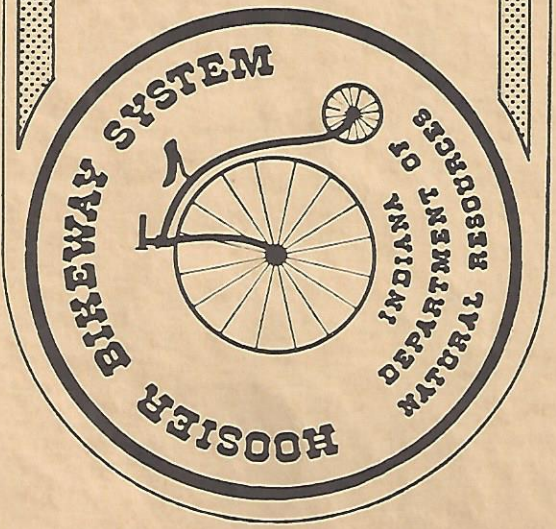


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CENTRAL INDIANA ROUTE

When completed, the HOOSIER BIKEWAY SYSTEM will provide the bicyclist with hundreds of miles of scenic bike routes connecting urban centers and recreational facilities throughout Indiana. Together, the Whitewater Valley Route and the Hoosier Hills Route connect Richmond in east-central Indiana to Madison, located on the Ohio River, and provide access to Whitewater Memorial State Park, Versailles State Park, and Clifty Falls State

Park. These routes and the Central Indiana Route are typical of the majority of routes planned as components of the system — a route along lightly traveled, paved country roads through quiet towns and beautiful countryside, avoiding highways, the mainstream of automobiles, and crowded cities wherever possible. Other routes, such as the Calumet Trail which is located within a leased utility corridor and provides access to the Indiana Dunes State Park and National Lakeshore, will be exclusive hiking and biking trails. Plans have been made for acquisition of abandoned railroad rights-of-way in order to expand this part of the system.

INTRODUCTION

This booklet provides detailed maps designed to aid bicyclists in navigation along the Central Indiana Route. Instructions accompanying each map provide general information such as direction of travel at intersections, essential services provided in towns, and approximate distance to the next landmark.

The base maps used are U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps (1:24,000 series reduced by 50%, 1 5/16 inches equal a mile, and 10 feet between contour lines). Topographic maps show landmarks such as cemeteries, schools, and water towers which can be used to double-check your location.

The Central Indiana Route was developed by the Division of Outdoor Recreation, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, with assistance from the Central Indiana Bicycling Association.

Maps of public roads by county to aid bicyclists can be obtained from Marbaugh Engineering and Supply Company, 4145 North Keystone Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46226, 317/632-4322, or from Print Graphics, Inc., 2502 East 52nd Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205, 317/251-4536. These maps are reproduced at a scale of 1/2" = 1 mile (\$1.25 per map) or 1" = 1 mile (\$2.50 per map).

A WORD OF CAUTION

The Central Indiana Route is rural in design, resulting in slow, relaxed riding. However, keep in mind that this is not a bicycle path. You are sharing the road with motorized vehicles, and your attention to safety is essential.

Because the bike route employs secondary county roads, (usually without shoulders) the road is not always in the best condition. In identifying the route, it was felt the reduced traffic and added scenic value far outweighed the disadvantages of slower riding speeds and periodic rougher riding.

USING THE MAPS

* Maps are presented in a north to south sequence. The text has been prepared for those traveling in either direction.

* Detailed maps are inserted where needed to show direction of travel through Indianapolis and at inter-sections. These insert maps are not drawn to scale.

* Road names are given only if they were posted when the field survey was conducted. If no sign was posted but the name is known, it is shown in parentheses.

*The following road abbreviations are used:

S.R. 46 State Road 46
40 W. County Road 40 West

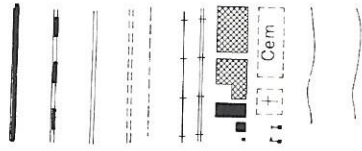
*If southbound, mileage is accumulated from left to right at the bottom of each elevation map. If northbound, mileage is accumulated from right to left and shown in parentheses above the southbound mileage.

*Maps begin and end with a dashed line (match line) which gives the relative orientation of one map to the next.

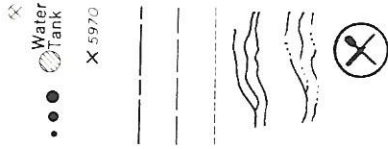
CAUTION: This route is also used by motor vehicles, ride in single file near the right edge of the roadway, observing traffic regulations and using hand signals. The Department of Natural Resources in no manner warrants the safety of the roads indicated on this map for use by bicyclists, but they are suggested as more suitable than most other roads in the area. The bicyclist assumes the risk of his own safety when using this route. The use of a tall, safety flag attached to the bicycle is recommended for increased visibility.

Map Symbols

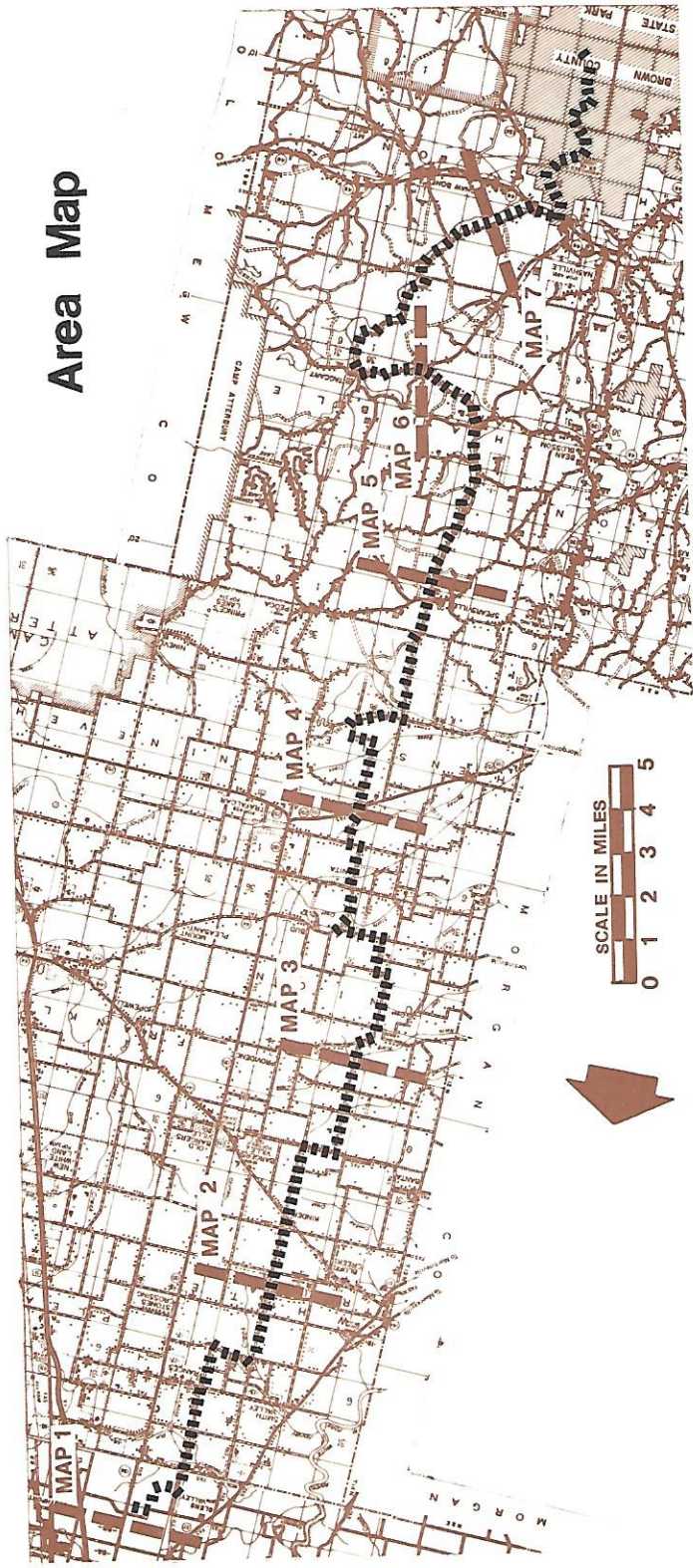
Hard surface, heavy duty road
 Hard surface, medium duty road
 Improved light duty road
 Unimproved dirt road — Trail
 Railroad: single track — multiple track
 Buildings (dwellings, place of employment, etc.)
 School-Church-Cemeteries
 Index contour
 Intermediate contour



Open pit, mine, or quarry
 Tanks: oil, water, etc.
 Checked spot elevation
 County
 Civil township, town
 Small park, cemetery, airport, etc.
 Perennial streams
 Intermittent streams
 Food/grocery store

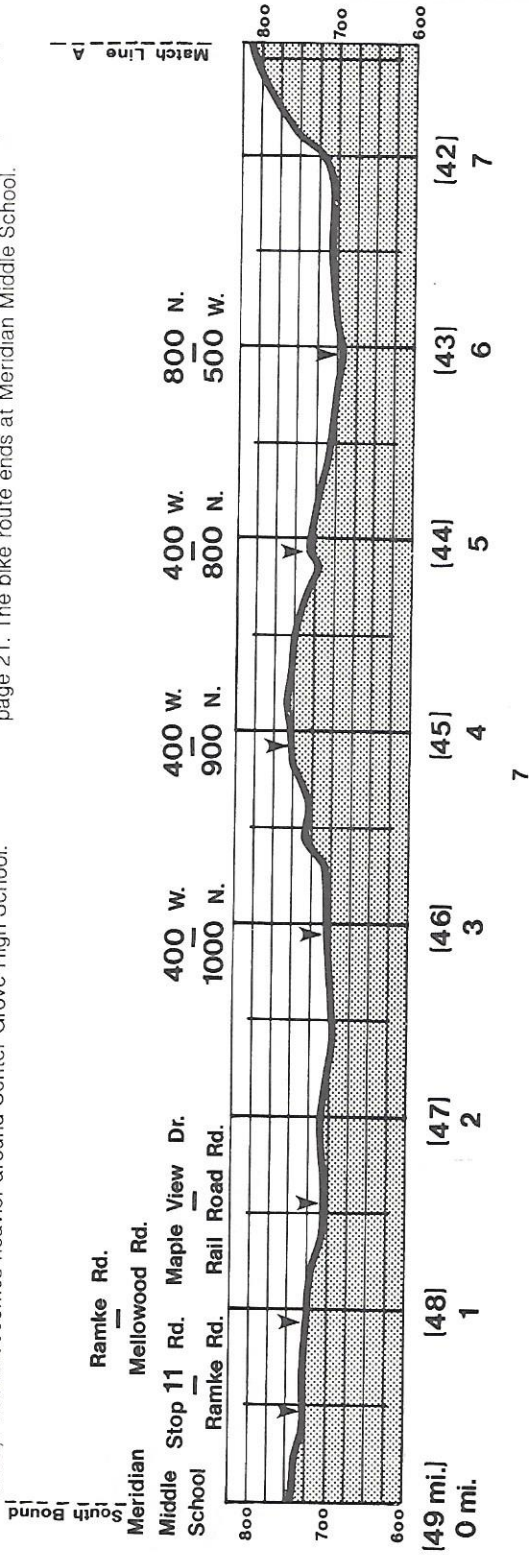


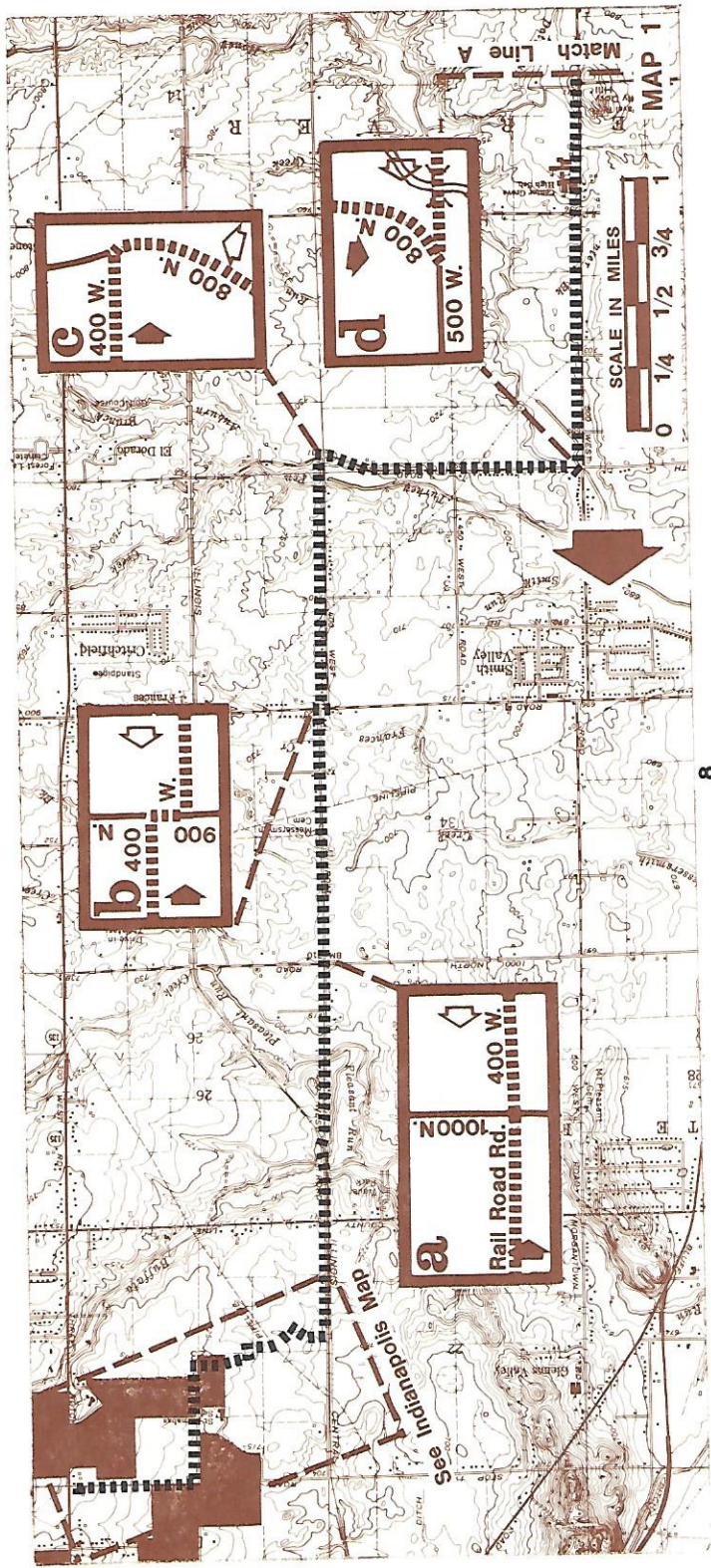
Area Map



S Begin the bike route at Meridian Middle School, located at 8040 S. Meridian. Refer to the Indianapolis Map, page 21. (a) The route continues south 2.5 mi. on Rail Road Rd. where it crosses 1000 N. and becomes 400 W. Continue south on 400 W. for 1 mi. until crossing 900 N. (b) Following a slight jog (approx. 200 ft.) to the right, continue 1 mi. to the intersection of 800 N. (c) Right on 800 N. for 1 mi. to 500 W. (d) Left on 500 W. for 2 mi. to Waterloo (garage and grocery store). Traffic becomes heavier around Center Grove High School.

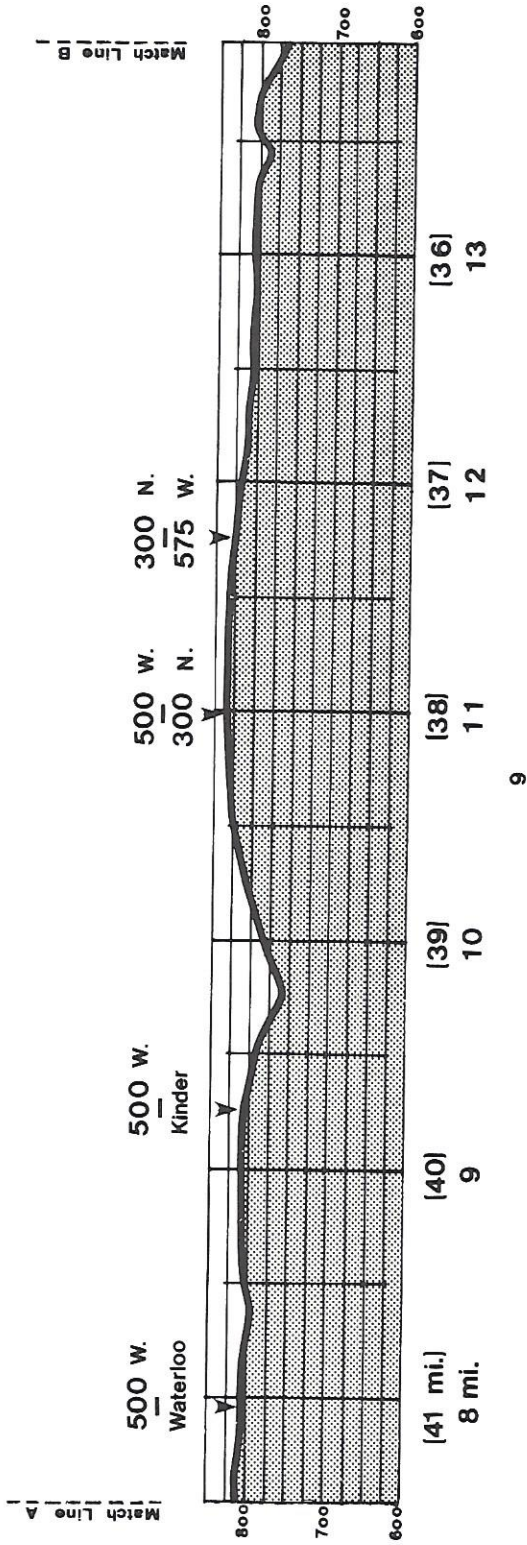
N From Waterloo continue north for 2 mi. to 800 N. Traffic becomes heavier around Center Grove High School. (d) Right on 800 N. for 1 mi. to 400 W. (c) Left on 400 W. (b) Continue north for 1 mi. until 400 W. crosses 900 N. Following a slight jog in the road (approx. 200 ft.) to the right, then continue north on 400 W. (a) The route continues north where it crosses 1000 N. and becomes Rail Road Rd. Continue north for 2.5 mi. to Maple View Dr. Refer to the Indianapolis Map, page 21. The bike route ends at Meridian Middle School.

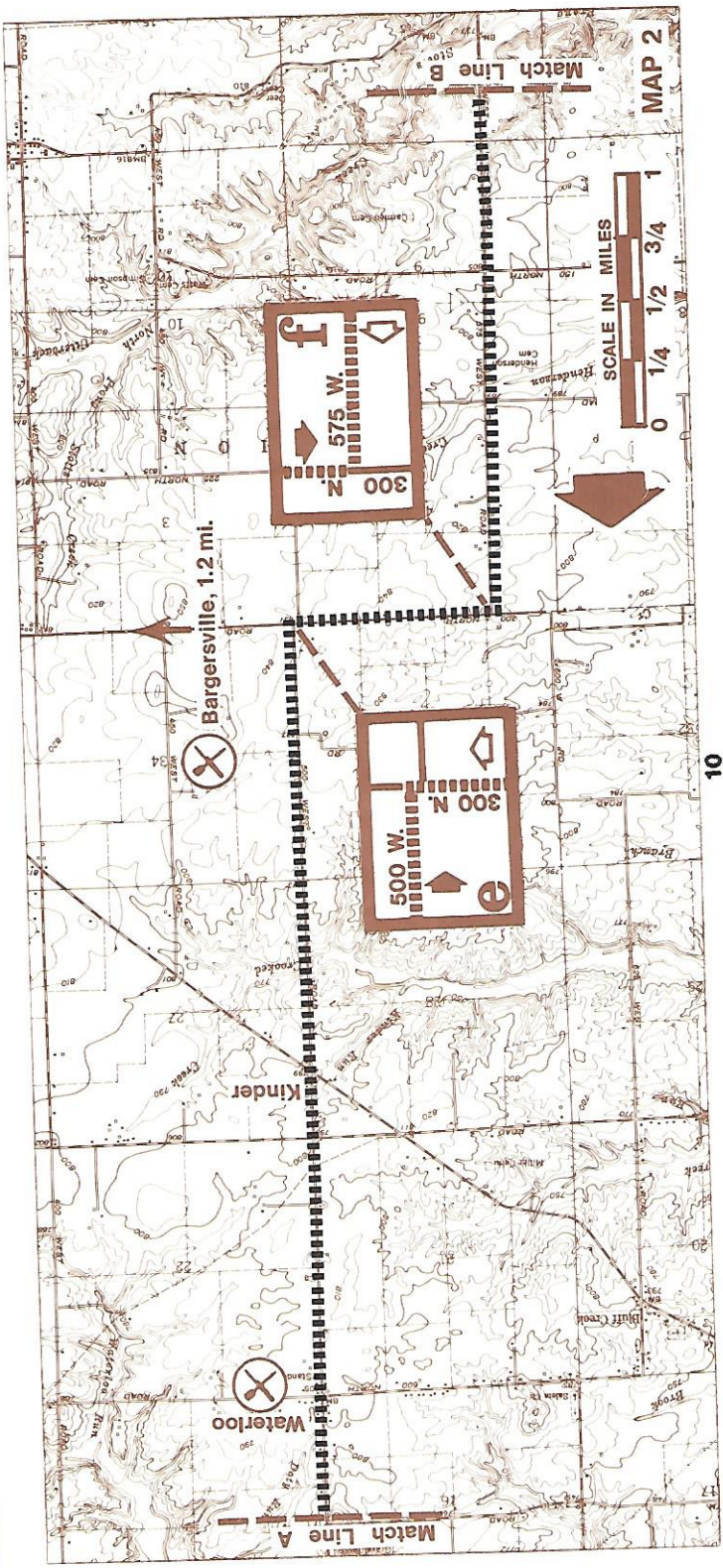




S Continue south from Waterloo on 500 W. for 1.2 mi. to Kinder (no facilities). Follow 500 W. 1.7 mi. to 300 N. (e) Right on 300 N. for .9 mi. to 575 W. (f) Left on 575 W. for 2.5 mi. to an unmarked intersection with (600 W.).

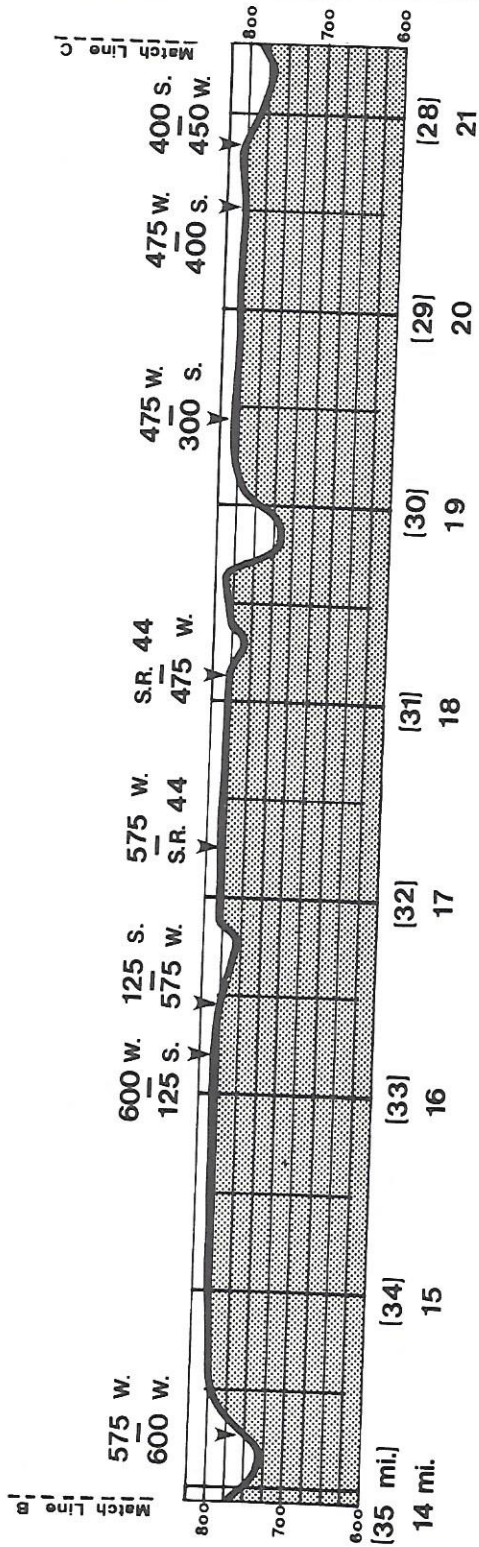
Continue north on 575 W. for 2.5 mi. to 300 N. (f) Right on 300 N. for .9 mi. to (500 W.). (e) Left on (500 W.). Follow 300 W. for 1.7 mi. to Kinder (no facilities). Continue north for 1.2 mi. to Waterloo (garage and grocery store).





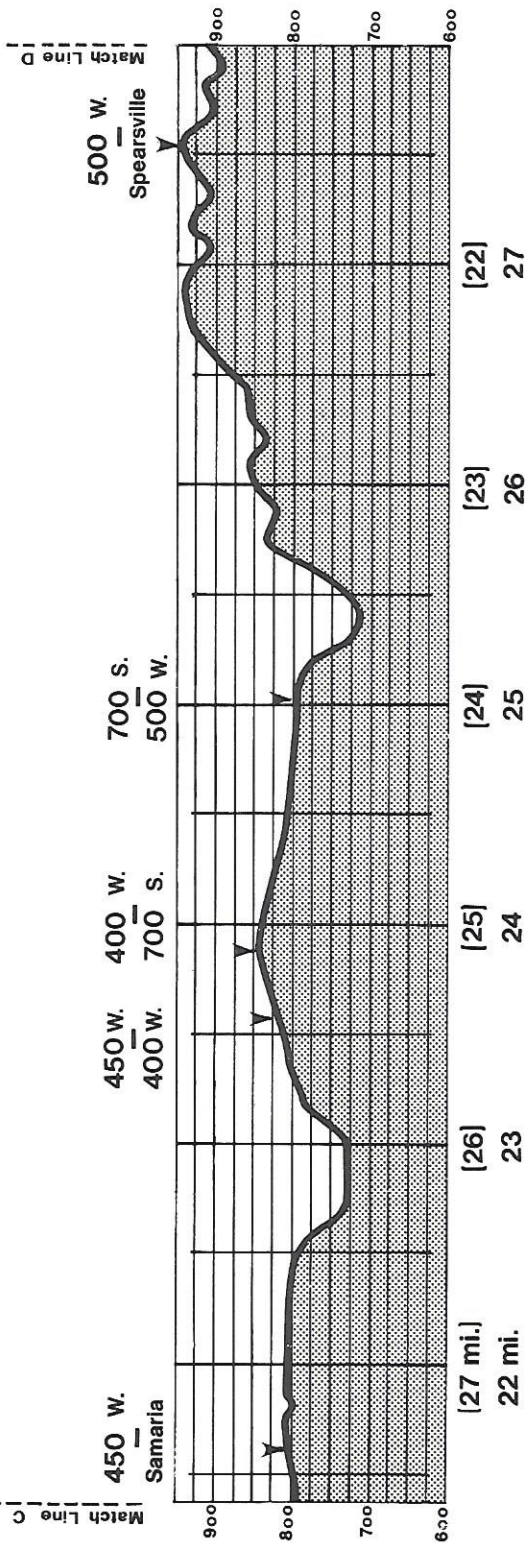
(g) Turn right on (600 W.) and follow it for 2 mi. to the second curve in the road where it becomes 125 S. (h) Continue .25 mi. to 575 W. (i) Right on 575 W. to S.R. 44. (j) Left on S.R. 44 and continue for 1 mi. to 475 W. (k) Right on 475 W. for 2.2 mi. to 400 S. (m) Left on 400 S. for .25 mi. to 450 W. (n) Right on 450 W. for .8 mi. to Samaria (refreshments).

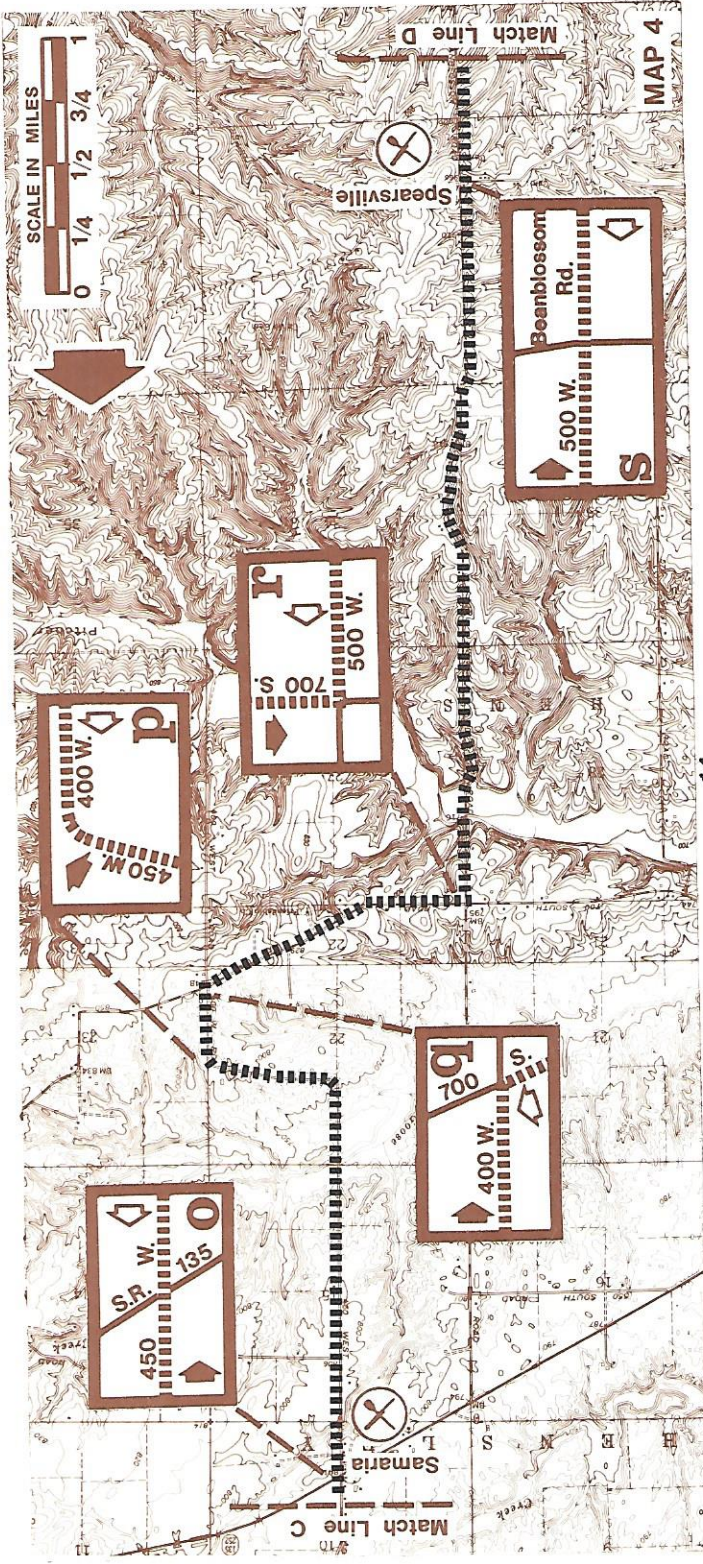
Follow 450 W. to intersection of 400 S. (n) Left on 400 S. for .25 mi. to 475 W. (m) Right on 475 W. for 2.2 mi. to S.R. 44. (k) Left on S.R. 44 for 1 mi. to 575 W. (j) Right on 575 W. for .9 mi. Follow 575 W. to 125 S. (i) Left on 125 S. and continue .25 mi. to a curve in the road where it becomes (600 W). Follow (600 W.) for 2 mi. to (575 W.). (g) Left on (575W.).



(p) From Samaria (refreshments) continue south for 2 mi. where 450 W. becomes 400 W. Follow 400 W. for .25 mi. to the intersection of 700 S. (q) Right on 700 S. for 1 mi. to 500 W. (r) Left on 500 W. and continue 2.1 mi. to Spearsville. (s) At Spearsville (grocery store) 500 W. turns into Upper Beanblossom Road.

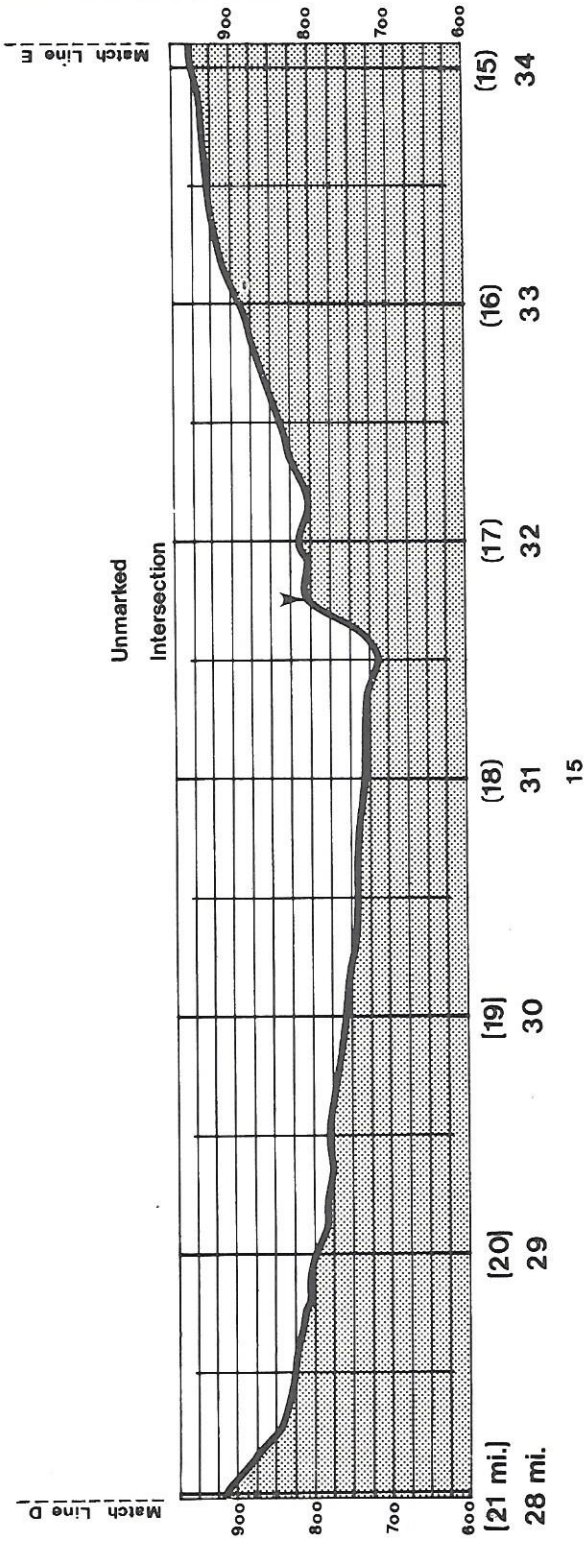
(t) At Spearsville (grocery store) Upper Beanblossom Rd. turns in to 500 W. Continue north 2.1 mi. on 500 W. to intersection of 700 S. (r) Right on 700 S. for 1 mi. to 400 W. (g) Left on 400 W. for .25 mi. to curve in road where 400 W. becomes 450 W. (o) Continue north for 2 mi. to Samaria (refreshments).

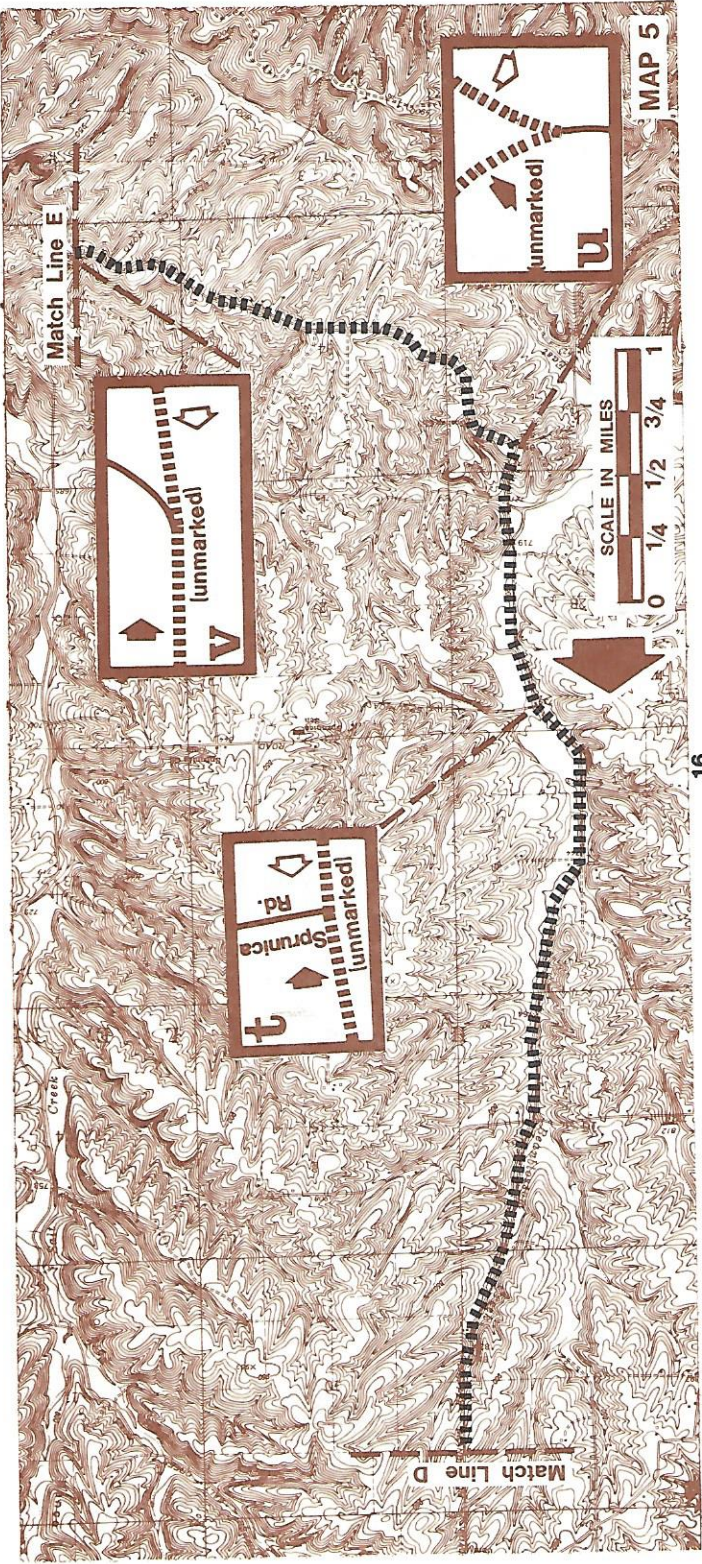




S Continue south for 4.2 mi. on Upper Beanblossom Rd. to an unmarked intersection. (u) Left at the unmarked intersection and continue 3.2 mi. to Gatesville (grocery store).

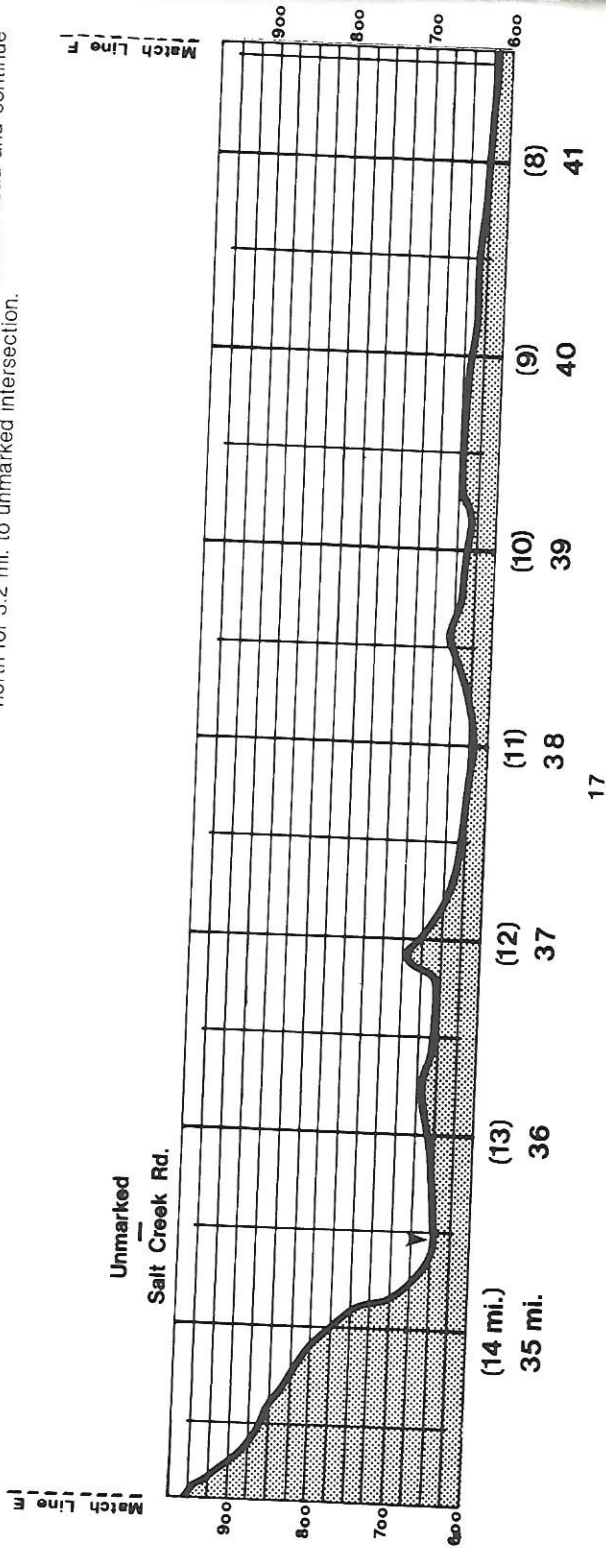
N (u) Right on Upper Beanblossom Rd. at unmarked intersection and continue north for 4.2 mi.

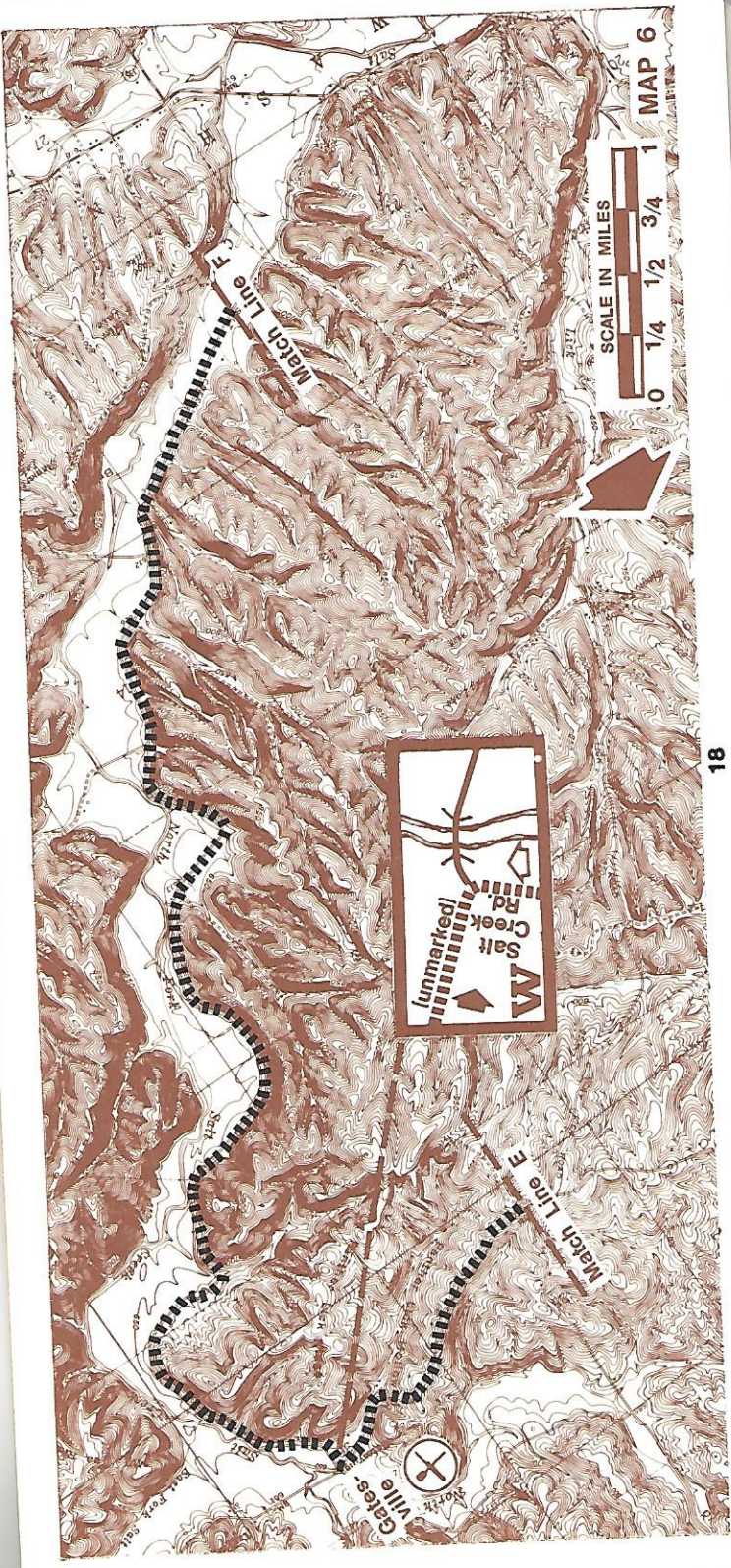




S (w) At Gatesville (grocery store) turn right on Salt Creek Rd. and continue south for 2.5 mi. (Brake on hill at east end of Panther Lick Hollow). Continue south 3.7 mi. on Salt Creek Rd.

N Continue north 6.2 mi. on Salt Creek Rd. to Gatesville (grocery store). (w) At Gatesville turn left on unmarked road and continue north for 3.2 mi. to unmarked intersection.





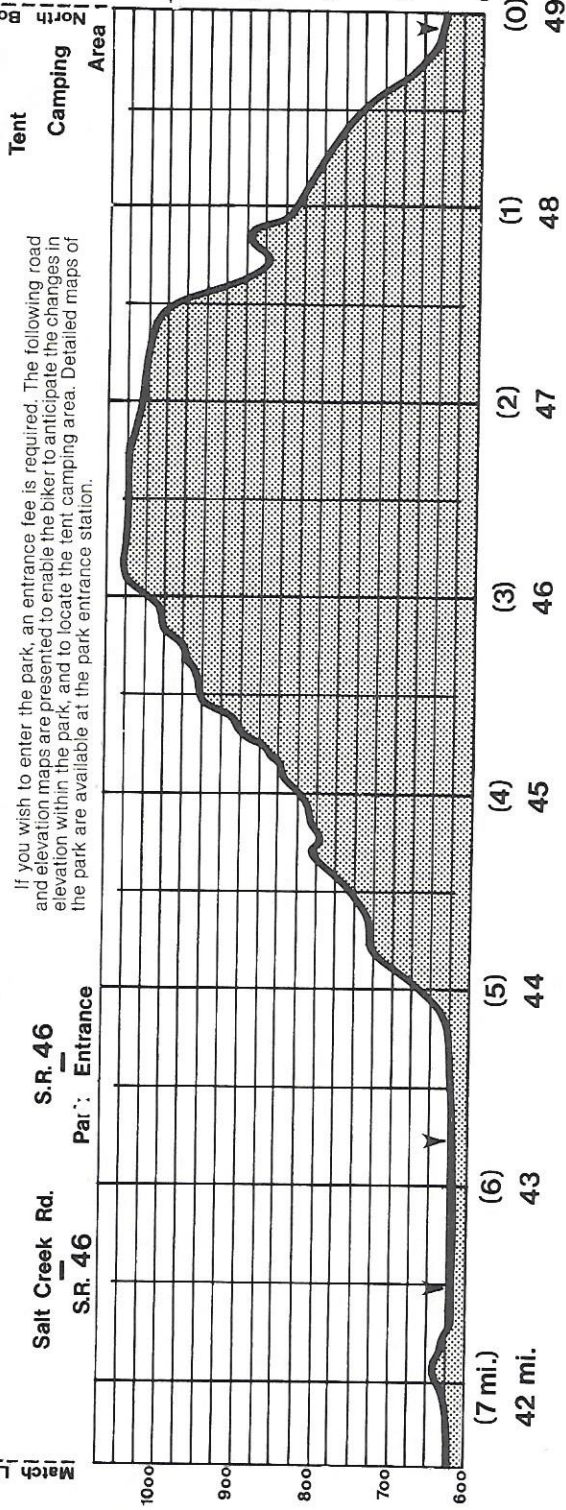
Continue south on Salt Creek Rd. for .9 mi. to the intersection of S.R. 46. S.R. 46 is wide, with shoulders, and very heavy traffic. (x) Right on S.R. 46 for .75 mi. to Brown County State Park. (y) Left at park road. End of bike route.

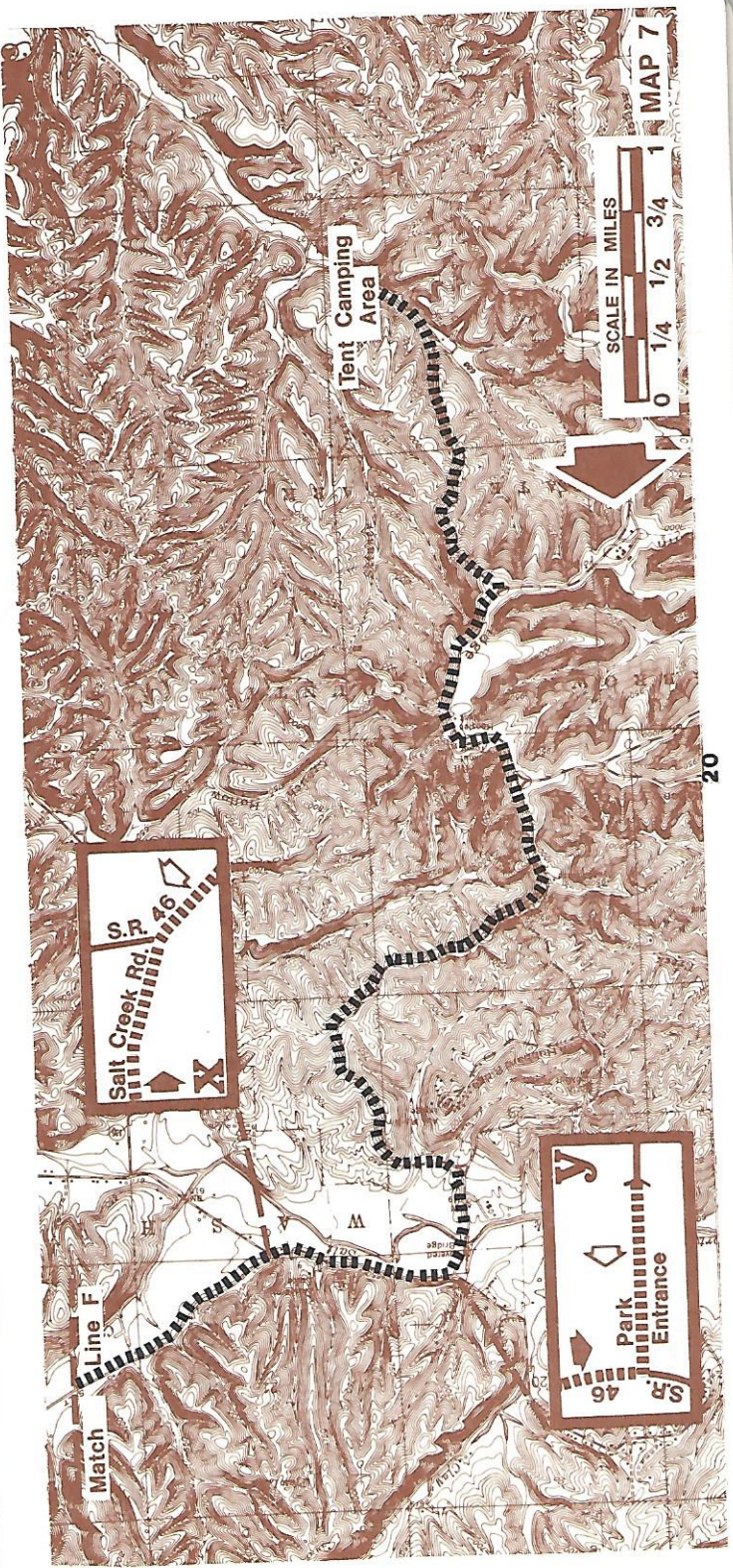
Salt Creek Rd.
S.R. 46

Par. Entrance
S.R. 46

Begin the northbound bike route at the Brown County State Park entrance station. (y) Right on S.R. 46 for .75 mi. to Salt Creek Rd. S.R. 46 is wide, with shoulders, and very heavy traffic. (x) Left on Salt Creek Rd.

If you wish to enter the park, an entrance fee is required. The following road and elevation maps are presented to enable the biker to anticipate the changes in elevation within the park, and to locate the tent camping area. Detailed maps of the park are available at the park entrance station.

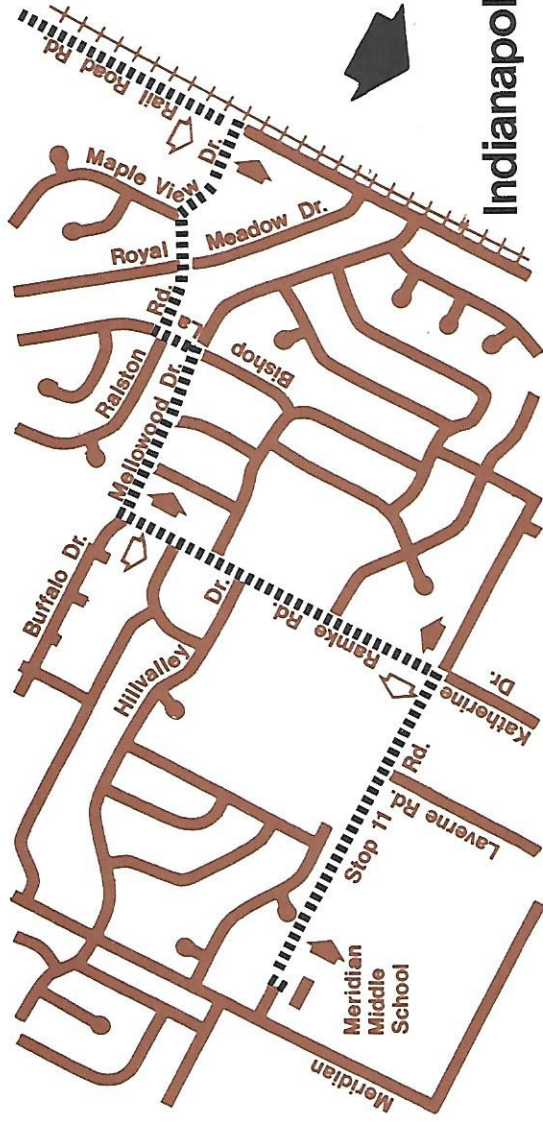




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Traffic is heavy along Stop 11 Rd. with no shoulders. Go east on Stop 11 Rd. to Ramke Rd. Right on Ramke Rd. to Mellowood Dr. Right on Mellowood Dr. to Bishop La. Left on Bishop La. for 1 block to Ralston Rd. Right on Ralston Rd. for 2 blocks to Maple View Dr. Right on Maple View Dr. to Rail Road Rd. Turn left on Rail Road Rd. (heading south) return to Map 1, page 8.

From Rail Road Rd. turn right at Maple View Dr. and go to Ralston Rd. Left on Ralston Rd. for 2 blocks to Bishop La. Left on Bishop La. for 1 block to Mellowood Dr. Right on Mellowood Dr. to Ramke Rd. Left on Ramke Rd. to Stop 11 Rd. Right on Stop 11 Rd. to Meridian Middle School. Traffic is heavy along Stop 11 Rd. with no shoulders. Return to Map 1, page 8.



Indianapolis Map

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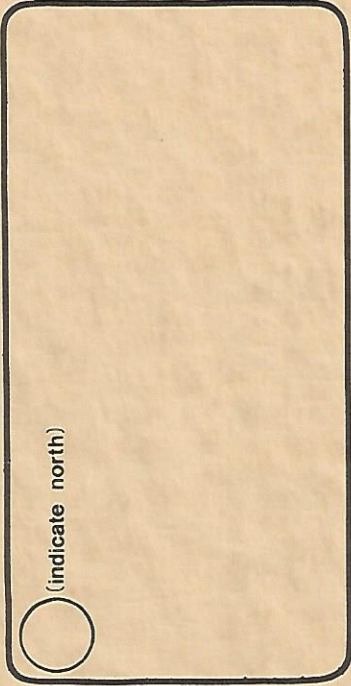
Please help make this booklet more usable to other bikers by helping to correct any errors. Please use the space provided for your written suggestions, and the boxed-in area to draw a map if needed.

Mail this sheet to the address shown on the other side of this page. Thank you for your help.

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SKETCH MAP

(indicate north)



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