







MIDDLE OPTION: 36 miles

Left out of REI parking lot onto Perimeter Center West, then

Right on Mt. Vernon Road, ride through Dunwoody Village, and

Left onto Jett Ferry Road

Left on Spalding Drive, and enjoy the really long downhill; road splits just past Ga. 400. Stay straight, where road becomes Dalrymple

NOTICE, at Roswell Rd. you may want to stop at the convenience store; its the last one for awhile.

Cross Roswell Road

Right on Johnson Ferry Road and cross the river, then turn

Left onto Columns Drive and enjoy the bike lane.

Right onto Atlanta Country Club Drive; When road ends, turn

Left onto Paper Mill Road, then take next

Right onto Woodlawn

Left onto King's Lake Drive, then

Left onto Cove Island, and immediate

Right onto Cove Way, stay right at cul-de-sac

Right on Cove Drive, cross Lower Roswell, where road changes names to Indian Hills Pkwy

Right onto Summit Drive at the stop sign,

Right on Hillwood (golf hole here), then

Left on Fairfield Drive, when road ends

Left on Indian Hills Parkway, then quick

Right on Clubland Drive (more golf holes)

Right on Indian Hills Parkway, cross back over Lower Roswell, where the road changes names to Cove Drive

Left on Cove Way, stay left at cul-de-sac

Left on Cove Island, then quick

Right on King's Lake Drive

Right on Woodlawn, go till road ends, then

Left on Paper Mill Road, take next

Right onto Atlanta Country Club Drive, then

Left on Ponte Vedra, and a

Right on Willow Knoll

CAUTION: Willow Knoll is a great, fun downhill, but has a stop sign at the bottom. Be sure to stop.

Right on Columns Dr. again, Ride 2.0 miles, and at the end of this road, turn left onto the Cochran Shoals multi-use trail (The Chattahoochee River will be on your left at all times on this trail). Continue 1.5 miles to the end of the trail and into the parking lot

Left out of the parking lot onto Interstate North Pkwy, then

Right at next light, cross I-285, and

Left again on Powers Ferry Road

Right on Dupree Road,

Left on Mt. Vernon, cross Roswell Road, then

Stay straight when Johnson Ferry Road merges, (then forks right) with Mt. Vernon

Right on Perimeter Center West at the Sandy Springs MARTA station, then

Right into the REI parking lot.

If you enjoyed this ride, and care about the quality of bicycling in metro Atlanta, please join the Atlanta Bicycle Campaign. We are fighting for better on-road facilities for cyclists, like bicycle lanes, wide curb lanes, bikeable shoulders, straightened sewer grates, and more. For more information on what we do, and a membership application form, visit our website at

www.atlantabike.org

or ask your ride leader for an ABC brochure.

SHORT OPTION: 27 miles

Left out of REI parking lot onto Perimeter Center West, then

Right on Mt. Vernon Road, ride through Dunwoody Village, and

Left onto Jett Ferry Road

Left on Spalding Drive, and enjoy the really long downhill; road splits just past Ga. 400. Stay straight, where road becomes Dalrymple

Cross Roswell Road, and get ready for your first BIG climb

Right on Johnson Ferry Road and cross the river, then turn

Left onto Columns Drive and enjoy the bike lane.

Ride 2.5 miles, and at the end of this road, turn left onto the Cochran Shoals multi-use trail (The Chattahoochee River will be on your left at all times on this trail). Continue 1.5 miles to the end of the trail and into the parking lot.

Left out of the parking lot, cross the river, then

Right at light and cross over I-285, and then

Left again onto Powers Ferry Road

Right on Dupree Road, and get ready for your second BIG climb

Left on Mt. Vernon, cross Roswell Road, then

Stay straight when Johnson Ferry Road merges, then forks right with Mt. Vernon

Right on Perimeter Center West at the Sandy Springs MARTA station, then

Right into the REI parking lot.

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Directions for Long Option

Left out of REI onto Perimeter Center West **Right** on Mt. Vernon Road, **Left** onto Jett Ferry Road

Left on Spalding Drive, and enjoy the really long downhill; changes names to Dalrymple just past Ga. 400

NOTICE, at Roswell Rd. you may want to stop at the convenience store; its the last one for awhile

Cross Roswell Road

Right on Johnson Ferry Road and cross the river, then turn

Left onto Columns Drive and enjoy the bike lane. Ride 1.5 miles, and turn

Right onto Atlanta Country Club Drive; look for golf holes #3 and #4, then get ready for your second BIG MEAN HILL! When road ends, turn

Left onto Paper Mill Road, then take next Right onto Woodlawn

Left onto King's Lake Drive, then

Left onto Cove Island, and immediate

Right onto Cove Way, stay right at cul-de-sac Right Cove Drive, cross Lower Roswell, where road changes names to Indian Hills Pkwy

Right onto Summit Drive at the stop sign, and get ready for your third BIG MEAN HILL!

Right on Hillwood (golf hole here), then

Left Fairfield Drive, when road ends

Left on Indian Hills Parkway, then quick Right Clubland Drive (more golf holes)

Right on Indian Hills Parkway, cross back over Lower Roswell, where the road changes names to Cove Drive

Left on Cove Way, stay left at cul-de-sac

Left on Cove Island, then quick

Right on King's Lake Drive

Right on Woodlawn, go till road ends, then

Left on Paper Mill Road, take next

Right onto Atlanta Country Club Drive, then

Left Ponte Vedra, and a

Right on Willow Knoll

CAUTION: Willow Knoll is a great, fun downhill, but has a stop sign at the bottom. Be sure to stop.

Right back onto Columns Drive; at the end of this road, turn left onto the Cochran Shoals multi-use trail (The Chattahoochee River will be on your left at all times on this trail).

Right out of the parking lot, then

Right on Columns Dr. again, Ride 2.0 miles, and at the end of this road, turn left onto the Cochran Shoals multi-use trail (The Chattahoochee River will be on your left at all times on this trail). Continue 1.5 miles to the end of the trail and into the parking lot.

Left out of the parking lot onto Interstate North Pkwy, then

Right at next light, across I-285, and

Left again on Powers Ferry Road

NOTICE: the convenience stores here are good stopping points, and the last until the end of the ride.

Right on Dupree Road

Cross Mt. Vernon and enjoy the downhill, but stop at the Stop sign at the bottom.

Continue up the long gradual hill, and cross Mt. Paran Road, pass Chastain Park on your left, and

Right onto Tuxedo, then

Left onto Blackland; when the road forks, stay

Right, and back onto Tuxedo

Left on Northside Drive, then

Right on W. Paces Ferry Road

Right onto Randall Mill (be careful, this turn can sneak up on you!)

Right on Mt. Paran, then

Left on Garmon

Left on Northside Drive (the BIG one)

Right on Mt. Vernon, cross Roswell Road, then

Stay straight when Johnson Ferry Road merges, then forks right with Mt. Vernon

Right on Perimeter Center West at the Sandy

Springs MARTA station, then

Right into the REI parking lot.

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Ride Leader's Comments

- Welcome from ABC, and description of what ABC does (bike lanes, widecurb lanes, turning sewer grates perpendicular, BIKE THERE! etc..
- Ride Description, ride is mostly flat to rolling, but has 6 short steep hills on it. Most of the turns on the long options after Spalding Drive are marked with a yellow arrow, some of them also noted with an "ABC" under the arrow. All options are the same route until Columns Drive. The Short Option continues straight on Columns Dr, then left on Mt. Vernon Parkway. The middle option and long option are the same route for most of the ride, but the middle turns left on Mt. Vernon Parkway.
- Multi-Use Trail: There is one unusual feature on this ride, and that's the Cochran Shoals Trail, which is constructed of packed sand and pulverized gravel. Its 1.5 miles long, and we have not had any flat tires on it in 5 of these rides. Watch out for joggers and dogs on leashes. There are restrooms and water at the 1/2 point on this trail.

Cautions:

- Be sure to watch route just after crossing Ga. 400. Spalding splits off to left, while staying straight will put you on Dalrymple Rd. Stay Straight.
- Watch for nasty little water meter on Dalrymple Road, about 1/2 mile after crossing Roswell Road. It has been painted yellow for your protection.
- Use great caution in crossing the river at **Johnson Ferry Road**, and into Cobb County. Traffic is often heavy here. The turn onto Columns Drive is an immediate left after crossing the river.
- The downhill on Willow Knoll (back down to Columns Dr.) is fast and fun. But it has a Stop Sign at the bottom, so be ready to stop.
- From here, leave REI and turn left on Perimeter Center West, then take a right onto Mt. Vernon Parkway at top of hill (you can point to it from REI). This is the busiest road the ride goes on, so be cautious and ride single file on this road.
- Stay together as a group until turning left on Jett Ferry Rd. Heaviest traffic will be encountered on Mt. Vernon Road, and again on Johnson Ferry.
- Meet for lunch at Atlanta Bread Company (across the street) at the end of the ride.

Azaela Drive Alternate Route

