

James River Explorer

Day 1 Fincastle Loop - Starting/Ending in Buchanan

33 Miles

| <u>At Mile</u> | <u>Turn</u> | <u>For</u> | <u>Direction</u> |
|----------------|-------------|------------|--|
| 0.0 | R | 2.4 | Route 11 South in front of the James River House |
| 2.4 | L | 0.4 | Lithia Rd / 640 / Bike Route 76 - caution! |
| 2.8 | L | 1.6 | Lithia Rd / 640 / BR 76 after crossing RR Tracks - caution! |
| 4.4 | L | 0.9 | Lithia Rd / 640 / BR 76 after crossing RR Tracks - caution! |
| 5.3 | S | 0.3 | Lithia Rd / 640 / BR 76 [intersection Hardbarger Rd / 636] |
| 5.6 | S | 0.4 | Lithia Rd / 640 / BR 76 - cross RR Track in downtown Lithia |
| 6.0 | S | 2.7 | Lithia Rd / 640 / BR 76 - cross RR Tracks - caution! |
| 8.7 | S | 2.1 | Nace Rd / 640 / BR 76 [intersection Blue Ridge Tpke / 606] |
| 10.8 | S | 0.6 | Nace Rd / 640 / BR 76 at Fincastle Vineyard & Winery Visit the Winery 540-591-9000 www.fincastlewine.com Distance to Tasting Room on unpaved road is 0.5 mile one-way; 1.0 mile RT. |
| 11.4 | R | 1.3 | Nace Rd / 640 / BR 76 [intersection Houston Mines Rd / 647] |
| 12.7 | R | 0.4 | Route 11 North in Nace at convenience store - caution fast traffic! |
| 13.1 | L | 0.5 | Brughs Mill Rd / 640 West - caution! |
| 13.6 | S | 1.5 | Brughs Mill Rd / 640 at Brughs Mill Country Store / Exxon Cross under I-81. Caution paying attention to interstate traffic entering and exiting |
| 15.1 | S | 0.3 | Brughs Mill Rd / 640 [intersection Farmers Rd / 812] |
| 15.4 | S | 1.3 | Brughs Mill Rd / 640 [intersection Ammen Rd / 799] |
| 16.7 | R | 1.3 | Muse Rd / 602 |
| 18.0 | R | 0.1 | Roanoke Rd / Rt 220 North at T - caution! Stay in far right lane and turn immediately |
| 18.1 | R | 0.4 | South Church St into Fincastle at the Happy Food Mart / Exxon |
| 18.5 | L | 0.1 | Main Street / 630 in Downtown Fincastle |
| 18.6 | R | 0.2 | Roanoke Street / 1204 at Botetourt Courthouse Visit the Botetourt County Historical Museum behind the courthouse Leonardo's Pizza & Subs is down the hill at the intersection of Main St / Route 220 |
| 18.8 | R | 0.1 | Back Street / 1205 at General District Court Building |
| 18.9 | L | 0.5 | Hancock Street / 630 at T - caution! |
| 19.4 | S | 2.0 | Springwood Rd / 630 [681 goes left] |
| 21.4 | S | 6.2 | Springwood Rd / 630 |
| 27.6 | S | 1.1 | Springwood Rd / 630 - cross the James River |
| 28.7 | R | 3.7 | Route 43 South at T and James River High School - caution, fast traffic! |
| 32.4 | R | 0.3 | Rt 11 South / Rt 43 South at T |
| 32.7 | | | James River House on right in downtown Buchanan |

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Day 2A Botetourt Explorer - Starting/Ending in Buchanan

15 Miles (20 miles with option)

At Mile Turn For Direction

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| 0.0 | R | 2.4 | Route 11 South in front of the James River House |
| 2.4 | L | 0.4 | Lithia Rd / 640 / Bike Route 76 - caution! |
| 2.8 | L | 1.6 | Lithia Rd / 640 / BR 76 after crossing RR Tracks - caution! |
| 4.4 | L | 0.9 | Lithia Rd / 640 / BR 76 after crossing RR Tracks - caution! |
| 5.3 | R | 1.4 | Hardbarger Rd / 636 - cross I-81 in 1.2 miles |
| 6.7 | L | 0.3 | Lee Hwy / Route 11 South - caution! |
| 7.0 | R | 1.7 | Beaver Dam Rd / 636 |
| 8.7 | S | 0.2 | Beaver Dam Rd / 635 [intersection Black Magic Farm Rd / 636] |

Ridge Option - adds 4.6 miles: Go LEFT to enjoy fantastic ridge views over the valley

at 8.7 = 0.0 L 0.9 Black Magic Farm Rd / 636 - caution!

0.9 L 1.4 Little Timber Ridge / 630 at T

2.3 U 1.4 just before Springwood Rd / 640 - Do Not Go Down Hill!

3.7 R 0.9 Black Magic Farm Rd / 636

at 8.7 = 4.6 L 0.2 Beaver Dam Rd / 635 at T - caution!

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| 8.9 | S | 1.3 | Pease Rd / 628 |
| 10.2 | S | 1.0 | Pease Rd / 628 [intersection Davis Run / 629] |
| 11.2 | L | 1.4 | Long Run Rd / 772 at T under I-81 |
| 12.6 | R | 0.3 | Mt Joy Rd / 635 at T |
| 12.9 | L | 2.0 | Route 11 North / Bike Route 76 - caution! |
| 14.9 | | | James River House in downtown Buchanan |

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James River Bike, Hike & Paddle

Day 2B Blue Ridge Parkway - Starting/Ending at Peaks of Otter

Mileage Options

- A** 18 miles Peaks of Otter to Apple Orchard Overlook
- B** 22 miles Peaks of Otter to James River Welcome Center (one-way)
- C** 44 miles Peaks of Otter to James River Welcome Center (return to the Peaks of Otter)

At Mile Turn For Direction

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| 0.0 | R | 2.0 | Blue Ridge Parkway North leaving Peaks of Otter for 21.6 miles |
| 2.0 | S | 0.4 | Fallingwater - Flat Top Overlook |
| 2.4 | S | 3.1 | Fallingwater Cascades - 2557 |
| 5.5 | S | 0.3 | Black Rock Hill Overlook - 3195 at MP 80 |
| 5.8 | S | 1.3 | Onion Mountain Overlook - 3195 |
| 7.1 | S | 1.9 | Sunset Field Overlook - 3472 |
| 9.0 | S | 1.1 | Apple Orchard Overlook - 3950 Highest Elevation on BRP in Virginia |

Tour A : Turn around here and return to the Peaks of Otter

From this point it is all downhill northbound to the James River!

It is mostly downhill southbound back to the Peaks of Otter

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| 10.1 | S | 2.8 | Arnold Valley Overlook - 3510 |
| 12.9 | S | 3.5 | Terrapin Mtn Overlook - 2885 |
| 16.4 | S | 5.0 | James River Valley Overlook - 1875 |
| 21.4 | S | 0.2 | Cross James River on Blue Ridge Parkway - 649 Lowest Elevation on BRP |
| 21.6 | U | 0.2 | at James River Visitors Center - restrooms, Kanawha Canal Lock |

Tour B : Stop here and catch a ride with your support vehicle!

Tour C : Turn around here and return to the Peaks of Otter. The uphill climb is exhilarating!

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