

## **Farmington Valley Easy Rider #1**

Total Distance: **29.8 miles**

Elevation Gain: **871 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **871 ft / 29.8 mi = 29.23 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Flat to rolling**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **North Central**

City/Town: **Farmington**

Starting Location: **Brickyard Road rail trail parking about 1 mile from Rt. 4 in Farmington; Brickyard Road is about 2 ½ miles west of Farmington Center @ the Wood 'N Tap Restaurant (traffic light).**

**Note: This is a very popular parking area for the multi-use trail and parking is apt to be somewhat limited, especially on weekends. Please plan accordingly.**

Ride Description: **This is an easy ride through the Farmington River Valley with many stretches of pleasant scenery. Ride along sections of the rail trail; along the Farmington River and over about 1 ½ miles of dirt path (ok for road bikes) through the woods; visit Stratton Brook State Park; view Connecticut's largest sycamore tree; ride along the base of Talcott Mt. with views of Heublein Tower.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

<b>Mile</b>	<b>Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i></b>
0.0	<i>Start 1.7-mile section of the rail trail (multi-use)</i>
6.0	Many stores @ the intersection of Rtes. 167 & 44
8.4	<i>Start short stretch on dirt path</i>
10.1	<i>Start another section of dirt path into and through Stratton Brook State Park</i>
10.4	<i>Covered bridge (take a break); water and bathrooms available (seasonal)</i>
12.4	<i>Bridge over the Farmington River (views)</i>
12.6	<i>Start 2-mile section of paved bike path</i>
18.9	<i>Pinchot Sycamore: small park with the largest sycamore tree in Connecticut; great lunch/snack break spot</i>
19.0	<i>Start 3-mile ride along the base of Talcott Mt; police firing ranges; two golf courses; views of Heublein Tower</i>
24.8	<i>Fisher Meadow Park; bathrooms; picnic tables</i>

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