

## Essex Loop via Joshuatown Road

Start: Essex Town Hall parking lot, Grove St (off West Ave) in Essex

Ride Write-up: Wu-IL080

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Mile	Dir	Road Info/Description
0.0	O	Start
0.0+	L	Out of parking lot onto Grove St
0.0++	L	@ SS onto West Ave
0.2	R	@ SS TCO West Ave
0.2+	R	S. Main St (@ Champlin Square)
0.7	L	@ end w/ SS onto Rt. 154 (Saybrook Rd)
2.0	L	Otter Cove Dr (careful) & follow to end >> Ayers Pt. Rd @ 3.7
4.2	L	@ end w/ SS onto Essex Rd
4.8	R	Bike path over Connecticut River (after American Legion)
5.9	ST	Exit bike path & cross Rt. 154 @ TL onto Rt. 1 north
6.6	L	@ TL TCO Rt. 1 north
7.0	BL	Sill Lane (careful turning)
8.0	BL	Saunders Hollow Rd @ island
9.0	R	@ end w/ SS onto Rt. 156 north
9.2	BR	Bill Hill Rd

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21.2	QR	Maple St
21.9	L	@ end w/ SS onto Straits Rd >> Union St @ town line @ 22.3
22.8	ST	Cross Rt. 80 (Elm St) @ SS TCO Union St
22.9	L	Lafayette Ave
23.0	ST	Cross Rt. 154 @ SS to Essex St
24.1	BL	@ SS onto River Rd >> N. Main St where Dennison Rd goes right
28.4	L	@ SS (Essex village center) on Main St and follow to river
28.8	O	Rest @ town dock (views)
-	RD	Retrace out on Main St
28.9	R	Ferry St
29.0	L	Pratt St
29.3	L	@ SS on West Ave (and uphill)
29.6	R	Grove St
29.6+	R O	Town Hall parking lot & finish

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10.8	R	@ end w/ SS onto Rt. 156 and...
10.8+	QL	Ely's Ferry Rd
11.7	R	Cove Rd
12.9	L	@ end w/ SS onto Rt. 156 north
13.2	L	Old Hamburg Rd (careful turning)
13.7	L	Joshuatown Rd & cross bridge
13.7+	O	<i>Rest before tackling mind-focusing series of ups &amp; downs</i>
18.6	L	@ SS onto Rt. 148 west
19.4	BL	TCO Rt. 148 west
19.5	O	<i>Lunch @ Chester-Hadlyme Ferry landing</i>
--	--	Cross Connecticut River on ferry
--	ST	From ferry TCO Rt. 148 west
20.2	ST	Cross Rt. 154 @ TL TCO Rt. 148
21.1	L	@ SS onto Main St in Chester village

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**Key:**

O = Start, Regroup, Finish    X = Cross  
L = Left Turn                      R = Right Turn  
BL = Bear Left                      BR = Bear Right  
QL = Quick Left                      QR = Quick Right  
ST = Straight                      TCO = To Continue On  
SS = Stop Sign                      RD = Reverse Direction  
TL = Traffic Light                      n/s = no street sign  
>> = road name becomes