Hanging Dog Loop - Approximately 25 mile loop, 2:15 hrs. to 2:30 hrs. advanced , 2:45 hrs. ride time for average riders.

If you do this ride after the morning going to work or evening coming home there is very little traffic and for the most part are polite, thru the years have gotten acustomed to seeing cyclist.

Start at Graves store on Joe Brown Hwy. about 1 1/2 mile out of Murphy, the store is the first one on the right after crossing climb out of Murphy.

From store take right on Joe Brown, turn right at the traffic light 1/2 mile onto Hanging Dog Rd.

After coming down a fast hill you will cross a bridge stary right

Folllow HD rd about 7 miles until you come to a split, go left onto Beaver Dam rd. follow 1 mile another split, stay left on Beaver Dam there you will start a 2 mile climb, easy gradual climb with a lot of turns I've done it in the big ring, 21 so you know its not that hard, after cresting the reward will be a 1 mile descent pretty steep with a couple of turns sometimes I don't touch the brakes on it.

Follow Beaver Dam until it intersects Joe Brown, take a left, and follow that back to your car, at this point you will be nearing the half way point

the entire route is very senic low dog count if any, you will pass Hiawassee lake and cross it in 2 places, very nice ride with some short hills and the one 2 mile climb which should take no more than 15 min at most