

# Major Taylor Mountains Summit *Excursion*

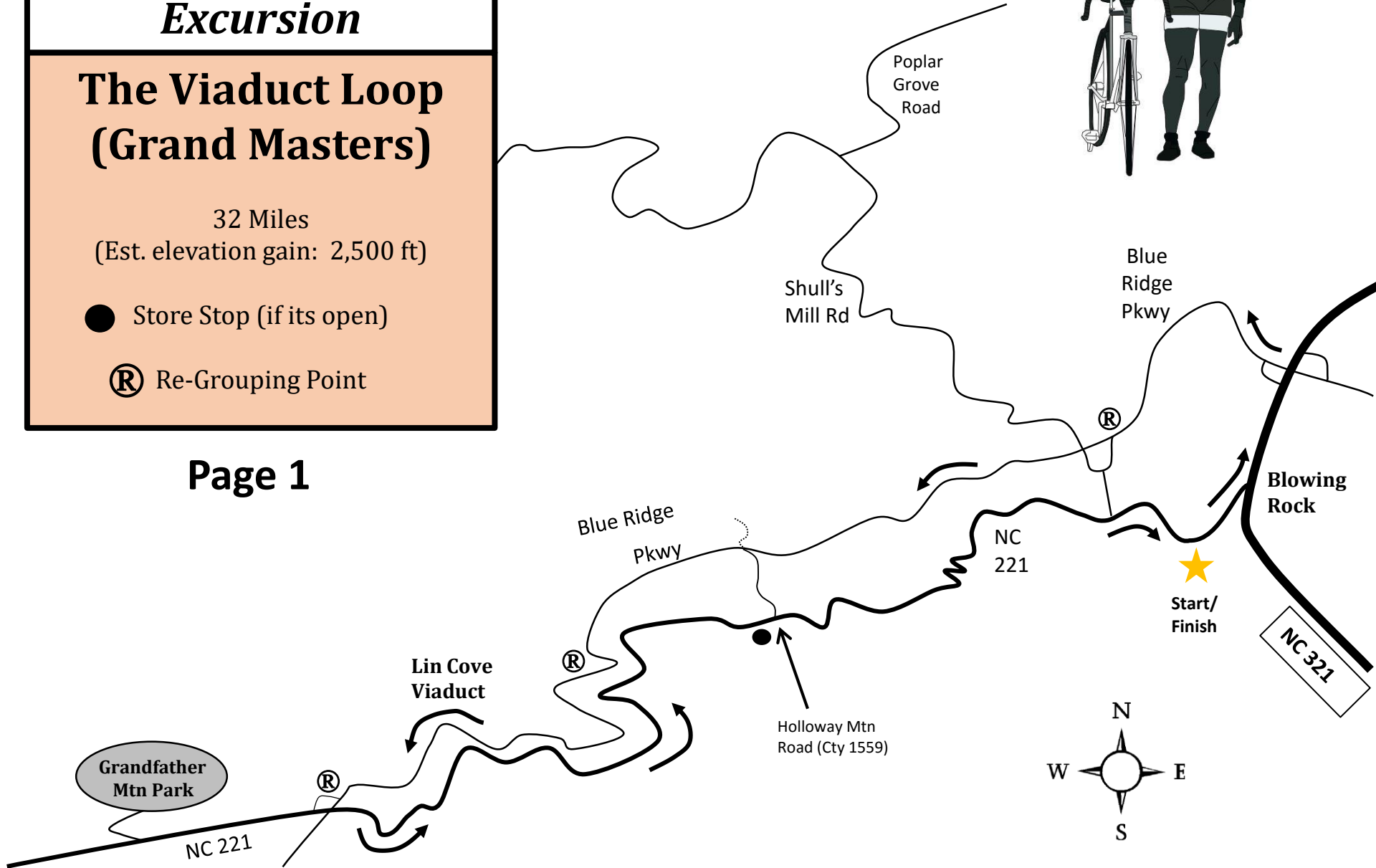
## The Viaduct Loop (Grand Masters)

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

● Store Stop (if its open)

Ⓜ Re-Grouping Point

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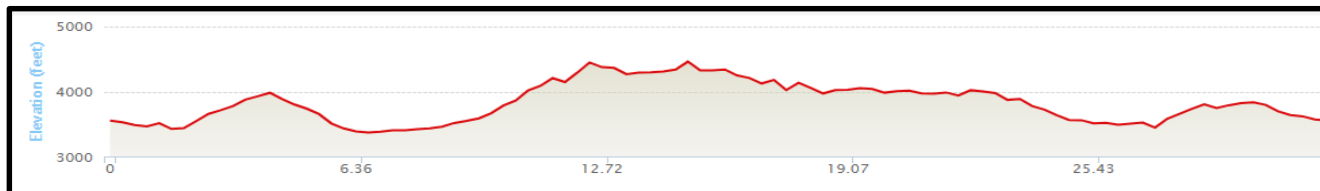
- 0.0 Start in Blowing Rock
- 0.1 Go through light, becomes NC 221, long downhill
- 0.8 Left on NC 321: Use the bike lane on this busy road
- 1.7 Go under Blue Ridge Parkway, then right onto BRP on-ramp
- 1.9 Right on Blue Ridge Parkway
- 4.6 REGROUPING POINT** at NC 221 and Shull's Mill Rd exit
- 6.7 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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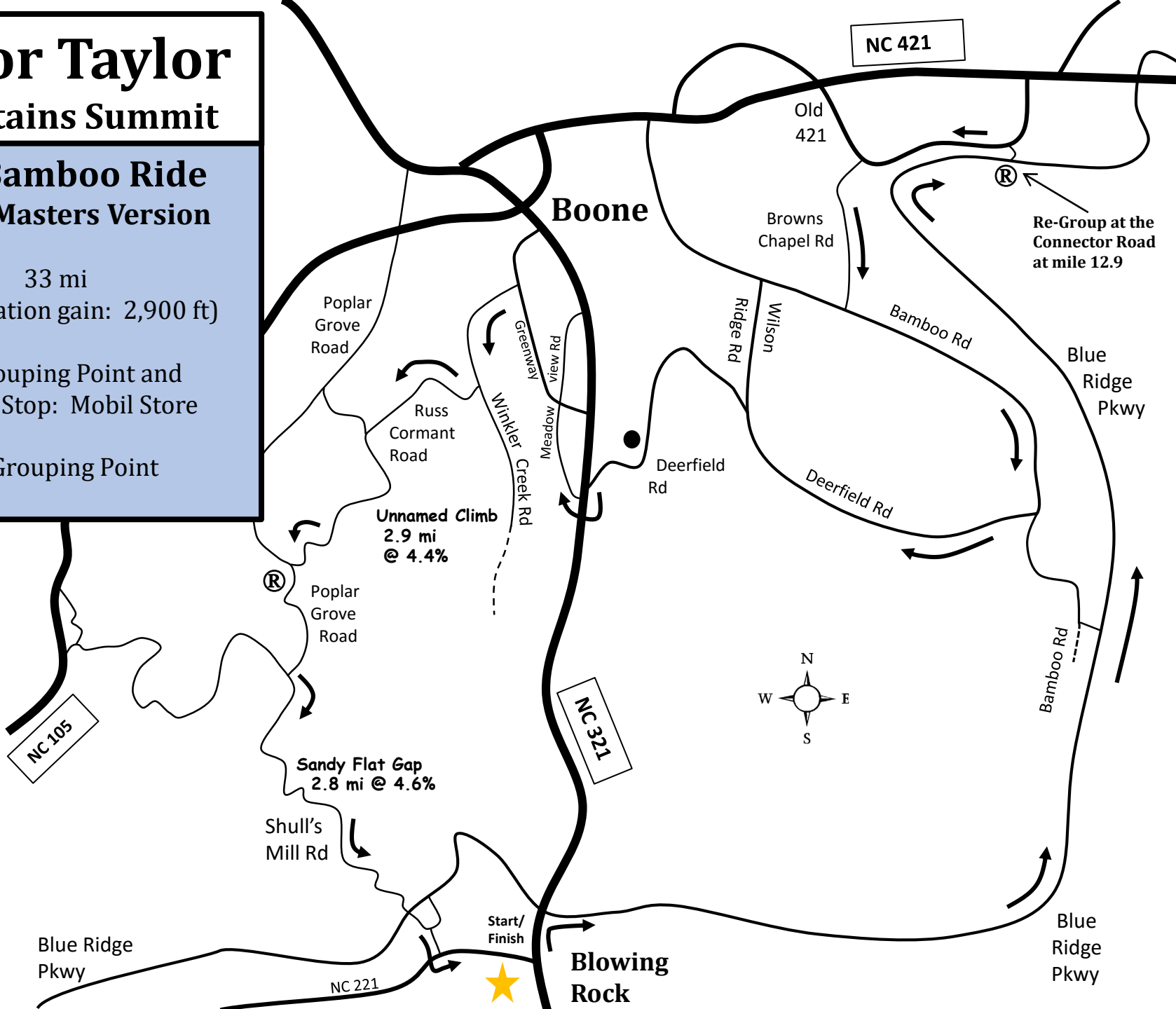
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## The Bamboo Ride Grand Masters Version

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

● Re-Grouping Point and  
Store Stop: Mobil Store

Ⓡ Re-Grouping Point



NC 421

Old 421

Browns Chapel Rd

Re-Group at the Connector Road at mile 12.9

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Poplar Grove Road

Russ Cormant Road

Unnamed Climb  
2.9 mi @ 4.4%

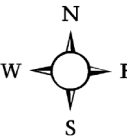
Poplar Grove Road

Sandy Flat Gap  
2.8 mi @ 4.6%

Shull's Mill Rd

Start/Finish

Blowing Rock



Blue Ridge Pkwy

NC 221

Ridge Rd

Wilson

Bamboo Rd

Blue Ridge Pkwy

Deerfield Rd

Deerfield Rd

Bamboo Rd

Blue Ridge Pkwy

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- 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**

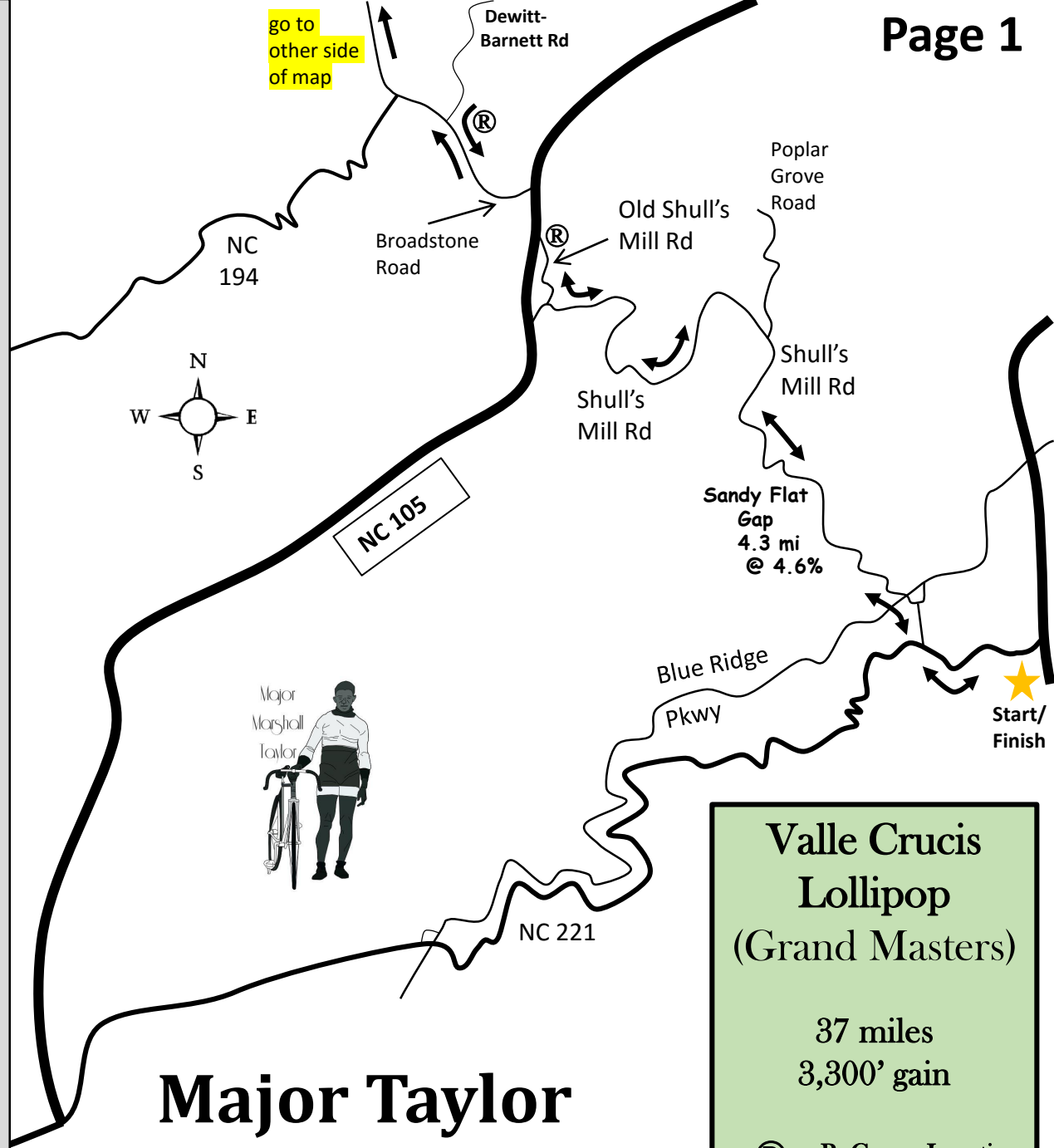
- 21.5 Cross NC 321
- 21.5 Veer slightly Left onto Meadowview Drive (to left of Walgreens)
- 22.3 Left on Greenway Road
- 22.7 Left on Winkler Creek Road

**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



- 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
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- 34.9 Right towards NC 221
- 35.0 Left on NC 221
- 36.4 Right on Main St in Blowing Rock
- 36.5 Finish



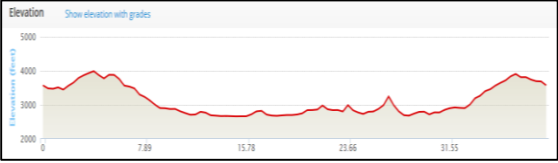
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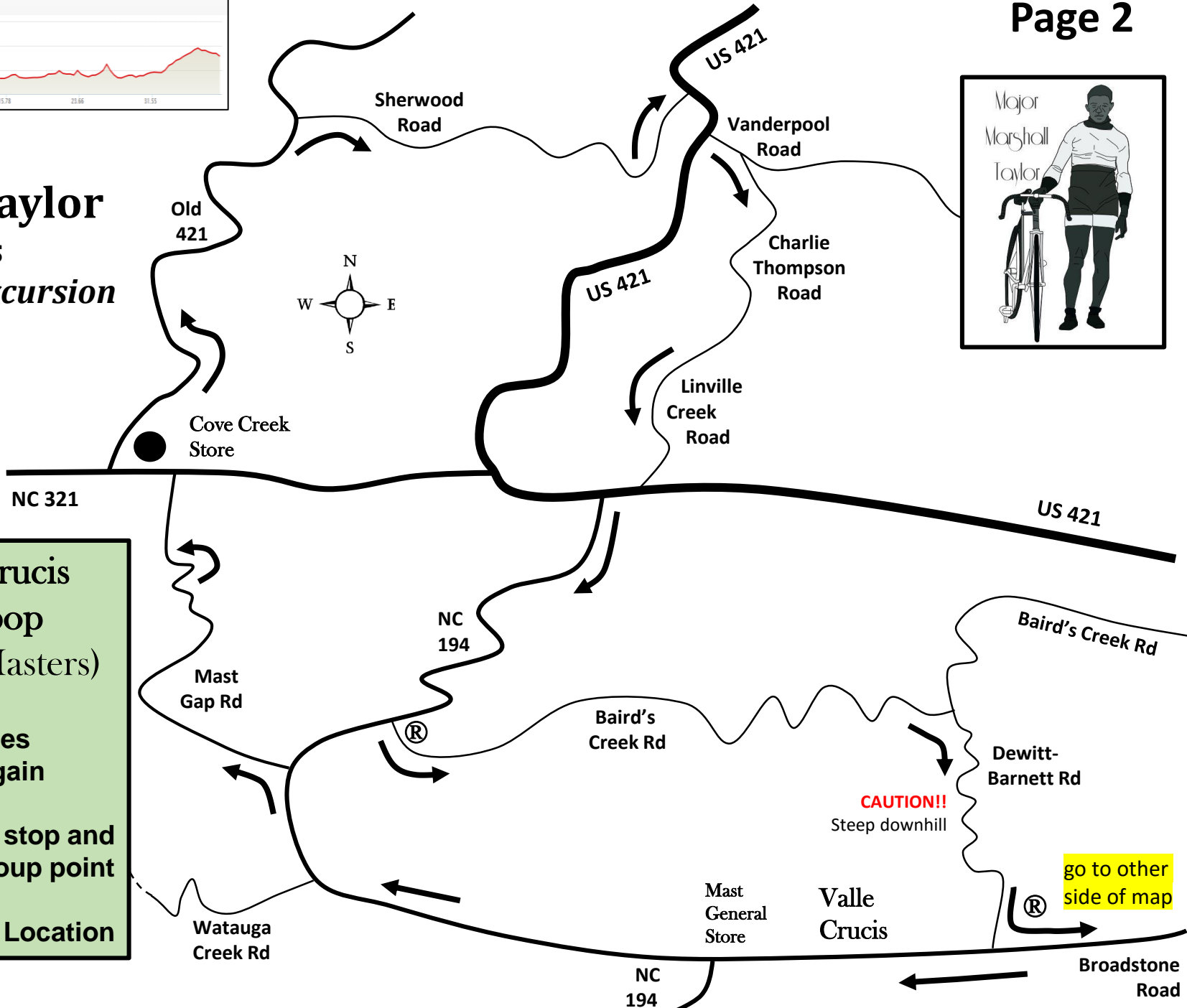
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(Grand Masters)**

37 miles  
3,300' gain

Ⓡ ReGroup Location



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**Valle Crucis Lollipop (Grand Masters)**

**37 miles**  
**3,300' gain**

● **Store stop and Re-Group point**

Ⓡ **Re-Group Location**

go to other side of map

**CAUTION!!**  
Steep downhill