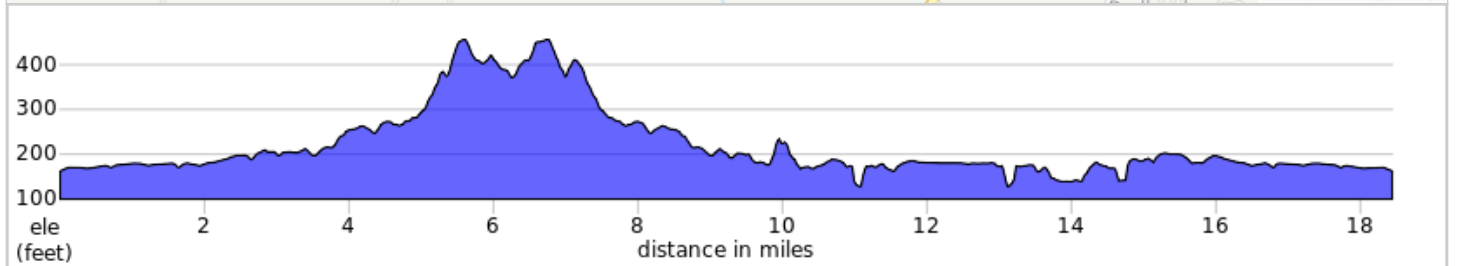
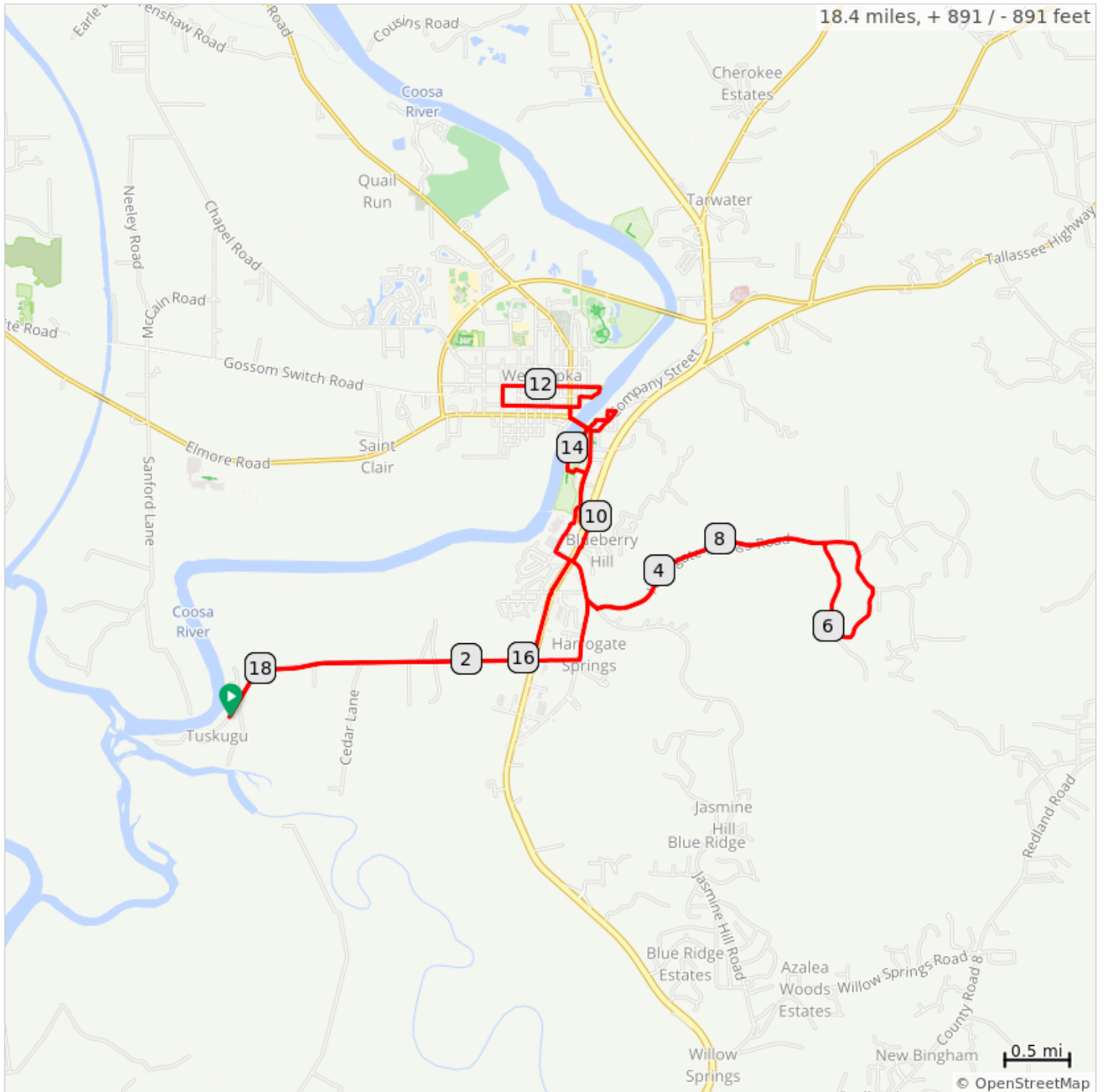


# Wetumpka Crater and Ft. Toulouse



A ride through the Wetumpka Impact Crater, downtown Wetumpka, and Fort Toulouse.



A Second Sunday Ride

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Dist	Type	Note	Next
0.0	📍	Start of route	2.8
2.8	←	L onto Old Montgomery Hwy	0.4
3.3	→	R onto Jasmine Hill Rd	0.1
3.4	←	L onto Harrogate Springs Rd. You are now entering the crater.	1.9
5.3	→	R onto Buck Ridge Rd	0.3
5.6	↑	Sign #4. You're in the center of the crater. The bedrock is evidence of the epicenter of Alabama's greatest natural disaster, equal to an earthquake measuring 8.5 to 9 on the Richter scale.	1.0
6.6	←	L onto Trotters Trail	0.1
6.7	↑	Sign #5. The natural gas pipeline right-of-way provides an excellent view of the eastern rim of the crater.	0.3
7.0	↑	Continue onto Harrogate Springs Rd	0.8

7.0 miles. +469/-254 feet

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7.8	↑	Sign #3 "The Cliffs". An unusual gully made up of five mega-blocks of material that washed into the crater by the impact tsunami. The highly eroded sediments now appear as approximately 40-foot-high, white-colored cliffs inside the crater rim area.	1.3
9.1	→	R onto Jasmine Hill Rd	0.1
9.3	↑	Continue onto Old Montgomery Hwy	0.3
9.6	→	R onto Old US Hwy 231	0.1
9.7	→	R onto Knight St. and then a quick L onto Wilson St.	0.0
9.7	←	L onto Wilson St	0.2
9.9	←	L onto Breezehill Blvd	0.0
9.9	→	R to stay on Breezehill Blvd	0.1
10.0	←	L toward the bank.	0.0

2.9 miles. +99/-131 feet

Dist	Type	Note	Next
10.0	→	R to go behind the bank. Sign #1. This is one of the best places to see up-close, rocks representative of the crater rim. The bedrock of the north and northwestern crater rim is comprised of mica schist, a type of metamorphic rock common in the Alabama Piedmont. In this area the bedrock dos in a north-to-northwestern direction due to displacement caused by the explosion when the meteor impacted the Earth's surface.	0.1
10.1	←	L onto Wilson St	0.1
10.2	→	R onto S Main St	0.8

0.2 miles. +1/-38 feet

Dist	Type	Note	Next
11.0	←	L onto E Bridge St. As you cross the Bibb Graves Bridge, you can see large rocks in the Coosa River bed that were ejected from the crater when it was formed. If you look closely you will notice that they tilt in the upstream direction. The bridge, named after Governor Bibb Graves and completed in 1931, was designed by Edward Houk (a Dane!) who was the State Bridge Engineer. The structure is the only bridge south of the Mason-Dixon Line which is suspended by reinforced concrete arches. The Coosa River turns here due to the crater rim being in the way.	0.2
11.1	→	R onto N Bridge St	0.1
11.2	→	R onto E Tuskeena St	0.1
11.4	→	R onto E Coosa St. and follow it through Valley Brook Park along the Coosa River.	0.2

1.2 miles. +47/-37 feet

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11.6	←	Continue L onto E Tallasse St. There is an asphalt bike/ped trail on the R that connects to the Wetumpka Sportsplex on Hwy. 14.	0.7
12.3	←	L onto N Pine St	0.2
12.5	←	L onto W Tuskeena St	0.5
13.0	→	R onto N Bridge St	0.1
13.1	←	L onto W Bridge St	0.2
13.3	←	Slight L onto Company St	0.2
13.5	←	L onto Green St	0.1
13.6	←	Green St turns L and becomes Spring St	0.1
13.6	→	R onto Orlin St	0.1

2.3 miles. +69/-70 feet

Dist	Type	Note	Next
13.8	↗	Sign #7. You can see large rocks in the bed of the Coosa River that were ejected from the crater when it was formed. If you look closely, you will notice that they tilt in the upstream direction. When the water level in the river is high these rocks are not visible. At the Old Calaboose join the bike path and ride through Gold Star Park. Restrooms are available.	0.4
14.2	←	L and follow path to the parking lot and up to S. Main Street.	0.2
14.3	→	R onto S. Main Street.	0.3
14.6	→	R onto River Oaks Dr	0.4
15.0	←	L onto River Oaks Blvd, then R onto Old Hwy 231 and the multi-use path. At mile 16.0, turn R onto W. Fort Toulouse Rd. and return to the Fort.	3.4
18.4	📍	End of route	0.0

4.8 miles. +145/-116 feet