

BOONE, NC

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS TO/FROM OFF-CAMPUS PARKING AT BMS TO/FROM BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA

TO BMS

From Boone, it appears on a road atlas that US 421, which connects Bristol and Boone, is the shortest way to go. Don't go that way all the way. US 421 between Bristol and Mountain City has to cross over Holston Mountain and Iron Mountain, and vehicles over 35 feet long have a very difficult time with the switchbacks on the mountains. These are steep mountain grades to be avoided, especially at night for unfamiliar motorists or in bad weather. Instead, to get to BMS from Boone, go north from Boone on US 421 only into the city of Mountain City, Tennessee. In Mountain City, take Tennessee State Route 91 to the town of Damascus, Virginia. By going this way, you are going around Holston and Iron Mountains and staying on more-or-less level ground. In Damascus, get on westbound US 58 and go towards Abingdon, Virginia. As you approach Abingdon on the east side of town, you will intersect Interstate 81 at Virginia Exit 19 just past Wal-Mart; get on southbound Interstate 81. Stay in the right lane. At the next exit (Virginia Exit 17), get off the interstate; at the bottom of the ramp, turn left onto southbound Virginia State Route 75 towards South Holston Dam (you will not go to the dam, but you will pass close by on your way to BMS). Follow the TO BMS signs along the following route, as shown on Diagram D2:

- a. Going south on State Route 75, you will cross into Tennessee and the road name will change automatically to Tennessee State Route 44. At the intersection with US 421 on the west side of Holston Mountain, turn right onto northbound US 421 towards Bristol.
- b. At the first intersection with Tennessee State Route 435, continue straight.
- c. At the next intersection with Tennessee State Route 44, continue straight.
- d. After passing the State Route 44 intersection, you will go up a big hill; get in the left lane.
- e. At the traffic signal about a mile beyond, turn left onto Highway 394.
- f. Go past the Weaver Pike (State Route 358) interchange. Go past the Vance Tank Road interchange.
- g. Just past the Vance Tank Road interchange, get in the left lane. To go to Speedway Parking, go past the Copperhead Entrance, past the Dragway Entrance, and turn left onto White Top Road. Speedway Parking is the first driveway to the left.

BACK TO BOONE

Diagram D12 shows part of the route back to Boone, which is the reverse of the route that you took coming to BMS. From Speedway Parking, turn right onto westbound White Top Road to Highway 394, and turn right to go east on Highway 394.

From here, the next Highway 394 interchange is at Tennessee State Route 358 (Weaver Pike); once you go over that bridge, get in the right lane if you have not already done so. At the traffic signal with US 421, turn right onto southbound US 421 (a left turn will also get you to Interstate 81, but you will also have to go past the heavier-traveled Exit 7 area). On southbound US 421, go past the first Tennessee State Route 44 intersection (that leads to Bluff City) and go to the point where the four-lane roadway reduces to two lanes. Just past that point, Tennessee State Route 44 intersects again, with a left turn towards Abingdon, Virginia; take that left turn. Tennessee State Route 44 will automatically turn into Virginia State Route 75 upon crossing the state line. Enter northbound Interstate at Exit 17 in Abingdon.

On northbound Interstate 81, stay in the right lane and get off at the next exit (Virginia Exit 19) onto eastbound US 58. Follow US 58 eastbound into Damascus; on the far side of Damascus, take State Route 91 to Mountain City. In Mountain City, you will intersect again with US 421; take southbound US 421 to Boone.