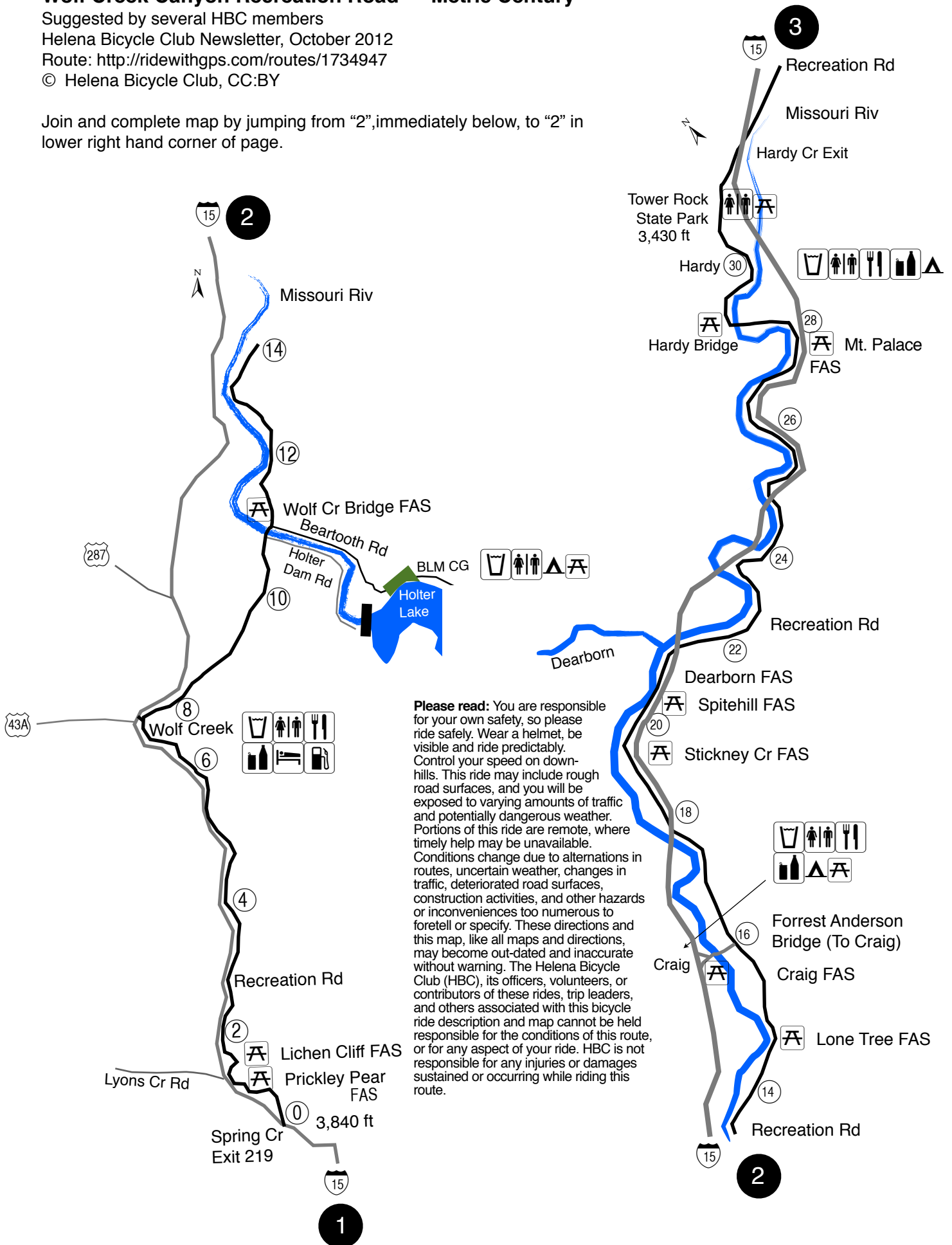


# Wolf Creek Canyon Recreation Road — Metric Century

Suggested by several HBC members  
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 Route: <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/1734947>  
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**Length:** 100 kilometers, 62.1 miles (variable, see below).

**Route:** Can easily begin at either end, at Wolf Creek, or at Craig. From Spring Creek Exit to Tower Rock State Park, and back again, is about 102 kilometers or 62.6 miles.

**Road condition:** Good asphalt pavement, no shoulders.

**Traffic:** Generally low, some fishing traffic on weekends.

**Terrain:** A few small hills throughout, mostly flat.

**Difficulty:** Easy, but at 100k, if you ride the whole enchilada, getting toward the longish side.

**Description:** Easy road ride, a very scenic trip under stunning cliffs, alongside two beautiful rivers and by a gorgeous stream. There's good birding-by-bike: expect to see kingfishers, eagles, ducks, pelicans, geese, and assorted little brown birds. Good to excellent burgers (and the like) in Craig and Wolf Creek. There are many ideal places for a picnic. Many of the FWP Fishing Access Sites (FASs) allow camping, but lack water. Not all FASs are equally inviting for campers.

**Best Time:** Anytime when there's no snow. Weekdays are quiet and lovely, but except for the busiest weekends of summer, Saturday and Sunday are splendid as well.

**Cautions:** Watch for fallen rocks under cliffs and through road-cuts. \* Headwinds in these magnificent canyons can be discouraging. \* If there's a hatch, fisherman (and women) with pickups and raft trailers have sometimes been known to zoom, blinded by May Fly Fever, along the same Recreation Road you're enjoying on bicycle.

**Bonus side trip:** Add a side trip, with a bit of climbing, by going to BLM campground above Holter Dam.

Miles North-bound	Miles South-bound	Kilo-meters North-bound	Kilo-meters South-bound	Landmarks
				'Fishing Access Site', abbreviated 'FAS'
0.0	31.8	0.0	50.9	I-15 Exit Spring Creek Exit 219, MDT Mile 0, there's parking just north of the off-ramp. There is north-bound access from I-15 to the Recreation Road, but no south-bound access from I-15 to the Rec Rd. If driving from the north, you must exit at Wolf Creek and drive south along Recreation Road to Spring Creek Exit.
0.8	31.0	1.3	49.6	Prickley Pear Fishing Access (FAS); Parking with picnic table, restroom (north)
1.6	30.2	2.6	48.3	Lyons Creek Road (west), Lichen Cliff FAS, restroom, picnic tables
7.8	24.0	12.5	38.4	Wolf Creek, interstate overpass, restaurant/bars, both sides of I-15, Canyon Store convenience store and gasoline on recreation road 0.2 miles North from I-15 underpass road
10.9	20.9	17.4	33.4	Holter Dam Road, bridge
11.1	20.7	17.8	33.1	Wolf Cr Bridge FAS, parking, picnic tables, restrooms, (west). Bonus side trip: Beartooth Road to Holter Lake campgrounds (east), BLM Campground (fee) 2.4 miles, 3.9k each way, hilly, some 10% grade
14.9	16.9	23.8	27.0	Lone Tree Fishing Access Site, parking, restroom
15.9	15.9	25.4	25.4	Forrest Anderson Bridge to Craig, from Rec. Rd. 1/3 mile from Craig FAS, parking, restroom, picnic tables, fishing access, C-store, seasonal restaurants/bars (west); Good place to begin ride (cross bridge, ride north or south, return, ride south or north, return)
18.5	13.3	30	21.3	Interstate underpass
19.5	12.3	31	19.7	Stickney Creek FAS, parking, restrooms, picnic tables
20.2	11.6	32.3	18.6	Spitehill FAS, parking, restroom
21.4	10.4	34.2	16.6	Interstate underpass, Dearborn River (west)
21.8	10.0	34.9	16.0	Dearborn FAS, parking, restroom, picnic tables
25.3	6.5	40.5	10.4	Interstate underpass
27.6	4.2	44.2	6.7	Canyon Access Interstate interchange
28.8	3.0	46.1	4.8	Mountain Palace FAS, parking, restrooms, picnic tables
29.5	2.3	47	3.7	Hardy Bridge, picnic table, no restroom
30.2	1.6	48.3	2.6	Hardy — Prewett RV Park, Missouri Inn Restaurant and Bar (small C-store, water in restroom)
31.8	0.0	50.9	0.0	Tower Rock State Park, parking, restroom; good place to begin ride; Hardy Creek I-15 exit immediately to east

\*Measuring distances is tricky, your mileage may vary. Car odometers, bike computers, and GPS units all yield different values. Actual distances are probably within 5% plus or minus as shown.