

Scenic Bicycle Tours in Pendleton County

Loop 6. Ft. Seybert

Length: 7.7 miles • Ascents: 0 • Hwy. miles: 0.2



0.0 miles



0.8 miles



1.4 miles



3.0 miles



3.6 miles

This tour begins at the South Fork Ruritan building in Oak Flat, which is located on US Rt. 33, 8.2 miles east of Franklin or 3.6 miles west of Brandywine.

Begin the tour by turning left onto US Rt. 33 and almost immediately turn left again onto Sweedlin Valley Rd. (Rt. 3). The road is center-lined and winds its way along the edges of the wide flood plain of the South Fork of the South Branch of the Potomac River. At **1.4 miles** turn right onto Conrad Rd. (Rt. 3/4) and cross said river. At **1.9 miles** cross the first of many cattle guards — 10 all together.

Notice: Use caution when crossing over a cattle guard. It may be prudent to walk your bike across rather than risk getting a wheel turned sideways. The mesh type of cattle guard is less likely to require dismounting. Don't be surprised if you occasionally encounter cattle or sheep in the road during your ride.

The road is level and straight as it passes through crop land and hayfields heading for the other side of the valley floor. At **2.6 miles** cross a low-water bridge and gradually ascend the higher ground edging the valley. At **3.2 miles** pass a junction with Westside Rd. (FS 151) and descend to the valley floor turning left at the stop sign at **4.0 miles** back onto Rt. 3.

Cross the South Fork at **4.5 miles** and bearing to the left continue on Rt. 3. The road curves and winds its way back to the starting point, passing the Killbuck Riflemen Range entrance at **4.8 miles**, where the burning of Ft. Seybert is reenacted each year during the Treasure Mountain Festival (the third weekend in September). At **5.9 miles** pass by the entrance to Ft. Seybert Park. At **7.6 miles** turn right at the junction with US Rt. 33 and return to the starting point, 0.1 miles away.



4.2 miles



4.8 miles



5.1 miles



5.2 miles



6.8 miles

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