

Attachment 3

Lake Norman RPO Bike Plan

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Point of Interest	Bed & Breakfast	Bike Shop	Camping	Downtown	Fishing Area	Lake Access	Off-road Bike Trails	Public Library	Public Park	View
										

The highlighted routes follow roads of the NC highway system and local streets. These roads may not currently include any special accommodations for bicycles, such as paved shoulders or bike lanes. Care has been taken to select more lightly traveled roads. In some places, however, segments of more heavily traveled roads are used to make connections where no other options exist. These bike routes are not designed to be used by children or anyone whose ability to judge traffic conditions and driver actions are not well developed. Ride with care.

Overall Route	Roadway	Greenway	Signature Route	Peninsula P	Main Street	Catalwa R	Troutman L
							

Destinations		MILEAGE GUIDE	
Distances indicated in miles are approximate and may not represent the shortest way between destinations.			
Featured			
Birkdale Village	38		
Bill's Marina	2.4	41	
Byline Landing Park	4.3	35	6.7
Cornelius Downtown	5.8	28	7.9
Davidson Downtown	32	60	35
Davidson State Park	32	60	35
Leavesville State Park	17	19	10
Mooreville Downtown	13	20	11
Mooreville Optimal Club	43	5.0	46
Sherrill Ford Optimal Club	28	13	22
Stump Creek Park	28	13	22
Stump Creek Store	47	9.0	50
Trotman Downtown	24	9.5	21
Trotman Country Store	19	4.3	9.4
Stump Creek Park	13	3.8	19
Sherrill Ford Optimal Club	10	2.6	10
Mooreville Downtown	6	1.6	6
Lowell YMCA	4	1.1	4
Life Women's State Park	2	0.5	2
Davidson Downtown	1	0.2	1
Byline Landing Park	0.5	0.1	0.5
Bill's Marina	0.2	0.0	0.2
Birkdale Village	0.1	0.0	0.1

MILEAGE GUIDE

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Signature Routes

Troutman Loop (11.5 miles, hilly in places)

Begin at **Downtown Troutman's** landmark Old Depot at US 21/NC 115 (Main St.) and Wagner Rd. Careful crossing US 21 to start your ride south on Wagner.



After 1.5 miles, veer right onto State Park Rd. The scenery becomes more rural and wooded approaching **Lake Norman State Park**. Past the first bridge, see a parking area at Park Lake. Boats can be rented here during summer. The building provides restrooms and drinking fountain (mid-March to November). A Porta-John is located at the north entrance of the parking lot by the **Itusl Mountain Bike Trail** entrance. A mile further on State Park Rd., turn right after the Park's west gate. St. John's Rd. ends at E. Monbo Rd. Turn right, and in a ¼-mile, veer right to stay on E. Monbo and the Loop. E. Monbo stretches another 4 miles through hilly, rural horse country before reaching Old Mountain Rd. (To visit **Daveste Vineyards**, divert right onto Talley St., past Hicks Creek Rd., and another right onto Lytton Farm.) Continue to Troutman, turning right on Old Mountain Rd. to reach US 21/NC 115. At the light, turn right. After a ¼ mile, turn left at Old Muddock, then right onto Eastway. Notice the "Richardson Greenway" path across from Town Hall. In ¾-mile return to the Depot. If you're hungry, enjoy one of the several restaurants you just passed along Main St.

Catawba Run (20 miles round trip, includes some steep slopes)

See the Catawba River and the rural beauty of Irredell and Catawba Counties. Begin in **Lake Norman State Park** at the Park Lake parking lot. Head west along

State Park Rd., pass the gate, and turn right onto St. John's Rd.

Turn right onto E. Monbo Rd. In a ¼-mile, veer left with caution onto Pineville Rd. Bear left at Buffalo Shoals Rd. Be prepared for a steep ride here. In 4 miles, cross the Buffalo Shoals Bridge. Stop in at Bill's Marina if you're hungry. At this point, you could take a detour along Hudson Chapel Road to visit the **Town of Catawba** and on to **Bunker Hill Covered Bridge**. To follow the main route, head south now on Kale Rd. to ride along the Catawba River before heading into the woods. 1.3 miles from Buffalo Shoals Bridge is Long Island Rd. **Long Island Access Area** is just 0.3 miles to the left. (Another detour will take you along Long Island Road and Sherrills Ford Road to reach **Murray's Mill**.) Turn right to follow the Run. The view opens up to farm fields before Monbo Rd. Turn left to follow Monbo, then veer right onto Molly's Backbone Rd. You'll see a pond and cross a small bridge. In a ½-mile of a more woody character, you'll reach **Sherrills Ford**.



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Peninsula Pedal (19 miles round trip, flat terrain)

Lake Norman's largest peninsula extends nearly 8 miles into the Lake. Views of the water and beautiful lake properties attract many bicyclists to the peninsula's quiet winding roads. Begin the Pedal in **Downtown Mooresville**. Head southwest on S. Academy from W. Moore Ave., turn right onto Lowrance Ave., continue west

along the peninsula will give you a view of it. Wilson, cross US 21 and stay on Brawley School Rd. About a mile past I-77 is Williamson Rd. with **Lowe's YMCA** just 2 blocks north. Six miles past I-77, the Peninsula Pedal officially ends at a 250' wide traffic circle. Brawley School Rd. continues for another 3 miles. You are nearly surrounded by water and almost any side road along the peninsula will give you a view of it.

Main Street Ride (27 miles round trip)

There are vibrant communities along the shores of Lake Norman. The Main Street Ride connects three downtowns and other nearby commercial centers. Starting in **Mooresville** at S. Academy St. and W. Wilson Ave., the Ride begins with a circle of Downtown. Head northeast on Academy, turn right onto E. Moore, another right on S. Church, and right again on W. Wilson back to Academy. Now turn left on S. Academy. Just past the ball field turn left onto W. Gray, right on W. Broad, then left on Norman to cross the tracks and join S. Main (NC 115). Continue south on NC 115 for 5 miles into **Davidson**. Turn right onto Beatty just south of the Mecklenburg County line. Cross Griffith and continue onto Sloan at **Davidson Lake Park**. Here the Ride runs just west of Downtown, following Gamble. Turn left on Jetton, and then left on Potts until it ends on Main in **Cornellius**. The Intersection is steep, winding and often busy with traffic, so turn right onto the widened sidewalk, and then right again onto Cornellius St. Head left at Church, and right on Washam. Here the Lake comes into view and the opportunity to go off-road for a 2-mile shoreline ride. Continuing south on Washam, turn right on Brinkley and left on Beard. At Catawba Ave., turn right (to the left is Downtown Cornellius). Head left on Statesville Rd. (US 21). Cross I-77 on Westmoreland and look immediately for the entrance to the McDowell Creek Greenway. Follow the greenway south to **Birkdale Village** in Huntersville.



Places of Interest

Following its hundreds of miles of shoreline, the Lake Norman Bicycle Route traverses three counties and visits five cities and towns. Enjoy the varied character of the Lake region on over 60 miles of designated bicycle route interlaced with a growing network of greenways. The route reveals miles of shoreline views and passes through acres of parkland and a rural canvas of field and forest. Experience quaint towns with tree-lined streets and bustling shopping areas, or spend a quiet day fishing on the Lake and stay the night in one of the area campgrounds or a B&B. Take an afternoon to explore the wonders of hydroelectric power, or to sample the local vintage.

Follow one of the four unique signature routes or venture out on your own. Either way, the Lake Norman Bicycle Route presents North Carolina's scenic side and the relaxed sophistication of the Southern Piedmont.

Read on in this brochure for details about some of the interesting places around Lake Norman. Descriptions of the Signature Routes are also provided to help plan a day's adventure.



Riding Tips

- Be visible.** Ensure that your bicycle has highly-visible reflectors. Wear bright clothing. Avoid riding at night or times of low visibility, particularly at dusk, in dense fog, or during heavy rain.
- Be protected.** Wear a bicycle helmet every time you ride your bike.
- Be courteous.** Respect others on the road or greenway. Keep traffic flowing by helping motorists and faster bicyclists pass safely. Yield to pedestrians and emergency vehicles.
- Be watchful.** Ride defensively. Obey all traffic signs and signals, including stop and yield signs and one-way directional signs. Respect hazard or warning signs.
- Be predictable.** Use signals to communicate intended movements. Avoid making sudden unpredictable stops and turns. Ride on the right, in the same direction as moving traffic.
- Be reasonable.** Know your riding limits. Do not attempt trips which are beyond your capability.

Additional Information Resources

- Catawba County Parks Rest Office Box 368, Newton, NC 28658 (828) 252-9157 <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/dept/parks/>
- Irredell County Government Center 200 S. Center Street, Statesville, NC 28677 (704) 878-3103 <http://www.co.irredell.nc.us/Departments/Recreation/Recreation.asp>
- Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation 3541 Brookshire Boulevard Charlotte, NC 28215-2403 <http://www.charmed.org/Departments/Park+and+Rec/Greenways/Home.htm>
- Lake Norman State Park 150 Inland Sea Lane, Troutman, NC 28166 (704) 528-5353 <http://www.lakenorthern.com>
- Centralina Council of Governments 525 West Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 (704) 372-2416, (704) 347-4010 fax <http://www.centralina.org>

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