

Collinsville Connection

Total Distance: **35.0 miles (16.6 miles option)**

Elevation Gain: **1912 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1912 ft / 35.0 mi = 54.63 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Rolling to hilly**

Killer Hills: **There are a few hilly sections**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **Canton**

Starting Location: **Canton Village Shopping Plaza, Rt. 44 in Canton. Canton Village Shopping Plaza is ½ mile west of the Rt. 177 intersection w/ Rt. 44. Look for McDonald's.**

Ride Description: **This is a nice countryside ride on somewhat hilly and varied terrain through Canton, Burlington, Avon, Simsbury and Collinsville. It passes forested and farm land and has nice views of the Farmington River. There are a couple of hilly sections. Though considerably past mid-ride, Stratton Brook State Park is an excellent spot for a lunch/snack break.**

There is an option for a shorter ride of 16.6 miles. At mile 16.6, turn left off Dowd Ave. into the Canton Village Shopping Plaza and go through parking lot to finish.

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	Canton Village Shopping Plaza w/ various shops; bathrooms are available in McDonald's
1.8	<i>Bridge over the Farmington River (views)</i>
3.2	Collinsville; several shops and LaSalle Market to purchase food & drink
3.9	<i>Begin 1.7-mile tour beside the Farmington River on the Farmington River Greenway Trail</i>
4.2	<i>Dam across Farmington River (views)</i>
7.9	<i>Views of the Farmington River & dams</i>
8.0	Collinsville; several shops and LaSalle Market to purchase food & drink
12.8	<i>Countryside Park</i> ; bathrooms
16.6	Canton Village Shopping Plaza on left (shorter ride option ends here)
18.7	<i>Roaring Brook Nature Center; take the time to look at the avian displays/cages</i>
22.4	Tulmeadow Farm store and ice cream (seasonal) on right
22.5	Farms Village Plaza: Convenience store, bakery on left
24.0	<i>Stratton Brook State Park (views)</i> ; bathrooms & water available (seasonally)
35.0	Canton Village Shopping Plaza w/ various shops; bathrooms are available in McDonald's

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