

Frederick County, MD, Rural Roads Tour #4

Sugarloaf Area

Tour mileage: Approx. 72 miles

Drive time: about 3 hours (not including stops)

There are 5 separate tours of Frederick County's Rural Roads. The selection of roads for these tours is being compiled to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the enacting of the county's Rural Roads Program. Each Rural Road has some gravel section. They contribute to the county's rural character both as glimpses into what life used to be like, and as champions of natural beauty. All 5 tours start and end at the Frederick County Visitors center, 151 S. East Street in Frederick. Hopefully, taking one tour will motivate you to see them all and become a supporter of these beautiful roads.

All of the county's Rural Roads contain sections that are one lane, narrow, curvy and hilly. They are all beautiful gems. The roads in the Rural Roads Program that you will be driving on in this tour are capitalized and underlined. Some roads have been excluded for safety and brevity. Do not attempt this tour during inclement weather, at night, or in a low-hung vehicle. Please drive slowly and cautiously. Enjoy!

Tour #4, Sugarloaf Area, spans the southeastern part of Frederick County - From the C&O Canal, around Sugarloaf Mountain Park and east of Urbana. There are some wonderful hidden gems waiting for you to discover. There is a great local farm ice cream store: Rocky Point Creamery, just off the southern part of the tour, but worth a visit. Thanksgiving Farm, a local nursery grows and sells local produce. The tour also passes through Urbana's commercial district with lots of restaurant choices.



1. From the Frederick Visitors Center, turn Right (South) on East Street for 1 mile to SR 355. (*Cross over I-70 intersection*).
2. Continue South across SR 355 onto SR 85, Buckeystown Pike for 10.3 miles to SR 28. (*At 1.1 miles, cross under I-270. At 4.5 miles in Buckeystown, admire beautiful homes, and obey the speed limit!*)
3. Turn Right on SR 28 West toward Tuscarora for .4 miles to NOLANDS RD. (*Continue on SR 28 for 2.8 miles to visit Rocky Point Creamery.*)

4. When SR 28 bears right, go straight on NOLANDS RD for .5 miles. *(Looks like a driveway between Chick Rd and SR 28) to NEW DESIGN RD. (NOLANDS RD is one of the few roads in the Rural Roads Program that is entirely gravel.)*
5. Turn Left on NEW DESIGN RD for .3 miles to the C & O Canal parking lot. At .2 miles, cross the C&O Towpath. Turn Around in parking lot. *(At the Parking Lot, there is a public toilet).*
6. Follow NEW DESIGN RD back .2 miles to NOLANDS FERRY RD.
7. Turn Right on NOLANDS FERRY RD .7 miles to CHICK RD. *(Road intersects a farm yard. The railroad tracks on the right are heavily used for commuters and freight travelling to Washington D.C.)*
8. Turn Left on CHICK RD for .7 miles to SR 28, Tuscarora Rd.
9. Turn Right on SR 28 East, Tuscarora Rd, for .4 miles to Stop Sign.
10. Turn Left on SR 85 North, Buckeystown Pike, for 1.5 miles to GREENFIELD RD. *(Just past Thanksgiving Farm on the Right, an independently owned nursery/farm market. You can also see the Alpacas grazing from the nearby Alpaca Farm.)*
11. Turn Right on GREENFIELD RD 2.5 miles to PAGE RD. *(Follow the road down the hill, and enjoy the Monocacy River on your Left. At 2.1 miles, as you leave the river, there is a sharp right jog in the road and it becomes paved.)*
12. Turn left onto PAGE RD for .2 miles to Park Mills Rd. *(Page Rd is also gravel for its entire length.)*
13. Turn Left on Park Mills Rd for 3.4 miles to Bear Branch Rd, just beyond the bridge. *(At .4 miles, cross the Monocacy River. At 2.5 miles, on Lily Pons Rd is Lilypons Aquatic Garden Supplies, shipping water lilies worldwide.)*



14. Turn Right on Bear Branch Rd for less than .1 mile, to MT.EPHRAIM RD.
15. Turn Right on MT EPHRAIM RD for 3.6 miles to BANNER RD. *(Gravel starts at 1.3 miles. At .3 miles, cross Bear branch, the only trout stream in southern Frederick County.)*
16. Turn Right on BANNER RD for .4 miles to circle. Turn Around.
17. Return .4 miles to MT. EPHRAIM RD.

18. Turn Right on MT. EPHRAIM RD for 100 ft. to Comus Rd.
19. Turn Left on Comus Rd for .5 miles to Stop Sign. (*Entrance to Sugarloaf Mountain is on the Left.*)
20. Bear Left and continue on SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN RD for 2.5 miles to Thurston Rd (*at 1.6 miles road becomes paved*).
21. Turn Left on Thurston Rd for .6 miles to COVELL RD.
22. Turn Left on COVELL RD across pony truss bridge for .6 miles to end of public road. Turn Around.
23. Return .6 miles to Thurston Rd.
24. Turn Left on Thurston Rd 1.7 miles to PETERS RD.
25. Turn Left on PETERS RD for 1.5 miles to driveway #7910. Anna Prayer on left. Turn Around.
26. Follow PETERS RD back .3 miles to RODERICK RD.
27. Turn Left on RODERICK RD for 1.9 miles to SR 80, Fingerboard Rd (*At #2914, Solar and Wind power are used at Bar T Mountainside Camp on Left*).
28. Turn Right on SR 80 East, Fingerboard Rd, for 1.5 miles to US 355. (*Go straight around 2 circles and under I-270.*)
29. Turn Right on US 355 South for 2.0 miles to PRICE RD.
30. Turn Left on PRICE RD for 1.3 miles to Green Valley Rd.
31. Turn Right on Green Valley Rd for 1.6 miles to US 355. (*At .6 miles is Rolling Green Farmstand on left.*)
32. Turn Right on US 355 for .7 miles to MOTT RD.
33. Turn Left on MOTT RD for .7 miles to Fire Tower Rd.
34. Turn Right on Fire Tower Rd for .2 miles to Dr. Perry Rd.
35. Turn Right on Dr. Perry Rd for 1.3 miles to US 355.
36. Turn Left on US 355 for 7.6 miles to SR 85. (*At 5.0 Monocacy Battlefield is on the right. At 5.3 miles cross the Monocacy River.*)
37. Turn Right on SR 85 (becomes East Street) for 1 mile. The Visitors center is on the Left.

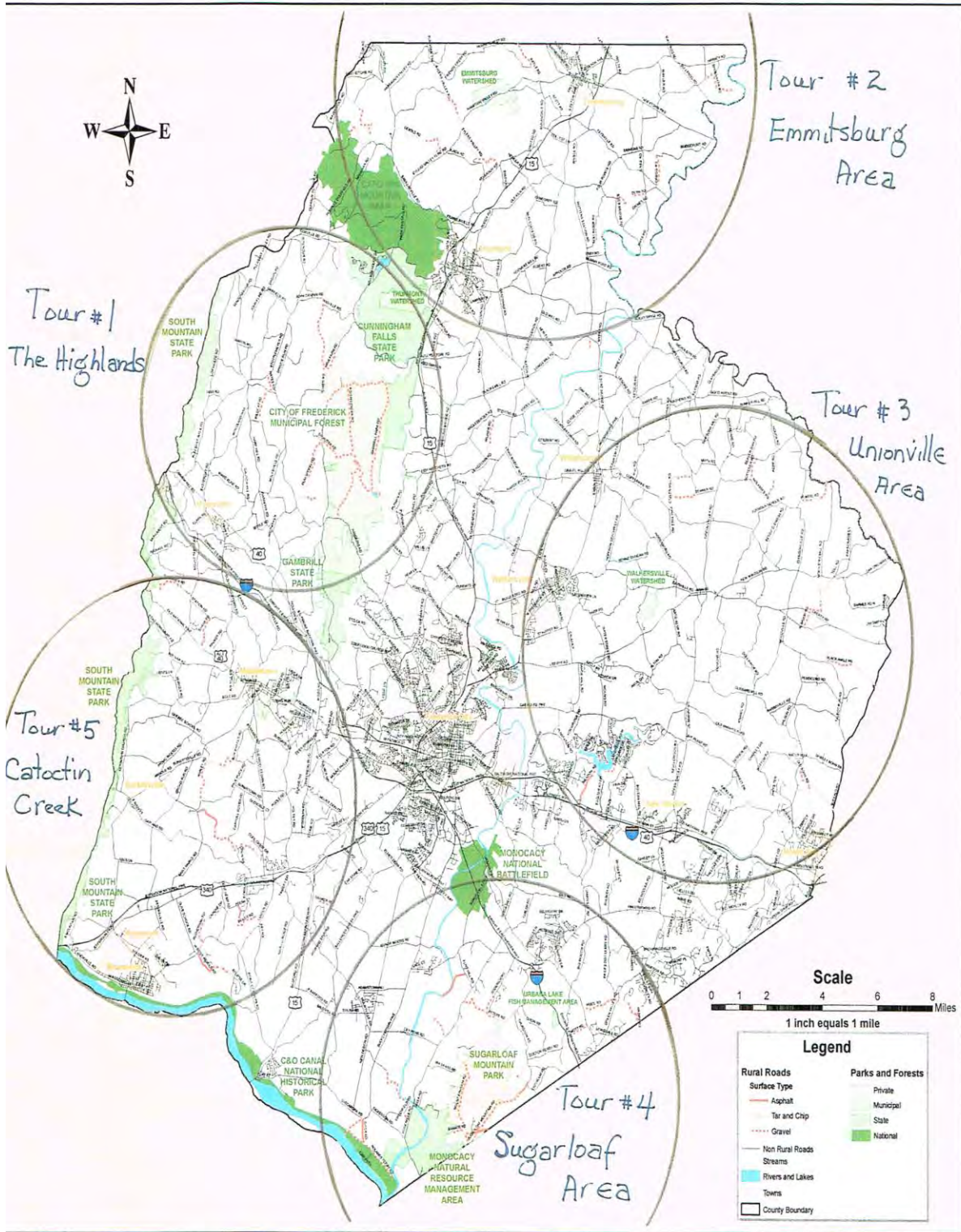
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 To Visitors Center



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