

# Diamond Back Cruise July 26<sup>th</sup>

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

Will stop at the BP station in Rutherfordton, corner of 221-108 -74

**Lunch:** Location to be Determined: Mountain View Inn is available we will have a wait for lunch .The Inn at Little Switzerland is booked solid. Another Corvette Club will be there (40) and they have 4 other events .

After lunch we will take the Blueridge Parkway South stopping just past mile marker 348 to an overlook on the left and stopping again at the visitor center (restrooms) available.

We will leave the Parkway at the first Ashville exit. 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.

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