Bradley Airport – Lake Congamond Ride

Total Distance: **38.5 miles** Elevation Gain: **874 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: 874 ft / 38.5 mi = 22.70 ft/mi

Terrain: Flat to rolling

Killer Hills: None

Geographical Region: North Central Connecticut

City/Town: Simsbury

Starting Location: International Skating Center of Connecticut, 1375 Hopmeadow Street (Routes 10 & 202), near the Wagner car dealership in northern Simsbury

Ride Description: This is a flat to rolling ride around Bradley International Airport, Granby and Suffield, past farmlands and Congamond Lakes, with stops at two special "big trees," an American Elm and a Black Oak.

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

| Mile | Facilities - Points of Interest |
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| 0.0 | International Skating Center of Connecticut, bathrooms, water, snack bar, skaters |
| 1.0 | Simsbury Tri-Town Airport |
| 4.5 | One of the largest (if not <u>th</u> e largest) black oak trees in Connecticut |
| 8.6 | New England Air Museum; may have to pay fee if you decide to use the facilities inside |
| 12.5 | One of the largest (if not the largest elm trees) in Connecticut to the left just before intersection |
| 15.3 | Former alpaca farm on the right; pens are there but, alas, the animals are gone |
| 23.1 | Convenience store @ Ebb's Corner |
| 24.8 | Congamond Lakes overlook in park; portable toilets; good spot for lunch/snack break |
| 26.1 | Edgewood Country Club |
| 28.5 | Views of Congamond Lakes |
| 32.7 | Start 2.5-mile ride on paved rail trail |
| 37.5 | Simsbury Tri-Town Airport |
| 38.5 | International Skating Center of Connecticut, bathrooms, water, snack bar, skaters |

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