



Up and Over

Major Taylor Road Bike Weekend in the Mountains of New Hampshire



July 8, 2023

Three spectacular road ride options winding through the White Mountain National Forest, presented by New Hampshire's World Fellowship Center. The rides are open to members of cycling clubs affiliated with the [Major Taylor Association](#).

- **BEAR NOTCH HALF CENTURY:** 50-mile loop over Bear Notch. Start/finish at World Fellowship Center in Albany, NH. **2667 ft.** elevation gain; **maximum grade 6.9%**. 17-mile continuous downhill stretch after the main climb.
- **TRIPLE NOTCH CENTURY:** 110-mile loop over Crawford Notch, Franconia Notch, and Kancamagus Pass (at 2855 ft., the highest in the Northeast). Start/finish at World Fellowship Center in Albany, NH. **6398 ft.** elevation gain, concentrated in the three mountain passes; **maximum grade is a short tough 13.8% climb**
- **COVERED BRIDGE CRUISE:** 15-mile loop along the Swift River and Kancamagus Highway. A **guided ride** that's great for accompanying family members and other casual riders. Free use of hybrid bikes available for World Fellowship Center guests. **Remote start in Conway, NH**, avoids Route.16 and steep hill returning to WFC on Drake Hill Rd. Midway break offers optional river swim at **Lower Falls** in the White Mountain National Forest. The 6-mile downhill on the north side of the river, after crossing Albany Covered Bridge (circa 1858), is one of the most relaxing and pleasant scenic rides in the region. **482 ft.** elevation gain, a steady moderate climb beside a rushing mountain stream.



The rides on Saturday, July 8, are open to weekend guests at [World Fellowship Center](#), since 1941 an intergenerational secular camp and conference center, rooted in social justice and commitment to racial equity, situated in New Hampshire's White Mountains. You'll want to consider extending your stay to have even more time to enjoy swimming and boating in pristine Whitton Pond, daily social justice program offerings, and a new community of friends, in addition to more biking to explore the area. There's great nearby hiking for all levels, too.

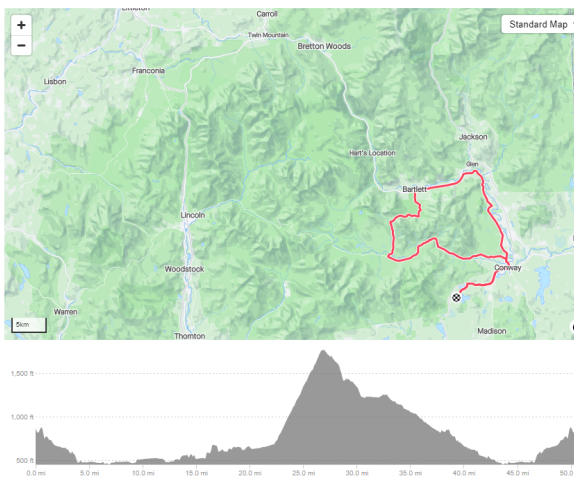
For each night of your stay, dinner and the following day's breakfast and lunch are included. The Triple Notch Century ride costs \$25 extra, to cover rider support, including food and beverages at rest stops. **All questions, and your reservation process can be handled directly by writing to majortaylorbikenh@worldfellowship.org, or use the [online form](#).**

Ride schedule details:

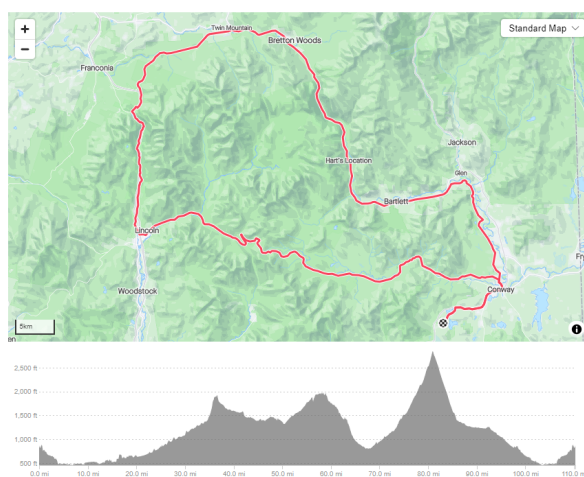
- **Bear Notch Half Century (50 miles):** Option to begin full breakfast buffet 30 minutes early, at 7:30 a.m. Most riders departing WFC 8-8:15 a.m. will return in time for 12:30 p.m. lunch, though lunch will still be available for those who return later.
- **Triple Notch Century (110 miles):** Option to begin full breakfast buffet 30 minutes early, at 7:30 a.m. Most riders departing WFC 8-8:15 a.m. will return before dinner is served at 6 p.m., though a meal will still be available for riders who return later. Food and beverages will be provided at rest stops.
- **Covered Bridge Cruise (15 miles):** Guided ride has a remote start in Conway, a 10-minute drive from WFC. Regular breakfast buffet times, 8-8:45 a.m. Planned departure for remote start at 9:30 a.m., after bike sizing and loading of borrowed hybrid bikes. Optional swim at the turnaround point, Lower Falls in the WMNF. Return to World Fellowship for regular lunch time of 12:30 pm.

Fun fact: Howie Fain, the volunteer Acting Executive Director of World Fellowship Center, formerly WFC summer recreation coordinator, lives in Worcester, Massachusetts, three doors down from the house once owned and occupied by 1899 world champion bicycle racer Marshall "Major" Taylor, aka "the Worcester Whirlwind." Howie has biked at least 15 Triple Notch centuries, even more Bear Notch loops, and has led at least 100 casual Covered Bridge rides. He is a member of the Seven Hills Wheelmen, an affiliate of the Major Taylor Association.

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Go *Up and Over* in New Hampshire with Major Taylor riders this summer!

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