



## Featuring I-40 in NC

October 1, 2004

**For Your Information:** Erosion on I-40 in the Pigeon River Gorge (NC mile 4) from Hurricane Ivan (Sept 15, 2004) has reduced traffic flow to one lane in each direction. Repairs are estimate to take up to a year. Be aware that traffic in the Gorge will increase during "leaf" season (October).

**Normal route:** Follow I-40. Total distance of 87 miles between I-81 and Asheville, NC. Estimated travel time, in normal traffic conditions, is 1.5 hours. Congestion in the Gorge may increase your travel time. Note: Expect sharp, winding turns and slow moving trucks.

**Alternate route:** Use I-81 and I-26. Total distance 143 miles between Asheville, NC and I-40. Estimated travel time, in normal traffic conditions, is 2 hours. Note: There is a mountain crossing at the boarder of NC/TN, but has steady slopes, gentle turns and wonderful scenery.

This is not an "official" route, only an option. I-40 is open and accessible to all vehicles. Simply Maps wishes to provide travelers with this information so they can make the best plans for an enjoyable journey.

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