



## Alternative Ride Suggestions (updated January 2021)

Winter riding is challenging as mountain bike trail conditions are at the mercy of the weather and trail closures are common. Some alternative rides to consider are gravel routes in the DMV area.

### **Gravel Grinding**

#### Interactive Map:

A great map of options to ride on gravel roads is available at the link below. At this site, there are lots of routes shown for riding on gravel roads, especially in northern Virginia, and the routes can be exported as GPX files.

<https://gravelmap.com/#10/39.109/-77.2489>



#### More Gravel Grinding

Gravel Grinding options can also be found at the link below for “Grinding Gravel in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia”

[https://grindinggravel.blogspot.com/2012/08/purcelville-road-outside-of.html?fbclid=IwAR1OFdw0v3Yd8pFTz\\_eH1IQmfA5Q1hzxaokRAvWxvDc865bSo9heSpQExwM](https://grindinggravel.blogspot.com/2012/08/purcelville-road-outside-of.html?fbclid=IwAR1OFdw0v3Yd8pFTz_eH1IQmfA5Q1hzxaokRAvWxvDc865bSo9heSpQExwM)

#### C & O Canal Towpath

The historic C & O Canal Towpath is a relatively flat gravel roadway that runs from Washington, D.C. to Cumberland, Maryland, along the scenic Potomac River. Additional information can be found at the links below:

<https://bikecando.com>

<https://www.nps.gov/choh/learn/kidsyouth/biking-co-towpath.htm>