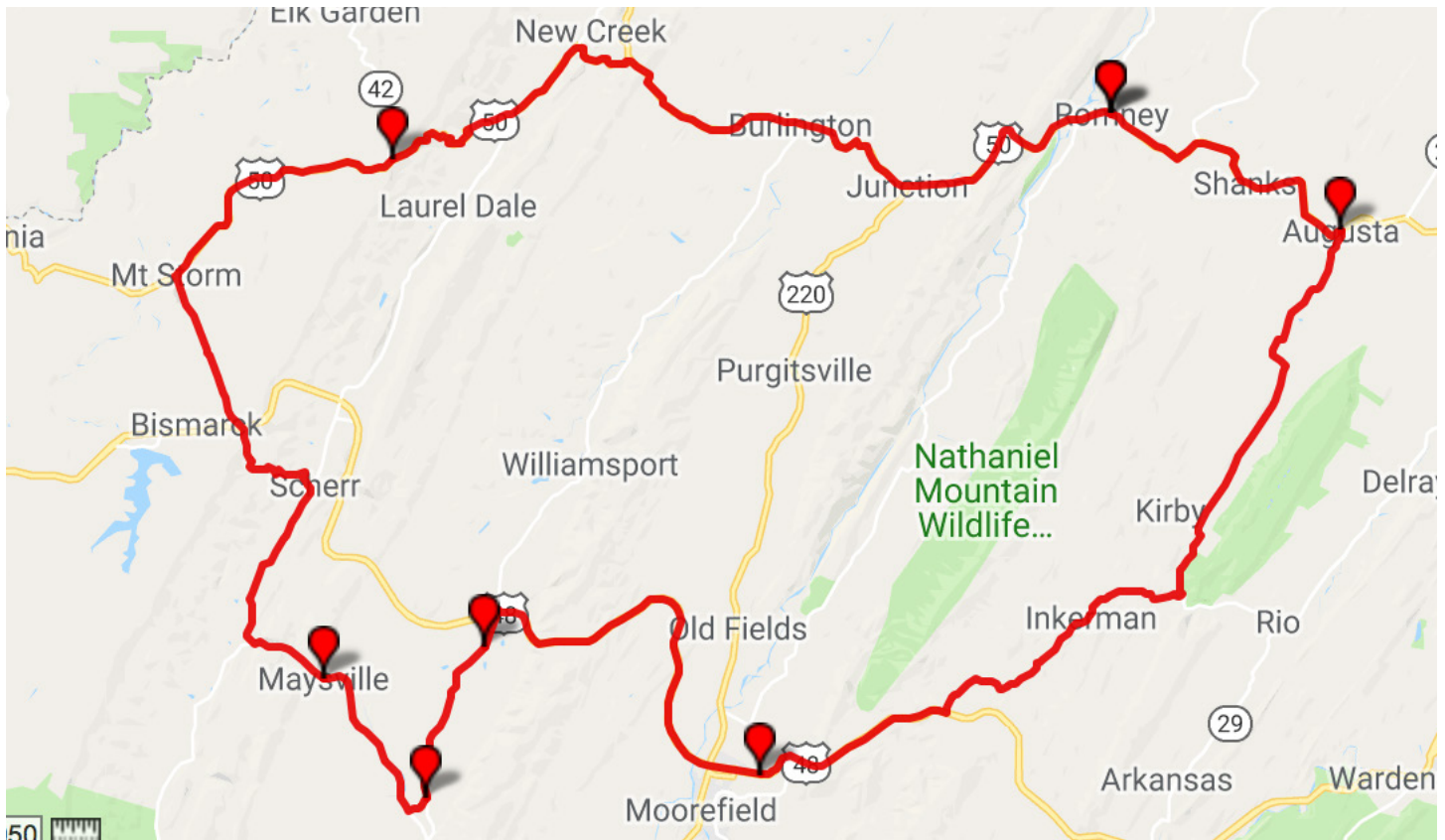


Romney Romp



APPROXIMATELY 131 MILES

A relatively easy ride on a striking section of the Mountain Skyway (WV48), rounding curves on two-lane main roads and over some decided bends on a few country roads. You'll go right past the Wappocomo Station if you want to schedule an excursion train through The Trough and, outside of Kirby, where the North River flows is the Rio Turtle, a bit of whimsy set into the river.

EAT

Main Street Grill American Everything. Generous portions. Surf & turf to pizza to Old Fashion Soda Fountain. Open Daily. 111 Heritage Circle, Romney; (304) 822-4745; www.main-st-grill.com.

Taggart Hall House – Visitors Center Clapboard “half” house built in 1795/1798 by Francis Taggart on lots Lord Fairfax had surveyed to encourage settlement in “western” counties. Private residence until late 1990s. Currently houses Civil War Museum & Visitors Center. 91 S High St, Romney.

EXPLORE

Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad Enjoy the sounds of vintage diesels as they lead you through pastures, farms, and along the river into the gorge known as the Trough. Excursions from Romney, Petersburg & Moorefield. 304-424-0736; www.potomaceagle.info.

Heritage Weekend Explore Hardy and Grant Counties in late September. Quilt show, historic house tour, re-enactments, music, food, train ride, entertainment & more. Santa Train Nov/Dec. www.heritageweekend.com

Rio Turtle A bit of whimsy, this brightly and oft-painted turtle-shaped rock is located in the North River along Augusta-Ford Hill Road, 2.5 miles west of Rio.

SHOP

Flying Buck Distillery Wine and spirits crafted from grains grown & harvested on Bigg Rigg Farm. Produced by USMC Veteran, Calvin Riggelman. 13841 Northwestern Pike, Augusta; (540)550-5480; @flyingbuckdistiller.