

## **Kensington Cruiser – Shuttle Meadow Ride #3 (Castle Craig version)**

Total Distance: **32.9 miles**

Elevation Gain: **2036 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **2036 ft / 32.9 mi = 69.51 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Very hilly**

Killer Hills: **The climb up to Castle Craig is difficult**

Geographical Region: **North Central**

City/Town: **Meriden**

Starting Location: **Hubbard Park in Meriden**

Special Directions: **From I-691 Exit 5 go east on West Main Street (Rt. 322); follow West Main Street and signs for Hubbard Park for 1 ¼ miles to entrance on the left; follow access road around pond to large parking area near swimming pool.**

Ride Description: **This ride exits Hubbard Park through a passage in the back of the park. After 1.5 miles of riding along the Merimere Reservoir, this ride immediately climbs to Castle Craig, a major climb of 1.8 miles (600 ft. of vertical), where there is a spectacular view from the summit. Take care on the trip down; there is a very sharp turn near the bottom. The ride then winds through the Kensington section of Berlin before visiting the extreme southwest corner of New Britain, and the Shuttle Meadow and Wassel Reservoirs in Southington. This is a mostly rolling to hilly ride with one major climb and several great down hills. The Roger's Orchards farm store makes a good lunch stop.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

<b>Mile</b>	<b>Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i></b>
0.0	<i>Hubbard Park</i>
0.3	<i>Start 1-mile ride along Merimere Reservoir (views)</i>
1.5	<i>Start 1.8-mile climb up to Castle Craig</i>
3.3	<i>Castle Craig lookout tower (spectacular views)</i>
18.6	Roger's Marketplace (supermarket) and eateries on left
19.5	<i>Papergoods Pond w/ views</i>
23.0	<i>Start ride past Shuttle Meadow Reservoir</i>
24.5	Rogers Orchards...good spot for a lunch/snack break
32.9	<i>Hubbard Park</i>

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