

Ox Creek Plunge

Rating: Moderate

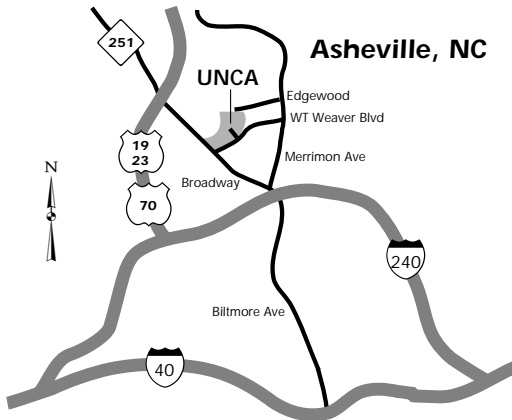
33 Miles

This ride is rated moderate because of the technical skill required to manage the steep descents.

The "plunge" referred to on this ride is one difficult descent with sharp curves found on Ox Creek Road. Its short, but *very steep*. The rest of the ride is characterized by rolling hills leading into moderate but sustained climbs. You'll ride along the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway, through rural farmland and valleys and past beautiful large older homes in residential areas. Much of the ride is shaded, which makes it a good choice on a hot day.

Estimated Riding Times

- Beginner: 4+ hours
- Intermediate: 2.5 - 3.5 hours
- Advanced: 2 - 2.5 hours



Directions to the Start

- Ride begins at the UNCA Campus upper parking lot
- Take Merrimon Ave to WT Weaver Blvd
- Go 0.5 miles on WT Weaver Blvd to main UNCA entrance
- Upper parking lot is at top of hill on left

Alternate Start: When classes are in session at UNCA start at Covenant Presbyterian Reformed Church on Edgewood Road, 0.3 miles past Belk Theatre just off campus

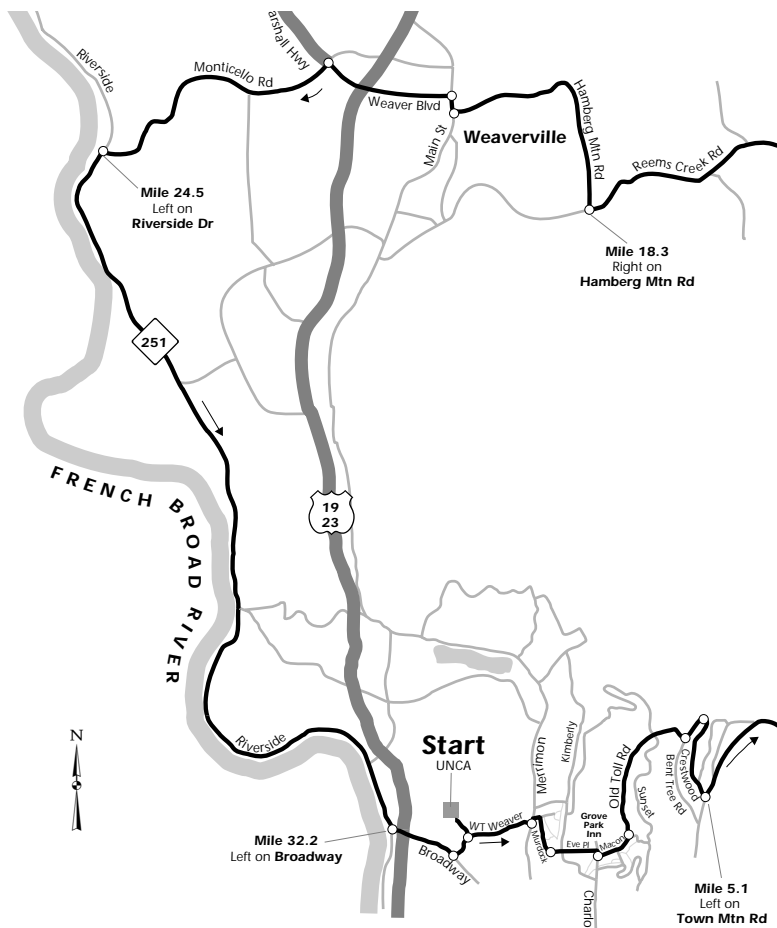
Ride Characteristics & Cautions

- Ox Creek Road has one extremely steep descent with sharp curves and gravel on the road (and often dogs)—**keep speed under control.**
- Mostly 2-lane winding roads
- Heavy traffic likely on last 5 miles of route
- Heavy traffic likely through Weaverville
- Stores and restrooms available at beginning of ride and in Weaverville

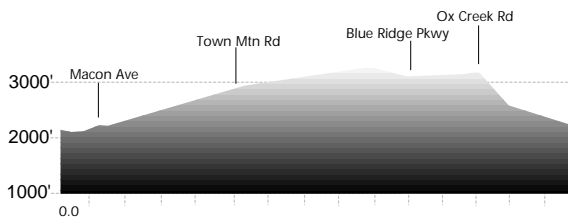
Points of Interest

- Historic Grove Park Inn Resort
- Blue Ridge Parkway (1 overlook)
- Short side trip available to Vance Birthplace
- Botanical Gardens of UNCA

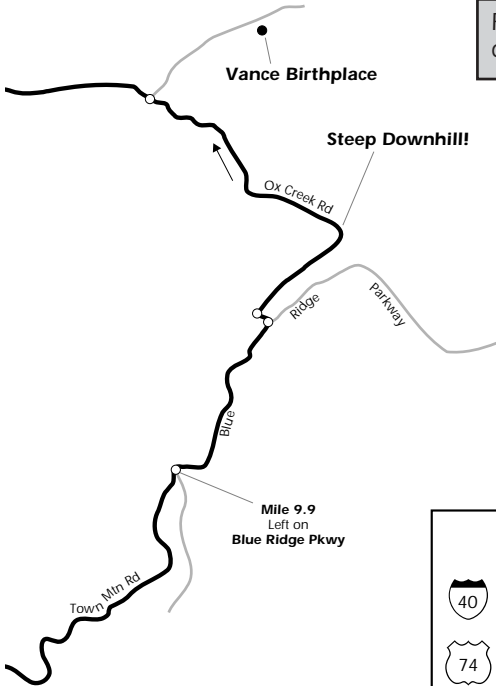
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Profile



For detailed turn-by-turn directions see pages 84-85.



Map Legend

	Interstate Highway		Milepost
	US Highway		Railroad Track
	State Highway		Route
			Other Road
			Direction of Travel

Approximate Scale of Miles

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