

## McLean Game Refuge Loop

Total Distance: **31.0 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1000 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1000 ft / 31.0 mi = 32.26 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Flat to Rolling**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **Avon**

Starting Location: **Avon Wellness Center parking area, Rtes. 10/202 about 0.4 miles north of Rt. 44 in Avon. Park to the right in the lower parking area.**

Ride Description: **This neat ride travels over mostly flat to rolling terrain through sections of Avon, Simsbury and Granby with a suggested lunch/snack stop at the McLean Game Refuge. There is a lot to see and enjoy on this ride.**

**A nice spot for lunch is at the McLean Game Refuge (mile 17.1) that includes a pleasant walk of about 0.15 mile on a woodland path to a picturesque pond and (locked) cabin. Bikes can be walked in or left locked at the beginning of the path. Please don't ride on the path.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

<b>Mile</b>	<b>Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i></b>
7.3	Tulmeadow Farm roadside stand on the right (ice cream in season)
7.4	Convenience store on the left
13.5	<i>West entrance to McLean Game Refuge...must walk bikes; bathrooms</i>
16.9	<i>East entrance to McLean Game Refuge...walk bikes on path to cabin @ pond; lunch/snack</i>
26.5	<i>Pinchot Sycamore: Roadside park with the largest sycamore tree in Connecticut</i>
26.6	<i>Start 3-mile ride on Nod Rd; state police firing range; views of the Farmington River; views of 2 golf courses; views of Talcott Mountain ridgeline and the Heublein Tower</i>

**Note: The ride along Rt. 44 from mileage cues 30.1 to 30.4 involves negotiating heavy traffic. Be extremely cautious along this dangerous stretch of highway with high-speed traffic and a minimal to non-existent shoulder.**

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