

Tucker Tour '26 Course Description for the 36 Mile Route

Segment Difficulty Rating:

🚶🚶🚶🚶🚶 = Unrideable. This section is only navigable on foot.

🚶🚶🚶🚶 = Ridable only with advanced skill and a robust bike set up. Rocking 2.2" tires and spend a lot of time riding technical mountain bike trails? You'll be riding most if not all of this section. Otherwise, expect to spend some time on foot.

🚶🚶🚶 = Technical but passable. Pay attention and take your time and you should be ok. Rocks and/or steep terrain make this section one to remember.

🚶🚶 = You wouldn't want to take your car on this road, but a bike? No problem.

🚶 = A step up from your average gravel road.

The 36 mile route turns right at the end of the driveway and heads up Tucker Mountain Road. About a mile in, we have our first Class VI road: Valley Rd. Down, a 🚶🚶🚶 segment. We then jump on the rail trail and head south.

A left turn off the rail trail and then a sharp left takes us onto the next segment: Timberland Drive. At over 3 miles and a rating of 🚶🚶🚶🚶, this is jumping right into the deep end. Don't forget to enjoy the viewpoint just after the crest of the hill!

After crossing Route 3A, we drop down Old Call Road (🚶🚶🚶) into the Franklin Falls Dam Flood Control area. We only stay on the main track for a short while before heading left into a field and rolling along the Pemigewasset River for almost 3 miles on an unnamed 🚶🚶 segment ending up at the dam.

We then cross back over 3A towards Webster Lake eventually starting to climb away from Franklin, NH on Flaghole road. After a paved and gravel climb, we take a left-hand fork onto Montgomery Road. At 🚶🚶🚶🚶, the 2.5 mile segment has a little bit of everything: giant puddles, a stretch of gravel, steep rocky ups followed by technical downs. At the end of this segment, the 24 milers peel off and head north back to the start.

We then take a left onto Robie Road and then straight onto Bog Road, both 🚶🚶🚶. A heads up that the entrance to Robie Road is a little hard to find. It looks very much like a driveway and there is no sign indicating that it is a road. Trust your gps and you should be fine.

We then jump on Route 127 for a short hop and end up at the first gas station/general store at mile 19.5. Be sure and take advantage of the homemade cookies baked right on the

premises!! The whoopie pies are also a nice punch of sugar. My favorite is the banana bread whoopie pie.

Head north on Route 4 briefly before taking the right-hand fork onto Whittemore Road. After a few miles on paved roads, including a short stretch back on Route 4, we eventually end up on Loverin Hill Road, 🚶🚶🚶 on a dry year. This segment goes up to 🚶🚶🚶🚶 if it's been raining a lot lately as this means you will be fording a couple of deep puddles. At the end of Loverin Hill, we take a right and head towards Plains Road on a nice 🚶🚶🚶 section.

A short jaunt on Plains Road, then a left on Mountain Road. We then start the Beech Hill section. Be careful: this right hand turn off of Mountain Road is easy to miss. Hope you brought your hiking boots for this 🚶🚶🚶🚶🚶 section! The down is no less exciting as a 🚶🚶🚶🚶 section drops us down to Route 4. A left and a left takes us onto the rail trail.

After exiting the rail trail, crossing Route 11 and turning onto Elbow Pond Road, we then have the only singletrack on the entire route before we start to climb up toward Tucker Mountain. A mix of paved and 🚶 gravel takes us to the 🚶🚶🚶🚶 climb up Old College to the top of Tucker Mountain Road.

A very fast drop down Tucker Mountain brings us back to the barn. Congratulations!!