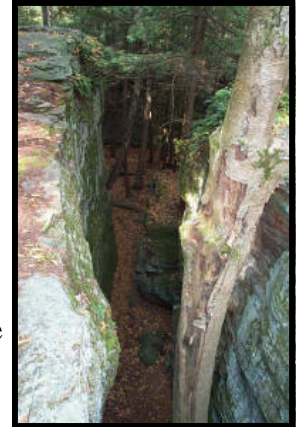


Northwest Day Trip

This is a nice ride north through Jefferson County, the Allegheny National Forest, and back to Ebensburg through Indiana County. It covers 233 miles and is six hours long, without stops. It's a very scenic ride with several attractions to stop at for breaks.

The ride begins by heading north on Center Street from the center of Ebensburg. You are on old Route 219, and you stay on Route 219 all the way to Ridgway (90 miles). You will pass through many small towns including Carrolltown, Northern Cambria, Mahaffey, Dubois and Brockway.

Grampian is one of the very small towns about an hour and 15 minutes (46 miles) into this trip. Bilger's Rocks is a site worth stopping at. It is a 20-acre park of massive sandstone formations, some standing 50 feet tall. You can wander around, through, over and under these massive boulders. Route 219 makes a 90° turn in Grampian and is Main Street. Turn right on North 6th Street. In 2 miles turn right on Bilger's Rock Road. When done inspecting the rocks, just return on Bilger's Rocks Road all the way out to Route 219.



Bilger's Rocks Park



Dubois Harley Davidson

While passing through Dubois, be sure to stop by the local Harley Davidson shop. It's right along Route 219.

In Ridgway turn northwest onto Route 948 which enters the Allegheny National Forest. Turn left on Route 66 for a scenic route through the forest and eventually south to Clarion.



Route 66 through Allegheny National Forest

Route 66 actually stays west of Clarion, then meets and follows Interstate 80 for about 4½ miles to Exit 64. Route 66 then continues south to New Bethlehem. In downtown turn left to follow Route 839 south. Just before the town of Dayton we turn east toward Smicksburg.



Downtown Smicksburg

Smicksburg is a very small town in Indiana County and a very interesting place. There is a large Amish population in this area. Smicksburg is only a few blocks long but has several quaint unique shops. Spend a little time here going from shop to shop. At a minimum, on your way out of town stop at the Amish country furniture store on your right.



Smicksburg Amish Country Store

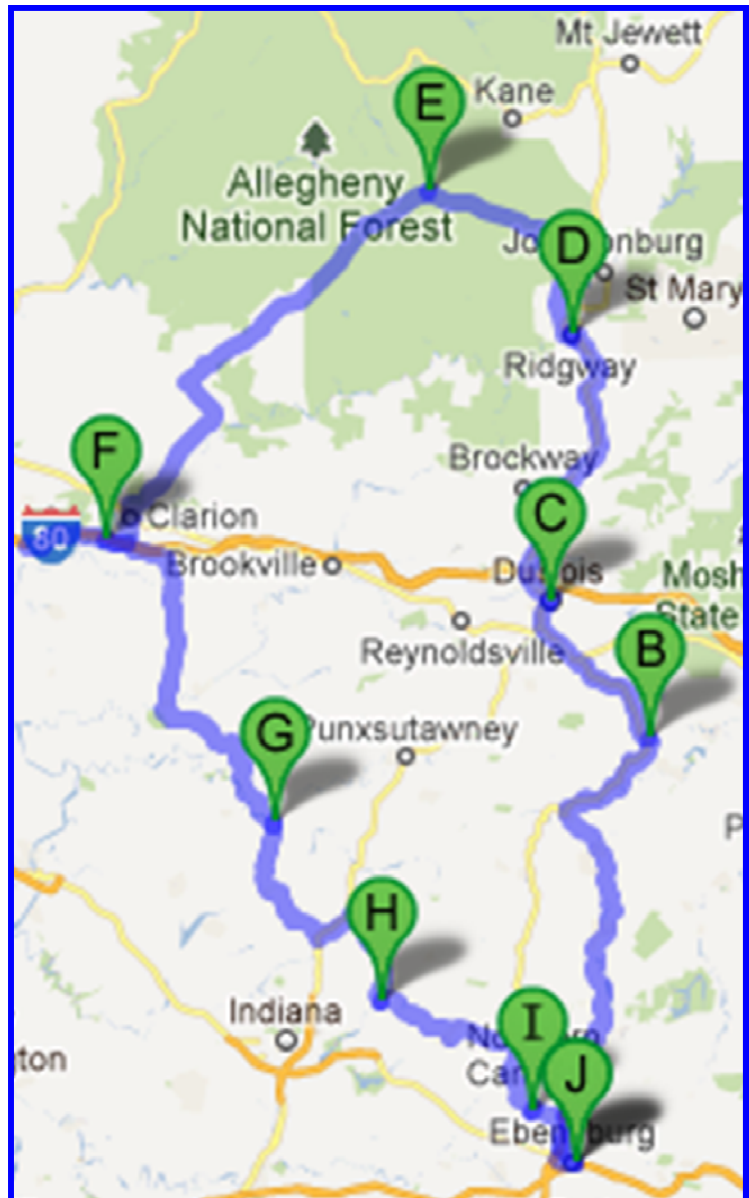


From Smicksburg, we are headed back to Ebensburg. Our ride back toward Ebensburg will take us through Plumville, Home, Marion Center, Clymer and then along Route 403 through Heilwood and Nicktown. All along our route, be sure to watch out for Amish buggies.

You could simply head south on Route 119 and follow Route 422 into Ebensburg. But a much more scenic route is through all of these listed small towns. This is a route that you will need your directions for.

Total ride time on this day trip to the northwest of Ebensburg through the Allegheny National Forest is 6:10, and we will have traveled 250 miles.

A = Ebensburg		
B = Grampian	1:00	44 mi.
C = Dubois	:20	16 mi.
D = Ridgway	:40	28 mi.
E = Route 66	:25	19 mi.
F = Clarion	1:05	43 mi.
G = Smicksburg	1:10	48 mi.
H = Clymer	:35	24 mi.
I = Colver	:40	20 mi.
J = Ebensburg	:15	7 mi.



Northwest Day Trip Route

Directions

Northwest Day Trip

- ◆ From center of Ebensburg head north on North Center Street (Old Route 219). Follow into Carrolltown (9 miles).
- ◆ Continue straight on Sunset Road beyond Carrolltown rather than bearing left on Route #219. (3.5 miles)
- ◆ Follow Sunset Road straight to Route 36. Turn left on Route 36. (19.5 miles)
- ◆ In Mahaffey, continue straight by rejoining Route 219. (10.5 miles)
- ◆ In Grampian, turn left continuing on Route 219.
(If stopping at Bilger's Rocks, go only about 4 blocks and turn right on North 6th Street. After 2 miles turn right on Bilger's Rocks Road and go just a short distance. When done visiting Bilger's Rocks, return on Bilger's Rocks Road and just continue on that road until it connects with Route 219 again.)
- ◆ Follow Route 219 through Dubois to Ridgway. (44 miles)
- ◆ In Ridgway, Route 219 is Main Street. Follow Main Street and turn right on Route 948N. (18 miles)
- ◆ Bear left onto Route 66S. Follow to Route 80. (40 miles)
- ◆ Head east on Route 80. Exit at Exit 64. (4 miles)
- ◆ Follow Route 66 to New Bethlehem. (13 miles)
- ◆ Turn right on Broad Street in New Bethlehem. Turn left on Route 839S. (12 miles)
- ◆ Turn left on Allen Flats Road. (1.5 miles)
- ◆ Turn right on Goodville Road (SR4026). (2.5 miles)
- ◆ Turn left on Dayton Smicksburg Road (SR4022) into Smicksburg.
- ◆ Follow Route 954 to Plumville. (18 miles)
- ◆ Turn left on Main Street. Take first right onto Route 85E. Follow to Home. (12 miles)
- ◆ Turn left on Route 119. (3.5 miles)
- ◆ Turn right onto Route 403 in Marion Center. Follow Route 403 to Clymer. (8.5 miles)
- ◆ Follow Route 403S for 5 miles. Turn left on Route 403S/553E for 2 miles. Turn left on Route 553E. (6 miles)
- ◆ In Nicktown, turn right on Route 271. In 2 miles, bear left on Wolfe Road. In 2.5 miles turn left on Snake Road.
- ◆ In Colver, Snake Road becomes Tripoli Road. Turn right on Colver Road.
- ◆ Follow Colver Road into Ebensburg. (5 miles)