



Welcome to the International Norton Owners Association 2026 Norton Blue Ridge Thunder Rally

The Nation's Capital Norton Owners (NCNO) are proud to host this year's INOA rally. NCNO is a chartered member of the INOA that has been active since 1982. The club is composed of about 120 misfits, kooks and weirdoes who are Norton and vintage motorcycle enthusiasts located throughout the greater Washington, DC area.

The locals pronounce Buena Vista Bun-NA Vista....you have been warned.

Glen Maury Park is ready for a Norton Invasion. There is plenty of space. Rally Registration will be open for business Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to five 5 p.m. You are free to set up camp anywhere in the park. Please display the camping/RV pass at your site.

Most RV sites are on the lower camping area and there are plenty of fully shaded camp sites in the upper camping area. Tents can be set up on an open RV site.

The Park has a Wifi network for guests. The network is BVPARK, and the password is 5402612321 (no spaces). The WiFi tends to work better in the lower campground area.

All rally attendees are welcome to use the park's pool. Your rally pack has a red ticket, give that red ticket to the pool attendant. If you would like to visit the pool again, stop by rally registration and grab another red ticket.

Your rally pack contains information on the local area. Both Buena Vista and Lexington have very good Visitor Centers with more information on local attractions

We'll kick things off with a Welcome Taco Dinner on Monday evening at the Upper or Double Decker Pavilion.

On Tuesday we have scheduled an after-dinner Ice Cream Social and a talk by Mr. Brian Slark on the history of Norton in America, also at the Double Decker Pavilion

There will be a group ride to the Humpback Rocks picnic site on the Blue Ridge Parkway on Wednesday. We will meet at the park entrance area, kick-stands up at 10:30.

On Wednesday evening, the City of Lexington will reserve a parking area downtown for us so you can sample historic downtown Lexington. NCNO staff will watch your bikes and gear. Directions to the parking area are enclosed.

Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm the rally bike show will occur at the park entrance area. The classes are listed later, rally attendees may vote on their favorites.

That evening a bike night and Norton related movie showing will be in downtown Buena Vista. We are featuring *I Bought a Vampire Motorcycle*, a 1990 UK produced horror movie spoof which co-stars a 1974 Commando Interstate as the vampire. Wooden stakes will be available.

We have Tech Sessions by NCNO Norton Guru Chris Greenbacker, scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in the Skating Ring Pavilion near the park entrance.

The INOA membership meeting will be on Thursday afternoon.

Friday will close with the Group Picture and Banquet. The Banquet will be in the large pavilion at the north end of the lower campground, past the red caboose.

There will be daily drawings for door prizes. Your door prize ticket is light blue. Check the White Board at rally registration to see if you won any loot. We will give away a biggie or two at the Monday Taco Welcome Dinner and the Tuesday evening Ice Cream Social, both in the Upper Double Decker Pavilion.

Glen Maury Park is a public park and is regularly visited by the Buena Vista police as a security measure. ***Please wear a helmet when you are riding in Glen Maury Park.*** We'd greatly appreciate it if you'd watch the speed limits in Buena Vista too.

Breakfast will be available for purchase from Dora's Kitchen Food Truck each morning. It will park near the registration pavilion.

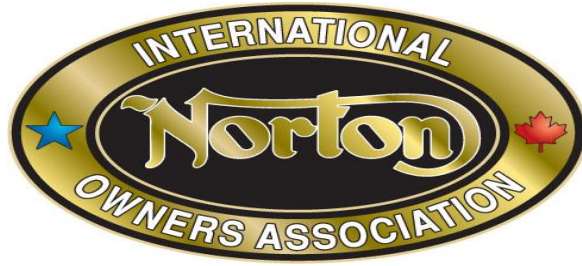
The Holy Cow Ice Cream shop adjacent to the rally registration pavilion is open 3-8 pm. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and open 11:30 am to 8 pm Thursday and Friday. They serve a variety of sandwiches and burgers as well as ice cream and drinks.

For any questions during the rally please contact the rally Co-Chairmen, Burt Upchurch rbupchurch1@verizon.net 703 635-6056 or Marc Bouchard Combat750@gmail.com 202 906-9406.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR HELMET AT TIMES WHEN RIDING IN THE PARK

Buena Vista Police	713 East Main Street	540 261-6174
Lexington Medical Center	1101 Veteran Dr. Lex VA	859 233-4511
Glen Maury Park	Maury River Rd	540 261-7321

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911



NORTON BLUE RIDGE THUNDER SCHEDULE

Monday June 22

- 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Registration Open
- 6-8 p.m. Welcome Taco Bar Upper Double Decker Pavilion

Tuesday June 23

- 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Registration Open
- 3 p.m. Tech Session, Skating Rink Pavilion, Engine/Primary/Gearbox
- 7-9 p.m. Ice Cream Social Upper Double Decker Pavilion,
Guest Speaker Mr. Brian Slark, Norton in America

Wednesday June 24

- 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Registration Open
- 10:30 a.m. Kick Stands Up for Blue Ridge Parkway Picnic Group Ride
- 4 p.m. INOA Executive Meeting Upper Double Decker Pavilion
- 6 p.m. Norton Bike Night Downtown Lexington, Corral Parking Lot on
Jefferson Street
NCNO Members will watch bikes and gear

Thursday June 25

- 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Registration Open
- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Bike Show, Main entrance
- 3 p.m. Tech Session, Skating Rink Pavilion, Frame/Isos/Front Forks/
Magic Smoke
- 4:30 p.m. Membership Meeting Upper Double Decker Pavilion
- 6:00 p.m. Norton Movie Night Buena Vista, bike reserved parking near city
pavilion on Magnolia Street, movie starts at 7 p.m. at Straws
NCNO members will watch bikes and gear

Friday June 26

- 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Registration Open
- 5 p.m. Group Picture Upper Double Decker Pavilion
- 6 p.m. Banquet Main Pavilion

Wednesday Group Ride to Picnic at Humpback Rocks

We will gather in the main entrance parking lot for a 10:30 engine start and departure.

NCNO will have two riders in front and a rider in sweep

PLEASE LEAVE FULL THERE IS NO FUEL ON THE PARKWAY

This is not a race, the ride leader will set a moderate pace. Do not feel pressure to keep up or stay in a tight group, we will probably get spread out as we go to HW 60E via downtown. Once on the Parkway do not feel the need to bunch up and if you like, stop at any scenic Parkway overlook.

Left out of campground

Left at the Stoplight on HW 501 Magnolia Ave

Go through town

Turn right at Light onto HW 60E at Hardees/Auto Zone

6.0 Exit HW 60E on to Blueridge Parkway, GO NORTH to the RIGHT

North-South is not marked at the Parkway entrance

There is a milage sign to Shenandoah National Park shortly after you turn North

33.0 Right into Humpback Rocks Picnic Area

Wednesday Norton Bike Night in Downtown Lexington

The City of Lexington reserved a parking area near Washington and Lee University in historic downtown Lexington for rally attendees. The area is at the corner of Jefferson and Washington Street. There will be NCNO staff there to watch your bikes and gear while you wander downtown restaurants, shops and watering holes. We will be there around 6 p.m. and someone will stay until everyone leaves. Any bike brought to the rally will be welcome. For those who drive there should be plenty of parking and open public lots nearby.

Route to the Lexington Bike Night Parking Area

Left at the light on HW 501

Left at the light HW 60 West

Travel Past I-81, into Lexington, go past Route 11

Right on Main Street in downtown Lexington

Go 2 blocks, Left on West Henry St

Left on Jefferson St (is one way heading south)

The Bike Night Parking Lot will be on your right immediately before Washington Street. Look for brick wall and orange cones.

Thursday Rally Bike Show

Thursday, June 25, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. At Campground entrance.

Registration will open at 9:00

Awards will be presented to bikes in each category voted on by rally attendees, so no fights with any judges 😊

Classes

750 Commando Roadster First

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750 Commando Interstate First

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850 Commando Roadster First

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850 Commando Interstate First

850 Commando Interstate Second

750/850 Hi Rider

Fastback

750/850 Custom-Special First

750/850 Custom-Special Second

Norton Competition

Pre-Commando Twin First

Pre-Commando Twin Second

Norton Single First

Norton Single Second

Norton Prewar First

Norton Pre-War Second

Other British

Rat Bike

Statesman Norton over 50,000 miles

People's Choice

Drinks, burgers, hotdogs and ice cream available at at 1130 at the Holy Cow Ice Cream shop next to the registration pavilion

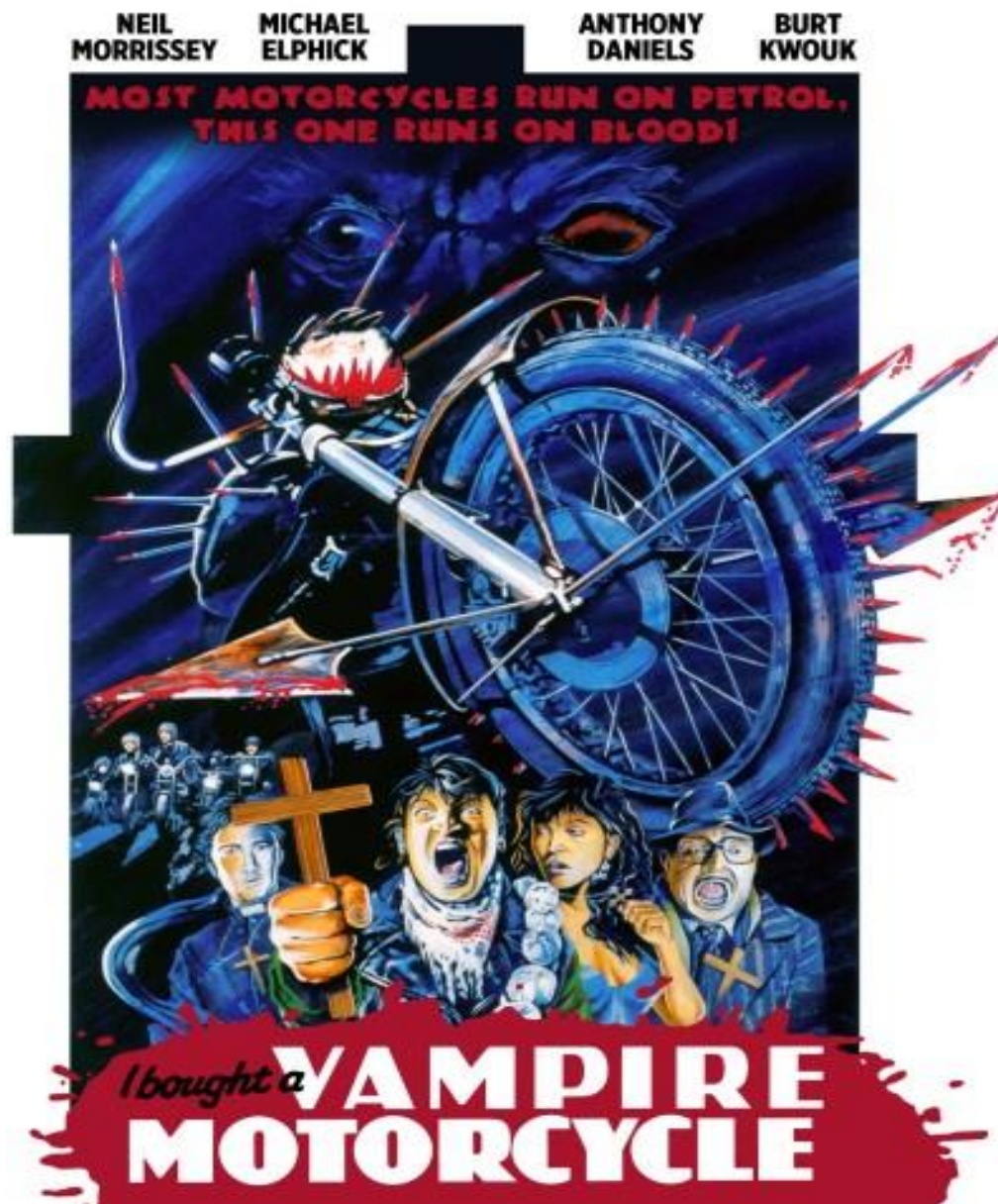
Thursday Norton Movie Night in downtown Buena Vista

The city will reserve motorcycle parking near the Magnolia Square pavilion on Magnolia Ave. Come hang out or grab dinner in nearby restaurants. NCNO members will watch your bikes and gear. At 7 p.m. a screening of *I Bought a Vampire Motorcycle* will be shown at Straws, 2047 Magnolia Ave. The movie is so cheeky and bad it is pretty good. A 1974 850 Interstate stars as the vampire.

Take a left on Magnolia Ave at the Stop Light

Just past Kenny's Magnolia Ave veers to the right

The pavilion is a few blocks on your left in downtown Buena Vista



Self-Guided Rides

We have mapped local rides for you to ride as you wish. There is one short ride that does not roam far from the campground, a medium length ride of 55 miles, and a longer ride of 70 miles that might take a few hours with stops.

We have a 170-mile loop that leaves Lexington on HW 39W through the Goshen Pass, up Rt 600 and HW 84 to Monterey, Virginia, east on HW 250 then south from McDowell, Virginia on RT 678, Bullpasture River Road, through a beautiful valley, and back to HW 39. Turn by turn instructions will be at the Registration Pavilion for anyone desiring to take this on.

If on the Blue Ridge Parkway, be aware of the 45-mph speed limit and that there are no gas stations on the Parkway. Typically, fuel is available 3-6 miles off the parkway on major state routes such as HW 60 West, 56 West, 501 South and Route 664 East.

The Parkway is patrolled by the National Park Service; the speed limit is 45-mph, use common sense on your velocity and where and when you pass. Many vehicles will stop at overlooks to get out of the way.

The three numbered routes are generally in good shape. Some are narrow with no shoulder, typical rural roads. We have pre-ridden these roads and there is little gravel but keep your eyes open for gravel or deer.

If you decide to venture on your own, it is difficult to go wrong. Several NCNO members have ridden extensively in this area and into West Virginia and can provide recommendations.

GPX files for each route are available at NCNO.org. We will also have a laptop with the files at the rally. Take the paper instructions; we have found different GPS apps and systems sometimes react differently to the GPX files.

Ride Route # 1 total 27 miles

This is a good warm up ride that never ventures far from the campground and will give you a taste of the local roads. It heads west and south through a valley west of the Blue Ridge and loops back to Buena Vista on HW 501N. It features a good view of the Buena Vista valley on HW 501.

Right out of campground

1.4 Left on Rt 608 Forge Road

8.5 Bear left/Straight to stay on Rt 608 Forge Road, if you get on Tinkerville Road it goes to HW 11

.5 Right at Yield Sign to stay on Rt 608 Forge Road

2.2 Left at Stop to HW 130E Rockridge Road
(GPS may show a different name)

Gas is available in Glasglow

5.2 Left at stop on HW 501N Glasglow Road

Speed trap is often near Buena Vista City Limit. Slow down!

8.1 Left at light 10th street in Buena Vista to campground

Ride Route #2 total 55 miles

This heads up and over the Blue Ridge on HW 60E. Then south on the eastern side of the mountains and loops back on HW 501 N

Left out of campground on 10th Ave, left at light on Magnolia Ave

Go through town

- 1.5 Right at light by Hardees onto HW 60E
- 14.5 Right on RT 635 Buffalo Springs Turnpike
- 10.4 Right at HW 130W
- 8.6 Straight on HW 501N
- 8.1 Left on 10th Ave into Campground

Ride Route #3 total 70 miles

This route goes east on HW 60 E, over the Blue Ridge then heads north on small back roads. HW 56W is one of NCNO's favorite roads. It is especially fun; it starts off in big sweepers and twists and turns to the Parkway. Be careful in the tight turns, some can have a light dust coat. At the Parkway you can head south back to HW 60W or continue over the Blue Ridge and continue back on backroads

Left out of campground and left at Stop light on Magnolia Ave, travel through town

1.5 Right at Light on HW 60E

18.0 Left on Rt 631 Mt Pleasant Road (just before Liberty Gas station)

2.0 Bear Right on Rt 617 Thrashers Creek Road (some gravel)

1.6 Straight at Stop onto RT 610 Sandidges Road

1.3 Left at Stop Rt 778 Lowesville Road

7.1 Left at Stop on HW 151N

3.0 Left on HW 56 Crabtree Falls HW (gas is available at Exxon just north of HW 56)

26.4 Left at Stop on HW 11S

IMMEDIATE RIGHT on Rt 606 Raphine Road (Gas is available where road crosses I-81)

6.2 Left at Stop on Rt 252 Brownsville Turnpike (GPS may show all the way to 11S)

6.9 Straight at Stop on HW 39E Maury River Road

7.8 Right on HW 11S

1.2 Take off ramp to 11 bypass, Left at bottom of ramp

1.0 Left on HW 60E to Buena Vista (E Midland Trail)

4.5 Right at Light Rt 608 Forge Road

0.6 Left on Rt 745 Paxton House Road

1.4 Arrive campground

