Not Just Essex

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Total Distance: **40.3 miles** Elevation Gain: **2481 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **2481 ft / 41.4 mi = 59.93 ft/mi** Terrain: **Hilly**

Killer Hills: **There are a couple sharp uphill sections**

Geographical Region: **South Central**

City/Town: **Essex**

Starting Location: **Route 9 Exit 4 CPL on Route 154 in Essex**

Ride Description: **Enjoy this picturesque tour of the lower Connecticut River area on some unique and scenic roads over occasionally hilly terrain. The ride passes through sections of the towns of Essex, Westbrook, Deep River, Killingworth, Haddam and Chester, and features a visit to Pattaconk Lake. There is a lot to admire on this rather challenging ride.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - ***Points of Interest***
0.0	Route 9 Exit 3 CPL
0.8	*Centerbrook; convenience stores*
2.1	*Ivoryton section of Essex*
8.6	*Messerschmidt Pond spillway*
10.4	*Winthrop section of Deep River*
12.7	*Entrance to Chester Airport*
26.7	*Pattaconk Lake ...good spot for a lunch/snack break*
28.3	*Cedar Lake*
32.0	Chester village
33.8	Deep River village
36.3	*Start occasional views of the Connecticut River to your left*
39.7	Essex village with various facilities
40.0	*Connecticut River and Connecticut River Museum; boat launch & dock/pier*
41.4	Route 9 Exit 3 CPL

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