

2018 Appalachian Adventure GA 180 / GA 60 Twisty Roads Ride

This is a 90 mile ride that consists of interesting two-lane road with quite a few challenging stretches, including hairpins, in a rural environment. Allow about 2 1/2 hours. The only four-lane road is US 76 to and from the ride. A lot of rural landscape and interesting "stuff". There are several good options for lunch if your timing allows, in addition to the usual chains, listed below.

Approx. Total Miles	Interval Miles	
0.0		At The Ridges, turn right on US76
5.8	5.8	Left on Trackrock Gap Road at large "Alexander's Store" sign
8.1	2.3	Indian petroglyphs on right; parking on right; small area of likely prehistoric rock carvings. Close to road.
8.8	0.7	Left on Trackrock Church Road at "Trackrock Camping Cottages" sign
12.0	3.2	Left on Town Creek School Road
12.4	0.4	Alexander's Store on right; local general store that has grown into a "country department store". Major provider of local shopping.
		Sundance Gallery - small, gift shop on right.
14.2	1.8	Right on GA 180
16.7	2.5	Left on US 19/129
17.2	0.5	Sunrise Grocery - local country store - homemade candy, jellies, souvenirs, etc.. Small but fun
18.2	1.0	Byron Herbert Reece Farm and Heritage Center on right (free admission) . Byron Herbert Reece (1917 – 1958) was an American author of poetry and novels who was born in Union County. During his life, he published four volumes of poetry and two volumes of fiction. The Reece Heritage Farm is located on US 129 a mile north of Vogel State Park has wonderful displays, authentic farm buildings and equipment.
19.1	0.9	Right on GA 180
		Note: This section of GA 180 starts with some fairly sharp hairpins and some other fun turns, a very popular stretch of road. Watch for motorcycle and other vehicle traffic.
30.3	11.2	Right on GA 60 at Suches, GA
		Like GA 180, 60 is a twisty two-lane, a lot of fun; be mindful of motorcycles and other traffic.
45.7	15.4	Right on Skeenah Gap Road
53.6	7.9	Right on Blue Ridge Highway
58.2	4.6	Right on Mulky Gap Road at Dollar General
59.1	0.9	Left on Owltown Road, church on left
66.3	7.2	Left on US 19/129
67.3	1.0	Booger Hollow Gas (Valero) on right

67.7	0.4
68.1	0.8
73.4	5.7
73.6	0.2
73.7	0.1
85.8	12.1

Jim's Smokin' Que on right - Best Barbeque in the area; among the best in GA. If you are craving BBQ, this is the place. **(Check this out on a future trip; closed for vacation)**

Granddaddy Mimms Moonshine Distillery in Pappy's Plaza on the left. Free tasting.

Blairsville Town Square (go around courthouse, straight across square)

Left on entrance ramp to US 76

Right on US 76

Left into Ridges

Lunch options if you are running a bit late.

Fast food and chain restaurants along 76 in Blairsville

Dan's Grille - Very good Cuban food, yes, it's true. Small, casual place in a small strip shopping center.

305 Murphy Highway, Blairsville. At Blairsville town square, continue around square to third turn (i.e. left turn, 270 degrees). Turn right at next light (shopping center with Food Lion on left. Cross US76 at next light and go north on Murphy Highway about 1/4 mile. Restaurant on far end of small strip shopping center on left.

Mike's Seafood, very good seafood. Operates as a restaurant and seafood market

Same as above, except go about 1/4 mile further. Mike's will be a large restaurant on the left. From this or Dan's Grille, return to US 76 and turn left to return to the Ridges, about 11 miles.