

2011 Century Ride (distance: 101.3 miles, elevation gain: ≈4100 ft, average elevation gain: 40.2 ft/mi)

The 2011 Century route, see red 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). Continuing north through Lancaster, the ride follows Rte 70 then turns onto Old Turnpike Rd near Rte 2 before heading through Shirley Center and on towards West Groton (3rd pit). From here, the ride follows quiet back roads through Pepperell before heading north on Rte 122 towards Hollis and into Amherst, NH (4th 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 (5th pit). The ride then takes quiet roads towards Dunstable before turning southwest and heading back towards Groton and returning to Museum Field at Devens (6th 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 century be capable of averaging 13 mph for three hours over hilly terrain. At this speed, a rider will require approximately 8 hours (not including pit stops) to finish the ride.

2011 Century Ride Mileage and Elevation Gain

Leg	Description	Leg Mileage	Leg Gain	Total Mileage	Total Gain
1	Devens to Berlin	17.6	856	17.6	856
2	Berlin to Clinton	16.1	916	33.7	1772
3	Clinton to West Groton	18.2	570	51.9	2342
4	West Groton to Amherst, NH	16.1	762	68.0	3104
5	Amherst, NH to SW Nashua, NH	16.0	421	84.0	3525
6	SW Nashua, NH to Devens	17.3	546	101.3	4071



