

## Tour 22 - Capitol Tour

<p><b>Distance:</b> 21, 33, 42, and 59-mile loops <b>Terrain:</b> Moderately Undulating</p>
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This pleasant 59-mile ride takes cyclists from the State Capitol to the scenic lakes region west of Augusta that includes the towns of Hallowell, Manchester, Litchfield, Tacoma, Winthrop and Monmouth. This region provides scenic views of Cobosseecontee (Cobbossee) Lake, rolling farmland, apple orchards and the Kennebec River.

Shorter options available include Alternate 1 at 21 miles, which includes Cobosseecontee Lake and Historic Hallowell, Alternate 2 at 33 miles, which also includes Woodbury Pond, and Alternate 3 at 42 miles.

**Special Features:** State Capitol, Cobosseecontee Lake and the Kennebec Valley Region.

**Road Conditions:** Generally good; however, some broken pavement, dirt and uneven surfaces and soft shoulders.

**Services:** There are no bike shops along the route.

The nearest bike shop is Hilltop Ski and Bike located on Route 202, Manchester, ME 04351, 207-523-6219, approximately 2 miles east of downtown Manchester. Another bike shop near the start of the route in Augusta is Auclair Cycle and Ski, 64 Bangor St., 207-623-4351.

For accommodations contact the Augusta Chamber of Commerce, 7 University Drive, Augusta, ME 04330, 207-623-4568. The Maple Hill Bed & Breakfast in Hallowell on Outlet Road is located less than two miles off this route; call 1-800-622-2708.

Campgrounds located off of the route and listed in the Maine Atlas and Gazetteer includes Augusta-West Resort, Winthrop, ME, 207-377-9993; Cobosseecontee Lake Campground and Resort, East Monmouth, ME 1-800-870-6189; and Birches Family Campground, Litchfield, ME, 207-268-4330.

**Cautions:** Moderate traffic and narrow roads.

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Starting Point: This tour consists of several loops that originate and end at the Maine State Capitol.

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Mileage readings may vary. We recommend you carry a detailed map of the area with you. All roads on this bike tour can be found in the Maine Atlas and Gazetteer from DeLorme Mapping Co. ([www.delorme.com](http://www.delorme.com)).

!, BS	0	<b>Start at the intersection of Sewall Street and Capitol Street located immediately west of the Maine State Capitol and continue 1.4 miles south to Winthrop Street.</b>
!, HX	1.4	Enter Hallowell. <b>Turn right on Winthrop Street and continue 2.8 miles to Kerns Hill Road.</b> Hallowell is home to 19 <sup>th</sup> century commercial and residential architecture. The downtown area is developed with three and four-story brick buildings built in the 1800's.
!, S	4.2	<b>Turn left on Kerns Hill Road and continue 1.6 miles to the center of Manchester.</b>
!, ATM, CS, BS	5.8	<b>In Manchester turn left on Route 202/11/100 and travel 0.1 miles to Pond Road.</b> Convenience store and bank located at this intersection. For detour to nearest bike shop turn right on Route 202\11\100 and travel approximately 2 miles to Hilltop Ski and Bike, 207-523-6219.

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!, S	5.9	<b>Turn left on Pond Road and continue 3.4 miles on Pond Road to Neck Road.</b> <i>Scenic views of Cobbossee Lake.</i>
!	9.3	<b>Turn right on Neck Road and continue 1.9 miles to Collins Mill Road.</b>
!	11.2	<b>Turn left on Collins Mill Road and continue 1.8 miles to Litchfield Road.</b>
! OPTION	13	<b>Turn right on Litchfield Road and bear right after 0.8 miles.</b> <i>ALTERNATE 1: For a 21-mile tour, turn left on Litchfield Road and continue to Hollowell Road for shorter loop back to Augusta. This rejoins the Tour at Mile 52.4 for the return to Augusta.</i>
!	13.8	<b>Bear right on Litchfield Road and continue 1.3 miles towards Cobbossee Stream crossing.</b>
!	15.1	<b>Litchfield Road becomes Hollowell Road at Cobbossee Stream crossing. Continue 0.7 miles to next intersection.</b>
!	15.8	<b>Bear left on Hollowell Road and continue 1.9 miles to Litchfield Center.</b>
!, S,R,CS	17.7	<b>Turn right on Route 126/9. Restaurant and convenience store located here. Continue 1.7 miles to Town Farm Road.</b> <i>Scenic views of Woodbury Pond.</i>
!, R	19.4	<b>Turn right on Town Farm Road and continue 0.7 miles to Pease Hill Road.</b> Len's Fish and Chips seasonal restaurant.
!, S	20.1	<b>Turn left on Pease Hill Road (a dirt road) and continue 1.2 miles to Cobbosseecontee Road.</b> <i>Scenic self-guided tour of Woodbury Bird Sanctuary.</i>
! OPTION	21.3	<b>Turn left on Cobbosseecontee Road and continue 2.8 miles to Prescott Hill Road.</b> <i>ALTERNATE 2: For a 33-mile loop, turn right onto Hard Scrabble Rd. and rejoin the tour at Mile 47.9.</i>
!, S	24.1	<b>Turn right on Prescott Hill Road and continue 1.3 miles to Route 135.</b> <i>Scenic views of apple orchards.</i>
!, S, C	25.4	<b>Turn right on Route 135 (Winthrop Center Road) and continue 6.7 miles to South Road.</b> Augusta-West Resort located on Annabesacook Lake may be accessed from this route. Please refer to a map for directions. <i>Scenic views of Annabesacook and Cobbossee Lakes.</i>
OPTION	26.2	<i>For ALTERNATE 3, a shorter 42-mile loop, turn right at the Tillson Rd. and rejoin tour at Mile 44.2</i>
!	32.1	<b>Turn right on South Road and continue 1.5 miles to Route 202\11\100.</b>

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!, A	33.6	<b>Turn left on Route 202\11\100 and continue 1.0 mile to Route 135 (Stanley Road).</b> Cobboosee Motel located off of Route 202\11\100.
!	34.6	<b>Turn right on Route 135 (Stanley Road) and continue 0.2 miles to Metcalf Road.</b>
!, S	34.8	<b>Turn left on Metcalf Road and continue 2.1 miles to Main Street in Winthrop.</b> <i>Scenic views of Maranacook Lake after a long climb.</i>
!, R, CS, ATM	36.9	<b>Turn left on Main Street and continue 0.3 miles to Route 202\11\100.</b> Many choices for food, banking and supplies located along Main Street in Winthrop.
!	37.2	<b>Turn right on Route 202\11\100 and continue 1.5 miles to Annabessacook Road.</b>
!, CS	38.7	<b>Turn left on Annabessacook Road and continue 2.3 miles to Waugan Road.</b>
!	41.0	<b>Continue straight at intersection. Road name changes to Waugan Rd. in Winthrop. Continue 1.7 miles to Route 135.</b>
!	42.7	<b>Turn left on Route 135 and continue 0.1 miles to Tillson Road.</b>
!	42.8	<b>Turn right on Tillson Road and continue 1.7 miles to Cobbosseecontee Road.</b>
!, C	44.5	<b>Turn left on Cobbosseecontee Road, which becomes Hard Scrabble Road and continue 3.6 miles to Hallowell Road.</b> Two choices for camping, Cobbosseecontee Lake Campground and Resort and Birches Family Campground, may be accessed from this route. Please refer to a map for directions.
!	48.1	<b>Turn left on Hallowell Road, which becomes Litchfield Road at Cobbossee Stream crossing. Continue 8.4 miles to Central Street in Hallowell. Litchfield Rd. curves sharply to the left and becomes Middle St. as you enter Hallowell. Continue 0.4 miles toward Central Street and historic downtown Hallowell. Enter Hallowell, known for its antique shops, restaurants and bakeries.</b>
!	56.9	<b>Turn right on Central St. and go two blocks to Second St.</b> The Hubbard Free Library is on your right at this corner. It is the oldest library building in Maine and local and historical information is available. <b>Turn left on Second St.</b>

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!, HX	57.2	<p><b>Continue on Second Street (which becomes Sewall Street in Augusta) for 1.4 miles to original starting point located immediately west of the State Capitol.</b> Enter Augusta. Immediately before the Capitol Street intersection, the Maine State Capitol and Maine State Museum will be on your right. The Blaine House, Governor’s mansion is located one block to the right at Capitol Street. Tours are available; call 287-2301 for information on Capitol attractions.</p>
!, HX	58.6	<p><b>End at the intersection of Sewall Street and Capitol street located immediately west of the Maine State Capitol.</b> The Maine State Museum is located adjacent to the Capitol. Downtown Augusta can be reached by continuing on Sewall Street north for 0.7 miles to Winthrop Street. Turn right onto Winthrop and go for 0.3 miles. A wide variety of shops, services and restaurants are located there. The Bicycle Coalition of Maine office is located downtown at 341 Water Street, (207) 623-4511.</p>

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