



8- and 18-mile: Gentle terrain, some hills, for almost all cyclists
30-mile: Moderate terrain, hilly, for intermediate cyclists
53-mile: Challenging terrain for experienced cyclists

The 8-, 18-, and 30-mile rides explore the rural scenic landscape on both sides of the Ellis River. Each ride takes you to the Lovejoy Covered Bridge built in 1867. These three loops are easy to moderate rides, suitable for recreational cyclists.

Old Speck Mountain guards the passage through Grafton Notch, one of many hidden scenic treasures in western Maine and a major sight on this challenging 53-mile ride. In fact, the scenery on this ride rivals any you can find in New England. This ride is for the very fit and adventurous bicyclist—there is no major town along the way, and services are few and dispersed. Alert riders are bound to see moose along the roadside. Just before Grafton Notch on ME 26 is one area where moose are plentiful.

Special features: Mountain scenery and abundant wildlife, including moose; Lovejoy Covered Bridge built in 1867 (Maine’s shortest covered bridge); hiking trails

Road conditions: Generally good

Cautions: Beware of logging trucks; there are steep hills on roads with no shoulder; watch for moose that wander onto road. Sections of the 53-mile ride are remote, so be sure to carry spare parts, water, food, and warm clothing.

Starting point: Rides originate from the Common in Andover at the junction of ME 5 and ME 120. Take ME 5 north from US 2 in Rumford Point.

Basic services and lodging are available along some of the routes, but no services from Andover to US 2. See p. 11 for accommodation information and events in the area.



CUE SHEET LEGEND	
R	RIGHT TURN
L	LEFT TURN
S	CONTINUE STRAIGHT
BR	BEAR RIGHT
BL	BEAR LEFT
QR	QUICK RIGHT
QL	QUICK LEFT

Starting Point: The Common in Andover at the Junction of ME 5 and ME 120

At	Go	Onto	For	Travel Information
		8-mile ride		Historic Covered Bridge Ride 1
0.0	L	ME 120	0.8	Services in Andover
0.8	S	East Andover Rd	3.6	ME 120 bears left, continue straight
4.4	R	Covered Bridge Rd	0.7	Cross Ellis River through covered bridge. Picnic & swimming spot.
5.1	R	ME 5 (S. Main St)	3.1	
8.2		Andover Common		End of Ride
		18-mile ride		Historic Covered Bridge Ride 2
		<i>Continues from mile 5.1 above</i>		
5.1	L	ME 5 (Ellis River Rd)	4.6	
9.7	L	Andover Rd	0.4	
10.1	L	East Andover Rd	3.8	Becomes Rumford Center Rd
13.9	BR	East Andover Rd	3.6	Covered Bridge Rd goes left at mi 13.9.
		<i>Optional Side Trip</i>		<i>Turn left for 0.5 mi to historic covered bridge.</i>
17.5	S	ME 120	0.8	
18.3		Andover Common		End of Ride
		30-mile ride		Historic Covered Bridge Ride 3
		<i>Continues from mile 4.4 above</i>		
4.4	BL	Rumford Center Rd (becomes East Andover Rd)	3.8	
8.2	S	Andover Rd	4.6	To Rumford Center
12.8	R	US 2	4.5	Heavy traffic
17.3	R	ME 5 (Ellis River Rd)	7.6	
24.9	R	Covered Bridge Rd	0.7	Cross Ellis River through covered bridge. Picnic & swimming spot.
25.6	BL	East Andover Rd	3.6	
29.2	S	ME 120	0.8	
30.0		Andover Common		End of Ride
		53-mile ride		Grafton Notch
0.0	R	Newton St (Upton Rd)	14.0	Changes to East B Hill Rd. Convenience store. Long, steep climb 7 mi from start. No services for next 35 mi.
14.0	L	ME 26 (Bear River Rd)	20.2	Picnic areas, bathrooms, hiking, swimming, campgrounds, scenic views
34.2	L	US 2/ME 5	6.1	Convenience stores, campground
40.3	L	ME 5 (Ellis River Rd)	7.6	
47.9	R	Covered Bridge Rd	0.7	Cross Ellis River through covered bridge. Picnic & swimming spot.
48.6	BL	East Andover Rd	3.6	
52.2	S	ME 120	0.8	
53.0		Andover Common		End of Ride