

R.A.T. 2000 (or RAT III; Ride Across TN--North to South borders)

This is one of 3 RAT routes charted by Tom "Map Boy" Foster , and is considered by the RAT Vets to be the best. It is designed to be a one-day ride, so no lodging is mentioned. You'll need someone to drop you at start and pick you up at finish—or ride it both ways!!!

Start/finish point: Start: **KY/TN state line sign on Hwy 79/41A, Ft. Campbell Blvd.** Finish: **TN/AL state line sign on Natchez trace Pkwy, mile mark 342.8**

Directions from downtown M'boro: **Hwy 96 west to I-24, west to Exit 4, Hwy 79 to Clarksville;R on Hwy 41A all the way to the state line sign**

Miles: **147** Hilly rating: **First 100 = 5; remaining section = 2-3**

Hilly legend: **1** = Pancake; **2** = Rollers, really; **3** = Average, but not boring; **4** = Plenty of hills; **5** = Big hills, but "rideable"; **MC** = Monster climbs

Disclaimer: These directions are as accurate as possible. No graphic map with this one, but the narrative is good. Advised to use in conjunction with the TN Atlas/Gazetteer.

Travel south to Riverside drive (HWY 79 east, 41A, and 12 come together).
Turn right off Riverside Drive to Hwy 48/13 south.
Turn left on Martha's chapel road (4-5 miles from the Cumberland River).
Continue till you intersect old HWY 48.
Continue south or bear to the right.
Continue as road changes to Souls Chapel RD in Dickson County (pavement change).
Road dead ends into Stayton rd. Turn right.
Stayton rd intersects Hwy 48. Cross HWY 48 and continue on OLD HWY 48.
Old HWY 48 dead ends into HWY 49. Turn left.
Continue on HWY 49 to intersection with HWY 48. Cross HWY 48 and go by Charlotte Elementary school.
Bear right then bear left at the courthouse square.
At HWY 49 turn left. Turn right at old hwy 47 (1st right at bottom of hill on HWY 49 east, past the old County Jail - white building).
Turn left on HWY 47 south. Go 1/2 mile take next right on Franklin rd after you cross creek.
Continue on franklin rd at 4 way intersection go straight or south on rock church rd.
Turn right at bottom of hill after crossing Jones Creek on Southerland RD.
Turn left on HWY 48 south. Top of hill radio tower on left turn right on Old Charlotte.
Cross HWY 70 - North Charlotte St. Continue until Walnut street turn left.
Turn right on HWY 48 south. Hwy 48 south to Centerville. Continue on HWY 48 south to Hohenwald.
At Hohenwald take 20 east to Meriwether Lewis State Park.
Turn on to the Natchez Trace (South) to State Line. Approximately 44 miles on the trace.