



THE SOUTH'S GREATEST MOTORCYCLE RIDES

Ride No. 5 - Music To Your Ears - 88 Miles round trip

Music To Your Ears is one of many from a curated series of motorcycle rides called the Southern Dozen. Each ride begins in Johnson City, Tennessee, and takes riders through the foothills and mountains of Northeast Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, and Western North Carolina.

This region is famous for its music and plays host to several music-centric festivals throughout the year, including Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion. As the home of the legendary Carter Family and the Birthplace of Country Music, this area laid the foundation for America's modern music scene. On the Music To Your Ears ride you'll have the opportunity to delve into this rich, musical history and find your rhythm.

BIRTHPLACE OF COUNTRY MUSIC 101 Country Music Way, Bristol, VA
BirthplaceOfCountryMusic.org • (423) 573-1927 • Museum tickets are \$13

The museum celebrates Bristol Tennessee and Virginia's important impact in the birth and boom of country music in America.

CARTER FAMILY FOLD 3449 A.P. Carter Highway, Hiltons, VA
CarterFamilyFold.org • (276) 386-6054 • Tickets are \$10

Next you'll find the Carter Family Fold at the foot of Clinch Mountain. Here old time and bluegrass music take center stage every Saturday night. This style of music gained popularity due to the Carter Family, who many consider to be the first family of country music. If you time your visit just right, you can attend the 2-day festival held every year in August.

THE DOWN HOME 300 W Main St, Johnson City, TN
DownHome.com • (423) 929-9822 • Tickets are \$15-30

When you're back in Johnson City, visit the premier listening room, The Down Home. With its "come as you are" atmosphere and intimate listening space, you're sure to have a memorable experience that truly connects you with the music and performers.



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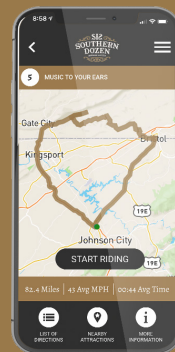
Birthplace of Country Music



The Down Home



Music To Your Ears Route



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THE SNAKE

112 Miles Round Trip

Rev your way up to the extraordinary Backbone Rock for outcroppings, hiking, and beautiful photo ops. On this ride you'll snake through mountains, pastoral lands, and around beautiful Watauga Lake.

TOP OF THE ROAN

100 Miles Round Trip

The Cloudland is calling! Travel through historic Elizabethton to the top of Roan Mountain, home to the world's largest natural stand of Catawba Rhododendrons. There you'll experience panoramic views extending from Tennessee to North Carolina.

PLACES OF THE PAST

72 Miles Round Trip

Take in sweeping pastures and twist the throttle as you race around curves and tight switchbacks on this journey through a region rich in memories of the past. Here you'll discover Northeast Tennessee's epic history.

8TH WONDER OF THE WORLD

84 Miles Round Trip

Called the "8th Wonder of the World" by William Jennings Bryan, Natural Tunnel is more than one million years old, and has been attracting visitors for more than two centuries. Enjoy the chairlift, hiking trails, picnic area, and the incredible tunnel itself.

SPELUNKER TOUR

52 Miles Round Trip

Find your sense of adventure as you explore the depths of the more than one million year old Bristol and Appalachian Caverns. Gaze upon the majestic underground river running through this underground labyrinth and discover the vivid history this space holds.

LONG DAM RIDE

140 Miles Round Trip

Explore rugged gorges and ride past rocky cliffs, curve around mountain streams and tranquil lakes, and enjoy unique vistas and rural charm on this tour of Northeast Tennessee's stunning landmark lakes.



Blue Ridge Parkway



Sycamore Shoals
State Historic Park



Roan Mountain



JRH Brewing

VINEGAR PIE

155 Miles Round Trip

Experience some of East Tennessee's oldest communities on a ride that's sweeter than it sounds! Take in a panoramic view of Cherokee Lake and the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, and be sure to try the signature vinegar pie at the Lookout Restaurant.

MOUNTAIN RIBBONS

140 Miles Round Trip

The highways of East Tennessee flow like ribbons through our crowning glory, the Appalachian Mountains. Prepare to have your breath taken away as you cut across the lakes, rivers, and streams of one of the world's oldest mountain ranges.

HOWLING WOLVES, STARS, & HISTORY

57 Miles Round Trip

Just a few twists of the throttle will take you to a land isolated from noise and urban life, where the waters of the mountain lake ripple and glistens in the sun. When you hear the call of the wolves, you'll know you've reached Bays Mountain Park.

EAST TENNESSEE HISTORY TOURS

38 Miles Round Trip

Travel scenic roads to explore some of Northeast Tennessee's most notable historic sights—Rocky Mount and Tipton-Haynes sites, the Sycamore Shoals Fort, the Carter Mansion, and one of the country's last remaining covered bridges.

TWO RIVERS, ONE MOUNTAIN, & TEN MILLION TROUT EGGS

80 Miles Round Trip

Feast your eyes on some of the nation's largest breeding trout, then ascend into the famed Cherokee National Forest. This ride goes deep into the mountains, to a notorious land formerly known for its whiskey makers and moonshine runners.

THE FOUNDERS RIDE

38 Miles Round Trip

Enjoy the scenery of the countryside as you travel through the stomping grounds of Daniel Boone on your way to historic Jonesborough. Back in Johnson City, you'll visit the revitalized downtown—a true gem, where something's always happening!

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