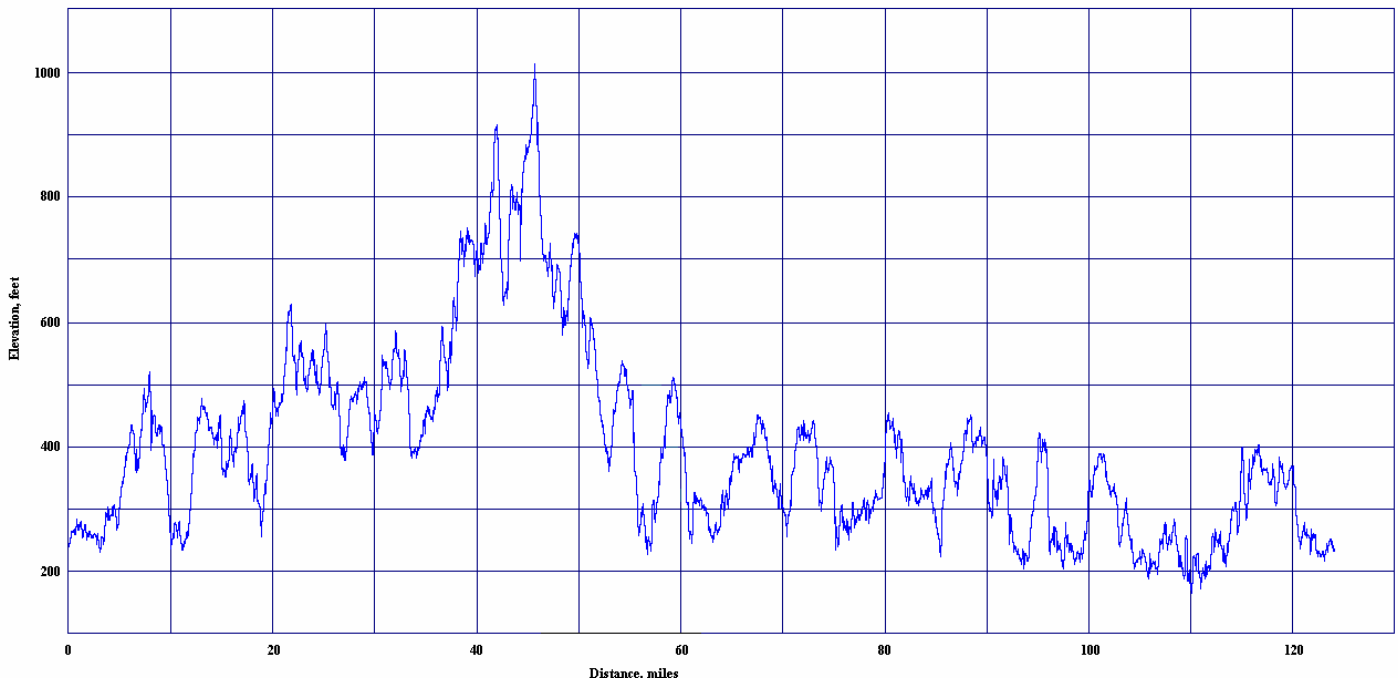


2009 Double Metric Century (distance: 125.2 miles, elevation gain: ≈5400 ft, average elevation gain: 43.0 ft/mi)

The 2009 Double Metric Century route, see blue line in the attached image, starts at Museum Field at Devens. Following a short ride along the base roads, the route exits Devens through the east gate. After quickly skirting the Ayer rotary, the ride heads south through Harvard, Bolton, and on to Berlin (1st pit). Following quiet roads, the ride goes around the southern end of the Wachusett Reservoir and then heads north towards Clinton (2nd pit). The route then heads west on very hilly roads through Sterling Center and out towards Leominster State Park before passing through Lancaster (3rd pit). Continuing north through Lancaster, the ride follows Rte 117 and Rte 70 then turns onto Old Turnpike Rd near Rte 2 before heading through Shirley Center and on towards North Shirley (4th pit). From here, the ride follows quiet back roads through West Groton, Townsend Harbor, and Pepperell before heading north on Rte 122 into Hollis, NH (5th pit). Continuing north for a short distance, the ride heads east towards Nashua on back roads, then turns south, winding its way towards the southwest corner of Nashua near the MA/NH border (6th pit). The ride then takes quiet roads towards Dunstable before turning southwest and heading back towards Groton and returning to Museum Field at Devens (7th pit). Most of the ride is tree lined and shaded and passes ponds, orchards, farms, beautiful homes, horse ranches, and other scenic areas. The loop out towards Leominster State Park offers views of Wachusett Mountain and the surrounding area. The table below shows the pit to pit distances, the elevation gain for a given leg, and the total mileage and elevation gain for the entire route. The route committee **STRONGLY** recommends that people planning to complete the double metric century be capable of averaging 16 mph for three hours over hilly terrain. At this speed, a rider will require a little less than 8 hours (not including pit stops) to finish the ride. **Riders MUST have a road bike to attempt the double metric century. All riders wishing to complete the double metric century must be in the Hollis pit no later than 12:45 PM (assuming a 6:30 AM start time).** A rider reaching this pit after 12:45 PM will be turned off onto the Metric Century route and will not be allowed to complete the double metric century route.

2009 Century Ride Mileage and Elevation Gain

Leg	Description	Leg Mileage	Leg Gain	Total Mileage	Total Gain
1	Devens to Berlin	17.6	968	17.6	968
2	Berlin to Clinton	16.1	916	33.7	1884
3	Clinton to Lancaster	28.3	1298	62.0	3182
4	Lancaster to North Shirley	12.7	419	74.7	3601
5	North Shirley to Hollis, NH	15.3	593	90.0	4194
6	Hollis, NH to SW Nashua, NH	18.2	587	108.2	4781
7	SW Nashua, NH to Devens	17.0	608	125.2	5389



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