

# Outline Northern Loop High Country Back Roads Tour



## CD Tracks or stops

### West Jefferson to Warrentonville: Leg #1

1. Intro
  - Ashe Arts Center
  - Ashe County Cheese
- 2 Phoenix Chair Factory (Thomasville Furniture) now Jefferson Station
  - Downtown Murals
  - Old Hotel & Train Depot & McNeil's Dept Store
  - Farmers Market
  - Library
- 3 WSKS/Radio Hill
  - Smethport/
  - Skyline
  - Buffalo Creek – one of first areas settled
  - Stikes Holler – typical mountain holler
  - Devils Stairs – Old railroad bed
  - Creeper Trail
  - Churches

### Warrentonville to Lansing: Leg #2

4. Intro to New River
  - Mention of industries
  - Lansing –
    - history
    - music
    - Old Lansing School and nearby old buildings
  - Role of Volunteer Fire Depts. In rural communities

### Lansing to Helton: Leg #3

5. Significance of agriculture
  - Christmas Trees
  - Intro to Helton
    - history

- Big Helton Creek
  - old mills
  - trout fishing
  - overall scenic drive

*Helton to Jefferson: Leg #4*

6. Route new 16 to Healing Springs Road
  - Healing Springs School
  - The Healing Springs
7. Riverside General Store/Crumpler Post Office
  - Tobacco
  - Phoenix Lodge, Phoenix Mountain and Phoenix Chair
8. Ashe Park & Farm Heritage Museum

*Jefferson to Todd: Leg #5*

9. Old Courthouse Museum
10. Ashe Memorial Hospital, primary care facility
11. Mt. Jefferson State Natural Area
  - Wildlife viewing
  - picnicking
12. St. Mary's Church (frescoes)
  - Golf Courses
  - Christmas trees
13. NC Scenic Highway to Todd
  - Significance of timber
  - History of area
  - Virginia Creeper
  - General Store
  - Local Music