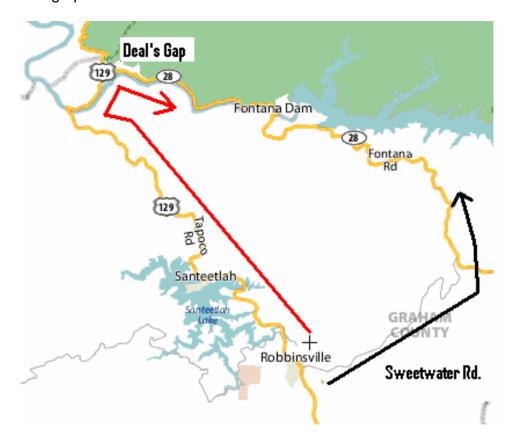


A lot of people will be leaving us in Robbinsville. It's a great place to get gas, pick up some food for the next few days or stop to make some last minute cell phone calls before driving out of range of the towers on your way to Fontana Village. Feel free to head your own way from here on out. Several tour members will also be staying in hotels in the Robbinsville area so they will probably peel away from the group heading back to Fontana Village.

I'll be stopping for gas at one of the larger gas stations there as it is much cheaper to buy gas here than at Fontana. If you want to follow me back to Fontana, I'd be happy to lead a group the rest of the way in after filling up.



There are 2 ways back to Fontana...

- You can go via Sweetwater Road and TURN LEFT onto NC 28 when you hit it in 8.8 miles and continue on 12.7 miles until you get to Fontana Village.
- You can continue up 143/129 through Robbinsville 17.8 miles to Deal's Gap. TURN RIGHT onto NC 28 and continue on 8.8 miles until you get to Fontana Village.

One Page Instructions the Highlands Drive - MOTD 2008

1		Depart the staging area at the base of Fontana Dam.
2	Trip: 0 mi 24.0 to next turn	TURN LEFT from the lower dam access road onto 28 towards the bridge that leads to Fontana Village Reset your trip meter as you make this turn.
3	Trip: 24.0 mi 3.2 to next turn	TURN LEFT where 28 East joins US 74 East
4	Trip: 27.2 mi 20.7 to next turn	TURN RIGHT, leaving US 74 and following NC 28
5	Trip: 47.9 mi 2.1 to end of turning directions in this step. 18.5 to next turn	Follow NC 28 through downtown Franklin, NC TURN RIGHT onto West Main St TAKE IMMEDIATE LEFT onto Porter St. TAKE IMMEDIATE LEFT onto West Palmer St. CONTINUE STRAIGHT when West Palmer becomes East Main St. TURN RIGHT onto Highlands Rd (AKA NC 28)
6	Trip: 68.5 mi	TURN LEFT in Highlands on 4 th St. and park one block ahead near Town Hall. There are public bathrooms ahead 1 block on the left.
7		Break for 2 hours. I will announce the time to reconvene when we get to Highlands and will post it on my windshield, just in case you got left behind somewhere – A Pepper White '06 MCS with painted arches We will depart promptly, 15 minutes after the announced meeting time
8	Trip: 0.0 mi 17.1 to next turn	We will head out of Franklin the same way we came in. Reset your trip meter as you TURN RIGHT onto Highlands Rd. Weather permitting; We will stop at Bridal Veil Falls, about 2 miles outside of Highlands, for a photo op. Where else can you drive your MINI under a waterfall?
9	Trip: 17.1 mi 6.0 to next turn	TURN LEFT onto US 64 West (AKA Sylva Rd)
10	Trip: 23.1 mi 28.1 to next turn	TURN RIGHT onto Patton Rd and drive 0.1 mile. TURN LEFT onto Wayah Road.
11	Trip: 51.2 mi 2.1 to next turn	TURN LEFT onto US 74 West / US 129 South (AKA Nantahala Cove Road) and continue on 2.1 miles
12	Trip: 53.3 mi 11.7 to Robbinsville	TURN RIGHT in Topton onto Tallulah Road
13	Trip: 65.0 mi	This is where the tour officially ends. See Page 11 of this packet for directions to Fontana or stop with me to get gas and I'll lead you the rest of the way back.