

Scenic Bicycle Tours in Pendleton County

Loop 10. Reeds Creek

Length: 16.8 miles • Ascents: 3 (0.8, 1.6 & 1.1 miles) • Gain: 430 ft. • Hwy. miles: 3.4



This tour begins at Friends Run Church of the Brethren, which is located on US Rt. 33, 4 miles west of Franklin.

Begin the tour by turning left onto US Rt. 33 west and at **0.3 miles** begin first ascent, topping out at **1.1 miles**. At **1.7 miles**, turn right onto Reeds Creek Road (Rt. 8), which gradually descends along with the creek until at **5.5 miles**, the road crosses the usually dry (in summer) stream bed. Ascend out of the Reeds Creek watershed, passing several poultry houses and then descend along a tributary of Hammer Run. At **7.1 miles**, turn right on Hammer Run Road (Rt. 10), and at **8.6 miles**, turn right on Buffalo Hills Road (Rt. 5/10). At **8.9 miles**, as you ascend into the Buffalo Hills, the road becomes packed gravel and winds its way through stands of hemlock trees severely affected by the hemlock woolly adelgid.

Notice: This road contains cattle guards. The mesh type may be easily ridden over but the pipe type may need to be walked across. Don't be surprised if you encounter sheep or cattle in the road during your ride. There are cattle guards at 10.6, 10.8 and 11.4 miles.

At **10.2 miles**, farmland appears and the road is somewhat rougher. The road is rough from here to the last cattle guard at **11.4 miles**, where the road surface returns to packed gravel. Begin a descent at **11.7 miles**. At **12.2 miles**, the road surface becomes paved although somewhat narrow. The road widens at **12.8 miles** for the last climb and tops out at **13.9 miles**. Descend toward US Rt. 33 and at **15.1 miles**, turn right for a highway leg of 1.7 miles to the starting point.



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