

Trumbull - Monroe Back Roads Tour

NOTE: This Ride Description and its corresponding Route Sheet have not been checked for accuracy by www.ctbikeroutes.org

Total Distance: **31.1 miles** Elevation Gain: **2,000 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **2,000 ft / 31.10 mi = 64.31 ft/mi** Terrain: **Hilly**

Killer Hills: **Many hills to climb, but none too steep or long**

Starting Location: **Merritt Parkway (Route 15) Exit 50 CPL. There is no Exit 50 on Route 15 north, so go to Exit 51 and come back one exit.**

Ride Description: **Tour the back roads of Trumbull and Monroe, passing all the major lakes and ponds in Trumbull, and traveling over quiet country lanes in Monroe.**

Note: The route sheet includes a map.

Note: The "Mile" column on the route sheet shows distances in hundredths. Keep in mind that bicycle computers tend to be calibrated differently and that the distances shown on your computer may vary from those on the route sheet.

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
5.70	<i>Canoe Brook Lake, a private lake is on your left; open to residents and their guests only</i>
9.00	<i>Tashua Knolls Golf Course is off to the right</i>
9.30	<i>Tashua Church, a historic structure, is on the right</i>
10.00	<i>Pass through watershed land; Easton Reservoir (not visible through the trees) is off to the left</i>
10.70	<i>Velvet Street becomes hard-packed dirt for about one third of a mile</i>
13.90	<i>Stepney Green: Stepney is a section of Monroe Dr. Mike's Ice Cream Shop, Last Drop Coffee Shop, and a convenience store are in this area.</i>
14.90	<i>Cross Housatonic Rail Trail, which runs from Tait Road in Trumbull to Swamp Road in Newtown</i>
20.65	<i>Historic Monroe Green, Town Hall, Library, Police Department, and EMS on left</i>
22.55	<i>Food Stop: Subway, Dunkin' Donuts, and a convenience store: other options in area</i>
26.40	<i>Antenna farm on right indicates you are at a high point on the ride</i>
28.00	<i>Pinewood Lake, a private lake on right; open to residents and their guests only</i>
29.00	<i>Private cottages for Pinewood Lake and the private Pinewood Lake Clubhouse</i>
29.30	<i>The beach for Pinewood Lake, open only to members of the Pinewood Lake Association; note the antenna farm visible at the far end of the lake</i>
30.00	<i>Twin Brooks Park: manmade waterfall on your right; private pond to your left look for a stone bridge on the right by the traffic circle</i>
30.40	<i>Former swimming hole on right, now left to the geese</i>
30.60	<i>Large Japanese lace leaf maple at the center of the traffic circle; covered bridge created circa 1995 at the turn</i>

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