

## Sidling Hill Cut Ridge

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2 mountains - 2 States - 4 Counties



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0.0	0.7	Grouseland Right onto Robinsonville Rd.	
0.7	0.2	At T right	
0.9	4.5	At stop left onto Big Creek	
2.7		Big Creek joins Rt. 26 and becomes Clear Ridge	
4.0		Fair View Church, water and interesting cemetery	
5.4	2.8	At stop, bear right, stay on Clear Ridge Rt. 26	
6.9		Mason Dixon Line and memorial, enter MD	
8.2	1.4	At T stop, left onto Rt. 40 National Pike	
9.6	0.1	At T stop, right over the Highway	
9.7	3.5	At T stop, left, stay on Rt. 40	
11.2			Amoco Station
11.9		Cross into Washington County, road becomes Farlan, start the climb	
13.2	3.1	At T stop, right onto Rt 40	
14.4			Top of Sidling Hill
16.3	2.0	Left onto Rice Rd.	Easy to miss, at the bottom of the hill. Rice becomes Lucas in PA
18.3	2.4	At T stop, right onto Hill	
20.7	3.9	At stop left onto Stoneybreak, (first left)	
24.6	2.5	At stop, continue straight onto Old 126	Caution! Road gets rough near the end.
27.1	5.9	At stop, left onto Mc Kees Gap Rd.	
29.1		Amaranth School House and cemetery	
31.7		Top of Town Hill Caution! Steep downhill with turn at the bottom, and metal grate bridge!	
33.0	1.7	At T stop, left onto Robinsonville Rd.	
34.7	0	Right into Grouseland	

