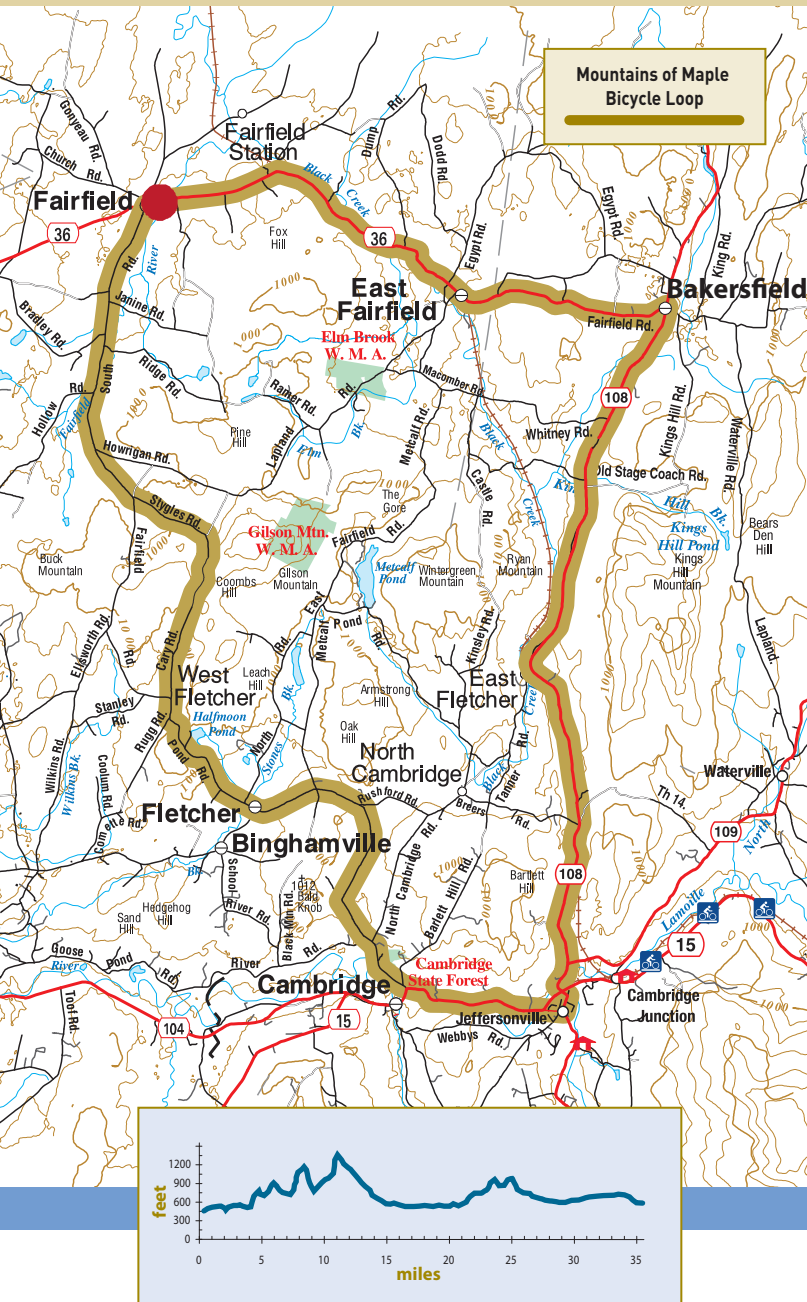


Mountains of Maple Bicycle Loop

A challenging 35.0-mile route through Fairfield, Bakersfield, Jeffersonville, Cambridge, Binghamville, and Fletcher, VT.



Start at the Fairfield Recreation Park.

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- 0.0** ● Fairfield Recreation Park
(at the Elementary School west of Intersection).
- 0.0** East on Route 36 toward East Fairfield.
- 4.9** East Fairfield. Covered bridge on right.
- 5.2** Straight on Route 36 in East Fairfield.
- 8.1** R on Route 108 at Bakersfield (store).
- 18.2** R on Route 15 in Jeffersonville (store). Shoulder is narrow. Two covered bridges are within a mile of Jeffersonville. A completed section of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail can be accessed off of Route 15 at Cambridge Junction. R on Pumpkin Harbor Rd. before bridge into Cambridge.
- 20.6** R on Cambridge Rd.
- 25.1** R (straight) on Fairfield Rd. at 3 way stop in Fletcher.
- 35.0** Fairfield.

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

Discover the places and faces that make Franklin County a top maple syrup producer in the United States. "Mountains of Maples" surrounds the maple-forested hills of Fairfield and Fletcher where the familiar sights of blue and orange plastic tubing, sugar houses and silver storage tanks can be found in all seasons. Farmhouse syrup is available for purchase anywhere a "Pure Vermont Maple Syrup" sign is displayed.

Shortly after leaving Fairfield the route parallels an abandoned railroad which is being developed as the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT). It crosses the LVRT again prior to entering Jeffersonville. The route has several climbs that can challenge the average rider but they are not excessively long and the descents will make it all worthwhile. For a greater challenge take an 8-mile, 1500 ft. climb from Jeffersonville on Route 108 to Smugglers Notch towards Stowe. This side trip is rewarded by the opportunity to explore a unique historical and geological area.

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.



East Fairfield Bridge/Lou Bresee

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To promote bicycling throughout the Lake Champlain regions of New York, Vermont and Québec for the purposes of increasing opportunities for bicycle recreation and transportation, improving the quality of life, enhancing the economic vitality, advocating for sustainable communities, encouraging healthy lifestyles and raising public awareness and appreciation of inherent scenic, historic, cultural, natural, and recreational resources throughout the area.

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