



# Biking To Baymont On The Blue Ridge Parkway!

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Three weary cyclists pedaled into Asheville, North Carolina looking for a hotel. They were on a part of their 470 mile journey down the Blue Ridge Parkway, a National Scenic Byway connecting the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia to the Great Smoky Mountains in North Carolina. The parkway winds its way through hilly terrain, mountain meadows, and majestic valleys. Brothers Peter and Tom Wimberg, along with their good friend Dan Waite, undertook the trip to commemorate Tom's 50th birthday.

"Most will never climb Mount Everest, walk the entire Pacific Crest trail or sail around the world," Peter said. "But just because we won't stand on the highest peak on the planet, doesn't mean that we can't find a little adventure. It turned out to be the trip of a lifetime. We got to experience life in a fresh, uninhibited manner."

By the time they arrived in Asheville on the fourth day of their trip, though, they were physically spent. They had traveled 100 miles that day, much of it on steep climbs around Mount Mitchell and the Craggy Mountains.

"Thankfully, we found the Baymont Inn & Suites® in Asheville," Peter said. "We were warmly welcomed by a delightful Baymont staff. They made us feel welcome and at



*(Tom Wimberg, Peter Wimberg, and Dan Waite on the Blue Ridge Parkway)*

home. They were courteous and pleasant. And the rooms were very comfortable."

"Best of all, the Baymont had a much needed washer and dryer. The hotels that we stayed at the three previous nights didn't have laundry. We were forced to wash everything in the shower."

"Generally, everyone who walks into a hotel is tired and anxious to start their stay," said general manager Julie Patel. "These guests took that to a new level. Our goal is to provide guests with a terrific Hometown Hospitality experience. That, of course, starts with offering them a comfortable and relaxing atmosphere. We were honored that these adventurers chose to stay with us and quite pleased that they got some needed rest here."

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