

Scenic Bicycle Tours in Pendleton County

Loop 5. Dry Run

Length: 20.0 miles • Ascents: 1 (4.7 miles) • Gains: 1,200 ft. • Hwy. miles: 0.0



0.0 miles



1.7 miles



3.0 miles



5.1 miles



5.7 miles

This tour begins at Thorn Spring Park, which is reached by taking U. S. Rt. 220 south from Franklin 3.2 miles to a left turn onto Dry Run Road and proceeding 0.7 miles to the park. Vehicles may be parked on the perimeter of the playing fields and by the rail fence along the main drive.

Begin the tour by turning right onto Dry Run Road and at **0.4 miles**, veer slightly left on same road as it makes a long, rolling ascent alongside aptly named Dry Run. At **1.5 miles**, pass the Franklin town water filtration plant. Hillside farmland appears at **2.3 miles**, interspersed with wooded areas.

At **3.8 miles**, pass Capito Hill Road on the right, and logging debris on both sides of the road. Reach the crest of Sharp Ridge at **5.1 miles**, and begin a leisurely, scenic descent through rolling farmland and woods. Look for ostrich-like emus at **6.7 miles**. Pass by large, pungent poultry houses at **8.4 miles** and begin an ascent to the intersection with Rt. 25 at **9.1 miles**.

Turn right and begin a descent to the former Moyers Post Office at **10.5 miles**, and turn right again following White Thorn Creek as it makes its way to Thorn Creek. At **11.4 miles**, turn right on Thorn Creek Road (Rt. 20) and begin a gentle descent along its banks, shaded by sycamore trees with their distinctive mottled, peeling bark.

At **14.0 miles**, the road ascends for a short distance as the narrowing passageway does not provide enough room for both road and creek. At **16.9 miles** begins a public fly-fishing-only section of the creek. At **19.5 miles**, turn right, go over the bridge, turn left and return to the starting point — Thorn Spring Park — 0.5 miles away.



5.9 miles



6.4 miles



6.7 miles



11.7 miles



16.9 miles

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