



Rail Riders Handout: Route Snapshots

Work with your group to create a geographic “snapshot” of your Amtrak route.

Your snapshot should:

- show the map of the route as it travels through several states.
- include a label for each state shown on the map.
- show and label the route’s origin and destination cities.
- show and label any major cities along the route.
- include a visual representation of the terrain (e.g., mountains, rivers) along route.
- include the number of miles for the route, roundtrip.
- include the amount of British Thermal Units (BTUs) for the route by train and by car.

To calculate the amount of BTUs for the route by train:
 $\# \text{ miles roundtrip} \times 2,398 \text{ BTUs} = \text{amount of BTUs per person}$

To calculate the amount of BTUs for the route by car:
 $\# \text{ miles roundtrip} \times 3,438 \text{ BTUs} = \text{amount of BTUs per person}$

Use clever and creative touches to make your snapshot interesting and appealing.