

Rural Ramble

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

Total Distance: **39.4 miles** Elevation Gain: **2,700 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **2,700 ft / 39.4 mi = 68.5 ft/mi** Terrain: **Very Hilly**

Killer Hills: **Brushy Hill Road and Sport Hill Road**

Geographical Region: **Southwest Connecticut**

Starting location (city/town): **Fairfield**

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **Rt. 15 (Merritt Pkwy. Exit 44 CPL)**

Ride Description: **Popular route through Easton, Monroe and Newtown along water company property and shady back roads. There is extended climbing, including two steep hills.**

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>
1.0	<i>Hemlock Reservoir on right</i>
4.9	<i>Aspetuck Reservoir on right</i>
5.9	Greiser's Country Store on right: "Downtown" Easton
6.2	Easton Library and Police Department on right: restrooms and water that is full of iron
12.7	<i>Stepney Green: Stepney is a section of Monroe</i> Dr. Mike's Ice Cream Shop, Last Drop Coffee Shop, and a convenience store are in this area.
13.7	<i>Cross Housatonic Rail Trail, which runs from Tait Road in Trumbull to Swamp Road in Newtown</i>
19.0	Three food stop options in this area: Swanky Franks, the Roadside Kitchen, or Stop & Shop. World of Bikes is on Rt. 25 if you turn right
21.0	<i>Brushy Hill Road is legendary for its steepness and complete lack of shade</i>
25.0	<i>Poverty Hollow Road is totally misnamed: several horse farms along this stretch of road</i>
29.7	<i>Sport Hill Road is steep for one-third of a mile, then levels off</i>
31.0	<i>You would be hard pressed to find a more quiet, scenic road than Valley Road where it passes through watershed property</i>

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