

Buckland Hills Plaza Flat Ride – improved (flatter) version

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

Total Distance: **32.0 miles**

Elevation Gain: **584 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **584 ft / 32.0 mi = 18.25 ft/mi** Terrain: **Flat**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

Starting Location (city/town): **Manchester**

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **Buckland Hills Plaza (Buckland St) off I-84 Exit 62; left @ bottom of exit onto Buckland St; left @ 3rd light onto Pleasant Valley Rd; right into Buckland Hills Plaza at far end of plaza; park at far side of Bugaboo Creek Restaurant.**

Ride Description: **This is a mostly flat ride through portions of Manchester, South Windsor Ellington and East Windsor with interesting bucolic views throughout. A small park overlooking Broad Brook Millpond in East Windsor makes a pleasant lunch stop. The return trip features a ride on historic Main St. in South Windsor w/ its beautiful homes. This ride differs from its namesake in that it detours around a sharp hill on a dangerously narrow section of Frog Hollow Rd about 9 miles into the ride. Thus, this is an even flatter version of the ride than the original.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

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0.0	Buckland Hills Plaza; various stores and facilities
5.9	<i>Willow Brook Golf Course on the right</i>
6.4	<i>Topstone Golf course on the left along Griffin Rd</i>
13.2	<i>Ellington Green</i> : Convenience Store; Restrooms in Senior Center (ask permission first)
18.3	Broad Brook: Convenience Store on left
18.5	<i>Broad Brook Pond Park – Lunch stop @ gazebo</i>
25.5	Convenience Store on left
25.8	<i>Start tour of the South Windsor Historic District</i>
28.5	<i>End tour of the South Windsor Historic District</i>
32.0	Buckland Hills Plaza; various stores and facilities

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Route sheet: RS-New039

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