

Directions to Fort Ritchie

14421 Lake Royer Drive
Cascade, MD 21719

From the Washington, D.C. area:

Take Interstate 270 North to Interstate 70 West to Exit 35, Smithsburg/Boonsboro, MD. Turn right onto Route 66 and travel six miles to Route 64. At the intersection, turn right onto Route 64 and continue for one mile, then turn right onto Route 491. From this point, drive seven miles and turn left onto McAfee Hill Road. Turn left at the traffic light and go through the main gate at Fort Ritchie.

Optional Route from the Washington, D.C. Area:

Take Interstate 270 North to Frederick, MD, where it merges with Route 15 North. Stay on Route 15 to Route 550 at Thurmont, MD. Turn left on 550 (towards Sabillasville). Route 550 begins a 10-mile climb into the Catoctin Mountains and leads directly into the main gate of Fort Ritchie.

From Baltimore, Maryland:

Take Interstate 70 West and follow either of the routes described above.

From points north (PA Turnpike, Carlisle, Chambersburg, etc.):

Take Interstate 81 South to Exit 5 at Greencastle, PA, and then take Route 16 East through Waynesboro, PA, into Blue Ridge Summit, PA, which will be approximately 14 miles. At Blue Ridge Summit there is a sign on the right that says "Maryland _." Turn right here (Fort Ritchie Access Road) and drive two miles, then turn right into the main gate of Fort Ritchie.

From Hagerstown: Take Route 64 to Smithsburg, MD. Turn right onto Route 491 and travel seven miles. Turn left on McAfee Hill Road. At the traffic light turn left into the main gate at Fort Ritchie.

Optional route from Hagerstown, MD:

Take Route 60 to Route 418 and turn right at the intersection of PA Route 16. Drive approximately six miles to Blue Ridge Summit, PA. At Blue Ridge Summit there is a sign on the right that says "Maryland _." Turn right here (Fort Ritchie Access Road), drive two miles, then turn right into the main gate of Fort Ritchie.

From Hagerstown Regional Airport:

Turn right when exiting airport onto Showalter Road. Take Interstate 81 North to Exit 5 at Greencastle, PA, then take Route 16 East through Waynesboro, PA, into Blue Ridge Summit, PA, a trip of approximately 14 miles. At Blue Ridge Summit there is a sign on the right that says "Maryland _." Turn right here (Fort Ritchie Access Road), drive two miles, then turn right into the main gate of Fort Ritchie.