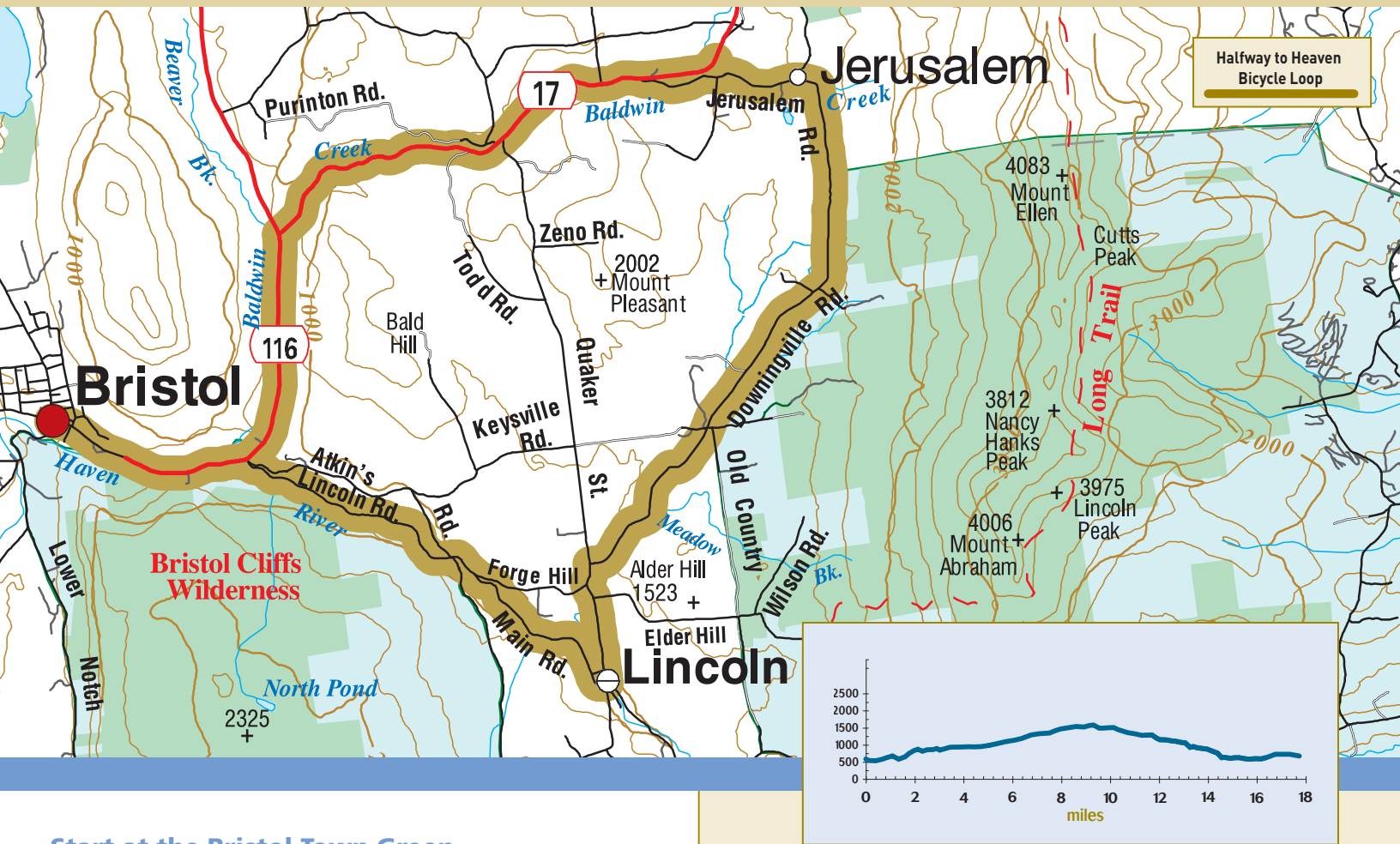


Halfway to Heaven Bicycle Loop

A moderately-strenuous 17.9-mile route through Bristol, Lincoln, and Jeruslaem, VT.



Start at the Bristol Town Green.

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| 0.0 | ● Start at Bristol Town Green. |
| 0.0 | E on Main St. |
| 1.5 | R on Lincoln Rd. |
| 4.9 | L on Quaker St. (store). |
| 5.8 | L on Downingsville Rd. (unpaved). |
| 9.4 | Downingsville Rd. becomes Jeruslaem Rd. |
| 11.5 | L on Route 17 West (store). |
| 12.9 | Bristol Memorial Park - stop and wander through the gorge. |
| 14.6 | L on Route 116 South (restaurant, inn). |
| 16.3 | Merge R onto Main St. (heading back into town of Bristol). |
| 17.9 | Bristol Town Green. |

When cycling, please follow these guidelines:

1. WEAR A HELMET and cycling gloves.
2. Ride with the flow of traffic.
3. When using travel lanes, follow motor vehicle laws. Obey all traffic signs and signals. Do not cut corners.
4. Use clear hand signals when making turns or stopping.
5. Ride in a straight line at least 3 feet from parked cars or curbs.
6. If you must ride at night, use lights and reflectors.
7. Ride defensively! Be aware of motorists' actions.
8. Be aware of train tracks and other road conditions.
9. Ride single file.
10. Carry items in panniers or a handle-bar pack.

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Route Description

Halfway to Heaven begins and ends in the Town of Bristol, commonly referred to as "The Gateway to the Green Mountains." This loop takes you from Bristol along Route 116/17 to the Lincoln Road, where you will travel uphill alongside the New Haven River. After passing through the center of Lincoln, the incline will increase somewhat but then level off. At this point you'll be leaving paved roads to a dirt road with a variety of uphill, downhill and flat sections. Upon reaching Jerusalem, you'll be back again on paved roads, which bring you down a steep hill until you once again reach Route 116/17, bringing you to a level road as you return to Bristol center. Halfway to Heaven showcases a vibrant downtown, historic buildings, beautiful rivers and mountain views, and a landscape that was dramatically changed in places because of a large flood.

Safety Guidelines

Motorists and bicyclists share scenic roads. Use caution on narrow, winding or unpaved roadway. Follow traffic laws and ride safely. Bicycles are vehicles by law and have the right to use public roads. You are responsible for operating your bicycle under all conditions.



Bristol, the "Gateway to the Green Mountains" / Jim Cunningham

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