

## Ray's Reservoir Ride

Total Distance: **36.2 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1988 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1988 ft / 36.2 mi = 54.92 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Hilly**

Killer Hills: **Reservoir Road, mile 12.0 to 13.5**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **Farmington**

Starting Location: **Tunxis Mead Park, Tunxis Mead Road (Red Oak Hill Road), Farmington. From the junction of routes 4 and 10 in Farmington center, take Rte. 10 south. Turn right in 0.9 mile (at second traffic light) onto Meadow Road. Go straight in 0.9 mile onto Red Oak Hill Road (Meadow Road bears left here). Turn right in 0.3 mile on Tunxis Mead Road into Tunxis Mead Park and follow park access road 0.3 mile to parking areas.**

Ride Description: **This is a ride through mostly rural portions of the Farmington River Valley and the highlands to the west. It passes several large bodies of water, mainly reservoirs, from which the ride receives its name. The ride passes through portions of Farmington, Plainville, Burlington, Bristol and Harwinton. There are several hilly sections on the route, especially during the middle third of the ride. The last third of the ride is largely downhill and there are several thrilling downhill stretches where 40 mph is attainable...if you have the courage not to mash the brake levers.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

<b>Mile</b>	<b>Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i></b>
<i>0.0</i>	<i>Tunxis Mead Park</i>
1.9	Post Office Square on right; Grocery store
2.4	Convenience Store on right
2.9	Convenience Store on left
9.7	Convenience Store on left
17.7	<i>Chippabee Golf Club</i>
18.5	<i>Old Marsh Pond</i>
25.2	Convenience store & "bayou restaurant" @ top of hill on the right
25.4	<i>Johnnycake Airport</i>
28.4	Convenience Store on right; Dunkin' Donuts to left
36.2	<i>Tunxis Mead Park</i>

Note: There are several very impressive bodies of water (reservoirs, mostly) scattered along the ride route from which the ride receives its name. Enjoy the views.

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