

The Germany Valley ride has two challenging climbs. The first one is just a few miles from the start going over Davis Gap Rd. It is a 10-11% grade but less than 1/2 mile long. I usually have to stand up on that one. After going through Clayton, you will climb up to Germany (actually called Almand Bald) on a >2 mile climb at about 7% grade. Not a killer, but challenging enough for me. Going down the other side into Persimmon the road curves and switches back. You will need your brakes. There is a Marathon Station on US76 just down the road beyond where the turn off is on onto Germany Rd. That is absolutely the last place to stop until the end of the ride if you need anything. It is only a quarter mile out of the way, though. Once you get back into Germany and Persimmon you are pretty remote and there are no stores.

On thing I often do is Germany Valley and then instead of returning to the starting point, I just go on over do and the Lake Rabun Ride or the loop around Lake Burton.

- Bobby Rone

Germany Valley Loop – 28 miles

Incr.	Cum.		Ride description
			Begin at US 76 Bridge at Lake Burton/Tallulah River and Vickers Rd.
0.0	0.0	L	Head east on US76 across the bridge
1.3	1.3	S	Persimmon Rd comes in from the left. Continue on US76
3.2	4.5	R	Davis Gap Rd. VERY STEEP!!! But short.
0.9	5.4	L	Bridge Creek Rd.
1.8	7.2	L	Syrup City Rd.
0.5	7.7	L	Old 441 @SS @T
2.7	10.4	L	US76 @TL
1.6	12.0	R	Germany Rd. Begin steep climb.
5.0	17.0	S	Continue on Persimmon Rd. North Germany Mountain Rd. enters from right.
3.2	20.2	R	Mellie Keener Rd
1.2	21.4	L	Persimmon Rd. @SS
1.0	22.4	S	Continue straight on Persimmon Rd. Tallulah River Rd. enters from right
2.0	24.4	S	Community of Persimmon
2.2	26.6	R	US76 @ SS @T
1.3	27.9	R	Vickers Rd.