

Sidling Hill Climb

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Rating: Moderately Difficult



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0.0	0.7	Grouseland Right onto Robinsonville Rd.	
0.7	0.2	At T right	
0.9	4.6	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	
5.5	2.7	At stop bear left onto Buck Valley (484)	
8.2	3.3	Right onto Harmonia	
10.8		Ritz Bros. Store (not open on Sundays)	
11.5	2.0	At stop right onto Buck Valley (484)	
12.3		Top of Sidling Hill lookout onto Tonoloway Mt.	
13.5	2.6	At bottom of hill left onto Old 126 (easy to miss)	
16.1	4.7	At stop left onto McKees Gap Rd.	
18.0		Amaranth School house, water, interesting building	
20.0		Steep down hill, sharp turn at bottom!	
21.8	1.7	At stop left onto Robinsonville Rd.	
23.5		Right into Grouseland	

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