

Scenic Bicycle Tours in Pendleton County

Loop 13. Snowy Mountain

Length: 20.5 miles • Ascents: 2 (1.3 & 1.8 miles) • Gains: 560 & 550 ft. • Hwy. miles: 0.0



This tour begins at the North Fork Brethren Church. To reach the church take Rt. 28 south from Circleville, 2.7 miles to Cherry Grove and then take Snowy Mt. Road (Rt. 17) for 1.8 miles.

Begin the tour by taking Upper North Fork Road (Rt. 19), which follows the river up the valley. At **5.2 miles** the pavement ends and the tour enters Highland County, VA, where a steep ascent begins on a hard-packed dirt road. The climb tops out at **6.5 miles** and the road surface becomes packed gravel. The next 6 miles are rolling, scenic countryside. At **8.1 miles** the road surface becomes paved. At **9.0 miles**, continue straight on Rt. 644. *Do not turn right on Rt. 643.*

At **10.6 miles**, turn left on Rt. 640 and at **12.8 miles**, reenter Pendleton County and descend Wimer Mt. Road (Rt. 26), reaching the bottom at **13.8 miles**, where you then turn left onto Snowy Mt. Rd. (Rt. 19).

Begin the last ascent, topping out at **15.6 miles**, and from there it's a breathtaking, scenic 4.9 mile downhill glide to the starting point.

