

DUEL SPORT WARM-UP

Looking for a Dual Sport Ride that won't take all day, or one that you could do after work any time you have a couple of hours of daylight left? Well, here it is....

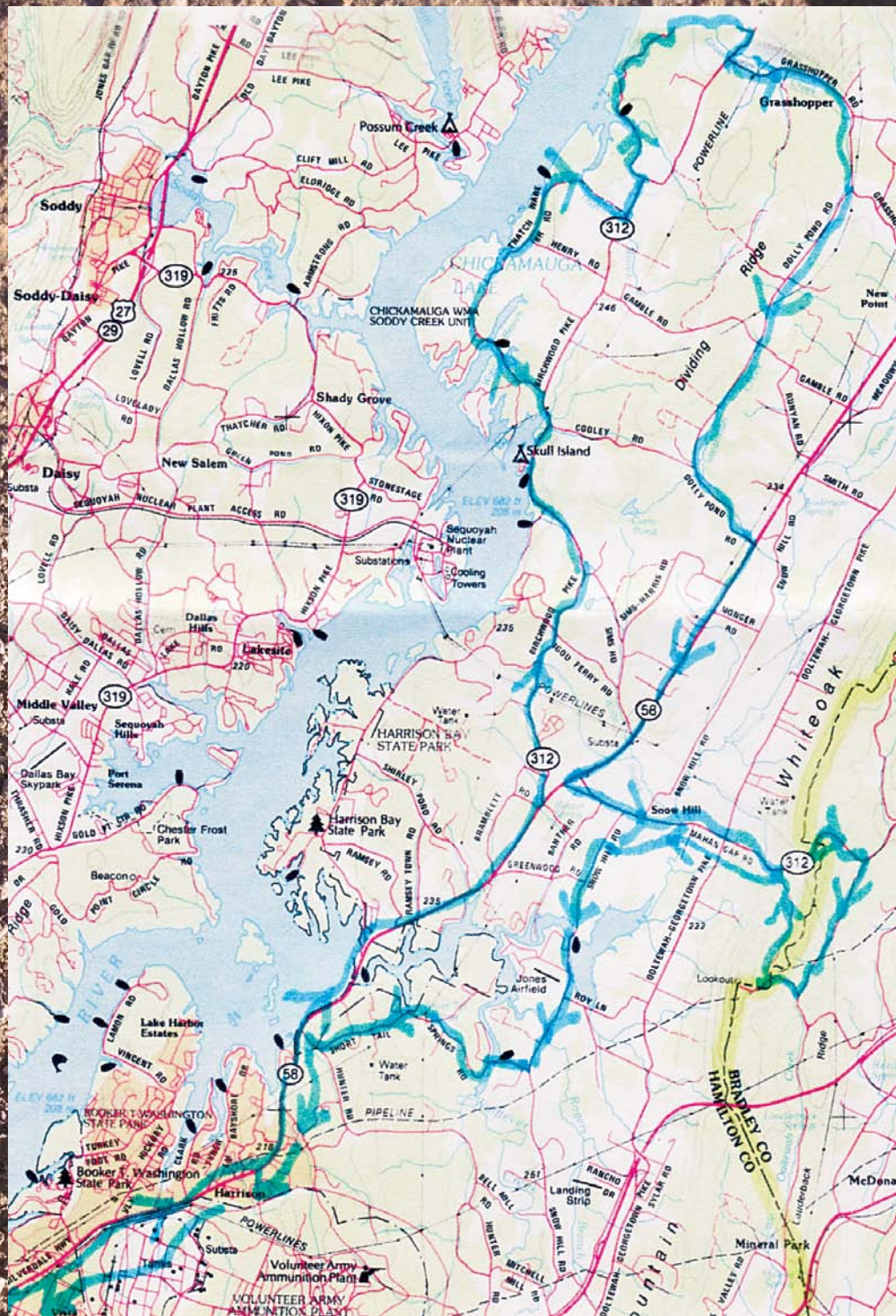
Conveniently located northeast of Chattanooga, between the Tennessee River and Interstate 75, are roads that offer an amazing variety of sweepers, twisties, and even moderately difficult dirt road challenges. This is a great area to sharpen rusty skills that have diminished over the winter, or to bring a friend or spouse new to riding dual sports and let them see what it's like without getting beaten up.

Route qualities that are attractive:

- It's quick...takes only two hours
- It's close...convenient to Chattanooga and Cleveland
- It increases in difficulty as you progress through the ride
- There's good food at the Countryside Café
- There's a car wash at Harrison after the dirt section
- It's easy to make the ride longer or shorter

Route Description and Features:

- From Pandora's European Motorsports head NE [right] on 58 about 10 miles
- Left (west) on Hwy. 312 (Birchwood Pike) for about 5 miles of paved sweeping 2 lane curves
- Left on Thatcher Rd. for four miles of good twisties
- Left back on to Birchwood Pike for ½ mile, then left again on Eldridge Rd. for 5 miles of really tight gravel chip-n-seal. This section can be very challenging.
- Right back onto Birchwood Pike for ½ mile, then left on Grasshopper Rd., and after a couple of miles right on Dolly Pond Rd. for a relaxing couple of miles until it dead ends at Hwy. 58
- Right (south) on 58 for two or three miles and then left (east) on Hwy. 312 (Mahan Gap Rd.). After a couple of miles, you'll cross Ooltewah-Georgetown Rd. and start over White Oak Mountain.
- As you come down the mountain, make a sharp right on Owl Hollow Rd. This is a real treat...a tight, twisty two-lane following the creek up into the hollow.
- After two miles, turn right on Fire Tower Rd. and climb steeply for ½ mile where the pavement ends and a dirt road and a dirt drive are on the right.
- Take the dirt road with a large puddle across it. This is where the fun starts! Although this section is only a mile and a half long, it's got a little bit of everything...shallow puddles with solid bottoms, small rock ledges, a little log to go over, ruts to negotiate and some



fairly smooth dirt sections as well. The road becomes paved just before it turns out on Hwy. 312, so if you want some more of the dirt section, turn around and do it again; it won't take too long and it's a different ride going in the opposite direction.

- Come back to Hwy. 312, turn left and go to the Countryside Café for lunch. It's just past the 4-way stop at Mahan Gap Rd..
- After lunch, continue west on 312 for about a mile and turn Left on Snow Hill Rd. for two or three miles of scenic sweepers.
- Right at the convenience store on

to Short Tail Springs Rd. This twisty residential road dead-ends at Hunter Rd.

- Right on Hwy. 58 going south back toward Pandora's. If you need to wash the mud off your bike, there's a car wash in Harrison on your right.

If you're feeling good after this two hour warm-up ride, you should be ready to take on the good Forest Service Roads in the Cherokee and Chattanooga National Forests...Enjoy!

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