

Hot Routes....



The Route: Covered Bridges of Ohio - Part 1

The Location: Greene County

The Overview: This ride consists of 5 covered bridges with plenty of opportunities to eat, shop and site see with a lot of curves and narrow roads so ride slow and enjoy. Starting at Bush Row Ending at North 68 in Yellow Springs the Ride is about 35 miles

The Riders: Bill and Jody Lewis



From the Book

>>> There are over 125 historic wooden covered bridges in the U.S. state of Ohio, many of which are still in use.

>>> Greene County Commission Journals show 9 covered bridges of which 5 still stand in Greene County. Ashtabula County has 17 covered bridges, including a lattice truss bridge but Fairfield County holds a record 18 covered bridges!

>>> The Smolen-Gulf Bridge in Ashtabula County carries County Route 25 across the Ashtabula River, at 613 feet, it is the longest in both Ohio and the United States.

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From the Saddle

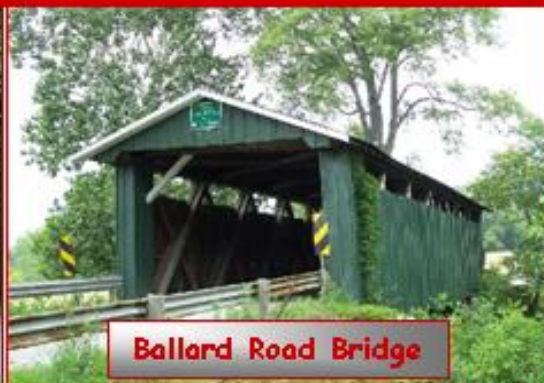
Although this is only a 35 mile ride, it will take you all afternoon due to the narrow and windy roads and all there is to see and do.

Destinations: Peach's Grill - Route 68, Yellow Springs. Glen Helen Nature Preserve, Yellow Springs and finish the day with Ice Cream at Young's Dairy on Route 68 between Yellow Springs and Springfield.

From the Back:



Charlton Mill Road Bridge



Ballard Road Bridge



Grinnell Road Bridge

The Route

Starting in Springfield travel:

South on Route 68

Left on Bush Row at Old Town

Left on Stevenson Road – Bridge #1 built in 1877

Right on Jones Road

Left on Wilberforce Clifton Road

Right on Charleton Mill Road – Bridge #2 built in 1833

Continue to stop sign at Route 42

Straight across Route 42 to Nash Rd.

****DANGEROUS 3-WAY INTERSECTION****

Left on Old Route 35 2nd left at intersection - do not turn on Federal Rd

Right on North Ballard Road – Bridge #3 built in 1883

Return to Old Route 35

Left on Old Route 35

Right on Straley Rd

Left on Hopping Rd

Right on Federal Rd

Left on Wilmington Rd.

Left on Murdock Rd.

Right on US 42

Left on Tarbox Cemetery Rd. (Restrooms in park on the right)

Right on Wilberforce Clifton Rd thru stop sign into Clifton

Right on Water St park at Clifton Mill on right – Bridge #4 built from barn siding

Left on Main St. (US 72)

Left on Route 343

Left on Route 370 Caution stay to the right, past park entrance, road becomes narrow,

- Curvy, steep downgrade at intersection is the Grinnell Mill B & B

Right on Grinnell Rd – Bridge #5 built in 1886 on left side of road hidden behind trees.

- **NO SAFE PARKING** in this area, observe as you ride by.

Right on Corry St in Yellow Springs

Right on US 68 back to Springfield