Peak</b>	<b>Route 302 Glen</b>	<b>19.1 mi</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>#2 Irving Gas station</b>	<b>Route 302 Bretton Woods</b>	<b>39.7 mi</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
<b>#3 Woodsville Bank</b> (Littleton Bike shop will provide mechanical assistance at this stop)	<b>Route 302 Littleton</b>	<b>56.9 mi</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>
<b>#4 Jefferson Town line</b>	<b>Route 116</b>	<b>73.2 mi</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
<b>#5 Grandview Lodge</b>	<b>Route 2 Randolph</b>	<b>90.3 mi</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>