

2011 Metric Century Ride (distance: 62.1 miles, elevation gain: ≈2200 ft, average elevation gain: 35.8 ft/mi)

The 2010 Metric Century route, see red line in the attached image, starts at Museum Field at Devens. Following a short loop around the base roads, the route exits Devens near the north gate and heads towards Shirley center then on to West Groton (1st pit). From here, the ride follows quiet back roads through Pepperell before heading north on Rte 122 towards Hollis and into Amherst, NH (2nd 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 (3rd pit). The ride then takes quiet roads towards Dunstable before turning southwest and heading back towards Groton and returning to Museum Field at Devens (4th 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.

2011 Metric Century Ride Mileage and Elevation Gain

Leg	Description	Leg Mileage	Leg Gain	Total Mileage	Total Gain
1	Devens to West Groton	12.7	496	12.7	496
2	West Groton to Amherst, NH	16.1	762	28.8	1258
3	Amherst, NH to SW Nashua, NH	16.0	421	44.8	1679
4	SW Nashua, NH to Devens	17.3	546	62.1	2225



