

Double Dam 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: **26.8 miles**

Elevation Gain: **N/A**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **N/A**

Terrain: **Rolling (est'd)**

Killer Hills: The hill on Durst Road after crossing the Goodwin Dam will definitely focus your mind for a few minutes. It's a sharply uphill grind for about 0.4 miles.

Geographical Region: **Northwest Connecticut**

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

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **Start from a CPL on Rt. 44 about 0.6 miles east of the intersection with Rt. 8 in Winsted.**

Ride Description: While the ~ 3 mile stretch both going and coming on Rt. 44 doesn't have a whole lot of redeeming value, the rest of the ride is high quality. The 4 mile ride along the Farmington River both going and coming offers some special views of the river. A visit to Riverton village for a suggested lunch/snack/ice cream break is a highlight and the lunch spot is across from the now defunct Hitchcock Museum. Further, the views from the Goodwin and Colebrook Dams are spectacular. There is a lot to like about this ride once you get off Rt. 44.

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

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3.5	<i>Pleasant Valley Drive-In, one of the last two open air movie theaters left in Connecticut (to left)</i>
4.0	Pleasant Valley General Store; food and beverages available
4.1	<i>Bridge across the Farmington River</i>
4.1+	Start 4-mile ride along the Farmington River (views)
7.0	Whittemore Recreation Area in Peoples State Forest (bathrooms available)
8.2	Riverton village to left; Riverton Inn on the right
10.5	<i>Goodwin Dam (views)</i>
13.1	<i>Colebrook Dam (views)</i>
18.3	<i>Riverton village; suggested lunch/snack/ice cream stop; quaint, old New England village</i>
18.7	<i>Start 4-mile ride along the Farmington River (views)</i>
20.8	American Legion Campgrounds to the left
22.7	Pleasant Valley General Store; food and beverages available
23.3	<i>Pleasant Valley Drive-In, one of the last two open air movie theaters left in Connecticut (to right)</i>

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