

Preview Ride #1

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

Total Distance: **57.5 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1826 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1826 ft / 57.5 mi = 31.76 ft/mi** Terrain: **Flat to rolling**

Killer Hills: **Chittenden Hill Road @ 11.6 miles has a steep section that will focus your mind for five or ten minutes.**

Geographical Region: **South Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **Madison**

Starting Location: **I-95 Exit 61 CPL (Rt. 79) in Madison**

Ride Description: **This exceptional ride travels on mostly back roads through the towns and villages of Madison, Killingworth, Clinton, Westbrook, Essex (including Ivoryton & Centerbrook villages) and Old Saybrook before returning to the starting point via a look-in at Hammonasset State Park. The first third of the ride is the hilly portion w/ the rest of the ride being mostly flat. Amongst the highlights are two crossings of the Hammonasset River, visits to the Villages of Ivoryton & Centerbrook (Essex Steam Train), visits to Saybrook Point and Ft. Saybrook Park, a look-in at Cornfield Point and a stop at Hammonasset State Park. Much of the ride is shaded so it would be a fine ride even in the heat of the summer - if you stay hydrated.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	I-95 Exit 61 CPL
4.5	Hammonasset River crossing via Chestnut Hill Rd. bridge
11.6	Start of killer hill: Chittenden Hill Rd
17.4	<i>Ivoryton Village (Essex)</i>
18.8	<i>Centerbrook Village (Essex) and site of Essex Steam Train</i>
27.2	<i>Views of North Cove (Old Saybrook)</i>
28.0	<i>Ft. Saybrook Park @ Saybrook Point (views)</i>
28.2	<i>Causeway over South Cove (views)</i>
28.9	<i>Entrance to Fenwick</i>
30.8	<i>Cornfield Point (views)</i>
47.1	<i>2nd crossing of the Hammonasset River</i>
51.1	<i>Meigs Point beach pavilion @ Hammonasset State Park (views)</i>
57.5	I-95 Exit 61 CPL

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