

# FLORIDA MOUNTAIN 1000

## ROUTE INFORMATION AND CHECKPOINTS



While planning this route in Streets & Trips and Mapsource, we found that it is difficult to accurately obtain the absolute “shortest” or “quickest” route to collect all of the Mountain locations. Some paved roads are so “minor” that the mapping programs disregard them. But they are paved, and they are fun! For this reason, and to provide you with the fastest reasonable route, we have included some turn-by-turn directions for your consideration. You may use any route you choose, of course, as long as you take pictures of all the mountain locations in the proper order. Some of these locations are on private property; please be respectful. Never place your flag on other's property. If you have never used a flag to document your ride before, please study Rally Flag 101 at <http://www.ironbutt.com/daytona/rallyflag101.html>.

The shortest possible route is 1029 miles, and this is what your Florida Mountain 1000 certificate will state, but riding that route would take two or three hours longer than the fastest route. It is more likely that you will ride about 1055 miles. Using “quickest” or “shortest time” in your route preferences in your mapping software and on your GPS should come the closest to the route depicted above, shown in Streets & Trips.

Toll roads: the fastest route will put you on the Florida Turnpike for about 19 miles for \$1.25 and then on the SR 417 beltway around Orlando and SR 528 Beeline to Cocoa for another \$4.50. If you have a Florida Sun Pass the tolls will be considerably less. Unless you have a Florida Sun Pass or Orlando E-Pass, you will need to stop at a few toll plazas. The “shortest” route will avoid the tolls, but will take longer.

The following route instructions and pictures will guide you on this adventure. GPS coordinates are given for each mountain.

**Start: 5:00 AM.** Bring your odometer reading, your [RELEASE](#), collect your Mountain 1000 ride flag and sign out in the lobby of the JAX hotel. A light breakfast will be waiting for you. Begin your ride in the parking lot of the hotel. Your odometer reading and your starting time will be recorded and witnessed.

As you leave the hotel, the fastest way out of the Jacksonville area is northbound on I-295 and then west on I-10.



**Mountain 1: Mount Carrie Wayside**

**N30 11.674 W82 30.394**

I-10 exit 324 to US 90; go left (west) 12.7 miles.

The community of Mount Carrie is located about three miles north in the Osceola National Forest, and it's all dirt roads back there. This will be the first of many benevolent actions by your rallymaster and the IBA, not requiring you to go there for your picture. The peak of Mt Carrie is about 154 ft, and it's approximately 147 ft at this wayside park, so just **take a picture of the Mt Carrie Wayside sign with your Mountain 1000 flag in the picture.** Then proceed west on US 90 and follow the signs to I-10 West.



**Mountain 2: Mount Pleasant Cemetery**

**N30 41.707 W84 45.631**

Located on US 90 about 14 miles northwest of Quincy, FL, and about five miles west of the community of Mt Pleasant – elevation 312 ft!

**Take a picture of one of the markers at the entrance to the cemetery with your Mountain 1000 flag in the picture.** Then go west, young person, and follow the signs back to I-10.



**Mountain 3: Mount Carmel Methodist Church.**

**N30 58.888 W87 07.209**

15030 Hwy 89, Jay, FL, is the official address, but it is located in the community of Mt Carmel, elevation 99 Ft. The church is actually about 0.2 mi west of Hwy 89 on Mt Carmel Rd.

**Take a picture of the Mt Carmel United Methodist Church sign with your Mountain 1000 flag.**

**Suggested fastest and most fun route to Mountain 4:**

- Go back to Hwy 89 and go north 7.3 miles (becomes CR 55 in Alabama).
- Turn left on Hwy 41 and ride 1.6 miles.
- Turn right on Ashton St and ride 0.6 mi.
- Turn right on US 29 (Forrest Ave) and ride 7.2 miles.
- Turn right on CR 4 and follow it for 38.6 twisty miles to Hwy 55.
- Turn right on Hwy 55 and follow this main road, not the highway number, for 4.5 miles. It will become 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and US 331 and then Hwy 54.
- Turn right on CR 285 (Lakewood Rd) and ride 0.7 mi to Lakewood Park, Britton Hill.



**Mountain 4: Britton Hill**

**N30 59.172 W86 16.872**

**Florida's highest point at 345 ft! Feel the rarified air!**

**Take a picture of the granite monument with your Mountain 1000 flag.** Then continue south to US 331 and Defuniak Springs and then to I-10 East.

The fastest way to Mountain 5 is to I-75 and south to exit 374 (Micanopy).



**Mountain 5: Mount Pedro Baptist Church.**  
20520 N Highway 329, Micanopy, FL

**N29 26.910 W82 18.800**

The community of Pedro is in the valley to the south, near Ocala, but they established the church and the cemetery up here on the mountain. We thought about sending you into the cemetery in the dark, but we want you to return from this ride. **Take a picture of the Mt Pedro Baptist Church sign, and include your Mountain 1000 flag.** Continue south to CR 318 and back to I-75.

Suggested route to Mountain 6:

- Follow I-75 South for 40 miles to the Florida Turnpike, exit 328.
- Stay on the turnpike for 19 miles to exit 289, US 27 South. **If you are paying cash, you will probably need exact change at the tollgate.**
- Ride south on US 27 for 7.3 miles and turn left on CR 561.
- Follow 561 for 2.4 miles to Sugarloaf Mountain Rd and turn right.



**Mountain 6: Sugarloaf Mountain**

**N28 38.914 W81 44.024**

The highest point on the peninsula of Florida, elevation 312 ft.

**This is a residential area, so be considerate and keep noise to a minimum.**

**Take a picture of the signs at the intersection of Sugarloaf Mountain Rd and Sugarloaf Ct at the top of the mountain, with your Mountain 1000 flag.** Then make a u-turn and head back down the mountain and turn right on CR 561.



**Mountain 7: Mount Dora Lighthouse**

**N28 47.696 W81 38.571**

Across from Gilbert Park on S. Tremain St, near Liberty Ave. This lighthouse is at the end of the jetty, just a short walk from the parking lot.

**Your rallymaster has a T-Shirt that proclaims, “I Climbed Mt Dora.” Fortunately, you only have to take a picture of the Lighthouse with your Mountain 1000 flag.** Your next mountain is only about six miles to the east on Hwy 46.



**Mountain 8: Mount Plymouth.**

**N28 48.485 W81 32.280**

**The Mt Plymouth highway sign is on SR 46 at Mt Plymouth Loop.** A safe place to park is at VIP Corvettes just before the sign.

**Take a picture of the Mt Plymouth sign with your Mountain 1000 flag.** Then continue east on Hwy 46. The fast way around Orlando to Mountain 10 is the SR 417 “Greenway” toll road down to the SR 528 Beeline or “Beach Line” toll road to Cocoa.





**Mountain 9: High Point East Coast.  
High Point Tower, 400 High Point Dr, Cocoa, FL.**

**N28 24.166 W80 45.102**

This is the highest point on the east coast of Florida; elevation 83 ft. The county landfill is actually higher, but the USGS does not consider that to be a land mass! **Take a picture of the High Point Tower with your Mountain 1000 flag.** The last Mountain is about 130 miles to the north in Switzerland! I-95 is your best bet.



**Mountain 10: New Switzerland Plantation.**

**N30 04.544 W81 38.870**

2090 Florida Hwy 13, Fruit Cove (Switzerland), Florida. Shown as Symbol 0 on the .gdb list for Mapsource, the official address is Fruit Cove, but the highway signs say Switzerland. You can park safely in the lot behind the historical marker or across the street in the entrance road to Alpine Groves Park. **Take a picture of the marker with your Mountain 1000 flag.** Now continue north on this road to the hotel!

**Finish: Complete your ride by obtaining a gas receipt from a station close to the hotel. Check the receipt to insure that it contains the location (Jacksonville) and the correct time. Record your odometer reading and ride to the hotel.**

**N30 10.975 W81 37.661**

**Check-in will be on Friday, March 16, from 10 AM to 2 PM.** Bring your ending gas receipt, your odometer reading, and your photos (camera or phone). You do not need to print the photos; we will view them on the camera or phone display. Check-in room will be just to the right of the front desk, through the double doors, near the banquet room.

Good luck!  
Mike