

# Major Taylor Mountains Summit *Excursion*

## “Welcome” Ride (Wed night)

16 Miles  
(Est. elevation gain: 1,600 ft)



Holloway Mtn  
Road (Cty 1559)

Lin Cove  
Viaduct

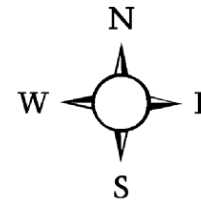
Blue Ridge  
Pkwy

NC  
221

Start/  
Finish

Blowing  
Rock

NC-321



Ⓜ Re-Grouping Point

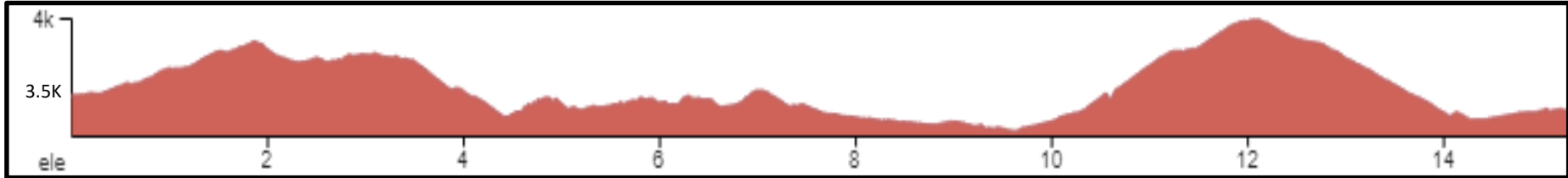
- 0.0 Start in Blowing Rock at Gazebo, left on Main St
- 0.1 LEFT at light onto NC 221
- 6.4 RE-GROUP Point:** Grandfather Country Store  
RIGHT on Hollowell Mtn Road (CTY 1559)
- 7.3 RIGHT onto BRP on-ramp
- 7.4 LEFT on Blue Ridge Parkway
- 14.0 RIGHT onto BRP off-ramp to NC 321**
- 14.1 RIGHT on NC 321
- 15.0 RIGHT on NC 221
- 16.0 Finish

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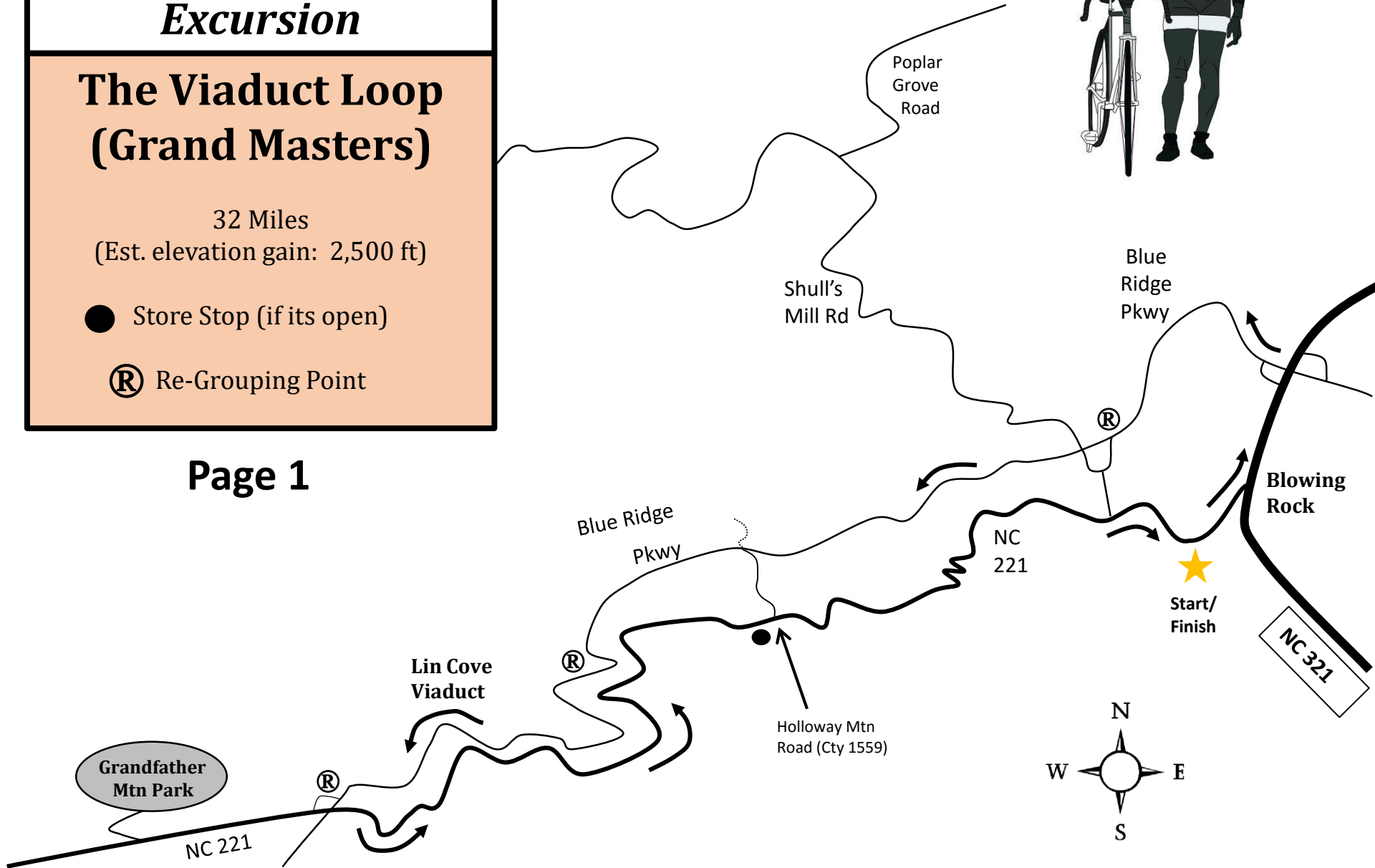
## The Viaduct Loop (Grand Masters)

32 Miles  
(Est. elevation gain: 2,500 ft)

● Store Stop (if its open)

Ⓜ Re-Grouping Point

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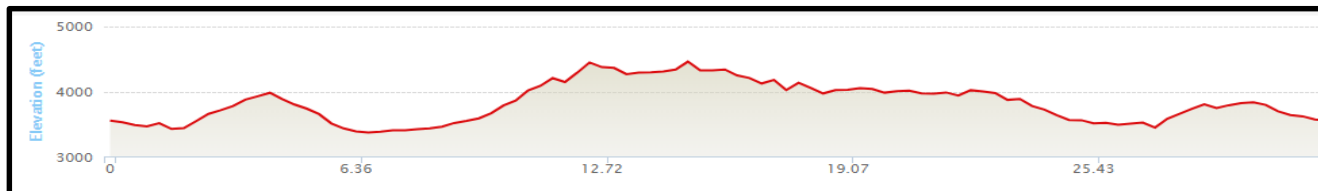
- 0.0 Start in Blowing Rock
- 0.1 Go through light, becomes NC 221, long downhill
- 0.8 Left on NC 321: Use the bike lane on this busy road
- 1.7 Go under Blue Ridge Parkway, then right onto BRP on-ramp
- 1.9 Right on Blue Ridge Parkway
- 4.6 REGROUPING POINT** at NC 221 and Shull's Mill Rd exit
- 6.7 Pass Price Lake on your left
- ~12.3 REGROUPING POINT:** Top of climb at ~ 4,400 feet
- 14.7 Reach Linn Cove Viaduct (Visitor Center might be open)
- 16.0 REGROUPING POINT:** Exit BRP onto NC 221
- 16.1 Left on NC 221
- 31.5 Right on Main St. in Blowing Rock
- 31.7 Finish

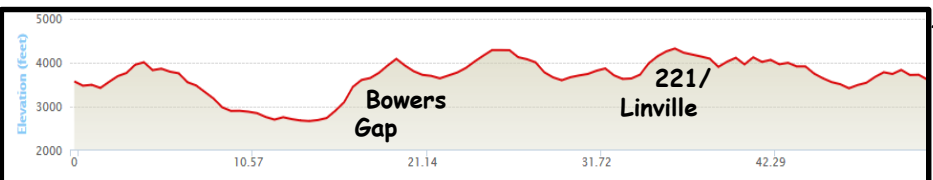
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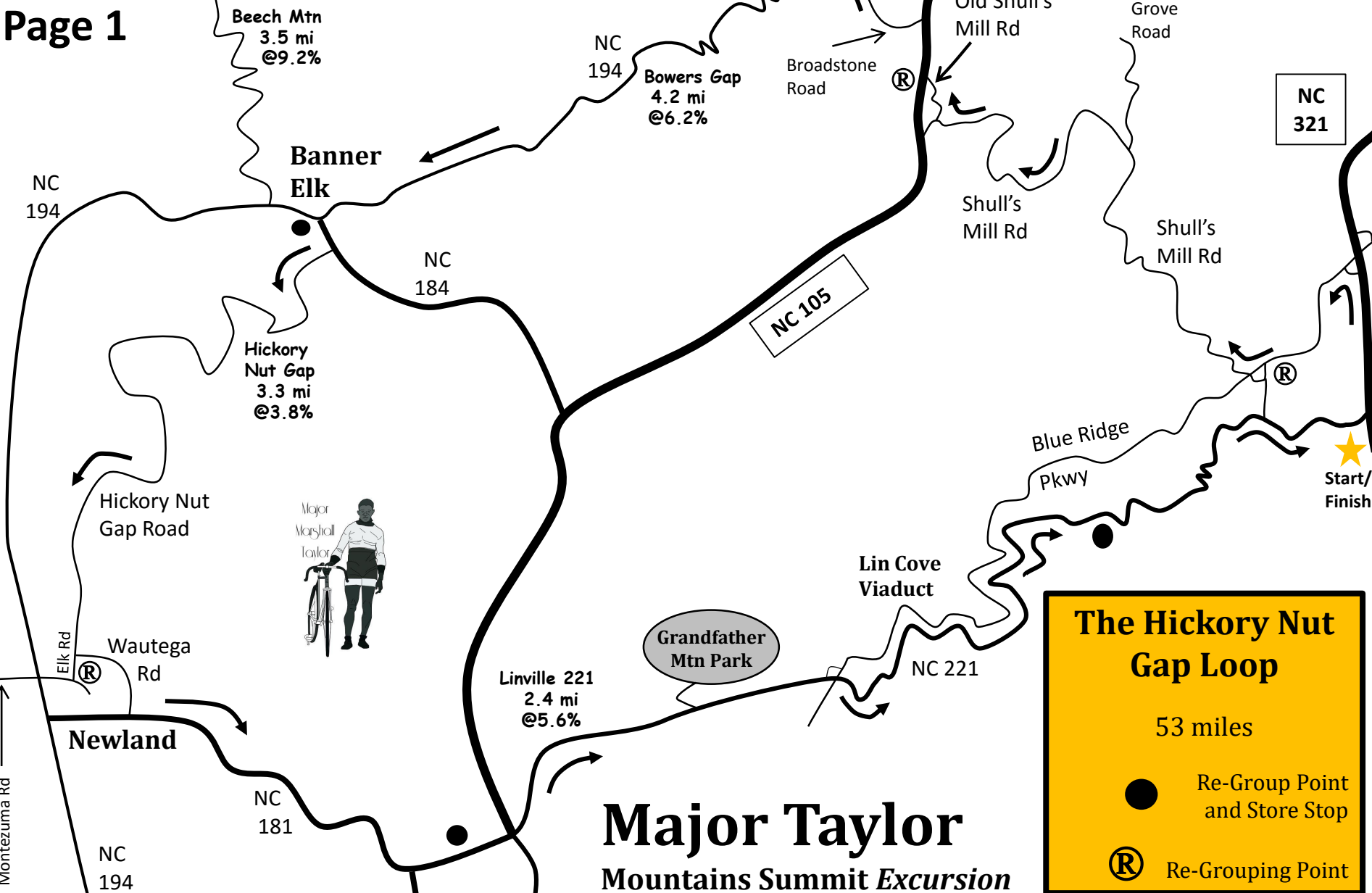
32 Miles  
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**The Hickory Nut Gap Loop**

53 miles

- Re-Group Point and Store Stop
- Ⓡ Re-Grouping Point

**Major Taylor**  
Mountains Summit *Excursion*

Montezuma Rd

NC 194

NC 184

NC 105

NC 321

Wautega Rd

Newland

NC 194

NC 181

Linville 221  
2.4 mi @5.6%

NC 221

Blue Ridge Pkwy

Shull's Mill Rd

Shull's Mill Rd

Poplar Grove Road

Broadstone Road

NC 194

Beech Mtn  
3.5 mi @9.2%

Bowers Gap

221/Linville

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- 0.0 Start in Blowing Rock
- 0.1 Go through light, becomes NC 221
- 0.8 Left on NC 321  
Use the bike lane on this busy road
- 1.7 Go under Blue Ridge Parkway, then right  
onto BRP on-ramp
- 1.9 Right on Blue Ridge Parkway
- 4.5 REGROUPING POINT**  
Exit BRP onto Shull's Mill Road connector/NC 221
- 4.6 Right onto Shull's Mill Road
- 4.7 Go under Blue Ridge Parkway
- 9.9 Right onto Old Shull's Mill Rd
- 10.7 REGROUPING POINT**  
Right on NC 105 – **be careful of traffic!!**
- 11.4 Left onto Broadstone Rd
- 14.3 Left on NC 194 – toughest climb of MTMS Excursion
- 21.8 REGROUPING POINT** and store stop: Exxon Station in Banner Elk  
Corner of NC 194 and NC 184/Shawneehaw Avenue
- 21.8 South on NC 184/Shawneehaw Avenue
- 22.3 Right on Hickory Nut Gap Road
- 30.3** Left on Watauga St  
**REGROUPING POINT:** U.S. Post Office
- 30.8 Left on NC 181/Linville St.
- 34.5 REGROUPING POINT** and Store Stop  
Arrive in Linville, NC (don't blink)
- 34.5 Road becomes NC 221; continue straight and head uphill!
- 37.7 Go under Blue Ridge Parkway
- 52.7 Enter Blowing Rock
- 52.8 Right on Main Street at light
- 53.0 Finish



## The Hickory Nut Gap Loop

53 miles  
(est. elevation gain: 4,700 ft)

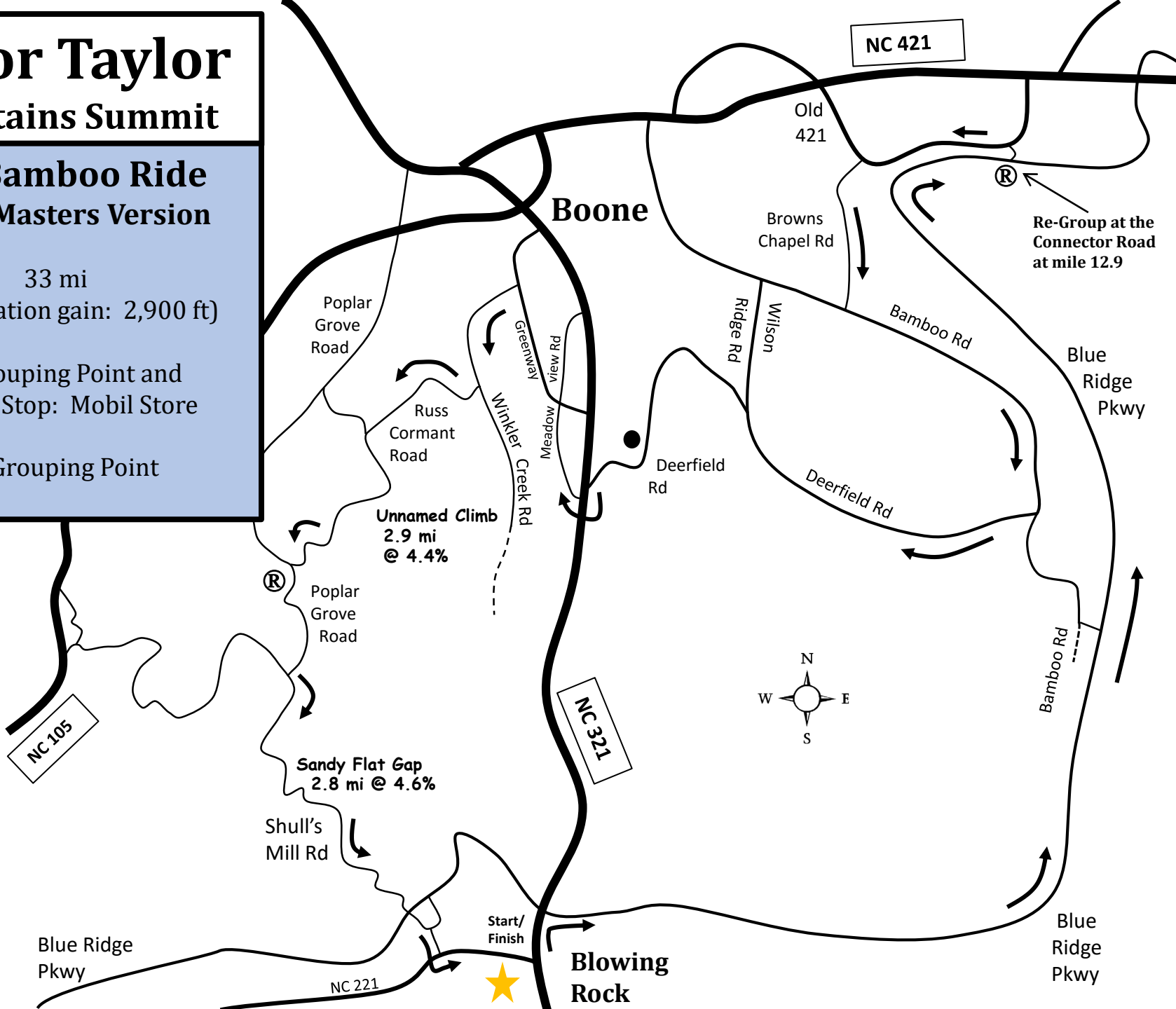
# Major Taylor Mountains Summit

## The Bamboo Ride Grand Masters Version

33 mi  
(Est. elevation gain: 2,900 ft)

● Re-Grouping Point and  
Store Stop: Mobil Store

Ⓡ Re-Grouping Point



NC 421

Boone

Old 421

Browns Chapel Rd

Re-Group at the Connector Road at mile 12.9

Poplar Grove Road

Russ Cormant Road

Unnamed Climb  
2.9 mi @ 4.4%

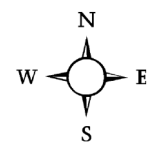
Poplar Grove Road

NC 105

Sandy Flat Gap  
2.8 mi @ 4.6%

Shull's Mill Rd

NC 321



Start/Finish

Blowing Rock

NC 221

Blue Ridge Pkwy

Blue Ridge Pkwy

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(Est. elevation gain: 2,900 ft)



- 0.0 Start in Blowing Rock
- 0.1 Go through light, becomes NC 221, long downhill
- 0.8 Left on NC 321  
Use the bike lane on this busy road
- 1.7 Go under Blue Ridge Parkway, then right onto BRP on ramp
- 1.9 Left on Blue Ridge Parkway
- 12.9 REGROUPING POINT**  
Left on Connector Road to Old 421
- 12.9 Left on Old 421
- 15.3 Left on Brown's Chapel Road
- 16.0 Stupid Steep Ass Hill!
- 16.5 Stupid Steep Ass Hill ends
- 17.5 Left on Bamboo Road
- 18.4 Right on Deerfield Road
- 20.3 Stay Left to continue on Deerfield Road
- 21.1 REGROUPING POINT**  
**Store Stop: Last Chance to refuel – Mobil convenience store**

- 21.5 Cross NC 321
- 21.5 Veer slightly Left onto Meadowview Drive (to left of Walgreens)
- 22.3 Left on Greenway Road
- 22.7 Left on Winkler Creek Road

**CAUTION – next turn is easy to miss!!!**

- 24.0 Right on Russ Cormett Road: More climbing!!
- 25.5 Left to stay on Russ Cormett Road
- 27.1 REGROUPING POINT**  
Left on Poplar Grove Rd
- 28.0 Left on Shull's Mill Road
- 30.7 Go under Blue Ridge Parkway overpass
- 30.8 Right when Shull's Mill Rd. ends
- 30.9 Left on NC 221
- 32.5 Right on Main St. in  
Blowing Rock
- 32.6 Finish



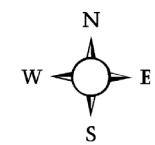
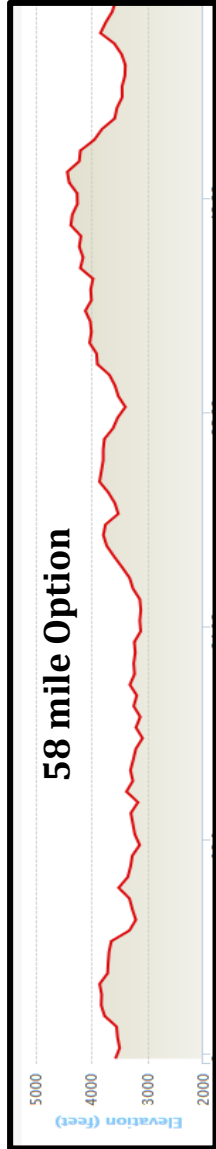


# The BIG Bamboo Ride

58 mi

(Est. elevation gain: 5,100 ft)  
On this side and opposite side

- Store Stop (Mobil)
- Ⓡ Regrouping Point



Blue Ridge Pkwy

go to other side of map

NC 221

★ Start/  
Finish

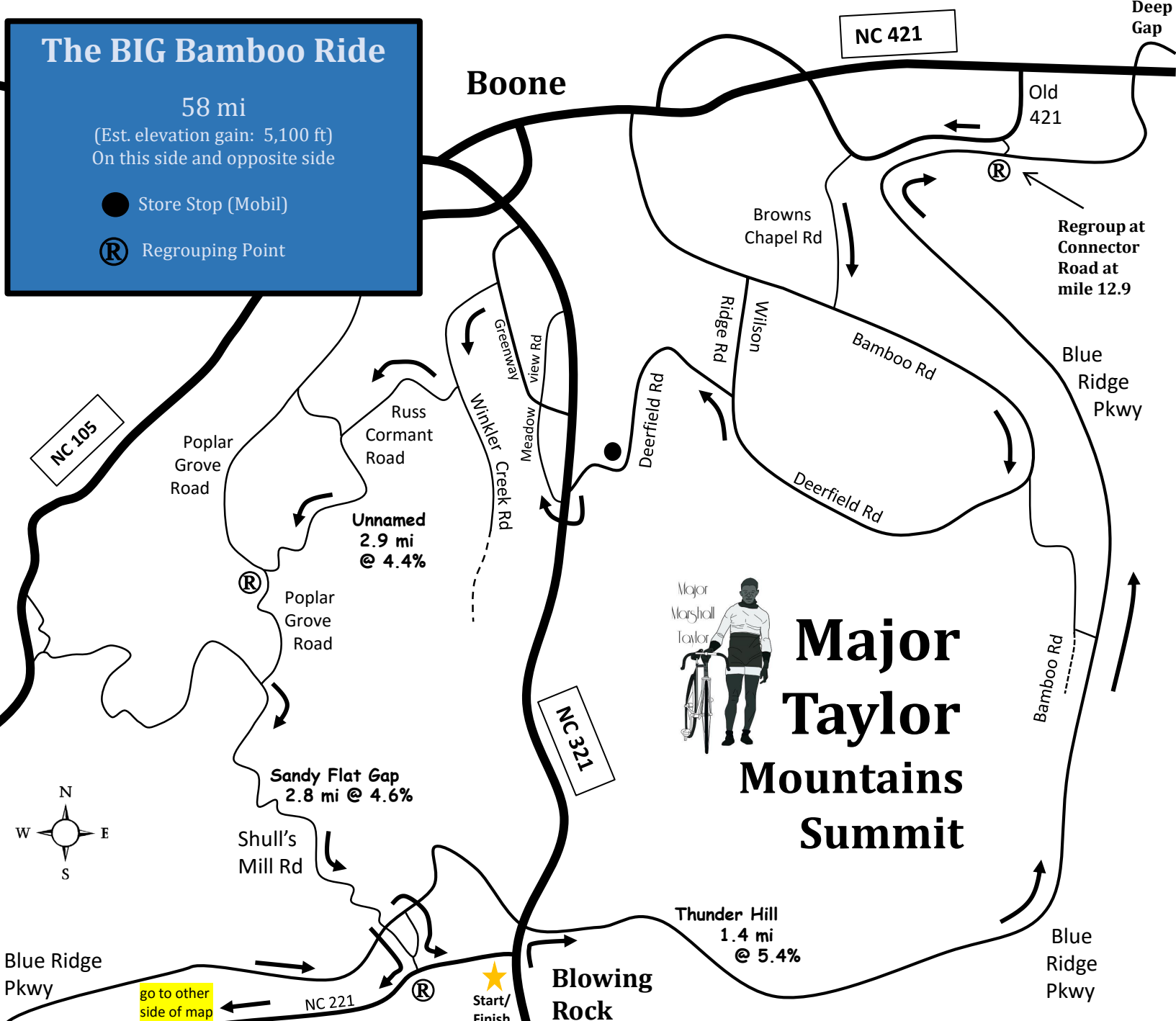
Blowing Rock

Thunder Hill  
1.4 mi  
@ 5.4%



# Major Taylor Mountains Summit

Blue Ridge Pkwy



# The BIG Bamboo Ride

Long Option: 58 mi  
(Est. elevation gain: 5,100 ft)

On this side and opposite side

- ReGroup Point and Store Stop
- Ⓡ ReGroup Point



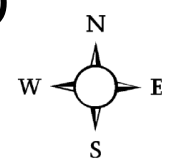
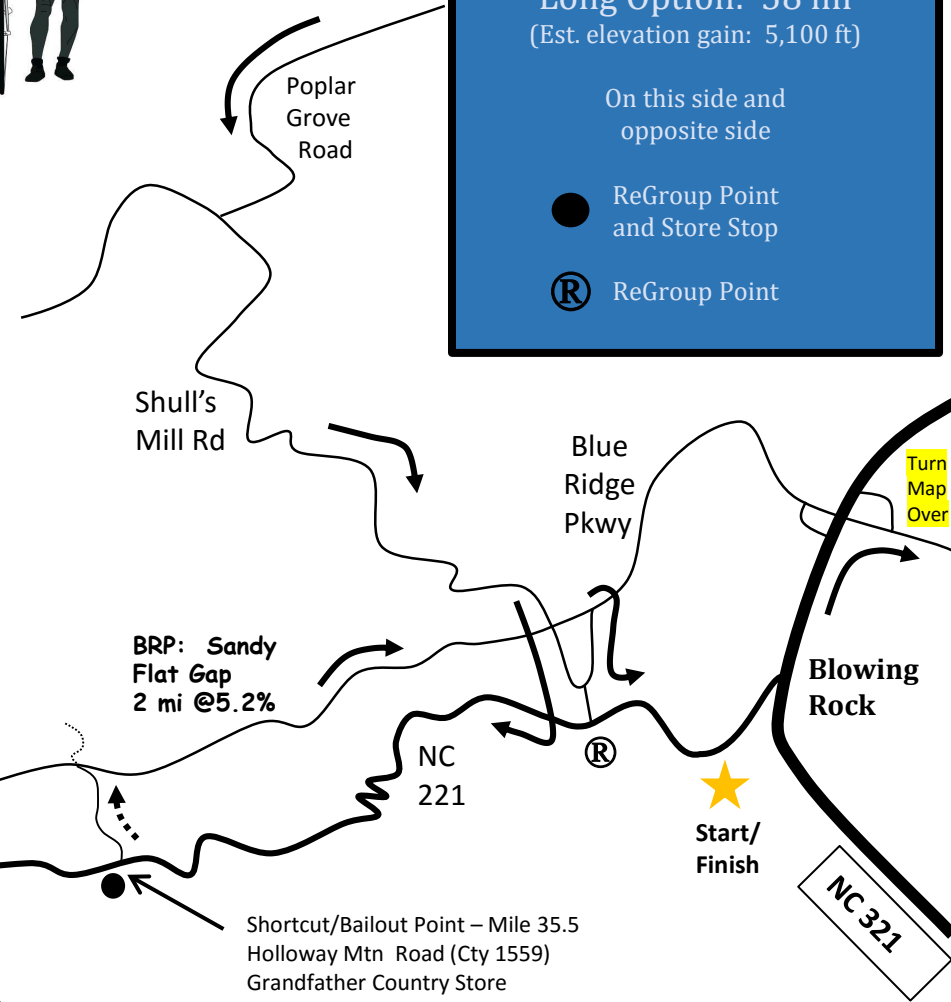
Major Marshall Taylor

from other side of map

- 0.0 Start in Blowing Rock
- 0.1 Go through light, becomes NC 221, long downhill
- 0.8 Left on NC 321
- Use the bike lane on this busy road
- 1.7 Go under Blue Ridge Parkway, then right onto BRP on ramp
- 1.9 Left on Blue Ridge Parkway
- 12.9 REGROUPING POINT**
- Left on Connector Road to Old 421
- 12.9 Left on Old 421
- 15.3 Left on Brown's Chapel Road
- 16.0 Big Ass Hill!
- 16.5 Big Ass Hill ends
- 17.5 Left on Bamboo Road
- 18.4 Right on Deerfield Road
- 20.3 Stay Left to continue on Deerfield Road
- 21.1 REGROUP POINT and Store Stop: Mobil convenience store**
- 21.5 Cross NC 321
- 21.5 Veer slightly Left onto Meadowview Drive (to left of Walgreens)
- 22.3 Left on Greenway Road
- 22.7 Left on Winkler Creek Road

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- 24.0 Right on Russ Cormett Road: More climbing!!
- 25.5 Left to stay on Russ Cormett Road
- 27.1 REGROUP POINT:** Left on Poplar Grove Rd
- 28.0 Left on Shulls Mill Road
- 30.7 Go under Blue Ridge Parkway overpass
- 30.8 REGROUP POINT** at top of climb
- Right when Shull's Mill Rd. ends
- 30.9 Right on NC 221
- 35.5 REGROUP POINT: Grandfather Store stop**
- 44.7** Right onto Blue Ridge Parkway on ramp
- REGROUP POINT**
- 44.7 Left on Blue Ridge Parkway
- 46.2 Linn Cove Viaduct
- 56.3 Exit BRP towards NC 221
- 56.4 Left on NC 221
- 58.0 Right on Main St. in Blowing Rock
- 58.1 Finish



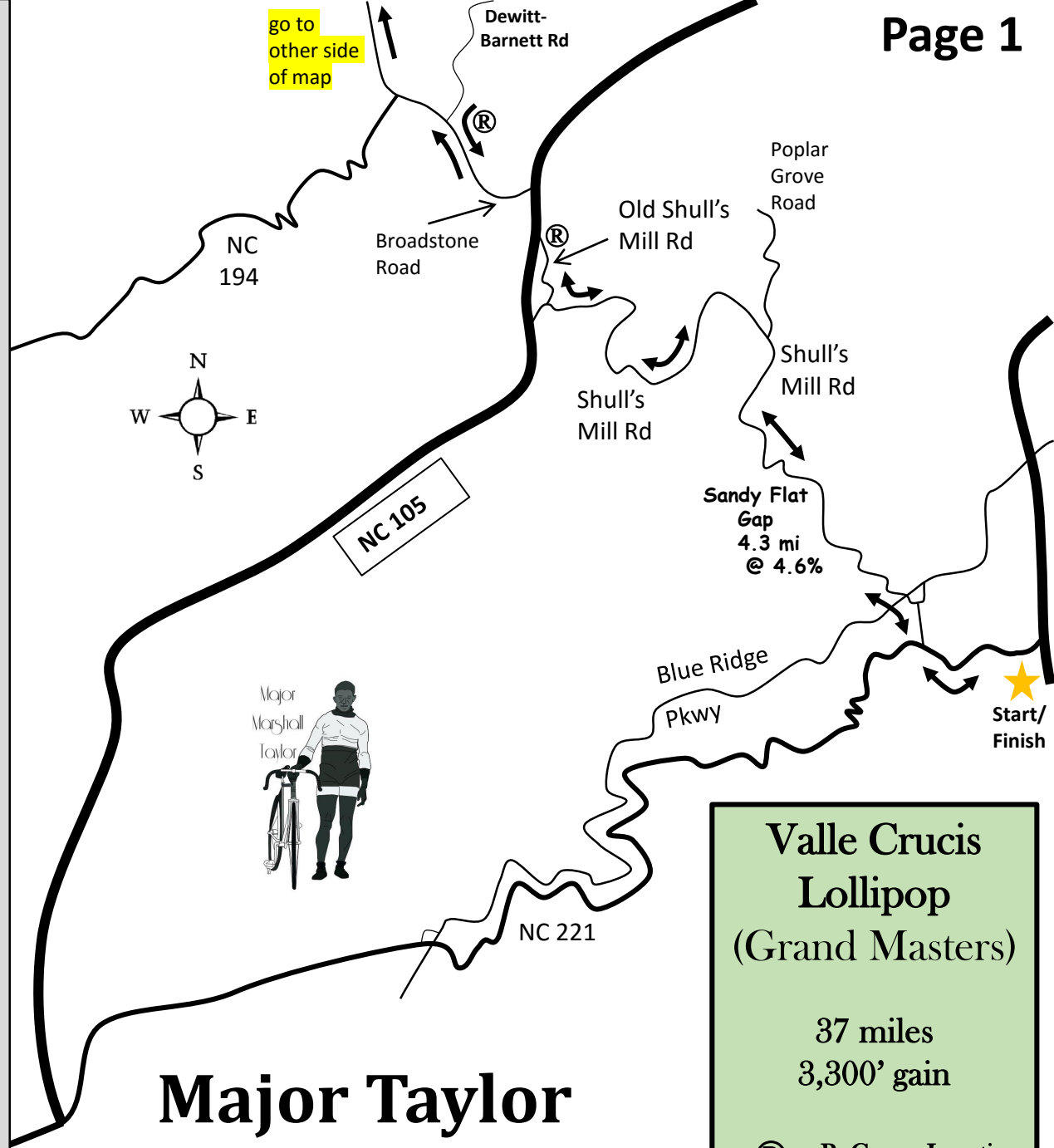
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NC 221

Turn onto BRP at mile 44.7 miles

Turn Map Over

- 0.0 North on Main Street in Blowing Rock
- 0.1 Left on NC 221/Blowing Rock Hwy
- 1.7 Right towards Blue Ridge Parkway
- 1.8 Left onto Shull's Mill Road
- 1.9 Go Under Blue Ridge Parkway
- 7.1 Cross Watauga River
- 7.2 Right on Old Shull's Mill Road
- 8.0 REGROUP POINT**
- Right on NC 105 (**BE CAREFUL**)
- 8.7 Left on Broadstone Rd (at Ham Shoppe)
- 11.5 Mast General Store on the right
- 13.0 Left on Mast Gap Road
- 15.2 Left on NC 321
- 15.3 Cove Creek Store**
- REGROUP POINT and store stop**
- 15.3 Right on Old NC 421
- 16.8 Right on Sherwood Road
- 18.1 Right on NC 421 (**caution for traffic**)
- 18.4 Left on Vanderpool Road
- 18.5 Right on Charlie Thompson Road
- 20.3 Right on NC 321 (**caution for traffic**)
- 20.5 Left on NC 194
- 21.8 Left on Baird's Creek Road**
- REGROUP POINT**
- 24.2 Right on DeWitt Barnett Road
- Caution: Steep Downhill!!!!
- 25.8 REGROUP POINT**
- Left on Broadstone Road
- 28.0 Right on NC 105 (**caution for traffic**)
- 28.6 Left on Old Shull's Mill Rd
- 29.5 Left on Shull's Mill Rd
- 34.8 Go under Blue Ridge Parkway
- 34.9 Right towards NC 221
- 35.0 Left on NC 221
- 36.4 Right on Main St in Blowing Rock
- 36.5 Finish



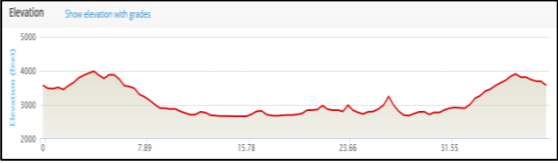
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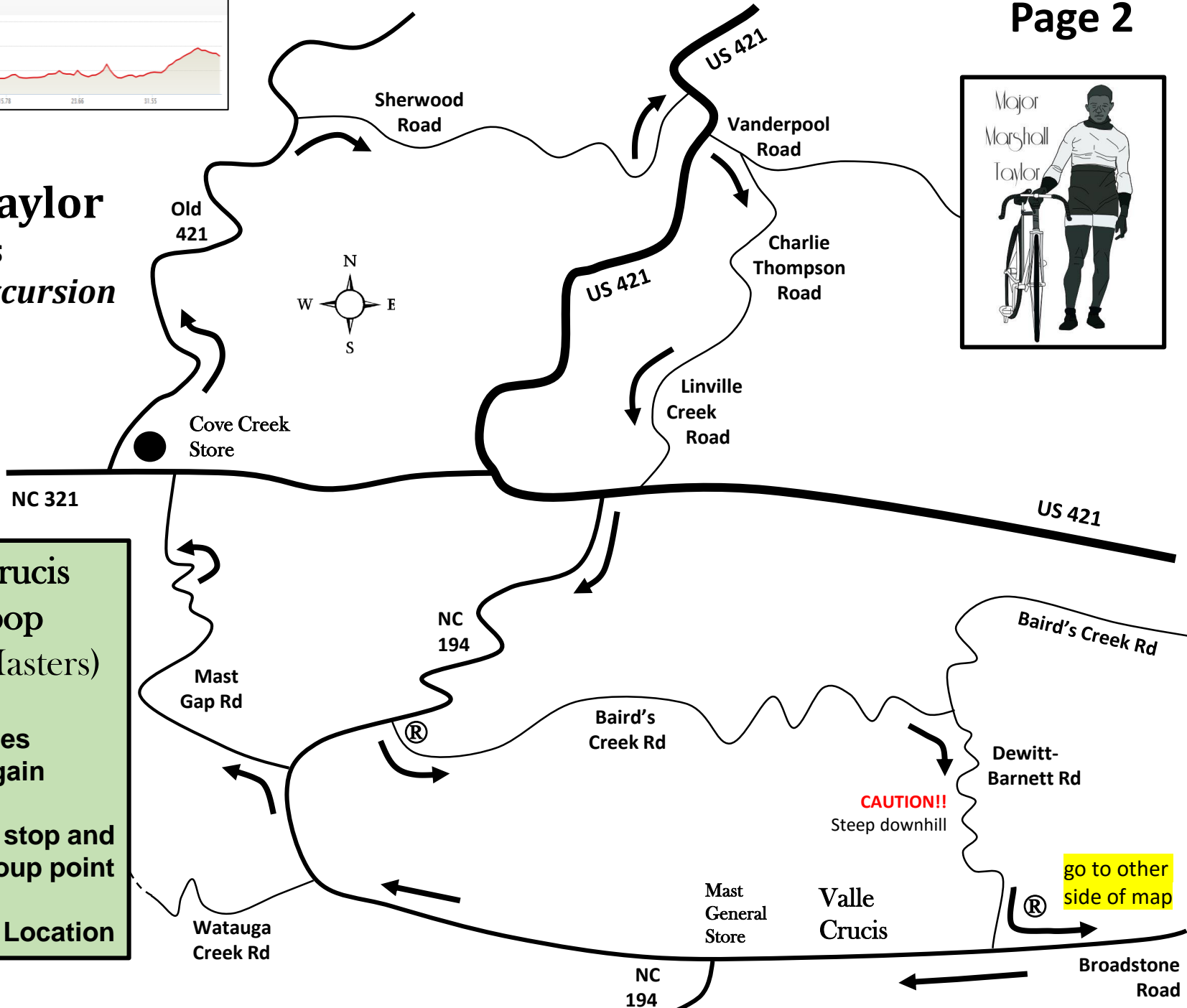
**Valle Crucis  
Lollipop  
(Grand Masters)**

37 miles  
3,300' gain

Ⓜ ReGroup Location



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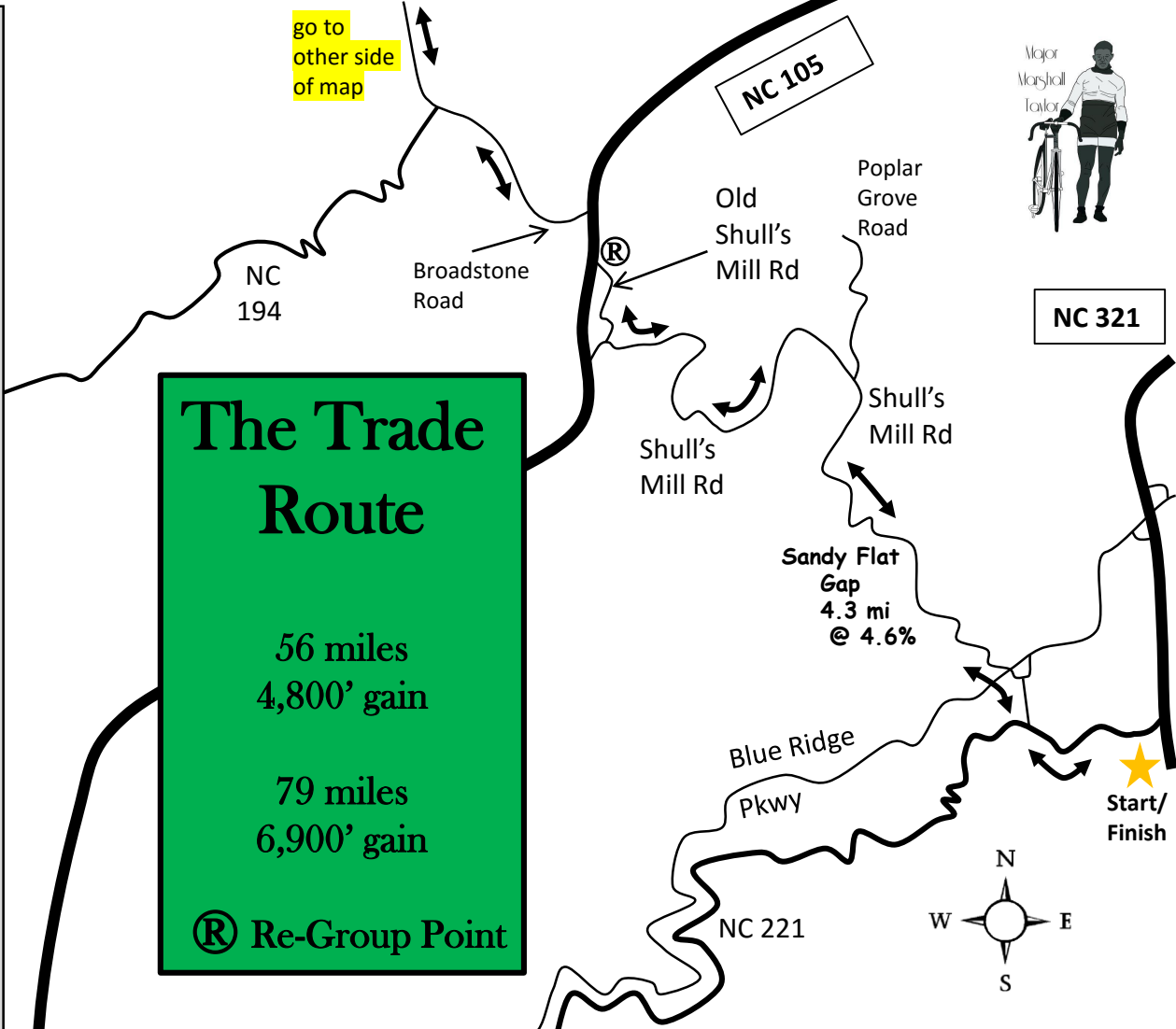
● Store stop and Re-Group point

Ⓡ ReGroup Location

go to other side of map

CAUTION!!  
Steep downhill

- 0.0 North on Main Street in Blowing Rock
- 0.1 Left on NC 221/Blowing Rock Hwy
- 1.7 Right towards Blue Ridge Parkway
- 1.8 Left onto Shull's Mill Road
- 1.9 Go Under Blue Ridge Parkway
- 7.1 Cross Watauga River
- 7.2 Right on Old Shull's Mill Road
- 8.0 REGROUPING POINT**
- Right on NC 105 **(BE CAREFUL)**
- 8.7 Left on Broadstone Rd (at Ham Shoppe)
- 11.5 Mast General Store on the right
- 13.0 Left on Mast Gap Road
- 15.2 Left on NC 321
- 15.3 Cove Creek Store**
- REGROUP POINT** and store stop
- 15.3 Right on Old NC 421
- 23.4 REGROUP POINT**
- Left on NC 421
- 26.2 Left on Bulldog Road
- 29.1 State Line for North Carolina and TN**
- REGROUP POINT at top of climb**
- 34.7 Left on Bethel Road
- 39.7 Right on Old NC 421
- 40.0 Cove Creek Store**
- REGROUP POINT and Store Stop**
- 40.0 Left on NC 321
- 40.1 Right on Mast Gap Road
- 42.3 Right on NC 194
- 43.6 Mast General Store on left
- 46.6 REGROUP POINT: The Ham Shoppe**
- 46.6 Right on NC 105
- BE CAREFUL OF TRAFFIC!!**
- 47.4 Left on Old Shull's Mill Rd
- 48.1 Left on Shull's Mill Rd
- 50.7 Poplar Grove Rd. enters from left
- 53.5 Go under Blue Ridge Pkwy
- 53.6 Right on Connector Road
- 53.6 Left on NC 221
- 55.3 Right on Main St
- 55.5 Finish



**The Trade Route**

56 miles  
4,800' gain

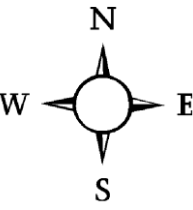
79 miles  
6,900' gain

Ⓡ Re-Group Point

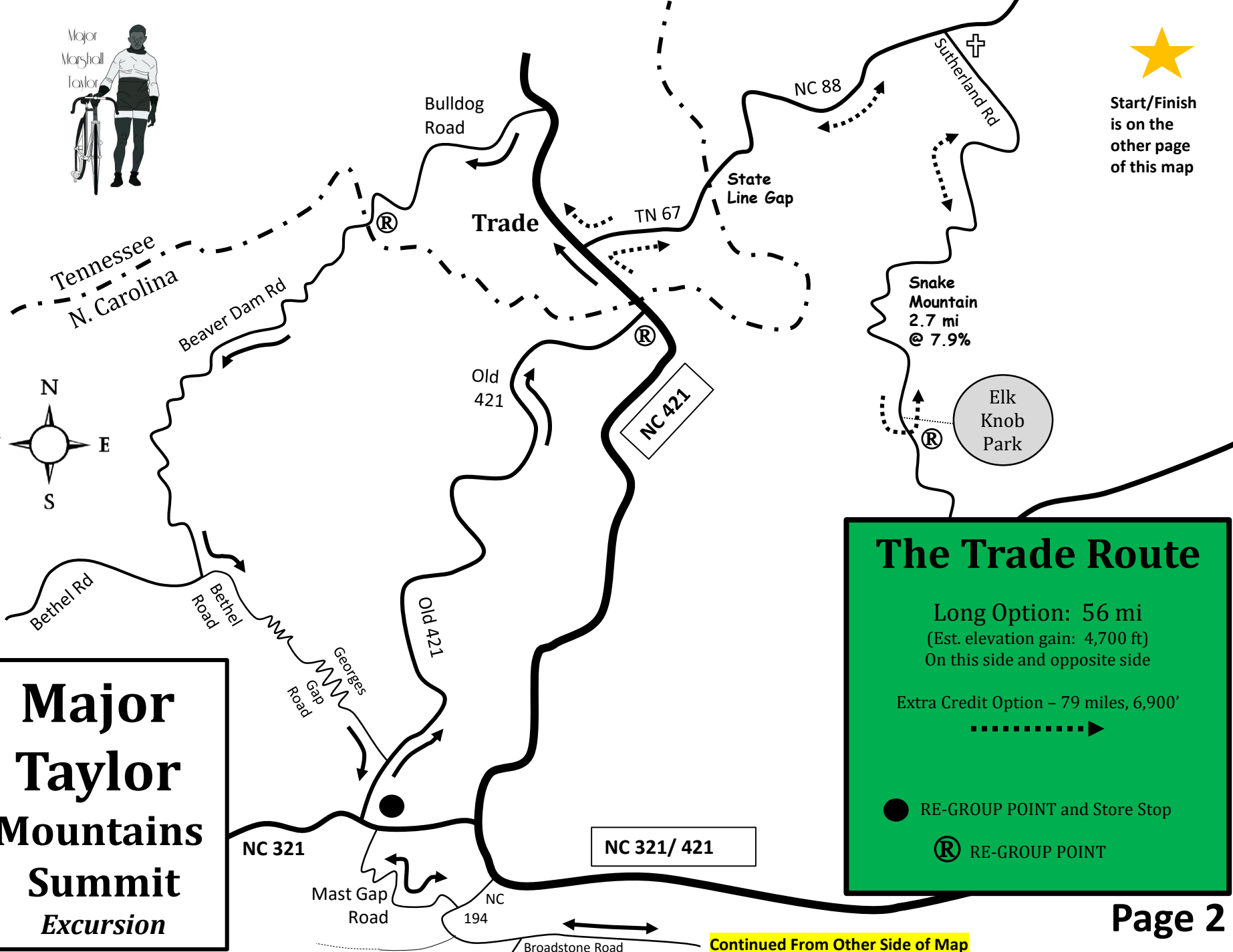




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Tennessee  
N. Carolina



**Major Taylor Mountains Summit Excursion**

**The Trade Route**

Long Option: 56 mi  
(Est. elevation gain: 4,700 ft)  
On this side and opposite side

Extra Credit Option - 79 miles, 6,900'

● RE-GROUP POINT and Store Stop

Ⓡ RE-GROUP POINT

Continued From Other Side of Map

# The Trade Route

## Cue Sheet for Extra Credit Option

79 miles, 6,900'



Start in downtown  
Blowing Rock



<u>Mile</u>	<u>Action</u>
0.0	North on Main St
0.1	LEFT on NC 221
1.8	RIGHT onto Blue Ridge Parkway Connector (SR 1552)
1.8	LEFT on Shull's Mill Road
1.9	GO UNDER the BRP
7.2	RIGHT on Old Shull's Mill Road
<b>8.0</b>	<b>RE-GROUPING POINT</b>
8.0	RIGHT on NC 105 (CAUTION FOR TRAFFIC!!)
8.7	LEFT on Broadstone Road
13.0	LEFT on Mast Gap Road (up, up!!)
15.2	LEFT on US 321
<b>15.3</b>	<b>RE-GROUPING POINT and store stop:</b> Cove Creek Store (last retail until mile 63)
15.3	RIGHT on Old US 421
<b>23.4</b>	<b>RE-GROUPING POINT</b>
	LEFT on US 421
24.3	RIGHT on TN 67
29.9	RIGHT on Sutherland Road
<b>36.1</b>	<b>RE-GROUPING POINT:</b> Elk Knob State Park
36.1	Turn back and go back the way you arrived
42.3	LEFT on TN 67 (church on your right)

<u>Mile</u>	<u>Action</u>
48.0	RIGHT on US 421 in Trade, TN
49.9	LEFT on Bulldog Road (up, up!!)
<b>52.9</b>	<b>RE-GROUPING POINT:</b> Top of Climb: TN/NC state line
58.5	LEFT on Bethel Road, becomes Georges Gap Road (up, up!!)
63.4	RIGHT on Old US 421
<b>63.7</b>	<b>RE-GROUPING POINT and store stop:</b> Cove Creek Store
63.7	LEFT on US 321
63.9	Right on Mast Gap Road (up, up!!)
<b>70.4</b>	<b>RE-GROUPING POINT:</b> The Ham Shoppe
70.4	RIGHT on NC 105: CAUTION for traffic, ride single file, together up the hill to next turn
71.2	LEFT on Old Shull's Mill Road
72.0	LEFT on Shull's Mill Road
74.5	Poplar Grove Rd enters from left
77.3	GO UNDER the BRP
77.4	RIGHT onto BRP Connector Rd (SR 1552)
77.4	LEFT on NC 221
79.0	RIGHT onto Main St.
79.1	FINISH

