

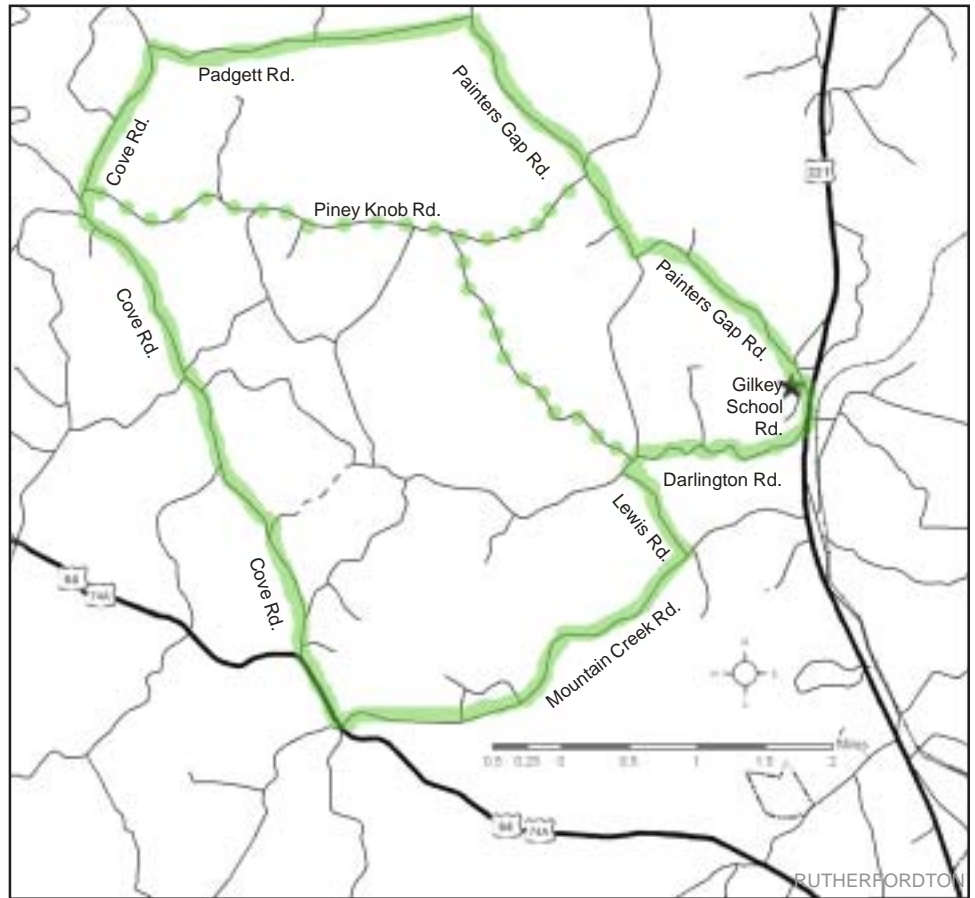
Route # 7 Gilkey Loop—15.6 miles

The Gilkey Loop passes through very pretty rolling countryside. The Greenhill Store on 64/74A is a good place for a snack and (free!) air. You will get nice mountain views from Cove Road. Piney Knob is a less strenuous short cut between Cove Road and Painters Gap Road. Both US 64/74A and US 221 are major roads and may have heavy traffic.

Route directions

Total miles (miles in segment)
Begin at Gilkey Community Center. As you leave the parking lot turn right and take an immediate right on US 221.

- R US 221 (0.15)
- 0.15 R on Darlington Road* (1.0)
- 1.1 L on Lewis Road (0.8)
- 1.9 R on Mountain Creek Road (3.9)
- 5.8 R on US 64/74A (0.6)**
- 6.4 R on Cove Road (3.4)
- 9.8 R on Padgett Road (2.5)
- 12.3 R on Painters Gap Road (3.3)
- 15.6 R on Gilkey School Road and return to start.



* Note: If you decide to take shortcuts, you should be aware that a section of Darlington Road near Cove Road is not paved.

** If you are riding this route in reverse, note that making a left turn at the intersection of Cove Road with US 64/74A is very hazardous.

Start from Gilkey Community Center

From US 221 north of Rutherfordton, turn left on Gilkey School Rd. Look for Gilkey Community Center on the left in the old school.