

2019 Appalachian Adventure Tail of the Dragon Route Directions

From the Ridges to the beginning of the Tail of the Dragon (est. time 1:30)

#	Total Miles	Direction	Interval (Miles)
1	0.0	At The Ridges, turn right on US76	0.4
2	0.4	Turn right on to GA17/GA515	4.7
3	5.1	Turn left onto US64 W	9.4
4	14.5	Turn right on NC141	0.6
5	15.1	Turn right on NC141	8.1
6	23.2	Turn right on US129 N/US19 N/US74E	15.2
7	38.4	Turn left on US129 N	12.0
8	50.4	Continue on US129 N /Rodney Orr Bypass/Tapoco Road at Robbinsville	15.2
9	65.6	Continue past Cheoah Dam	2.2
10	67.8	Arrive at beginning of Tail of the Dragon (Deal's Gap)	

The Tail of the Dragon is 11 miles long with 318 curves on US129. The "Tail" is considered to begin at Deal's Gap on the Tennessee state line, but the roads are good well before that. To some the Dragon begins on the North Carolina side at Fugitive Bridge with a view of the Cheoah Dam where Harrison Ford jumped from in the movie The Fugitive. The dam and old single lane bridge were also in the 1971 movie Two Lane Blacktop that has become a cult classic. **Note the time you traverse the Tail. There are photographers along the way and they will offer photos of your car on the internet. You can search for your car using the date/time tag.**

At the end of the Tail ride, you can reverse course and (1) return to Hiwassee, (2) take NC28 east to US 74 and return to Asheville via Sylva and Waynesville or take US19 through Bryson City and Maggie Valley.

From the beginning of the Tail of the Dragon to the Ridges (est. time 1:30)

#	Total Miles	Direction	Interval (miles)
1	0.0	Go south/east on US129 S through Robbinsville	29.4
2	29.4	Turn right on US74/US129	15.2
3	44.6	Turn left on NC141	8.1
4	52.7	Bear left , continue on NC141	0.6
5	53.3	Turn left on US64	9.4
6	62.7	Turn left on NC69/GA515	4.7
7	67.4	Turn left onto US76	0.4
8	67.8	Turn left into the Ridges	

Total distance: ~160 miles. Total estimated time ~4 hours