

# River Road - Northern Beaufort County Cue Sheet

**Ride Description:** 26 miles round trip of quiet riding through the small town of Yemassee\* to historic Auld Brass Plantation and Bonny Hall Plantation located on River Road. Auld Brass was built by Frank Lloyd Wright beginning in 1939. It is currently owned by movie producer, Joel Silver (Xanadu, Lethal Weapon series, Die Hard series, and the Matrix trilogy). Bonny Hall, dating back to 1732, was owned by publisher Nelson Doubleday in the mid 1900's. Friend and author Somerset Maugham resided there during WWII and wrote "The Razor's Edge."

**Starting Point** – Make sure you begin with Cue Sheet. Exit 38 on I-95. Go west toward Hampton on Yemassee Hwy for 1/2 mile to intersection and turn right at Shell station. Park on right at J's Restaurant next to Palmetto Lodge. Go in J's and ask permission to park (They will want you to and hope you will stop for a meal.).

**R=right; L=left; S=straight; X=Cross; bL=Bear Left; bR=Bear Right**

**\*= services/points of interest**

Cumulative Mileage	Segment Mileage	Direction	Street/Trail	* = Services/Points of interest
<b>The Ride:</b>				
0.0	0.0	<b>R</b>	<b>Turn Right out of J's Restaurant passing Le Crueset Outlet Store</b>	
0.1	0.1	<b>R</b>	<b>Stop sign. Turn Right onto S25-527 (no name road)</b>	
0.4	0.3	<b>R</b>	<b>Turn Right onto Salkehatchie Rd. (Rte 13)</b>	
0.5	0.1	<b>S</b>	Overpass over I95	
1.3	0.8	<b>S</b>	Entering Yemassee town limits	
2.0	0.7	<b>S*</b>	Yemassee High School on right	
2.1	0.1	<b>S</b>	Stop at Hwy 17A crossing. Keep going straight	
2.5	0.4	<b>L*</b>	<b>Cross first train tracks and Turn Left. onto Railroad Ave. Amtrak Station on right; RR Ave parallels tracks</b>	
2.8	0.3	<b>R</b>	<b>Right on River Road</b>	
2.9	0.1	<b>S</b>	Pass Guess Road	
3.5	0.6	<b>S</b>	Pass old Le Cruezet warehouse on right	
4.8	1.3	<b>S*</b>	Auld Brass Plantation; open to public every two years. Look for zoo animals. Recently, a baby hippo was loose and was hit by a car. This is Wright's only "Southern Plantation."	
8.5	3.7	<b>S*</b>	Sugar Hill Boat Landing. Access for boaters to Combahee River. Good for a break and enjoy the scenery.	
9.2	0.7	<b>S</b>	Pass Big Hill Estate Road on right.	
10.3	1.1	<b>S*</b>	Look for old rice paddies and locks on right	
10.6	0.3	<b>S*</b>	Bonny Hall Plantation on left. New owners since 1995.	
11.4	0.8	<b>S</b>	Small cemetery on right	
11.5	0.1	<b>S</b>	On left, entrance to ACE Basin (Ashepool, Combahee and Edisto Rivers flowing through wildlife preserve. Walk bike 1/4 mile into refuge to see rice dikes.	
12.6	1.1	<b>STOP</b>	<b>Intersection with Rte 17. Turn around and head back. Experienced highway riders could turn left and go 1.4 miles to Steel Bridge Boat Landing before returning.</b>	

\*Yemassee was once the transfer point for Marine recruits to and from Parris Island Marine Center. The recruits changed trains from north or south to a 25 mile track that is now abandoned. This track is

currently being proposed to become South Carolina's first long distance rail trail from Yemassee to Port Royal near Beaufort.