

# **NORTON, VA**

## **TRAVEL DIRECTIONS TO/FROM FREE PARKING AT BMS NORTON, VIRGINIA**

### **TO BMS**

From Norton, go south on US 23 towards Gate City, Virginia. Go past the entrance to Natural Tunnel State Park and stay on the four-lane bypass around Gate City. Go through the traffic signal on the Gate City bypass into Weber City, Virginia. Go under the railroad bridge and get in the left lane. At the next traffic signal, take a left turn to follow eastbound US 58, southbound US 421 and Virginia State Route 224 (going straight will keep you on southbound US 23 and into a work zone where the bridge over the North Fork of the Holston River is being replaced with only one lane of traffic in each direction). Immediately get in the right lane as you cross a concrete four-lane bridge. At the far end of the bridge, a left turn will take you along eastbound US 58 and southbound US 421, while a straight through will take you along Virginia State Route 224. Even though the sign says a left turn along US 58 will take you to Bristol, stay straight on to State Route 224 towards Kingsport (east of here, US 58 is a very winding roadway that could be difficult for larger vehicles and is a slower way to BMS). In a few miles, you will cross the Tennessee state line and Virginia State Route 224 will become Tennessee State Route 93. Continue on State Route 93 and get in the right lane when it becomes a four-lane roadway. At the interchange with US 11W, take the exit, and take northbound US 11W at the bottom of the ramp (a left turn) towards Bristol. You will go through a work zone for bridge repairs just past the shopping center with Target in it. In a few miles, you will come to the signalized intersection with Highway 394. Take a right turn onto eastbound Highway 394 towards the Exit 69 interchange with Interstate 81.

At the Exit 69 interchange with Interstate 81, go under the Interstate 81 bridges (this is where you appear on Diagram D2). Go through the community of Blountville on Highway 394. Go under the US 11E bridges. Stay in the right lane. Go through the traffic signal at Tennessee Highway 390, staying in the right lane. To go to Speedway Parking, take a right turn at the next intersection (White Top Road); Speedway Parking is the first driveway on the left. To go to Whitetop Creek Park, continue straight on Highway 394 past the Dragway Entrance and take the next right onto Sportsway Drive at the Copperhead Entrance. Go south on Sportsway Drive about 2,000 feet and Whitetop Creek Park is at the end of the road.

### **TO NORTON**

You will not be going back to Norton the same way that you came in. Westbound Highway 394 is the heaviest-traveled of all the post-race routes. The route below is a few miles longer, but takes less time because the volumes are less and the speeds are much higher. The route back in the Bristol area is shown on Diagram D12. The White Top Route will get Speedway Parking patrons back to Highway 394. From Speedway Parking, turn left onto eastbound White Top Road along the White Top Route. Go east on White Top Road, following the TO 81 signs, and turn left onto eastbound Vance Tank Road. At the STOP sign at Broyles Lane, do not turn onto Broyles Lane; keep going straight on Vance Tank Road. After passing a railroad signal on the right, turn left to go

up the concrete ramp of Sweet Knobs Trail to its eastern intersection of Highway 394. You must turn right onto eastbound Highway 394 in the right lane.

From Whitetop Creek Park, go north on Sportsway Drive and turn right onto eastbound Highway 394, get in the right lane, and go over the bridge at the Vance Tank Road interchange.

The next Highway 394 interchange is at Tennessee State Route 358 (Weaver Pike); once you go over that bridge, get in the left lane. At the traffic signal with US 421, turn left to get to Interstate 81 (a right turn will get you there as well, but adds about 25 miles to the trip) by getting onto northbound US 421. Follow the signs to Interstate 81 along the following routes (there are TO 81 signs along the way):

- a. Continue north on US 421 (the street name will change to Virginia Avenue)
- b. Follow northbound US 421 as it turns left to Maple Street
- c. Follow northbound US 421 as it turns right to Pennsylvania Avenue
- d. Go through the traffic signal at Ash Street
- e. At the traffic signal at Anderson Street, the road curves so that a through movement goes onto the Anderson Street bridge over the railroad and a right turn goes onto northbound Pennsylvania Avenue. Go through onto the Anderson Street concrete bridge and immediately get in the right lane
- f. At the end of the bridge, turn right onto northbound Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and get in the left lane
- g. Go through the Shelby Street and State Street traffic signals; you are now in Virginia, but the street name is still Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
- h. Continue straight on northbound Martin Luther King, Jr Boulevard towards Interstate 81
- i. Go through the West Mary Street traffic signal and get in the right lane
- j. At the next traffic signal (Moore Street/Oakview Avenue), turn right; in one block, you will intersect Lee Highway (US 11/19). Continue straight on northbound US 11/19 (Lee Highway).
- k. At the Interstate 81 interchange, turn left onto southbound Interstate 81.

Stay in the right lane on southbound Interstate 81 and cross back into Tennessee. Get off at Tennessee Exit 74B (the first exit after the Welcome Center) to get onto southbound US 11W. Go past the Highway 394 traffic signal (from here, you are now following the same route you came in on, in the opposite direction) and go through the Reedy Creek bridge repair work zone and into the City of Kingsport. At the interchange with State Route 93, take the exit onto northbound State Route 93 (the first right-side ramp). Continue north on State Route 93 as it turns into the two-lane Virginia State Route 224 as you cross the state line. When you intersect US 58, stay going straight (as the roadway curves to the left) onto westbound US 58. Get in the right lane as you cross a concrete bridge, and turn right at the traffic signal to follow westbound US 58, northbound US 421, and northbound US 23. Northbound US 23 will take you back to Norton.