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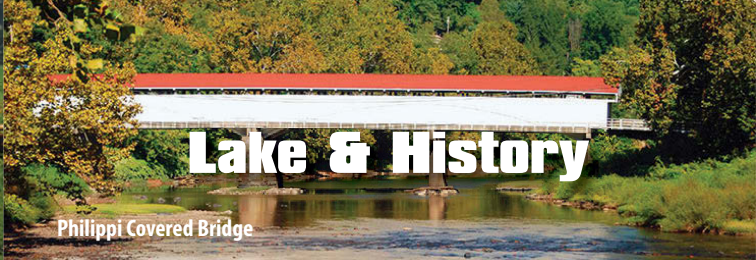
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Estimated tour time: 1 hour, 58 minutes · Distance: 85.93 miles

Leaving Elkins on Rte 219 S, you will pass through the Civil War Town of Beverly and close to the Rich Mountain Battle site. Continuing further on 219 S you will follow the Tygart River valley and then up to the spectacular Cheat Mountain. Rte 219 S will take you further to Rte 66 E at Slaty Fork where you can make a short detour to the top of Snowshoe Mountain where the view is breathtaking. Continuing of Rte 66 E you'll come to the town of Cass, a small coal/timber town where you can see one of the last coal operated scenic trains. From Cass, you will travel north on Rte 28 and travel to Green Bank, the home of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, a stop well worth your time. Continue up Rte 28 to the town of Bartow and take Rte 250 back to Rte 219 and home to Elkins.

Alternate Route: If you wish to extend your trip, continue on Rte 28 N past Bartow and pick-up Rte 33 at Judy Gap and continue on to Seneca Rocks. Then follow Rte 33 W to Elkins.



Green Bank



Estimated tour time: 3 hours, 18 minutes · Distance: 140.38 miles

If backroads and curves are your passion then this route will provide you with a thrill. Leave Elkins on Rte 33 W to Buckhannon where you'll turn off on Rte 20 S. Buckhannon offers some great treasures in architecture and antiques plus one of the last glassblower artists. Continue south on Rte 20 to French Creek where you'll find the WV Wildlife Center that features a realistic and factual exhibit of the State's wildlife in their natural habitat. Further down Rte 20, you can make a side trip to Holly River State park, the second largest park in the WV state park system. Webster Springs is the next stop on Rte 20, a community that will take you back in time to the lumber heritage era. From this most southerly part of this tour you will take Rte 15 E to Valley Head, enjoying the curves and scenery. At Valley Head you'll turn North on Rte 219 which takes you past Kumbrabow State Forest, West Virginia's highest forest at 3,930 feet. Continuing on Rte 219 N you'll head back to Elkins but not before passing the Civil War town of Beverly which is close to the battlefield of Rich Mountain, one of the Civil War's earliest engagements.



Holly River



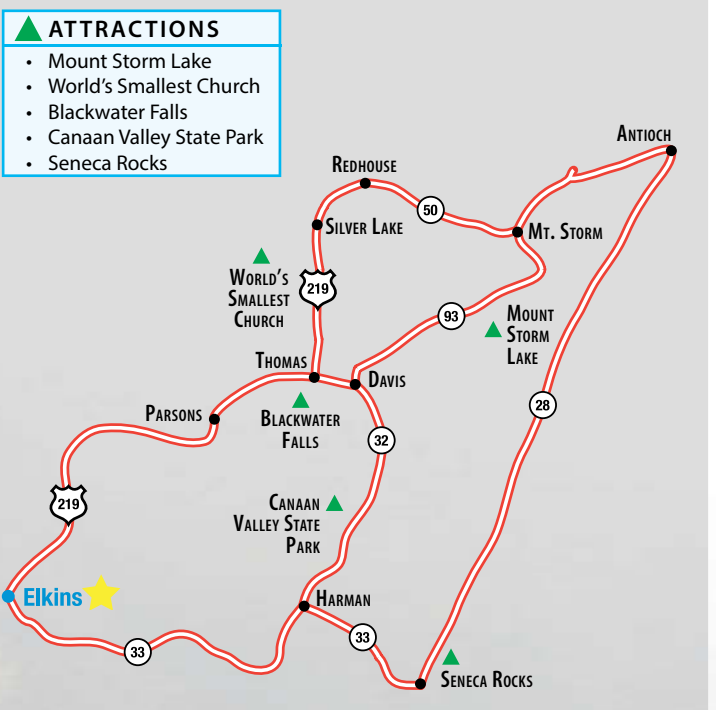
Estimated tour time: 2 hours, 23 minutes · Distance: 94.35 miles

This motorcycle tour will wind in and out of Civil War History and beautiful lake country. Leave Elkins and travel west on Rte 33 to Buckhannon and take Rte 119 N toward the historic town of Philippi, noted for the first Civil War land battle and you can cross one of largest covered bridges left in West Virginia. This bridge has a great Civil War history. From Philippi you will travel north on Rte 119 to Grafton and you can make a short stop at the Anna B. Jarvis house, used as Union General George B. McClellan's headquarters during early Civil War campaigns in the area. Anna Jarvis was also the creator of Mother's Day. While in the Grafton area, visit Tygart Lake, a 1,740 acre recreational lake that is part of the Cheat River flood control system. At Grafton, you will pick-up Rte 50 heading east to Macomber and Rte 72 S to Parsons. Your journey will end by taking Rte 219 S into Elkins

Alternate Route: Coming out of Grafton on Rte 50 east you can catch Rte 92 S passing by Teter Creek, a small fishing village, and pick-up Rte 250 S at Belington past Audra State Park to Rte 33 E back to Elkins.

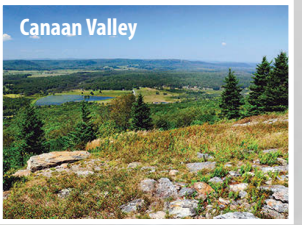


Tygart Lake



Estimated tour time: 3 hours, 48 minutes · Distance: 167.51 miles

Begin your run from Elkins traveling on Rte 219 N towards Thomas. Be sure to spend a little time in Thomas because of some of its unique shops and attractions. At Thomas, you can pick-up Rte 32 E and take a side trip to Blackwater Falls and the Canaan Valley, two outstanding features of the area. Re-trace your steps back to Thomas and pick-up the continuation of Rte 219 N which will bring you to Silver Lake, home of the World's Smallest Church. You will intersect with Rte 50 E that will bring you into and out of Maryland with many curves and a bevy of beautiful scenery as you wind your way to Antioch. From Antioch, head south on Rte 28 S to Seneca Rocks and enjoy the spectacular view of this gracious rock. From Seneca Rocks, take Rte 33 W back to your home base of Elkins.



Canaan Valley

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Estimated tour time: 3 hours, 16 minutes · Distance: 147.10 miles

This challenging ride begins in Elkins as you head east on Rte 33 to Seneca Rocks. Take the opportunity to enjoy the scenery of the rocks. Take Rte 55 N to the community of Cabins where you'll bear left on CR 28/11 for the Smokehole Blacksnake and Smokehole Caverns. After the Caverns, you backtrack down the CR28/11 to Cabins and have a choice of continuing through to Upper Tract where you'll see outstanding scenery or you can lengthen your ride by turning North on 55 to Petersburg and turning right on Rte 220S to reach Upper Tract. This longer route produces additional and exceptional scenery. After reaching Upper Tract, you continue on Rte 220 S to Franklin. The town of Franklin offers a significant collection of 19th century architecture. From Franklin, take route 33 E and take the time to stop at Seneca Caverns. It's well worth the time. Finally, take Rte 33 E back to Elkins and savor your outstanding tour.

