

**IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR HELMETS AND OBEY ALL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

The TMCC Mt. Washington Century travels around Mt. Washington via the NH Scenic Byway/Presidential Range Tour with spectacular mountain views and tranquil New England pastoral scenery, traversing three different notches. The Century course is completely supported with five aid stations, support vehicles with Ham radio operators, two on-duty EMTs, and the bike repair support van. A fabulous meal awaits returning riders at Tin Mountain's Nature Learning Center.

All cyclists will embark between 6 & 8AM from the Tin Mountain Nature Learning Center on Bald Hill Road in Albany, NH. At the bottom of Bald Hill Road, all riders turn **left** onto Route 16 North. At the first traffic light at Rte. 112/Kancamagus Hwy., Century, 80- & 40-mile cyclists turn **left** again onto the scenic Kancamagus Highway.

All routes follow the Kancamagus Hwy. along the Swift River to Bear Notch Road. Taking a **right** here, riders begin to ascend Bear Notch. On the other side of the notch, cyclists descend into the village of Bartlett, where on the right they will find the **1<sup>st</sup> Aid Station in Bartlett's Hodgkins Park**.

At the end of Bear Notch Road, cyclists riding the 40-mile course turn **right** onto Rte. 302, while Century & 80-mile riders turn **left** onto Rte. 302. The 40-mile route follows Rte. 302 into Glen, rejoining Century cyclists coming down from Pinkham Notch on Rte. 16. From Bartlett, the Century & 80-mile routes begin the gradual ascent of the second notch, Crawford Notch, as Willey Range rises to the left and cliffs and mountains of the Presidential Range tower overhead to the right. Following a short but steep climb, riders find themselves at the top of the Notch with the AMC Highland Center to their left and Saco Lake on the right. The route now begins a gradual descent, passing the Mt. Washington Hotel on the way to the **2<sup>nd</sup> Aid Station at the Bretton Woods Irving Gas Station**. From here, 80-mile cyclists **turn around** and descend back through Crawford Notch to Bartlett, where they **stay straight** on 302 to rejoin the Century route in Glen.

Shortly past the 2<sup>nd</sup> Aid Station on Rte. 302, Century cyclists reach the intersection of Rte. 3 in Twin Mountain, taking a **right** onto Rte. 3. In a few miles, riders turn **right** again onto Rte. 115 for approximately 10 miles of gentle rolling terrain through the North Country farmland of Jefferson. At the intersection of Rtes. 115 & 2, riders turn **right** towards Randolph, and Gorham beyond. (**An alternate route is available shortly before the 115/2 intersection by taking a right on Valley Rd. to avoid a narrow-shouldered portion of Route 2. A ½ mile portion of Valley Rd. is smooth dirt.**) Now begins a gradual ascent with the Crescent Range ahead on the left and the omnipresent Mt. Washington and the Presidentials to the right. Nine miles after the intersection of Rtes. 115 & 2, Century riders arrive at the **3<sup>rd</sup> Aid Station at the Grande View Lodge at the top of Randolph Hill**.

Riders will continue on Rte. 2 through Randolph, enjoying an exhilarating descent into Gorham. At the intersection of Rtes. 2 & 16, cyclists turn **right** and pass through the town of Gorham. Seven-tenths of a mile after this intersection, parched riders can take advantage of the delicious Iced Coffee sold at the White Mountain Café on the left. At the east end of town, cyclists turn **right** to follow Rte. 16 south. After eight miles of ascending to Pinkham Notch, riders reach the **4<sup>th</sup> Aid Station at the Mt. Washington Auto Road/Great Glen Trails** in the last parking lot on the right.

After a 3-mile climb to the top of Pinkham Notch, riders enjoy a long descent past mountain vistas and through the towns of Jackson and Glen. In Glen at the intersection of Rtes. 16 & 302, Century riders rejoin 40- & 80-mile cyclists by turning **left** onto Rte. 302/16 east. **NOTE: Use caution making this left turn. Beware of cars continuing straight to the Irving Gas Station.** Two miles later, riders can take a break at the **5<sup>th</sup> & last Aid Station at Ragged Mountain Equipment**.

All riders continue into the village of North Conway on Rte. 302/16, then turn **right** onto River Rd. immediately after the Shell Gas Station. Follow River Road one mile, then turn **left** at the intersection with West Side Road, heading south. Century, 80- and 40-mile riders continue on West Side Rd. into Conway village, where they turn **right** onto Rte. 16 south. Follow Rte. 16 out of town, past the Kancamagus Hwy., and turn **right** onto Bald Hill. Thus begins the final 1-mile climb to the Tin Mountain Nature Center, and lunch!

**The five Aid Stations with food, water, and portable toilets:**

#1 Hodgkins Park	Bear Notch Road, Bartlett Village	Distance From Start (DFS) 22.5 mi (100, 80,40)	Closes: 11:00AM
#2 Irving Gas Station	Route 302, Bretton Woods	DFS 41.3 mi (100,80)	Closes: 12:00PM
#3 Grande View Lodge	Route 2, Randolph Hill	DFS 66.1 mi (100)	Closes: 2:00PM
#4 Mt. Wash. Auto Road	Route 16, Pinkham Notch	DFS 79.1 mi (100)	Closes: 3:00PM
#5 Ragged Mountain Store	Route 16/302, Intervale	DFS 95.8 mi (100) DFS 68.4 mi (80) DFS 31.0 mi (40)	Closes: 4:00PM