

Sonya's Haddam Meadows Ride

Total Distance: **30.8 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1630 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1630 ft / 30.8 mi = 52.92 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Rolling to hilly**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **South Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **Chester**

Starting Location: **Rt. 9 Exit 8 CPL (Rt. 148) in Chester**

Ride Description: **This mostly rolling ride passes through lots of forested countryside en route to Haddam Center and a stop at Haddam Meadows State Park. It then heads north (almost) to Higganum Center before heading back into Killingworth and a possible roadside lunch/snack stop. After this stop the route drops down into the southern part of Killingworth before returning to the CPL via Rt. 148 (wide shoulder) and a thrilling downhill swoop.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
8.4	<i>Haddam Center</i>
9.5	<i>Haddam Meadows State Park near boat launch (view); portable toilets available during boating season</i>
19.4	<i>Possible lunch/snack stop @ intersection (lg boulders); there is a country restaurant (deli) located on Rt. 81 to the right 0.1 mile via Parker Hill Rd</i>
~28.5	<i>Inn at Chester (on left) and Chester Village West, a retirement community (on right)</i>

Note: there is a paucity of places to replenish your food and water supplies on this route... except for the place mentioned for the possible lunch/snack stop @ 19.4 miles. It is possible, however, to go off route @ 12.5 miles and downhill into Higganum Center, if required.

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