



# Missouri 36 Bike Route



## Hannibal - Macon 73 miles East - West Route

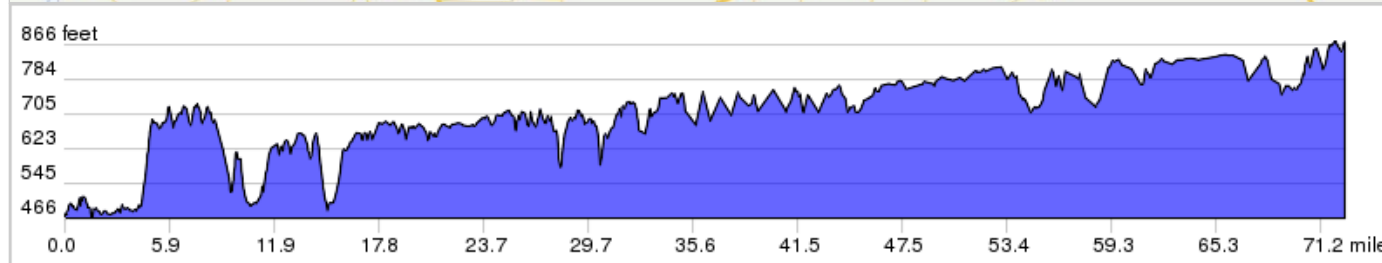
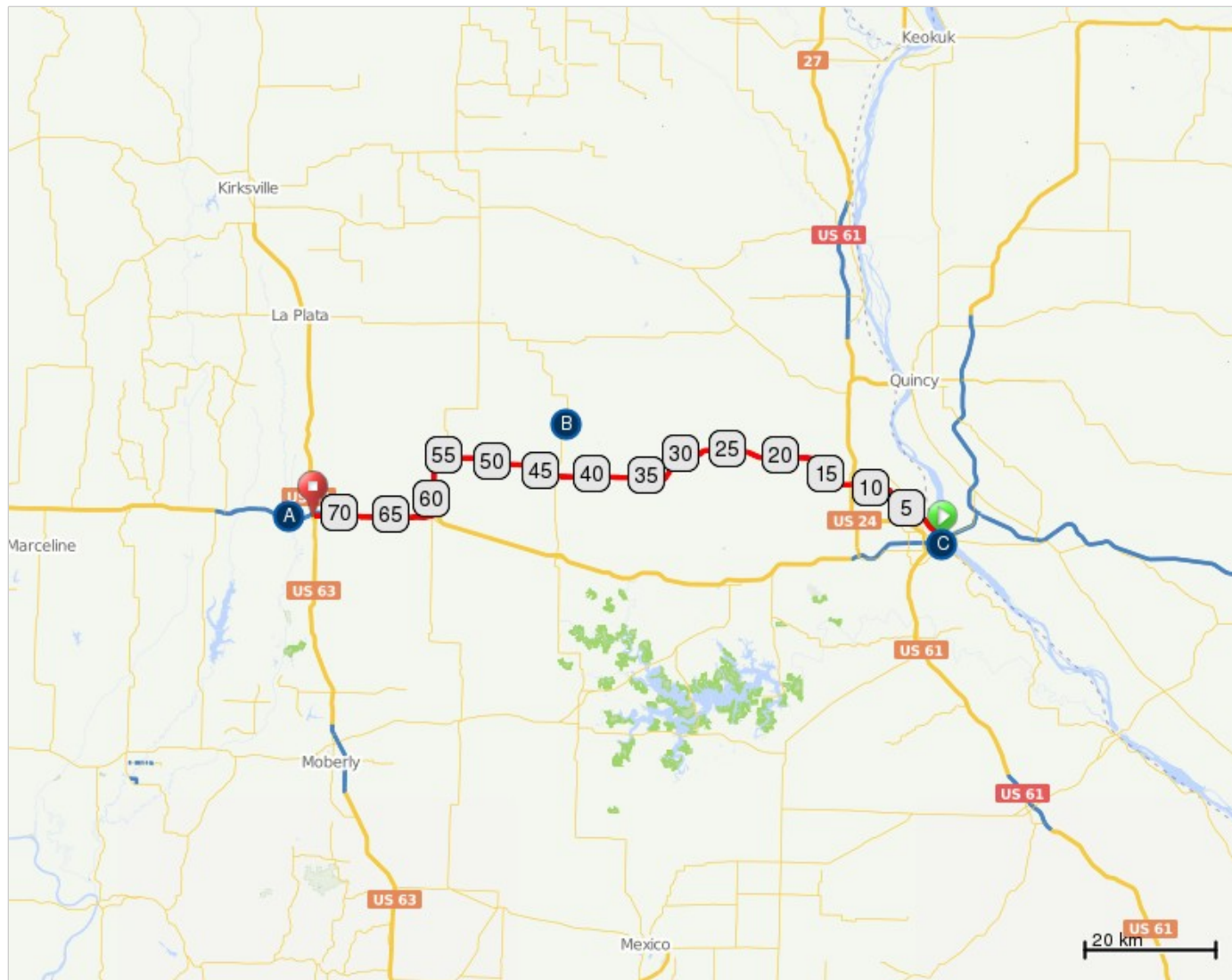
Starts at the Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum, 120 North Main, Hannibal, Mo 63401

Map Link: <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/1868296> for viewing or download to your Garmin device



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# Hannibal to Macon, Mo



Distance:

Elevation:

Good For: cycling



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## Hannibal to Macon, Mo

0.0	0.0	↖	Start of route
		←	
0.1	0.1	↑	Continue onto Bridge
			Continue onto Co Rd
6.9	6.0	→	R onto Co Rd 407
		←	
11.9	3.5	↑	Continue onto E Ross St
13.2			Continue onto MO-168
43.2	30.0	→	R onto S Roosevelt St
		←	
54.4	11.2	↑	Continue straight onto
61.3	6.9	→	R to merge onto US-36
69.8	8.5	←	L onto US-36 BUS W
	2.8	←	L onto N Missouri St
	0.0	👉	End of route

# Attractions along the Macon to Hannibal Segment

Of the three main sections in the Highway 36 Bike Route as laid out here, the stretch between Hannibal and Macon has the relatively fewest attractions. But the good news is that the ones that are along the way are absolutely outstanding, plus what you might lack in destinations here is more than made up for in scenery.

## 1. Hannibal Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum, Hannibal, MO

<http://www.marktwainmuseum.org/>

Plan a memorable visit to the place where Sam Clemens grew up along the Mississippi River, and see eight historic buildings, including the Boyhood Home, a National Historic Landmark. Open year-round, 9 to 5 daily, 7 days a week (closed major holidays). The museum people suggest at least 1 to 1-1/2 hours to view all of the buildings. Site includes:

1. Interpretive Center - includes interactive exhibits
2. Mark Twain's Boyhood Home & Garden - see where Sam Clemens grew up and where the REAL adventures of "Tom Sawyer" took place.
3. Huckleberry Finn House - where the REAL Huck Finn (Tom Blankenship) grew up
4. Becky Thatcher House - home of Laura Hawkins, the inspiration for Becky (currently being refurbished)
5. Museum Gallery - lovely 2-story building featuring interactive exhibits, the Norman Rockwell Gallery, and treasured Clemens family artifacts. Time your visit to see a live performance!
6. Tom & Huck Statue - at the foot of Cardiff Hill, available to the public for a great family photo

## 2. Historic Bethel German Colony Bethel, MO

<http://www.bethel.maca.net/vp/upVau/welcome.html>

Located five miles north of Shelbyville, this optional side trip will add 10 miles to your ride. Founded by Dr. Wilhelm Keil in 1844, Bethel was the most successful communal colony in Missouri. Today, this tiny community of 117 residents strives to preserve its rich heritage. Hungry cyclists will enjoy a house-made meals at the Fest Hall (Mon.-Sat., 6 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun. smorgasbord, noon-2 p.m.)

The colony offers the public an opportunity visit a time when colonists lived by the golden rule and shared crops, clothing, crafts and even their earnings. Spend a day exploring an 1800s colony; follow a mapped walking tour; visit shops and museums; take part in festivals and parades; witness a way of life when no doors were locked and your home was your neighbors.

## 3. Long Branch State Park Macon, MO

<http://mostateparks.com/park/long-branch-state-park>

Picturesque Long Branch Lake offers some of the best bass fishing in northern Missouri and its swimming beach is a favorite for families. More than 80 campsites make the park a perfect place for overnight stays. And the park's native prairie offers peaceful hiking opportunities. Terrific interpretive center offers information about the lake's creation by the Corps of Engineers plus its fish and wildlife.