

MINIs on Top 2006 Ride Overview

Saturday Night Live brought us *Hanz and Franz* – MOT06 brings us **Kanc and Franc** (we're already pumped up, thank you).

As this will be the second, third, or fourth *MINIs on Top* for some participants, we've decided to add some variety to the Saturday Group Ride. To help you choose, here's a brief description of each ride. (Detailed ride itineraries for each of these are available for printing at minisonotop.com. Please print and bring copies with you.) All of these rides end at the Mt. Washington Auto Road for the afternoon activities, but you'll probably have time to cruise around a bit on your own. Please arrive at the Auto Road between 3:30 and 4:00.

The Kanc – The Kancamagus & Bear Notch Road (76 miles): If you haven't driven it yet, you're in for a treat. It's a great twisty, with beautiful scenery as a bonus. If you have a chance later in the weekend, make the drive by yourself also, and take the time to make lots of stops at the overlooks. The highway, by the way, is named for Mt. Kancamagus, near Lincoln. That in turn is named for Chief Kancamagus of the Penacook Confederacy. This ride includes a stop at a beautiful covered bridge, lunch along the Swift River, and a run north on Bear Notch Road.

Note: In the Kanc ride itinerary mailed with this package directions for Loon Mountain from Lincoln indicate west on 112. That's wrong. **To get to the Loon parking lot from I-93 and Lincoln, travel East on 112.**

Franc #1 – Franconia Notch and Route 302 (68 miles): The Franconia Notch is one of the most spectacular areas of the White Mountains. This ride takes you north on I93 through the notch, and past the viewing site for the former Old Man of the Mountain. As I93 passes through the notch, it drops to a single lane in each direction (45 mph). This road can be very busy, so plan for a calm, but very scenic ride. After Franconia Notch, the run continues on Route 3 to Twin Mountain, then east on 302 through Crawford Notch, with a roadside lunch stop at the Willey House. This ride joins the Kanc route at mile 56 (the north end of Bear Notch Road).

Franc #2 – Backroads to Franconia (83 miles): This run bypasses Franconia Notch to the west, passing through the towns of Franconia and Bethlehem on the way north to join Route 302. It traverses some great twisties with lots of views. Route 302 is a faster road (often 55 mph) but pay attention to the F Troop Barracks as you approach Twin Mountain from the west. From Twin Mountain on, this Route follows the same path as Franc #1.

Which one do you pick? If this is your first *MINIs on Top*, The Kanc is strongly recommended. If you've done The Kanc in previous years, it's time to expand your horizons. Better yet, take some time during the weekend to do all three. Whichever one you pick, please remember, this is a ride, not a race. All of these roads are very busy and heavily patrolled. Fran #1 and #2 start off through the town of Lincoln, so please don't shut out other traffic – you'll have plenty of time to regroup as the rides continue west and north. We want to keep being welcomed back to the White Mountains, and we want to see everyone safely arriving at the Mt. Washington Auto Road for the afternoon events.