

2009 Metric Century (distance: 64.4 miles, elevation gain: ≈2200 ft, average elevation gain: 34.2 ft/mi)

The 2009 Metric Century, see blue line in the attached image, route 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 where it splits from the century and continues south towards Lancaster (1st pit). Continuing north through Lancaster, the ride follows Rte 70 then turns onto Old Turnpike Rd near Rte 2 before heading through Shirley Center and then North Shirley (2nd 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 (3rd pit). The ride again splits from the century turning south and winding its way towards the southwest corner of Nashua near the MA/NH border (4th pit). The ride then takes quiet roads towards Dunstable before turning southwest and heading back towards Groton and returning to Museum Field at Devens (5th pit). Most of the ride is tree lined and shaded and passes ponds, orchards, farms, beautiful homes, horse ranches, and other scenic areas. 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 recommends that people planning to complete the Metric Century be capable of averaging 12 mph for three hours over hilly terrain. At this speed, a rider will require 5¼ hours (not including pit stops) to finish the ride. **All riders wishing to complete the Metric Century must be in the Hollis pit no later than 12:45 PM (assuming a 8:00 AM start time).** A rider reaching this pit after 12:45 PM will be SAG'ed to the next pit (i.e., Nashua Rail Trail) or back to Devens.

2009 Metric Century Ride Mileage and Elevation Gain

Leg	Description	Leg Mileage	Leg Gain	Total Mileage	Total Gain
1	Devens to Lancaster	13.0	493	13.0	493
2	Lancaster to North Shirley	12.8	419	25.8	912
3	North Shirley to Hollis, NH	15.3	597	41.1	1509
4	Hollis, NH to SW Nashua, NH	6.3	148	47.4	1657
5	SW Nashua, NH to Devens	17.0	543	64.4	2200



