

Bruce's Big Tree Ride

Total Distance: **29.3 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1291 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1291 ft / 29.3 mi = 44.06 ft/mi** Terrain: **Rolling**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **Simsbury**

Starting Location: **Pinchot Sycamore Tree roadside park, Rt. 185 just east of the bridge over the Farmington River, 0.3 miles from the intersection of Rt. 10/202 in the Weatogue section of Simsbury.**

Ride Description: **This ride is over mostly rolling terrain through sections of Simsbury, Granby and East Granby with a suggested lunch/snack stop at a town park near the Farmington River in Tarriffville. Prior to lunch the route visits the "Caution Low Limbs" Granby Oak (very impressive) and afterwards it wends its way back to the Pinchot Sycamore Tree while traveling along the Farmington River.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	<i>Pinchot Sycamore Tree (largest Sycamore in Connecticut)</i>
3.3	Convenience store on the right
3.4	Tulmeadow Farm on the left; ice cream in season
7.5	<i>Pass through McLean Game Refuge for 2 miles</i>
11.9	<i>Granby Oak; please don't obstruct automobile traffic with your bikes; get off the road. Over 400 years old, the book of Notable Connecticut Trees calls the Granby Oak the "most picturesque" in the state. The huge branches of the Oak lean on the ground, spreading out nearly 130 feet. For centuries, this tree has stood - enduring, deep rooted, and wide-spreading.</i>
18.7	<i>Salmon Brook overlook</i>
22.6	<i>Town park with ball fields, tennis courts & pavilion; suggested lunch/snack stop</i>
25.9	<i>Constitution Oak at island</i>
27.2	<i>Pedestrian Bridge over Farmington River on right; views of river</i>
29.3	<i>Pinchot Sycamore Tree (largest Sycamore in Connecticut)</i>

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