

PRESERVED FARMLAND LOOP

This short cycling loop in South Anville and North Cornwall Townships enables the cyclist to enjoy the extra benefits of the Lebanon County Agricultural Land Preservation Program. Not only is quality farmland secured, suburban sprawl limited, and Lebanon County's agricultural economy protected; but, in addition, rural landscape will be a lasting result. The countryside includes fields of corn, alfalfa, soybeans and dairy cows' grazing in pastureland. Eighteenth and nineteenth century farm houses and barns accent the landscape.

Many farmers proudly display signage that indicates their participation in the agricultural preservation program. The decision to forego selling their farmland in the future for housing developments or other non-farm use should be greatly appreciated.

There will be sections of the loop where a 1950s-1960s development did occur as well as more recent housing having been built. Acreage for sale signage is a reminder that preserving sufficient farmland for future generations is not a certainty. According to the Conservation District's 2007 annual report, since 1990, Lebanon County has been able to preserve 12,839 acres, but the County has lost 17,975 prime or important farmland acreage during this same time period.





Scene on Bricker Lane



1850s farm on Mt. Pleasant Road

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Descriptive Cues

Distance: 14.2 miles

RIDE START: This ride starts from the entrance to Quittie Creek Nature Park in Annville. The Park is reached from Route 422 (East Main Street). Turn on Bachman Road (right turn driving east). Parking and outdoor restroom are available.

Dist.	Cum.	Dir.	Road
0.2	0.2	L	Cumberland Street (unnamed alley)
0.3	0.5	L	Manheim Street (one way street)
0.1	0.6	BR	Locust Street (road narrows)
0.1	0.7	L	White Oak Street (SR934) Exercise caution due to traffic.
0.3	1.0	R	Reigerts Lane (across from entrance to high school)
0.8	1.8	L	Mount Pleasant Road
2.9	4.7	L	US322 (Horseshoe Pike) Exercise caution due to traffic while cycling on SR322.
1.2	5.9	L	Fontana Avenue (Church on Corner) Note the business that focuses on farmers' needs.
1.2	7.1	R	SR934
0.3	7.4	L	Oak Street
0.7	8.1	ST	Meadow Lane
0.4	8.5	L	Forney Road To your left beyond the Mennonite cemetery is a trolley station; the trolley carried not only passengers but farm products including milk to be delivered to the Hershey Chocolate Factory.
0.9	9.4	L	Royal Road
0.1	9.5	R	Oak Street
0.2	9.7	L	Royal Road

0.5	10.2	R	Reist Road
1.1	11.3	L	Bricker Lane
1.3	12.6	L	Spruce Street
0.3	12.9	R	Royal Road
0.5	13.4	R	Bachman Road
The surface becomes very rough. When you descend to the bridge to cross the Quittapahilla Creek, dismount.			
0.8	14.2		Finish