

2025
Manassas HOG
Riding Retreat



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August 7 - 10
Athens, OH

HOG
MANASSAS VA CHAPTER

"closed" rides open only to MHOG members and 1 guest per member

Head for The Hills

Ride

Thursday, August 7
8:00 am @ Bristow Sheetz

335-mile route
arrives @ Athens Fairfield Inn ~ 6 pm

We're headed for the hills of Southeast Ohio and twisties that offer "countless curves, without the crowds."

We start by taking I-66 out to travel the entire length of West Virginia's US-48 with its panoramic views of the Allegheny Mountains.

In Philippi, we'll cross the state's longest and oldest covered bridge, then grab lunch in West Union at the Fairview Diner.

Following the first of four Harley dealership stops on the retreat, we'll take a group photo in Parkersburg at a civil war fort overlooking the picturesque valley formed by the confluence of the Ohio and Little Kanawha Rivers.

Our first day's ride will conclude at our "home base" hotel just in time for dinner.



The Triple Nickel Ride

Friday, August 8
8:15 am @ Athens Fairfield Inn

250-mile route
concludes ~ 5 pm

Known as Ohio's Tail of the Dragon, Route 555 is a 62-mile stretch that will challenge even the most experienced riders. While its rolling hills, forests, and farmlands are certainly scenic, it's the road that brings bikers here. It twists and turns, sometimes without warning, and is sure to keep you on edge. On Friday, Manassas HOG conquers it.

We begin our ride bearing south to Pomeroy, where we pick up the Ohio River Scenic Byway as it winds its way northwest to Little Hocking. Following a 16-mile preview of Route 555, we'll dine at the Triple Nickel Diner.

After lunch, we'll pay a visit to Finks H-D up in Zanesville, then ride the Triple Nickel south for a full hour.

A full day of gorgeous views and skilled weaving through rolling hills.



The Mothman

Ride

Saturday, August 9
8:30 am @ Athens Fairfield Inn

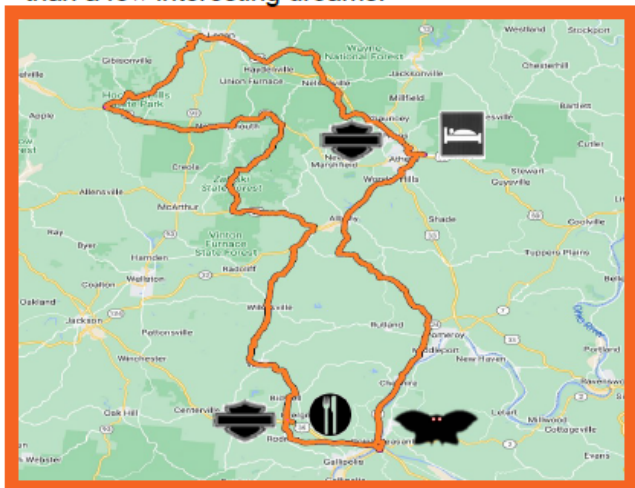
175-mile route
concludes ~ 5 pm

We start Saturday with an early stop at Athens Harley. We then roll west through Hocking Hills State Park and cut south to the H-D dealership in Bidwell by way of the Zaleski State Forest.

Our next route leg takes us to Gallipolis and grub at McClure's Family Restaurant. After lunch, we briefly cross the Ohio River into West Virginia to tour the world's only mothman museum.

Wait, what? Said to be seven feet tall with massive wings and glowing red eyes, the Mothman is a humanoid creature first seen in Point Pleasant, WV, in the winter of 1966-67. Google it; believe.

Following an afternoon full of legend and folklore, our group will trek the lower portion of the Ohio River Scenic Byway and return to our hotel for a night of rest that is sure to be interrupted by more than a few interesting dreams.



Bye Bye Buckeye Ride

Sunday, August 10
7:45 am @ Athens Fairfield Inn

360-mile route
returns to Manassas ~ 6 pm

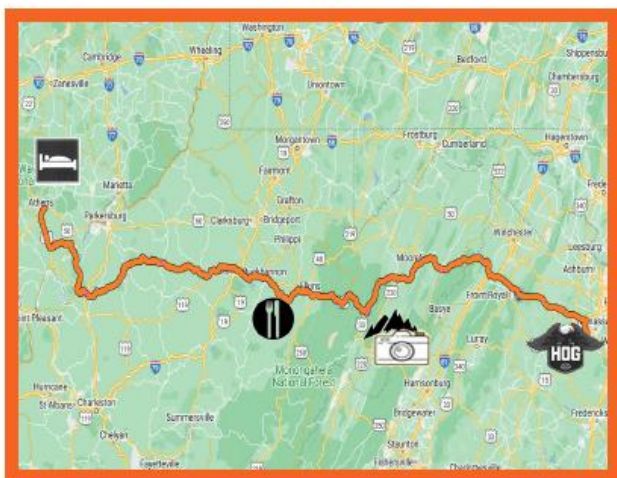
Our last route is the longest, so we'll start out early as we bid farewell to the Buckeye State.

Sunday first finds us bearing south then cutting over to follow the path of the Ohio River once more, ultimately crossing it into West Virginia on the Ravenswood Bridge. From there we head east through the likes of Pewee, WV, to pick up the Staunton Turnpike as it winds through Thursday (the town), Burnt House, Troy and Weston.

US-33 will take us east, with a Huddle House lunch stop, all the way to Seneca Rocks, where will pause for a group portrait.

By mid-afternoon, our group will be rolling down WV-55 through Baker and eventually to I-66 and a return to Manassas about dinnertime.

A nice end to a memorable retreat.





**Ride Safe
Ride Often
Ride Manassas HOG**



Retreat Hotel

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