

The EDGE Fall North Carolina Ride October 18 – 23, 2026

After 2 hurricanes and 2 name changes, this is a reset of our fall ride around North Carolina. We are also a couple weeks later to give more time after “Tip ‘o’ the Mitt”. The EDGE headquarters are located in Crumpler NC, in the Blue Ridge Mountains, which is 140 miles northeast of Waynesville and there are lots of fun roads, most of them new to MSTR riders. Actually, the Penningtons and Mr. Hudson have stayed loyal to this ride and I thank them.

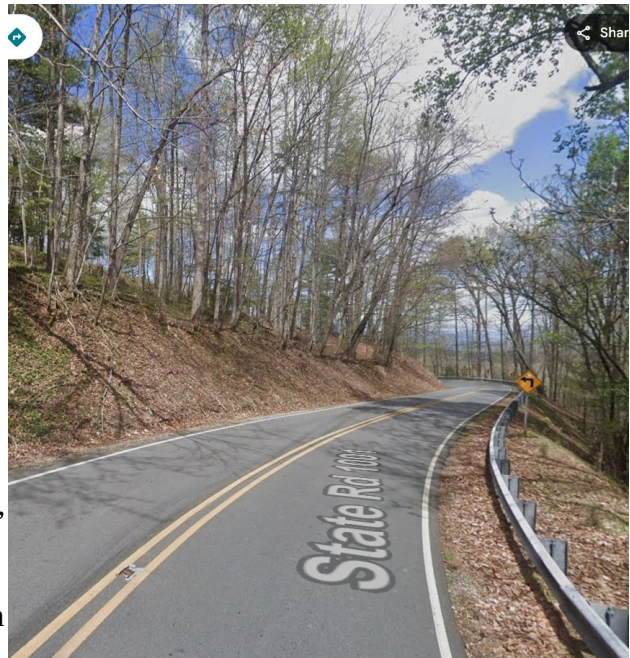
The idea behind the ride was to bookend the season with MR2’s week long ride in spring and the EDGE a week long ride in fall, both in North Carolina. Like MR2, we ride in the middle of the week when everybody is at work and hotels are cheaper. Specifically, this is a Sunday check-in, Friday check-out ride because the leaf peepers and college football crazies cause the price of hotels to be very high on Friday and Saturday nights in the fall. We usually ride down Saturday/Sunday and home again Friday/Saturday.

The ride is called the EDGE because we will often be riding around the edge of the 2000 ft. Appalachian Plateau and riding around and over the Blue Ridge Mountains that sit on top of the plateau. The roads are fine and the countryside is beautiful. Of course, we have named roads like the Snake, but we also have roads like 180 (super sweeper), 88 and Big Laurel, and even Tumbling Shoals. The last I checked we have 11 routes although that may change when I get things updated. Hmmmm, 11 routes, 4 days riding, how to I pick?

Useless fact: North Carolina is ranked #2 in Christmas trees grown in the US. You are going to see a lot of Christmas trees.

As for accommodations, this year we will be trying something different. To avoid the 30 to 50% increase in hotel rooms, we are going to stay at the “Cabins at Healing Springs” in Crumpler, NC. These are Rustic/Luxe cabins, originally built in 1800s. Before you make your reservation, make sure that you read their cancellation policy because it’s a little stiffer than we are used to. You can make your own reservations (no room block) either on their website or by calling and talking to Angela who will be happy to answer any questions and make your reservation.

For those looking for something even more unusual, they have 2 treehouse/camping cabins. The treehouses have beds and heat but no water or electricity. They have a communal bath but you can also probably knock on one of your MSTR doors.



<https://www.cabinsathealingsprings.com>

I suspect that everyone is riding, but just in case, I have confirmed that they have space for one trailer as long as it isn't too big. If you decide to trailer down, please coordinate with me. Parking is on gravel, so bring along a kickstand foot.

There are restaurants 10 minutes away, even a fancy one only 2 miles away. But we'll figure meals out with the group. Who knows, we may find jointly cooking evening meals and then hanging around near a fire pit is better than dinner at a restaurant.

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