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Everglades
Adventure

The 2014 C-FL: Cross Florida Adventure Ride

An Everglades Adventure

Welcome to your DDS Everglades Adventure! This is a great tour through what we call, The REAL Florida!

This route will take you from the heart of Florida's Citrus Belt, across the state on dirt and little used paved roads, until you reach the River of Grass, The Florida Everglades. A simply stunning ride!

Your suggested route will begin in Bartow, the edge of the phosphate community. As you travel through the state, you'll pass through the agricultural heart of Florida. Oranges, Cattle, and other vegetables are grown throughout this region. Pick-up trucks and camo hats are chosen forms of fashion, and people still attend church on Wednesday nights and Sundays.

Historically speaking, you will see and learn much about the Florida. Your taste of Florida begins with a tour through the orange groves. Along the way you'll crest a knoll revealing the Florida Alps, a man made mountain off in the distance. You'll discover the magic of rural Florida, far away from the hustle and bustle of Miami, away from the attraction of The Mouse, and far past the rumblings going on in Daytona.

Rural roads lead you through time, past old homesteads, old farms and homes. Moss draped oaks line the roads, cattle fill the fields. Many scenic areas, many photo opportunities, but don't linger too long!

You'll arrive in Arcadia for lunch, a small agricultural town. Chances are you've never been here, nor heard of it. We're in rural Florida afterall! On through Labelle and Immokalee, more fields, more produce that winds up on the shelves of your local grocer.

You're beginning to draw near the swamp now. The terrain changes, as does the Flora. You'll nestle into the Picayune Strand State Forest, an old housing development best known for creating the scam of seling Florida Swampland back in the 70's. It's different now. The roads are broken up and deteriorated. The canals still flow draining the water. Panther prowl here. You're in the Florida Panther Habitat. As your motorbike takes you farther into the Experience. The sun begins it's dip in the sky and the afternoon shadows begin just in time to begin your journey down Jane's Scenic Drive, a rough dirt road through the Fakahatchee Strand. Here you may run into alligators and snakes sunning themselves on the road. Safety is a concern so please, stay clear, honk your horn, scare them back into the water.

Now it's almost over as you traverse the Big Cypress. Exiting onto Tamiami Trail, you can stop at the Smallest Post Office before you make your way down to the Skunk Ape Research Center home of all stories relating to Florida's own Bigfoot. Trail Lakes campground is behind this, rustic with essentials. Your home for the night.

The next day, you'll had back through the swamp, and past the fields on a journey to a castle nestled in the woods before heading back to Bartow.

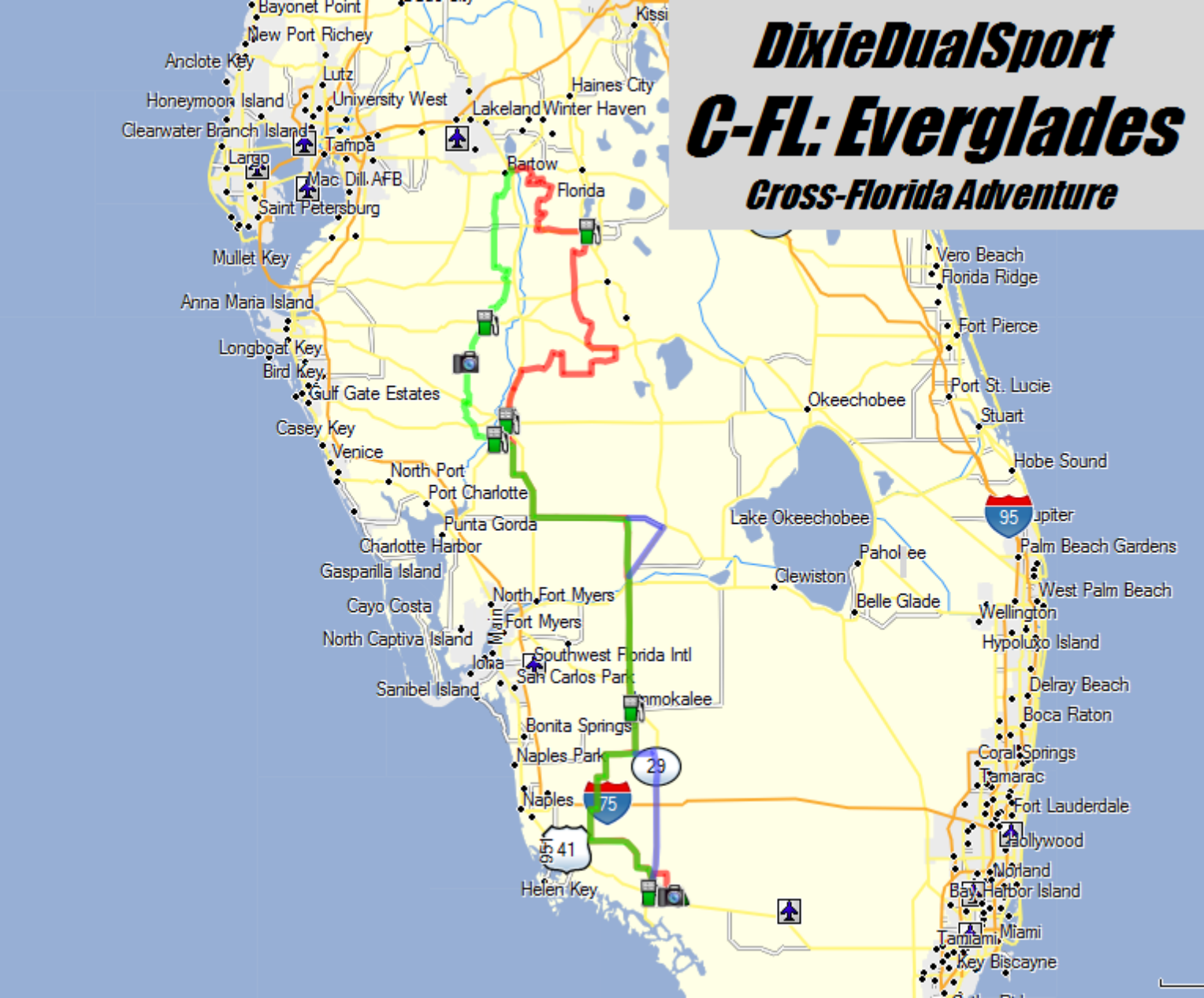
Enjoy your ride, be safe, use your map for any changes you may need to make.

All turn-to-turn instructions on the route sheet are approximate, read ahead of the next turn and pay attention to your surroundings for the roads signs or landmarks that will help guide your way. There may be delays along your way. Please plan accordingly.

Above all, ride safely, be smart, know your limitations, and enjoy your experience!

And enjoy the Florida not many know!

- Swampy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Hypoluxo Island
Delray Beach
Boca Raton
Coral Springs
Tamarac
Fort Lauderdale
Hollywood
Miami
Key Biscayne
95
29
75
41



Turn-to-turn Mileage May Not Be Accurate To Your Odometer.

Use As A Navagational Reference.

Route Sheet Is Not A Replacement For Common Sense.

How To Use A Route Sheet

At an event, you'll get your route sheet in a rider packet. It will be a sheet or 2 or 3 of paper (8 1/2 x 11 or 8 1/2 x 14 are both commonly used). The best ones will have 4 columns to a sheet. The 4 column spacing makes the scrolls a perfect width for any roll chart holder (we'll get there in a minute). Some promoters use a 3 column spacing. If this is the case, you have a 90% chance of having to trim your route sheet to make it fit.

What Do I Do Next?

You will need to cut the sheets into columns and tape them together, and there is a science to this!

1. Take your first column and lay it down face up. Take your next column and tape it so that the beginning edge of the second column is on top (with a slight overlap) of the bottom edge of the first column. Put tape across this edge on front and on back (Remember you're rolling this thing up in a box as you're riding. You'll thank me later!)

2. After all your columns have been taped together, your route sheet (roll chart) should look like a long skinny paper snake. Turn it over so the print side is facing down. Now run a length of tape from one end to the other (it can be a series of pieces of tape. What you are doing is reinforcing the strength of the paper so it won't rip on you out on the trail! If you don't do this and it get's wet...forget about finding your way!)

3. Now it's time to put it in the roll chart holder! Start with the end of the route, and tape it to the bottom spindle of the roll chart holder. Now wind it until the beginning is the only part not spooled. Now tape the beginning to the top spool and you'r ready to go!

How Do I Use One?

Simple. Follow the directions on the roll chart. But first you need to understand the system of abbreviations and instructions:

S = straight
R = right turn
L = left turn
BR = bear right (like at a fork in the road)
BL = bear left
X = cross
DR = dirt road (well maintained local dirt roads)
FR = forest road (a...forest road, could be paved, could be dirt)
JT = jeep trail (a FR that's a bit more "wild")
PR = paved road
GR = gravel or graded road
RR = railroad

STOP = stop (go figure, huh!)
RESET = roll your trip meter until it's reset to all zeros
Gas Avail = means there's gas available at this point or where the directions tell you to go. It may be directly on the route or a little ways off it.

Now What?

Next, what we do is add mileage to the equation.

0.0 R PR Smith Rd = At Smith Rd set your odometer to 0.0, turn right onto paved road, Smith Road and start riding.

0.3 L DR Hixon Rd = when your odometer hits 0.3 miles (or thereabouts) turn Left on dirt road: Hixon Rd., and keep riding.

1.3 PR SR567 STOP-RESET = when your tripmeter is at 1.3 you should be at a paved road, which is State Road 567. At this point you would stop and turn your trip meter back to zero and start the next section.

Pretty easy isn't it!

Cross-Florida Everglades Adventure

Suggested Self-Guided AdventureTour

Start: Bartow, FL

Overnight: Ochopee, FL

Legend

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BR = bear right
X = go across
RR = railroad trax
FR = Forest Road
DR= Dirt Road

All Direction Mileages Are Approximate. Your Mileage May Vary.

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Approx. Distance To Fuel Stations:
miles
miles
miles
miles

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miles

Total Approx. Miles:

SECTION A

Begin By Exiting Parking Lot facing Van Fleet Dr at intersection. Go Straight Thru Light and:

↑ 0.0 S SR60

→ 2.5 R PR Connersville Rd just past the Sheriff'sYouth Ranch

4.8 80 Foot Rd

STOP-RESET

SECTION B

→ 0.0 R PR 80Ft Rd

→ 1.1 R DR L. Steneger Rd

→ 2.0 R DR Cox Rd

↖ 2.5 BL DR Ledley Wear Rd

↑ 3.0 S DR

← 3.6 L DR Albritton Rd (unmarked)

↑ 4.1 S DR

4.6 PR 80Ft Rd

STOP - RESET

SECTION C

↑ 0.0 S X to DR Wieta Rd

← 1.0 L PR Reynolds Rd

→ 2.1 R PR Cox Rd (CR655A)

→ 3.1 R DR Pit Rd (just past lake)

← 4.1 L DR Phillips Rd (unmarked, by tower)

→ 4.6 R PR Perch Lake Rd

5.1 Alt Bab Park Cutoff

STOP - RESET

SECTION D

← 0.0 L PR Alt Bab Park Cutoff

→ 1.3 R PR Marshall Rd (by fence)

→ 1.8 R DR Rocker Rd at "T"

→ 2.8 R DR Rocker Rd (unmarked)

← 3.0 L PR Murphy Rd (CR640)

→ 3.9 R PR Sinkhole Rd (CR640)IN MIDDLE Of Curve!!!!

6.5 PR Lake Hendry Rd

STOP - RESET

SECTION E

← 0.0 L PR Lake Hendry Rd

↗ 1.8 BR PR Brooke Rd

← 2.3 L DR Stokes Rd

↑ 2.9 S PR Lake Hendry Rd

CAUTION FOR NEXT TURN!!!

↖ 3.4 BL DR J Jackson Rd

→ 3.9 R DR J Jackson Rd South

→ 4.6 R PR Lake Buffum Rd South

5.2 PR Lake Hendry Rd
STOP - RESET

SECTION F

↑ 0.0 S X PR to DR G. Smith Rd

← 1.3 L PR Brooke Rd North

2.7 PR Hwy 98
Gas/Snacks Available
STOP - RESET

SECTION G

→ 0.0 R PR Hwy 98

← 0.3 L PR Lanier Rd

← 1.0 L Story Rd

2.2 PR Hwy 98
STOP - RESET

SECTION H

← 0.0 L Hwy 98

→ 0.2 R DR Hugh Varn Rd

→ 1.8 R Adams Rd

2.2 PR Hwy 98
STOP - RESET

SECTION I

← 0.0 L PR Hwy 98

→ 8.3 Hwy 27
GAS Last Chance!
Top Off Here!
STOP - RESET

SECTION I-2
From Gas

Left on PR Hwy 98 heading west

X RR trax

Take First Left W. Frostproof Rd
STOP - RESET
to Section J

SECTION J

↑ 0.0 S PR W. Frostproof Rd

→ 2.3 R PR Otto Polk Rd

← 2.8 L DR Alico Clay Pit Rd

5.0 Avon Park Cutoff Rd
STOP - RESET

SECTION K

→ 0.0 R PR Avon Park Cutoff Rd

← 2.4 L PR W Bereah Rd/ Old Town Creek Rd

4.5 PR County Line Rd
STOP - RESET

SECTION L

↑ 0.0 S X to DR Old Town Creek Rd

↑ 2.0 S DR

5.0 PR SR64
STOP - RESET

SECTION M

↑ 0.0 S X SR to Parnell Rd NE

← 6.6 L PR N. Hammock Rd

STOP - RESET

SECTION N

↑ 0.0 S N. Hammock Rd

↑ 2.1 turns to dirt

→ 2.2 R DR S. Hammock Rd

↑ 2.4 turns paved

6.2 SR66

STOP - RESET

SECTION O

CAUTION THIS SECTION

HIGH SPEED TRAFFIC

KEEP RIGHT

← 0.0 L SR66

→ 6.2 R PR Payne Rd (across from green feed store building)

→ 8.0 R PR W. Josephine Rd

STOP - RESET

SECTION P

↑ 0.0 S PR W. Josephine Rd

↖ 5.5 BL turns into Margurite Rd (Good photo op of wide open Florida!)

↑ 5.7 turns dirt

→ 7.8 R DR 10 Mile Grade Rd (at Bluehead Ranch gate, do not enter ranch)

↑ 12.6 S DR 10 Mile Grade

→ 13.8 R DR 10 Mile Grade

(can't go any other way!)

18.1 PR Crewsville Rd

STOP - RESET

SECTION Q

← 0.0 L PR Crewsville Rd

← 2.8 L DR Fish Branch Rd

STOP - RESET

SECTION R

← 0.0 L DR Fish Branch Rd

→ 2.3 BR turns to Pierce/ Fish Branch Rd

← 9.3 L PR Chinook R turns into N. Tennessee St (turn is before US17/35)

10.6 US17/37

STOP - RESET

SECTION S

← 0.0 L PR US 17/35

→ 2.0 R PR NE Cubitis Ave (by RV park)

←5.7 L PR NE McKay St

→5.7+ R US17 Get In Left Lane

←5.9 L to NE Turner Ave

→9.2 R Hwy 70

9.5 Gas

9.7 R N 10th Ave

Lunch

BullzEye BBQ is tucked in the corner on the plaza on the right...

STOP - RESET

It is 4 Hours To The Campground. You Must Leave Here By 1pm

SECTION T

From BullsEye, Go L 0.2 and turn R on Airport Rd. Winn Dixie on corner

Reset

↑0.0 S Airport Rd

←4.0 L PR CR760A

→5.0 R PR CR763/Hog Bay Rd

←10.9 L PR CR763

13.1 PR SR31

STOP - RESET

SECTION U

→0.0 R PR SR31

←8.5 L PR CR74 at flashing light

→28.1 R DR CR731/ Firetower Rd

STOP - RESET

SECTION V

↑0.0 S DR Firetower Rd

↑8.6 S PR Firetower Rd at firetower

←10.9 L Whidden Rd

11.3 PR SR78/29

STOP - RESET

SECTION W

→0.0 R PR SR78/29

→1.4 R PR SR80 at light

←1.4+ L SR29/S. Main St.(at Mc D's)

→ 25.6 R at light

Immokalee Rd/ S 1st St/ CR846

→ 26.1 R GAS. LAST GAS!

STOP - RESET

SECTION X

→0.0 R on Immokalee Rd/ S 1st St/ CR846

←2.5 L PR Camp Keais Rd at light

9.0 PR Oil Well Rd

STOP - RESET

Time To Campground:
1 Hour by Bypass
2 Hours by Main
Plan Accordingly

Choose Bypass or Scroll ahead to Section Y

Bypass

←0.0 L PR Oil Well Rd CR858

→4.5 R PR SR29 south

←31.8 L PR Tamiami Trail /US41/SR90 (gas available)

36.1 World's Smallest Post Office

→37.4 R into campground

SECTION Y

Main Route

→0.0 R Oil Well Rd/ CR858W

←6.1 L Desoto Blvd

→10.3 R Golden Gate Blvd at Stop Sign

12.1 L Everglades Blvd at light

17.4 over I-75

17.7 Rd Turns to Dirt.

STOP - RESET

Forest Speed Limit is 30mph. Please Obey Speed Limit.

SECTION Z

0.0 S DR Everglades Blvd

0.4 R DR 52nd Ave SE

1.5 Forestry HQ

1.9 L PR Miller Blvd

7.8 L 100th Ave SE at Stop Sign

8.6 across bridge turns to dirt

12.5 waterfall on left

14.5 R Janes Memorial Scenic Dr

14.7 Forest Kiosk on R

STOP - RESET

SECTION AA

SPEED LIMIT 25mph.

Watch for alligators on roadway!

0.0 S DR Janes Scenic

10.9 Slow-Quiet - Low Dust - Houses

11.4 BL and around

11.7 SR29

STOP - RESET

SECTION BB

0.0 L PR SR29

1.3 R DR Wagon Wheel Rd/ CR837

3.9 R DR Birdon Rd/ CR841

8.2 L PR Tamiami Tr

9.1 Smallest Post Office

10.4 R Campground

End of Day One

Day 2 Cross-Florida Everglades Adventure

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miles
miles
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miles

Total Approx. Miles:

SECTION A

←0.0 L PR Taniami Trail

5.6 Gas

STOP-RESET

SECTION B

↑ 0.0 North on SR29

←2.4 L CR837 Slow-Quiet-Next 3 Miles

↗ 2.6 BR and around

14.6 Exit Janes Scenic. At 100th Ave SE

STOP - RESET

SECTION C

←0.0 L GR 100th Ave SE

→6.7 R DR Miller Blvd

→12.7 R 52nd Ave SE

←14.3 L PR Everglades Blvd

14.8 turns to paved before I-75

STOP - RESET

SECTION D

↑0.0 North on Everglades Blvd

→9.3 R PR CR858 Oilwell Rd

←17.3 L PR Camp Keais Rd

STOP - RESET

SECTION E

↑0.0 S North on Camp Keais Rd

→5.2 R Imokalee Rd/ CR846

←8.2 L Main St

8.7 Gas on Right

STOP - RESET

SECTION F

To Labelle
0.0 R on Main Street in same direction...

→24.7 R main st by McD's

←24.7+ L SR29/78

←26.1 L Whidden Rd
by County Sign

STOP - RESET

SECTION G

↑0.0 S Whidden Rd

→0.4 R at intersection Firetower Rd /CR720

↑2.4 S at "Y" DR Firetower Rd/ CR731

10.9 PR CR74

STOP - RESET

SECTION I

←0.0 L PR CR74

→19.8 R PR SR31 @ lite

←28.4 L PR CR763 E. Farms Rd

STOP - RESET

SECTION J

↑0.0 S on Famrms Rd

→2.1 R Hog Bay Rd CR763 Stop Sign

←8.1 L CR760A

11.9 PR US17/SR35

STOP - RESET

SECTION K

→0.0 R PR US17/SR35

←0.7 L CR760 (gas available)

→5.5 R PR CR769 north

7.8 PR SR72

STOP - RESET

SECTION L

←0.0 L CR72

→0.6 R Barrow Ave

←3.7 L PR Pinelevel St

→4.2 R NW Florida Ave

5.6 SR70

STOP - RESET

SECTION M

→0.0 R SR70

←1.1 L Lily Grade Rd/ CR665

←8.6 L PR CR665

→9.0 R to Solomon's Castle

This is the Official End Of The Route. The Remaining Route is the suggested way to return to Bartow on Paved and Dirt Roads.

From Solomon's Castle, Return to CR665 and RESET to 0.0

SECTION N

← 0.0 L PR CR665

← 1.3 L DR Post Plant Rd

↑ 4.5 S X to DR Goose Pond Rd

10.3 PR CR663

STOP - RESET

SECTION O

← 0.0 L PR CR663

→ 0.1 R SR64

→ 0.3 gas available

← 1.2 L PR Dink Albritton Rd

→ 4.0 R PR Vandolah Rd

← 5.8 L PR Shontag Rd

→ 6.6 R Shontag Rd

← 7.4 L Hampton Rd

← 10.7 L PR Polk Rd

12.1 SR62

STOP - RESET

SECTION P

0.0 L PR SR62

0.7 R DR Mansfield Rd (Beware of Dog!)

1.5 R DR Wilkerson Rd (Beware of Dog!)

2.0 L PR Hobb Rd

3.0 turns dirt

3.8 L PR Doc Coil Rd

4.9 CR664 at yield sign

STOP - RESET

SECTION Q

0.0 S PR CR664

0.4 R Rollins Rd

0.9 L PR Pool Rd

1.6 S Pool Rd

2.5 R District Line Rd

5.1 turns to dirt

9.4 R PR Old Brewster Rd

9.5 L PR Old Brewster Rd DO NOT ENTER MINE ROAD!

10.6 PR CR630

STOP - RESET

SECTION R

0.0 S X to PR CR555

6.2 R PR CR640

7.4 L PR Noralyn Mine Rd

10.6 BR South Floral Ave

Follow Up To Main Street Then

R Main St

Follow Main Street

At Fork BL to Hwy 17

L on Hwy 17 northbound

Take over bridge to a L on Hwy 60

Return to Wally World...

End Of Suggested Route

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