To help you plan your ride, the following route description provides general information about the length of each route, route signage, and other information. Whether you’re cycling for an hour, a day, or a weekend, there are several options to suit your needs.

### THE ROUTES

#### IN CABARRUS COUNTY

This route forms a loop through the central part of the county. The route was created in 1992 to celebrate the bicentennial of the county. It includes many landmarks of Cabarrus County. The route has been updated and maintained by the County Parks and Recreation Department. The route is marked with route signs every 10 miles, except for the Loop Route and the Northern Route, which are shown on this map but are not marked with signs on the road. Additional connector routes, which are shown on this map, are easily accessible to all routes. There are plenty of restaurants and country stores along the way where you can stop to refresh.

#### ROUTE 1: NORTH ROUTE (10 MILES)

This route starts in the Concord Historic District and proceeds north to Kannapolis. Half way between, just a short distance off the route, is Camp T. Spencer Park which offers three fences, one of which is near the park. The route winds through the beautiful flower beds and tent camping sites and cabins.

### HISTORY CONCORD

The first land to become Cabarrus County was home to Catawba Indians. Early settlers of the area farmed and gardened in the small woods and farmsteads that remained on the land. Many of these early settlers were either Scotch-Irish immigrants or German farmers who arrived before the Revolutionary War. This is the region of the county that was settled by the Scotch-Irish and the Germans. These settlers cleared the land and began farming, creating a new industry to the extent that North Carolina became known as the “Land of the Long Leaf Pine.”

### WELCOME TO CABARRUS COUNTY

Cabarrus County offers a wide variety of recreation opportunities. From quiet streams and lakes to the thriving city of Concord, there is something for everyone. Whether you’re looking for a place to picnic, a place to hike, or a place to camp, there are plenty of options available. For more information, visit www.cabarruscvb.com.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

#### HISTORIC CONCORD

The Concord Historic District was established along the route of the first road from Charlotte to Concord, which was the boundary of the county seat and the town named Concord. Concord was the first town in North Carolina to be incorporated.

### BICYCLING

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RESOURCES

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### EASTERN CABARRUS HISTORICAL MUSEUM

This museum, built in 1855, is located in the historic Concord Mill Village, which was built by the Mecklenburg Cotton Manufacturing Company. The museum is located on North Main Street in Mount Pleasant, NC. For schedule and other information: 704/480-6320.

#### REDGOLD MINING STATE HISTORIC SITE

Redgold Mining State Historic Site is home to a rich history. The site serves as a testament to the gold rush that occurred in the United States in the 19th century. It was a place where people could come and make their fortune by mining gold. Today, the site is a museum where visitors can learn about the history of the gold rush and the people who lived during that time. The site is open to the public and is a great place to visit for history enthusiasts.

#### KANNALES

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Enjoy your ride, but please remember to be courteous to other road users.

A NOTE OF CAUTION

The highlighted routes shown on this map follow roads of the North Carolina highway system and local streets. These roads do not include any special accommodations for bicycles, such as paved shoulders or bike lanes. Care has been taken to select more lightly traveled roads. In a few places, however, short segments of more heavily traveled roads are used to make connections where no other options exist. These areas are marked with "Share the Road" signs to alert motorists to the possible presence of cyclists on the road. The Cabarrus County bike routes are not designed to be used by children, as their ability to judge traffic conditions and/or actions is not well developed.

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LEGEND

- Greenway
- Unpaved Connector Routes
- High Traffic Areas
- Divided Highways
- Pavement Roads
- Railroads
- Creeks and Rivers
- Full Service Areas
- Campgrounds
- Restaurants
- Country Stores
- Bicycle Shops
- Repair
- Points of Interest

In addition to showing the bike routes, this map includes a wealth of other information. The locations of all services such as country stores, campgrounds, and restaurants are proportioned with symbols, as shown in the legend. Towns that provide overnight accommodations, restaurants, and other amenities are marked with a star. Points of interest are marked with a large dot.

All roads that are part of the route system or which cross a route are named. Busier sections of the routes, where extra caution is recommended, are clearly marked.

On the road, these portions of the routes are posted with "Share the Road" signs, like the one shown below. Enlarged inset maps of Concord/Kannapolis, Harrisburg and Mount Pleasant are included to help you navigate these areas and locate points of interest.