

Fall Leaves Ride for October 28, 2023



The time of the year is approaching for the changing of the leaves and we have an annual ride up through north Georgia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. I have finally determined a route that is a little different from what we have done in the past. I felt that everyone would like something a little different. I also learned that the Cherohala Skyway is closed in certain areas of the route, so we would not be able to ride that path. Apparently, it has been closed for about a month. However, the route I planned will go around that route.

I am planning on us all getting together at the QT Gas Station in Woodstock on GA Hwy 92, near I-575. The exact address is 9765 Hwy 92, Woodstock, GA 30188. Please plan to be there by 8:30AM for a short briefing and then we will depart by 9:00AM.

As with most of our rides, we will leave the QT Gas station and head north on I-575 towards Blue Ridge and onto Tellicafe for lunch. We should be there between 11:30AM-12:00PM. I have already been to the restaurant and informed them to expect at least 20 people for lunch

After lunch, we will head towards the Cherohala Skyway, but we will turn left onto TN Hwy 360 towards Unicoi Pkwy and TN Hwy 411. We will then pick up TN Hwy 72 and head towards TN Hwy 129, where we will ride on the Tail of the Dragon. After the Tail of the Dragon, we will head towards NC Hwy 74 and eventually to NC Hwy 60 and get back on GA Hwy 515/115 and head home. The ride is about 313 miles round trip and should take about 7 ½ hours, which includes time for lunch.

Below on the next page are Directions for the trip, which I put together with the help of Google Maps. I will also have a set of Maps and Directions from Google ready for Saturday morning. This should be a fairly straight forward ride.

Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions about the ride. My Mobile number is 404-723-3008 and my email address is alanjrubin@att.net.

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Event Manager
VP of Activities

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- Start at the QT Gas Station on Hwy 92 in Woodstock and exit towards I-575.
- Follow I-575 as it becomes GA Hwy 515 and GA Hwy 76. We are on this highway for about 66.3 miles.
- Once we get passed Blue Ridge GA, turn left onto GA Hwy 5 (Blue Ridge Dr.) and follow GA Hwy 5 to McCaysville GA. We are on this highway for 10.7 miles.
- At the main dead-end intersection of GA Hwy 5, make a left turn onto TN Hwy 68.
- Stay on TN Hwy 68 until we get to Tellico Plains, TN. We are on this highway for 36.4 miles.
- Make a right turn on TN Hwy 165 and then an immediate left onto Bank St.
- Head to the Tellicafe (Address is 128 Bank St., Tellico Plains, TN 37385) for lunch. .3 miles
- After lunch, backtrack to TN Hwy 165 and turn left onto TN Hwy 165 and proceed to TN Hwy 360. We are on TN Hwy 165 for 1.2 miles. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHEROHALA SKYWAY IS CLOSED FOR REPAIRS AFTER TN HWY 360.**
- At TN Hwy 360, turn left and stay on TN Hwy 360 for about 10.3 miles until we get to Unicoi Parkway at Ballplay, TN.
- Turn right onto Unicoi Parkway (TN Hwy 360) and stay on Unicoi Parkway until it dead ends at the intersection of Unicoi Parkway on the left and Citico Rd. on the right.
- Turn left onto Unicoi Parkway (TN Hwy 360) and follow this highway to TN Hwy 411. We are on this highway for about 7.2 miles.
- Make a right turn onto TN Hwy 411 and follow this highway for about 2.6 miles to TN Hwy 72.
- Make a right turn onto TN Hwy 72 and follow this highway until it dead ends at TN Hwy 129. We are on this road for about 9.0 miles.
- Turn right onto TN Hwy 129/115 (Calderwood Hwy) as it becomes Tapoco Rd., Rodney Orr Bypass and Tallulah Rd. We will be on this road for about 51.5 miles. We will be going into the **Tail of the Dragon**. After the Tail of the Dragon, stay right on TN Hwy 129 and do not turn left onto NC Hwy 28. Stay on NC 129/115, until it dead ends at NC Hwy 74.
- At NC Hwy 74 (Andrew Jackson Rd.), make a right turn onto NC Hwy 74.
- After making a right turn on NC Hwy 74, stay on this road for approximately 30.4 miles until we get to NC Hwy 60.
- At NC Hwy 60, turn left and stay on NC Hwy 60 as it becomes GA Hwy 608. Follow this highway to Mineral Bluff, GA for about 12.6 miles.
- When GA Hwy 608 dead ends at GA Hwy 60, make a left turn onto GA Hwy 60 (Mineral Bluff Hwy.) and follow this highway down to GA Hwy 515/76 for about 1.8 miles.
- At GA Hwy 515/76, make a right turn onto GA Hwy 515/76 and follow this highway as it becomes GA Hwy 515 and I-575 to GA Hwy 92. We will be on this highway for about 69.6 miles.
- Everyone GO HOME!

QuikTrip

9765 Hwy 92, Woodstock, GA 30188

Get on GA-5 N/I-575 N from Hwy 92 S

- 4 min (0.9 mi)
 ↑ 1. Head east toward Indian Valley Dr
- 220 ft
 ↶ 2. Turn left onto Indian Valley Dr
- 49 ft
 ↷ 3. Turn right to stay on Indian Valley Dr
- 141 ft
 ↷ 4. Turn right onto Hwy 92 S
 - 📍 Pass by Firestone Complete Auto Care (on the right in 0.4 mi)
- 0.4 mi
 ⬆ 5. Use the right lane to merge onto GA-5 N/I-575 N via the ramp to Canton
- 0.4 mi

Follow I-575 N and GA-515 E/State Rte 515 to GA-5 N/Blue Ridge Dr in Blue Ridge

- 1 hr 2 min (64.4 mi)
 ⬆ 6. Merge onto GA-5 N/I-575 N
- 2.1 mi
 ↑ 7. Continue onto GA-5 N/I-575 N
- 21.2 mi
 ↑ 8. Continue onto GA-5 N/GA-515 E/State Rte 515
- 39.4 mi
 ↑ 9. Continue straight onto US-76
- 1.7 mi

Follow GA-5 N/Blue Ridge Dr and TN-68 N to Bank St in Tellico Plains

- 1 hr 7 min (47.0 mi)
 ↶ 10. Turn left onto GA-5 N/Blue Ridge Dr
 - 📍 Pass by Dairy Queen Blue Ridge Grill & Chill (on the left in 0.3 mi)
 - 📍 Entering Tennessee
- 10.3 mi
- ↶ 11. Turn left onto Toccoa Ave
- 285 ft

- ↑ 12. Continue onto TN-68 N/Ocoee St
 ⓘ Continue to follow TN-68 N
 _____ 36.4 mi
- ↷ 13. Turn right onto TN-165 E
 _____ 108 ft
- ↶ 14. Turn left onto Bank St
 ⓘ Destination will be on the right
 _____ 0.2 mi

2 hr 13 min (112 mi)

Tellicafe

128 Bank St, Tellico Plains, TN 37385

- ↑ 15. Head south on Bank St toward TN-165 W
 _____ 0.2 mi
- ↶ 16. Turn left onto TN-165 E/Cherochala Skyway/Unicoi Tpke
 _____ 1.0 mi
- ↶ 17. Turn left onto TN-360 N
 _____ 10.3 mi
- ↷ 18. Turn right to stay on TN-360 N
 _____ 20 ft

17 min (11.5 mi)

Ballplay

Tennessee 37885

- ↑ 19. Head northeast on TN-360 N/Unicoi Tpke
 _____ 11.8 mi

16 min (11.8 mi)

Vonore

Tennessee

- ↑ 20. Head northeast on US-411 N
 _____ 2.7 mi
- ↷ 21. Turn right onto TN-72 E
 _____ 9.0 mi

↗ 22. Turn right onto US-129 S

📍 Entering North Carolina

51.5 mi

1 hr 31 min (63.1 mi)

WCVP FM

Tapoco, NC 28771

↑ 23. Head southwest on US-129 S/US-19 S/US-74 W
toward Topton Rd

📍 Continue to follow US-74 W

📍 Pass by Wendy's (on the right in 24.9 mi)

30.3 mi

35 min (30.3 mi)

6234 US-64

Murphy, NC 28906

↑ 24. Head southwest on US-64 W/US-74 W toward NC-
60 S

7 ft

↶ 25. Turn left onto NC-60 S

📍 Entering Georgia

5.0 mi

↑ 26. Continue onto GA-60Spur

7.6 mi

↶ 27. Turn left onto GA-60 S

📍 Destination will be on the left

1.8 mi

17 min (14.4 mi)

Mineral Bluff

Georgia 30559

↑ 28. Head west on GA-515 W/US-76 W toward Shields
Rd

📍 Continue to follow GA-515 W

45.1 mi

↑ 29. Continue onto I-575 S (signs for Canton)

20.3 mi

- ↗ 30. Keep right at the fork to stay on I-575 S
----- 3.1 mi
- ↘ 31. Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 7 for GA-92 N
----- 0.4 mi
- ↙ 32. Use any lane to turn left onto GA-92 N/Hwy 92 N
----- 0.6 mi
- ↖ 33. Turn left onto Indian Valley Dr
----- 299 ft
- ↗ 34. Turn right
● Destination will be on the left
----- 121 ft