

Diamond Back Cruise September 7th

The Diamondback, NC 226A, is one of the last great stretches of Western North Carolina mountain roads.

The Diamondback is loaded with switchbacks that double back almost 360-degrees, strings of linked S-curves and a steady climb through lush green forest.

Meet at Cracker Barrel in Duncan at 9:00 AM for Breakfast

Cracker Barrel Location: I-85 north to exit 63 turn right .3 miles on the left

Leaving from Cracker Barrel in Duncan at 10 :15 AM

Route to Diamond Back:.

I-85 north to Exit 70 to I-26 West

Exit 67 to 74 East Exit 178 to 221 north

To 226 on to 226a **The Diamond Back**

Lunch: at Little Switzerland Inn

After lunch we will take the Blueridge Parkway to Rt 80 and work our way back to I-26 and finally to I-85 South.

Some of you expressed concern about the pace once we started on the The Diamond Back trail, I suggest those of you who prefer to enjoy the ride at a slower pace, would follow more to the rear of the caravan.

That will make the ride more enjoyable for everyone. If we get separated during the Ride we will stop at the next possible location so we can all catch up. No need to run red lights. You will use $\frac{3}{4}$ +/- of a tank of gas. If anyone has walkie talkies please bring them.

I would like a head count to call ahead for lunch.

Any questions please call or text me at **860-806-1241**

