

## Carol's Simsbury Ride #1

Total Distance: **29.3 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1008 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1008 ft / 29.33 mi = 34.37 ft/mi**      Terrain: **Flat to Rolling**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **Simsbury**

Starting Location: **Simsbury Commons (shopping plaza) on Route 167 at intersection of Routes 44 & 167 in Simsbury. From Route 44 in Simsbury, turn onto Route 167 north (Bushy Hill Road), go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light (last entrance to the plaza) and go immediately right into plaza and park behind Borders Books.**

Ride Description: **This is a flat to rolling ride through Simsbury and Granby on some lovely back roads. It passes through the McLean Game refuge, has some interesting views of the Farmington River, and visits the magnificent Pinchot Sycamore (the largest sycamore tree in Connecticut). The suggested lunch stop is near a covered bridge and pond in Stratton Brook State Park.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

<b>Mile</b>	<b>Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i></b>
0.0	Stop & Shop Supermarket at starting location; various facilities nearby along Route 44
4.2	<i>Tulmeadow Farm on the right; ice cream in season</i>
4.3	Convenience store on the left
7.8	<i>Pass through McLean Game refuge off and on for the next 4 miles</i>
17.5	<i>Historical markers</i>
17.6	<i>Constitution Oak in little traffic island</i>
18.6	<i>Farmington River on the right for next 0.5 mile</i>
19.0	<i>"Bridge of Flowers" over Farmington River</i>
21.0	<i>Roadside park – Pinchot Sycamore Tree (largest sycamore in Connecticut and a good lunch/snack stop)</i>
21.1	<i>Bridge over the Farmington River</i>
23.6	<i>Stratton Brook State Park; great lunch spot near covered bridge; bathrooms &amp; water (seasonal)</i>
25.0	Convenience store on the right
25.1	<i>Tulmeadow Farm on the left; ice cream in season</i>
25.6	<i>Flamig Farm &amp; farm animals zoo on the right</i>
29.3	Stop & Shop Supermarket at starting location; various facilities nearby along Route 44

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