

Appalachian Adventure 2019 Bell Mountain, Brasstown Bald Loop

This ride has a short 48-mile driving route that will visit Bell Mountain and Brasstown Bald. Allowing 25 minutes at Bell Mountain and 90 minutes at Brasstown Bald, total drive time is estimated to be 3 1/2 hours.

Number	Total (Miles)	Interval (Miles)	Direction
1	0.1	0.1	From The Ridges parking area, turn left on US76.
2	6.0	5.4	Turn left on Shake Rag Road to Bell Mountain. <small>This is a narrow paved road with a parking area at the top. Exercise caution.**</small>
3	8.4	2.4	Stop at parking area on Bell Mountain. After a 25 minute stop, return to US76 via Shake Rag Rd.
4	10.7	2.3	Turn left on US76.
5	12.2	1.5	Bear right on GA75, Unicoi Turnpike.
6	18.5	6.3	Turn right on GA180. If you see the "Soapstone" sign you missed the turn.
7	23.8	5.3	Turn right into Brasstown Bald State Park.
8	26.3	2.5	Stop at parking area at Brasstown Bald Visitor Center. A 90 minute stop. <small>Brasstown Bald is the highest point in Georgia at 4784 feet. The parking lot is 0.6 miles from a very nice observation deck at the top with a 360 degree view. There is a shuttle bus from the visitor center/parking lot to the top (25 person buses, about 8-10 minutes).</small>
9	29.0	2.7	Depart parking area. Turn right on GA180.
10	33.8	4.8	Turn right on Town Creek School Road. At "Campground" sign. <small>Along this leg is Alexander's Store on left; local general store that has grown into a "country department store". Major provider of local shopping.</small>
11	36.0	2.2	Turn right on Trackrock Church Road.
12	39.2	3.2	Turn right at stop sign on Trackrock Gap Road. <small>Indian petroglyphs on left; parking on left; small area of likely prehistoric rock carvings. Close to road and easy to miss.</small>
13	42.2	3.0	Turn right at stop sign on US76.
14	48.1	5.9	Turn left into The Ridges.

**Group 1 will drive to the upper lot at Bell Mtn. (no clearance less than Std 911).

**Group 2 will drive to lower lot (low clearance and must be able to walk an additional 0.1 mile up a 30 foot elevation change).