Route # 6 Bills Creek—20.4 miles

A one-mile climb gets you warmed up for this beautiful ride in the shadow of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The first two miles can be moderately busy as this is the main route to the Fairfield Mountains resort and the north end of Lake Lure. Be careful at the big curve on Bills Creek Road about a half-mile into the ride.

Mountain views abound with the best ones on Freemantown Road. That one-mile climb at the start becomes a pleasant coast back to your vehicle at the end of the ride. After the ride, follow 64/74A west to Hickory Nut Gorge for incredible scenery and stay for dinner, a tour of the lake, and maybe a bed and breakfast and another ride tomorrow!

Route Directions

Total miles (miles in segment)

Start at the Mountains Branch Library.

R on Bills Creek Road (8.8)

8.8 R on Cove Road where Bills Creek Road ends (sign may be down) (4.7)

Buffalo Creek Rd.

Cross Cove Creek

13.7 R on Freemantown Road (4.2)
Cross Cove Creek again
S at stop sign
17.8 L on Bills Creek Road (2.8)

20.6 L to Mountains Branch Library

Freemantown Rd.

Padgett Rd.

Piney Knob Rd.

McEntire Rd.

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Start from Mountains Branch Library

On the corner of US 64/74-A and Bills Creek Road east of Lake Lure and west of Rutherfordton.

Bills Mountain