

BIKE ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS

Ports of Call (NC Bicycling Highway 3)


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Connects:

Maine to Florida and Hampstead to Southport

Length: 40 miles (in New Hanover Co), 300 miles in NC, 2,523 miles from Bar Harbor Maine to Fort Meyers Beach Florida

Passes By:

Cape Fear Community College (6.1, 14.9), Airport (11.1), Snipes Elementary School (13.2), New Hanover High School (13.8), Downtown (15.0), River Road Park (24.9), Veterans Park (26.3), Snows Cut Park (30.4), Carolina Beach State Park (32.3), Fort Fisher/Aquarium (35.5/35.9)

Distance Traveled	Section Length	Turns	Streets	Conditions
Ports of Call - Southbound				
Starts at Pender County line on Holly Shelter Road				
0.0	3.2	West	Holly Shelter Rd.	2 lanes, fast, smooth
3.2	1.5	Left	Blue Clay Rd.	2 lanes, fast, quiet
4.7	0.7	Left	Dairy Farm Rd.	2 lanes, fast, quiet
5.4	0.7	Right	Sidbury Rd.	2 lanes, fast, busy, narrow
6.1	4.8	Left	Blue Clay Rd. (RR tracks 8.4)	2 lanes, fast, busy, narrow
10.9	2.1	Left	23rd Street (Bridge 11.8)	2/3 lanes, fast, busy
13.0	0.4	Right	Chestnut St.	2 lanes, quiet
13.4	0.1	Left	19th St.	2 lanes, quiet
13.5	1.4	Right	Princess St	2 lanes, downtown
14.9	0.1	Left	Water St.	2 lanes, downtown
15.0	0.1	Left	Market St.	2 lanes, downtown
15.1	1.7	Right	Front St. (RR tracks 9.4)	2/3 lanes, downtown, rough
16.8	1.0	Right	Burnett Blvd.	2 lanes, quiet
17.8	0.6	Straight	Burnett Blvd.	2 lanes, quiet
18.4	0.1	Right	Shipyard Blvd.	2 lanes, quiet

18.5	2.3	Left	River Rd. (RR tracks 12.4)	2 lanes, fast, bike lanes
20.8	5.5	Straight	River Road	2 lanes, fast, bike lanes
26.3	4.6	Straight	River Road	2 lanes, fast, bike lanes
30.9	0.3	Right	Carolina Beach Rd.	4 lanes, fast, bridge, dangerous
(31.2- 0.8 Straight Snows Cut Bridge, tall and windy)				
32	0.5	Right	Dow Rd.	2 lanes, fast, rough
32.5	0.9	Left	Captain Harper Blvd.	2 lanes, downtown
33.4	6.2	Right	Fort Fisher Blvd (Bike Lanes)	2 lanes, smooth
(39.6 Ends at the Southport/ Fort Fisher Ferry landing)				
Notes:				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light on Blue Clay Rd at College Rd, Kerr Ave and 23rd St. • Light on 23rd St. and Airport Parkway, Martin Luther King Blvd, Princess Place and Chestnut Street • Light on Princess St at 16th St., 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd and Front St. • Light on Front St. at Market St. and Burnett Blvd. • Light on Carolina Beach Rd and Dow Rd. 			
Needs:				
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bike lanes on 23rd St 2. Bike lanes on Blue Clay Rd. 3. Bike lanes on Front St. south of RR tracks 4. Bike lanes on Carolina Beach Rd. 5. Bike lanes on Dow Rd. 6. Bike lanes on the route changes 			