

## Historic Windsor – Clyde's Trolley Museum Ride

Total Distance: **35.4 miles**

Elevation Gain: **396 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **396 ft / 35.4 mi = 11.91 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Flat**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **Suffield**

**Starting Location: North end of the Windsor Locks Canal Trail @ the end of Canal Road in Suffield; take I-91 Exit 47W (don't take Exit 47E) and go west on Rt. 190 across the Connecticut River to traffic light; turn left (south) on Rt. 159 and in about 0.3 miles turn left onto Canal Road. Follow to end and parking area near the Connecticut River.**

**Ride Description: This ride starts and ends on the Windsor Locks Canal Trail and travels through the towns of Suffield, Windsor Locks, East Windsor, Enfield, South Windsor and Windsor on a primarily flat course. The ride visits along the way the Connecticut Trolley Museum, the Old Bissell Ferry site, the lovely homes in the Historic District along Main Street in South Windsor and much, much more. The suggested lunch/snack stop is at Bart's Restaurant on the Farmington River shortly after passing through the Loomis Chaffee School campus.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

| <b>Mile</b> | <b>Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i></b>   |
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| 0.0         | <i>Start of 4.5 mile ride on the Windsor Locks Canal Trail. This flat, paved trail takes you along a former tow path with the historic Windsor Locks Canal on one side and the Enfield Rapids and the Connecticut River on the other.</i>   |
| 4.5         | <i>Warehouse Point Bridge over the Connecticut River</i>  |
| 7.5         | <i>Connecticut Trolley Museum. The Connecticut Electric Railway Association, Inc. is the owner and operator of The Connecticut Trolley Museum. Founded in October 1940, it is the nation's oldest incorporated organization dedicated to the preservation of the trolley era.</i>                                 |
| 14.6        | <i>Old Bissell Ferry landing (historical marker). The Bissell Ferry was born in 1642. The town (then part of Windsor) voted to operate a ferry over the Great River and the contract to operate this ferry was finally taken over by John Bissell in 1648. The ferry bore a resemblance to an oversized raft.</i> |
| 15.4        | <i>Start of ride along Main Street (South Windsor Historic District); beautiful old homes</i>   |
| 19.1        | <i>Start ride over the Connecticut River via the Capt. John Bissell Bridge</i>  |
| 20.5        | <i>Park-like scene on east side of river; boat launch; take a break and enjoy the view</i>  |
| 23.4        | <i>Loomis Chaffee School campus. Loomis Chaffee is an independent, privately endowed secondary school located in a country setting on a 300-acre campus by the confluence of the Connecticut and Farmington rivers in Windsor..</i>   |
| 24.0        | <i>Start <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> mile ride on the Windsor River Trail along the Farmington River to Pleasant St. Park</i>  |
| 24.8        | <i>Bart's Restaurant; suggested lunch/snack stop; nice views of the Farmington River</i>  |
| 25.0        | <i>Start of ride through Windsor Historic District; lovely old homes</i>  |
| 29.1        | <i>Flood markers on River Road beside the Connecticut River</i>   |
| 30.8        | <i>Start of 4.5 mile return ride on the Windsor Locks Canal Trail</i>   |

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