

## Frederick County, MD Rural Roads Tour # 3

### Unionville Loop

Tour mileage: Approx. 63 miles  
Driving time: about 3 ½ 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 #3 in Eastern Frederick County takes you through some wonderful old historic areas from Johnsville where many of the early settlers of Frederick County resided, to Pearre Rd with its beautiful historic mansion, and to the railroad towns of Woodsboro and Walkersville. The famous Black Ankle Winery is also on the tour route.

1. From the Frederick Visitors Center turn Right (South) on East Street for .6 miles. Get in Left lane to merge onto I-70 East.
2. Turn Left (East) onto I-70 East for 14 miles to Exit 68, SR 27, to Mount Airy.
3. Turn Left onto SR 27 for 0.4 miles to traffic light at S. Main St.

4. Turn Left onto S. Main Street for 1.6 miles to a fork with Buffalo Road. You are now in the village of Mount Airy, driving through their historic district. *(At 1.3 miles on S. Main St on the right is the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Station (1875), designed by Baltimore architect E. Francis Baldwin.)*
5. Bear Left onto Buffalo Road for 0.9 miles to a fork with OLD BOHN RD. *(If you are pressed for time, consider skipping instructions 6 through 11 to save about 10 minutes. If you do, take the right fork to stay on Buffalo Road and go north another 4.3 miles to BLACK ANKLE RD.)*
6. Bear Left onto OLD BOHN RD for 1.2 miles to a T-intersection with MATTIE HAINES RD. At this point OLD BOHN RD becomes a gravel road.
7. Turn Right to stay on OLD BOHN RD for 0.7 miles to Woodville Road.
8. Turn Left onto Woodville Road for 0.6 miles to the other end of MATTIE HAINES RD.
9. Turn Left onto MATTIE HAINES RD for 0.6 miles to OLD BOHN RD. After 0.4 miles, MATTIE HAINES RD becomes a gravel road.
10. Turn Right onto OLD BOHN RD for 1.2 miles to Buffalo Road.
11. Make a sharp Left Turn onto Buffalo Road for 4.2 miles to BLACK ANKLE RD. You will pass through the hamlet of Harrisonville 2.1 miles after you turn onto Buffalo Road.
12. Turn Left onto BLACK ANKLE RD for 2.0 miles to a T-intersection. After one mile, BLACK ANKLE RD becomes a gravel road.
13. Turn Right to stay on BLACK ANKLE RD for 1.1 miles to Unionville Road. This section of BLACK ANKLE RD is all paved.
14. Turn Left onto Unionville Road for 0.3 miles to ALBAUGH RD.
15. Turn Right onto ALBAUGH RD for 2.2 miles to MD Route 31, New Windsor Road. After a half mile, ALBAUGH RD crosses MD Route 26, Liberty Road. One-tenth mile after crossing MD Route 26, turn right to stay on ALBAUGH RD. ALBAUGH RD becomes gravel at this point for 0.6 miles



16. Turn Left onto MD Route 31, New Windsor Road, for 0.3 miles to McKinstry's Mill Road.
17. Turn Right onto McKinstry's Mill Road for 3.1 miles to PEARRE RD. One-tenth of a mile short of PEARRE RD, McKinstry's Mill Road crosses Sam's Creek and into the 26-acre **McKinstry's Mills Historic District**. *(On your right are the remains of the 3 ½ story McKinstry Mill, which dates back to 1844. The McKinstry's Mills Historic District is a national historic district comprising the entire hamlet of McKinstry's Mill, consisting of six properties developed by the McKinstry family. Besides the mill, there is the McKinstry homestead, built between 1825 and 1835; the residence of miller, Samuel McKinstry, dated 1849; a store building of 1850; and two other small houses and a variety of outbuildings.)*
18. Turn Left onto PEARRE RD for 1.4 miles to Clemsonville Road. After driving on gravel for 0.7 miles, you will pass the **Sam's Creek Methodist Protestant Churchyard**, where the Albaughs and the McKinstry's are buried. At this point PEARRE RD becomes paved for 0.2 miles to the bridge over Clemson Branch. One-tenth of a mile further, you will pass the **Pearre-Metcalf House** on the right at 14122 Pearre Rd. *(The **Pearre-Metcalf House** is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is a Greek Revival style farmhouse built about 1859. There is also a magnificent old barn and a small brick springhouse with corbelled brick cornice and tin roof.)*
19. Turn Left onto Clemsonville Road for 0.2 miles to a stop sign at Fountain School Road.
20. Turn Right onto Fountain School Road for 1.0 mile to Molasses Road.
21. Turn Right onto Molasses Road for 0.2 miles to REPP RD.
22. Turn Right onto REPP RD for 1.5 miles to MD Route 75, Green Valley Road. (If you are pressed for time, consider skipping instructions 23 through 26 to save about 10 minutes. If you do, TURN LEFT onto MD Route 75, Green Valley Road for 2.9 miles through the picturesque hamlet of Johnsville to Renner Road.)
23. Turn Left onto MD Route 75, Green Valley Road, for 0.7 miles to DOTTERER RD.
24. Turn Left onto DOTTERER RD for 0.6 miles to Molasses Road.
25. Turn Right onto Molasses Road for 1.1 miles to a stop sign at MD Route 75, Green Valley Road, in the hamlet of Johnsville. *(**Kitterman-Buckley Farm** at 12520 Molasses Road is on the National Register of Historic Places. This farm is the remnant of a farm established by German immigrant Christopher Kitterman in 1752, which remained in the*

*Root/Buckley family from 1790 to 1919. The main house was built about 1752 and is two stories in height. It is composed of two halves, built probably 40 to 50 years apart, and united under a low-sloping slate roof with three chimneys, with additions made in the 19th century and again in the 1950s and 1980s. Also on the property are a springhouse and cabin / smokehouse both dating to about 1752, a machine shed, horse barn built about 1930, a bank barn built about 1850, and a silo from 1934.)*

26. Turn Left onto MD Route 75, Green Valley Road, for 0.4 miles to Renner Road.
27. Turn Right onto Renner Road for 0.7 miles to WHISKEY SPRINGS RD.
28. Go Straight onto WHISKEY SPRINGS RD for 1.5 miles to Coppermine Road.
29. Turn Right onto Coppermine Road for 2.5 miles to a traffic signal at MD Route 194.
30. Go Straight 0.1 mile to Main Street in Woodsboro.

**Detour to Glade Valley Mill and Woodsboro Railroad Station:**

Skip direction 31 below.

TURN LEFT onto Main Street for about 35 yards to Creagerstown Road. TURN SHARP RIGHT onto Creagerstown Road and go over the bridge 0.1 mile to the railroad tracks and turn around.

RETRACE your route to Main Street.

TURN RIGHT onto Main Street for 1.1 miles to MD Route 194.

The **Glade Valley Mill** is a steam-powered flourmill built about 1890. A common feature of large 19<sup>th</sup> Century flourmills is a mansard roof with dormers. The mill closed in 1957.

**Woodsboro Railroad Station** was built by a subsidiary of the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1883. Passenger service ended in 1948 and the station was closed in 1963. Locally raised goldfish were shipped all over the country from this station in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The Woodsboro Historical Society owns the station.

31. TURN LEFT onto Main Street for 1.1 miles to MD Route 194.

**Walkersville Railroad Stations.**

The Walkersville Southern Railroad, a tourist railroad, owns the combination station and the rare freight house. At one time, a small combination station and freight house were common in every village and small town served by a railroad.

Detour to **Walkersville Railroad Stations** and **Walkersville Southern Railroad.**

Skip direction 32 below.

Turn Right onto MD Route 194 for 3.1 miles to East Frederick Street in Walkersville.

Bear Right onto E. Frederick Street for 0.1 mile to South Glade Road.

Turn Right onto S. Glade Road for 0.2 miles to a Stop Sign at Pennsylvania Avenue.

Turn Left onto Pennsylvania Avenue and go 0.7 miles to the railroad tracks and turn around.

RETRACE your route 0.1 mile to Fulton Street.

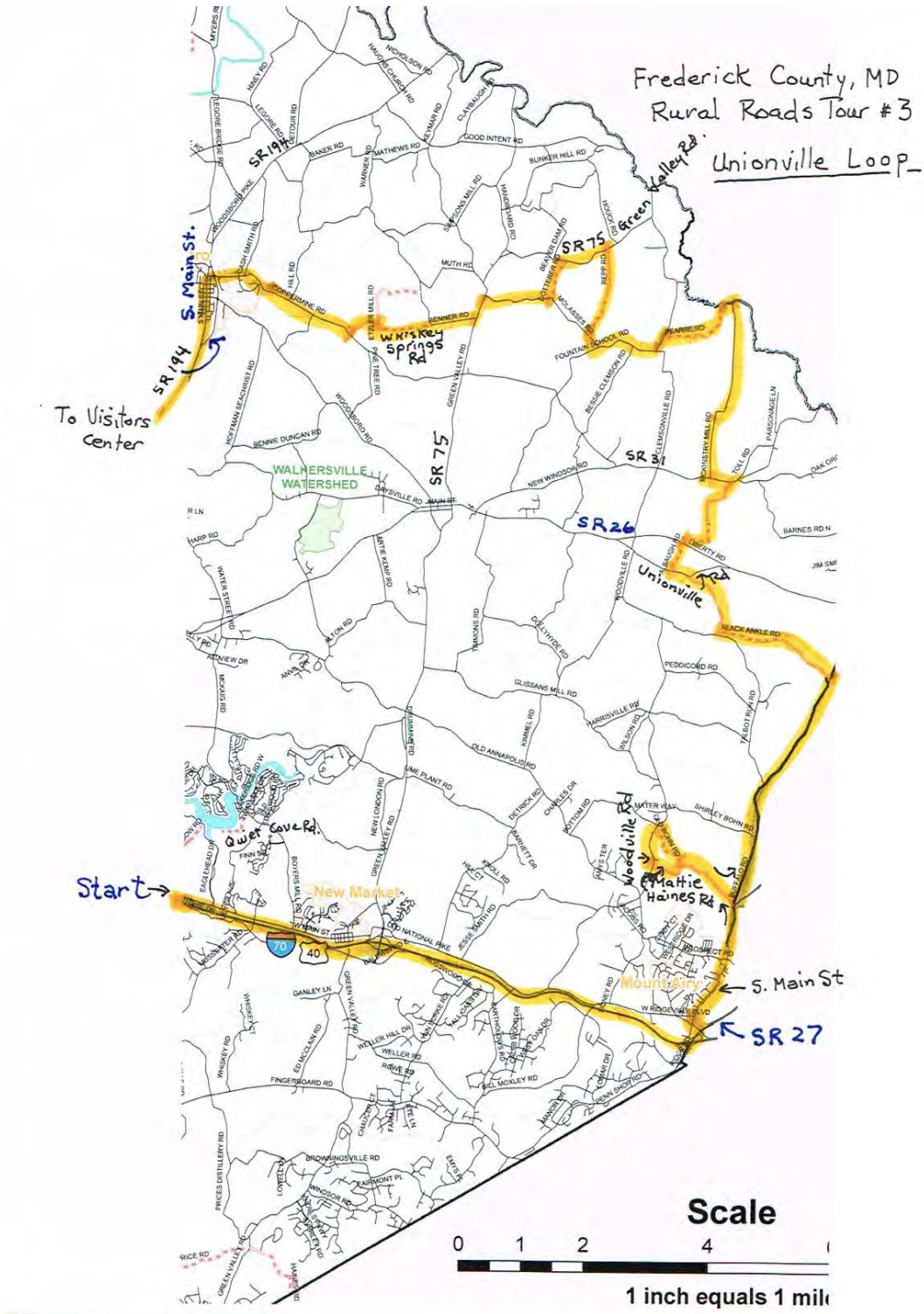
Turn Right onto Fulton Street for 0.3 miles to West Frederick Street.

Turn Right onto W. Frederick Street for 0.5 miles to MD Route 194.

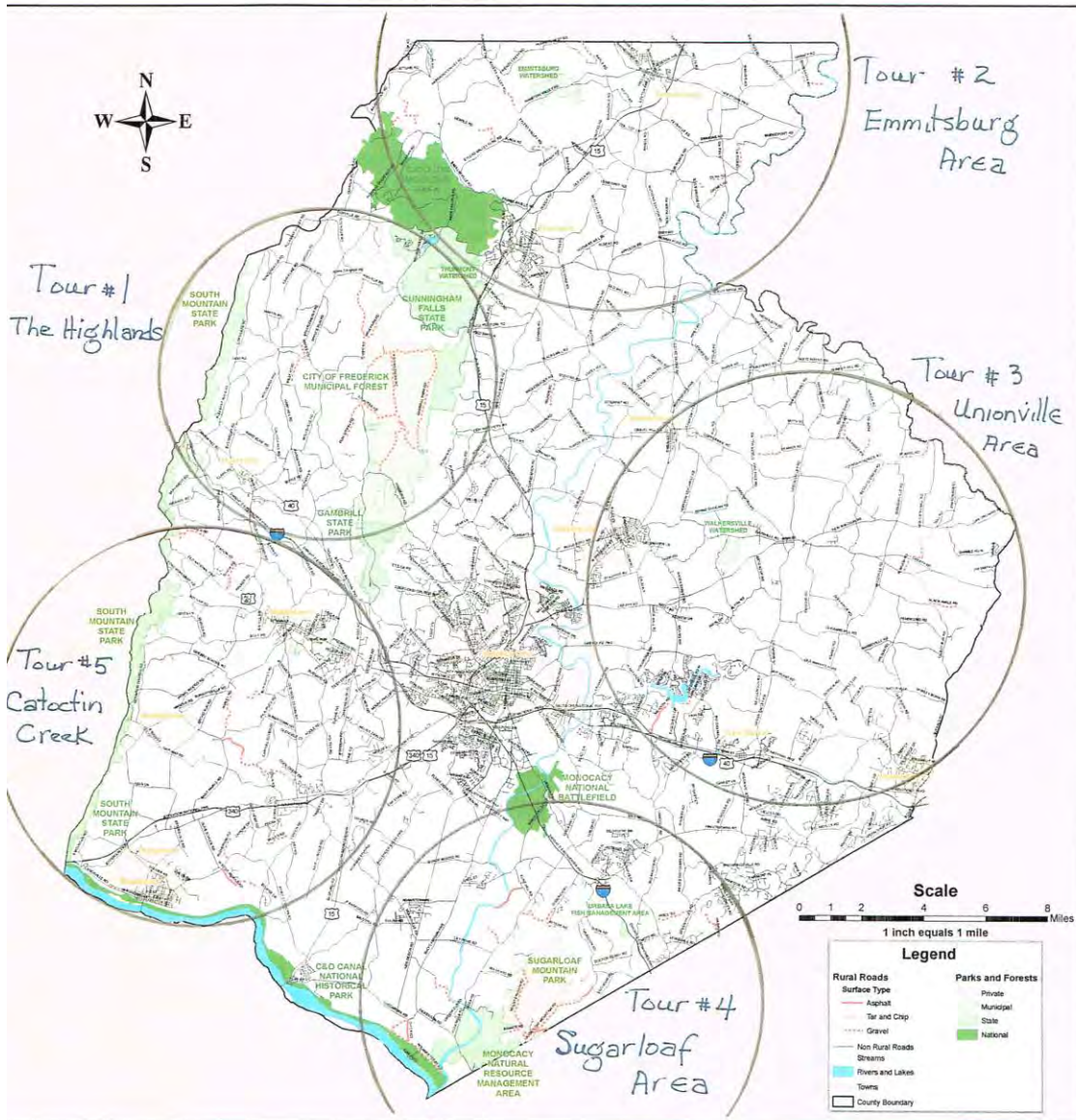
Turn Right onto MD Route 194 for 1.5 miles to MD Route 26. .

32. Turn Right onto MD Route 194 for 5.9 miles to MD Route 26. *(You will see the **Ceresville Mill-Kelly Feed Mill** facing MD Route 26 on your left. This water-powered mill was built about 1813 on the site of an older mill. Waterpower was supplemented by steam in 1850 and electricity in the 1890's. Its flour was sold under the "Snow Drift" and "Pure Gold" brand names. The mill was closed in 1988.)*
33. Turn Right onto MD Route 26 for 1.4 miles to a left exit onto North Market Street.
34. Bear Left onto North Market Street for 1.0 mile to North East Street. At this point, a Coca Cola bottling factory will be on your right.
35. Turn Left onto North East Street for 1.7 miles to Frederick Visitor Center. Park your car and walk inside to see what else they have to offer.





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