

The **Hytop Loop** travels 67 miles over some of the most beautiful and unusual roads in the area. The route is almost continuously up-and-down, mostly gently rolling but it includes several hills and one long climb. The second rest stop, at mile 31, is currently **CLOSED** so stock up at the first stop, it's 39 miles to the second stop.

Directions to start: The **Paint Rock Valley High School** is located about 45 minutes from Huntsville in the small town of **Princeton**. From Huntsville take **I-565** east to **HWY-72**...

Travel **East** on **HWY-72** 15.4 miles to **AL-65** (two miles past Gurley, just as HWY-72 curves to the right) and turn **Left/North**

Travel **North** on **AL-65** 14.5 miles to **Princeton**. The high school is located on the left, just past the Princeton Post Office, 250 feet down **AL-3**.

Miles	Turn	Description	Leg
0.0	Right-Left	east on AL-65	3.1
3.1	Right	on AL-146	0.6
3.7	Begin Climb	1030' in 2.7 miles 7.2% average grade	5.7
9.4	Rest Stop	convenience store at intersection	-
9.4	Left	north on AL-79	10.3
19.7	Continue	AL-79 becomes TN-16 at the Tennessee state line	11.5
31.2	Rest Stop Closed	Keith Springs Market/Restaurant (Currently CLOSED)	-
31.2	Continue	north on TN-16	0.8
32.0	Begin Descent	766' in 1.4 miles 10.4% average grade	2.4
34.4	Left	on Farris Chappel Road	0.9
35.3	Left	on Farris Lane (watch - hidden road sign)	0.9
36.2	Left	on Rogli Road	0.1
36.3	Right	on Shockley Road	0.5
36.8	Left	on Crawford Lane	0.6

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37.4	Left	on Buncombe Road (first left) (climb 140' in 0.5 miles, 5%)	5.5
42.9	Left	on Hickory Grove Road (watch - easy to miss)	1.0
43.9	Right	to stay on Hickory Grove Road	2.9
46.8	Bear Left	on Beans Creek Road	0.4
47.2	Continue	Beans Creek Road becomes Alabama Street	0.7
47.9	Right-Left-Right	onto Main Street	0.3
48.2	Rest Stop	convenience store on right	-
48.2	South	on Main Street	0.5
48.7	Left	Gore Street (street sign at right)	0.7
49.4	Right	on TN-97 / Francisco Road	1.4
50.8	Begin climb	200' in one mile, 4% avg grade	3.0
53.8	Continue	TN-97 becomes AL-65 at the Alabama state line (Sharp left curve at bottom of descent)	10.0
63.8	Right	to stay on AL-65	3.1
66.9	Right-Left	Finish at Paint Rock Valley High School	-