



2022 COASTAL RIDE ROUTE INFORMATION

Friday Route Hours: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Albemarle Sound (Red Route)

13 miles (no rest stop)

Route Description: Leave camp along the outstanding Edenton waterfront heading out into beautiful farmland. About midway of this scenic ride enjoy a beautiful waterfront neighborhood before heading back to Historic Edenton.

Waterside (Green Route)

26 miles (1 rest stop)

Route Description: Leave camp along the outstanding Edenton waterfront heading out into beautiful farmland. This is an out and back route that takes you to the Waterside Resort rest stop and back to Edenton <https://waterside-resort.com/>. Cyclists will get a grand view of the Albemarle Sound as they cross the 4-mile Soundside Bridge just before the rest stop. The rest stop is being hosted by Washington County Tourism <https://www.gowildnc.com/> home of the NC Bear Festival <https://ncbearfest.com/>. Take your shoes off and stay awhile.

Scuppernong (Yellow Route)

38 miles (2 rest stops)

Route Description: Leave camp along the outstanding Edenton waterfront heading out into beautiful farmland. Cyclists will get a grand view of the Albemarle Sound as they cross the 4-mile Soundside Bridge just before the Waterside Resort rest stop. <https://waterside-resort.com/> The rest stop is also being hosted by Washington County Tourism <https://www.gowildnc.com/> home of the NC Bear Festival <https://ncbearfest.com/>. From Waterside take a picturesque loop through some beautiful farmland before returning to this great sound front stop and then back to Historic Edenton.

Barnyard Betsy's (Orange Route)

50 miles (3 rest stops)

Route Description: Leave camp along the outstanding Edenton waterfront heading out into beautiful farmland. Cyclists will get a grand view of the Albemarle Sound as they cross the 4-mile Soundside Bridge just before the Waterside Resort rest stop. <https://waterside-resort.com/> The rest stop is also being hosted by Washington County Tourism <https://www.gowildnc.com/> home of the NC Bear Festival <https://ncbearfest.com/>. Continue through neat farmland to the tiny community of Creswell, home of family-owned Barnyard Betsy's Cheesesteaks and Hoagies. They have a great breakfast and lunch menu <https://barnyardbetsy.com/menu/>. Be sure to speak to 'Uncle PJ' and asked who Barnyard Betsy's is named for. Continue through pristine farmland and by the historic Davenport Homestead circa 1790 <https://gowildnc.com/DavenportHouse.aspx> and back to the great view of the sound at Waterside and on to Historic Edenton.

Creswell Somerset (White Route)

64 miles (4 rest stops)

Route Description: Cyclists will get a grand view of the Albemarle Sound as they cross the 4-mile Soundside Bridge just before the Waterside Resort rest stop. <https://waterside-resort.com/> The rest stop is also being hosted by Washington County Tourism (<https://www.gowildnc.com/>) home of the NC Bear Festival <https://ncbearfest.com/>. Continue through neat farmland to the tiny community of Creswell, home of family-owned Barnyard Betsy's Cheesesteaks and Hoagies. They have a great breakfast and lunch menu <https://barnyardbetsy.com/menu/>. Be sure to speak to 'Uncle PJ' and asked who Barnyard Betsy's is named for. Continue through vast pristine farmland to the next rest stop at NC Historic Site Somerset Place circa 1785 <https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/somerset-place>. The rest stop will be down a neat carriage path along the waterfront under stately trees at the site. Meander more farmland & ride by the Historic Davenport Homestead circa 1790 <https://gowildnc.com/DavenportHouse.aspx> and back to the great view of the sound at Waterside and on to Historic Edenton.

Saturday Route Hours: 8:00am – 4:00pm

Edenhouse Bridge (Red Route)

13 miles (no rest stop)

Route Description: Leave the Edenton waterfront through quaint cottage homes as you head toward the panoramic views at the Edenhouse Bridge Boat Landing. Be sure to look for the osprey nest off to the right among the coastal trees growing in and along the sound. This is where the Chowan River enters the Albemarle Sound. From the landing cycle through pristine farmland back into Historic Edenton neighborhoods finishing on its beautiful waterfront.

Sycamore Arabian (Blue Route)

23 miles (1 rest stop)

Route Description: Leave the Edenton waterfront through quaint cottage homes as you head toward beautiful northeastern NC farmlands toward a truly remarkable farm on the Albemarle Sound - The Sycamore Arabian Farm. Ride slowly to not spook the beautiful horses as you enter under a tunnel of Sycamore trees with horse corrals flanking both sides before stopping in front of Al and Choe's beautiful home for a fabulous stop. You may get to pet one of these astounding animals and you may see one of Chloe's peacocks wondering around. Be sure to ask them to show you pictures of the before and after of the remarkable renovation of this fabulous place <http://sycamorearabians.com/about/>. Linger a while, listen to the barber shop quartet music of the 'Albemarle Sounds,' a fabulous local acapella music club. After relaxing a bit, head back toward Edenton through some pretty Chowan County farmland.

Hertford (Green Route)

48 miles (2 rest stops)

Route Description: This route takes you through rich farmlands to on the way to good 'ole Rocky Hock' for your first rest stop at family owned and operated Jim's Deli and Market. They have a great menu for breakfast or lunch <https://www.facebook.com/JimsMarketAndDeli/>. Chowan County Cooperative Extension will be at the rest stop to share info about the exceptional farming in the area. Next head to the quaint historic town of Hertford on the Perquimans River. Be sure to step across the street to Woodard's Pharmacy & get a famous \$1 ice cream cone or an Orange-Aide <https://www.facebook.com/woodardspharmacy/>. Explore their historic courthouse and ask about hometown Major League Baseball player Jim "Catfish" Hunter. From here you will pass by many other farms and then back to Edenton.

Hertford/Sycamore (Yellow Route)

58 miles (3 rest stops)

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Belvidere Days (Orange Route)

75 miles (4 rest stops)

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Gatesville Merchants Mill Pond Century

98 miles (5 rest stops)

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Sunday Route Hours: 8:00am - 2:00pm

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Lost Colony (Green Route)

21 miles (1 rest stop)

Route Description: This route will take you across the 1.5-mile bridge over the Chowan River to explore Bertie County. Your first rest stop will be at the Black Rock Deli where you can get breakfast if you choose. From here you will do an outback into the NC Salmon Creek State Natural Area where recent archaeological discovery has shown this area could be part of the 'Lost Colony'. shorturl.at/ezES6 As you ride this you will see a gravel path heading to what will become Bertie County's Tall Glass of Water sound front park. Will be a great place to come back and visit. <http://www.co.bertie.nc.us/projects/2019/tgow/tgow.html> After you get a good view of the sound and across to Edenton retrace your route back.

Merry Hill-Avoca (Yellow Route)

43 miles (2 rest stops)

Route Description: This route will take you across the 1.5-mile bridge over the Chowan River to explore Bertie County. Your first rest stop will be at the Black Rock Deli where you can get breakfast if you choose. Next, You'll pass through the small communities of Merry Hill and Avoca, exploring beautiful farms and pine groves heading to the pristine private waterfront community of Scotch Hall Preserve <https://scotchhallpreserve.com/>. After relaxing and enjoying scenic views of the Chowan River, you will head back across the bridge to Edenton.

Sans Souci Ferry (Orange Route)

59 miles (3 rest stops)

Route Description: This route will cross the Chowan River as it enters the Albemarle Sound and then stop at Black Rock Deli where you can get a delicious breakfast biscuit. Next stop is at the Roanoke Cashie River Center in Windsor with some neat new "Lost Colony History" <https://www.partnershipforthesounds.net/copy-of-nc-estuarium>. This route will also include a ride on the historic San Souci Cable Ferry, which is one of the last remaining cable ferries in North Carolina [youtube.com/watch?v=0_QaVJb3WIE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_QaVJb3WIE). There may be a short wait to cross the ferry depending on when you arrive. There is a short hard packed gravel section (about 200 yards) when you exit the ferry. Enjoy the beautiful farm countryside on the way back toward the Chowan River and Edenton.

Sans Souci Ferry/Scotch Hall Preserve (White Route)

69 miles (4 rest stops)

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