

Best of Berkshire Byways (w/ Beckley Furnace Extension)

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

Total Distance: **40.4 miles**

Elevation Gain: **N/A**

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

Terrain: **Flat to rolling**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **Northwest Connecticut**

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

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **Stop & Shop parking lot, Rt. 44 in Canaan just east of intersection w/ Rt. 7.**

Ride Description: **A very scenic countryside ride through the farmlands and valleys of the southern Berkshires with a loop to the Twin Lakes...and a visit to the Beckley Furnace historical site. There is a one mile stretch of dirt road past Bartholomew's Cobble.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	Stop & Shop market; bakery across Rt. 44 from parking lot
1.1	<i>Former site of Canaan Diner...burned to the ground several years ago (kids prank – arson)</i>
9.7	<i>Appalachian Trail on the right</i>
11.6	<i>Shays Rebellion Historic Marker on the right</i>
13.2	South Egremont, MA; food, antiques, ski shop
13.7	Deli on left
20.0	Sheffield: market w/ deli
27.0	Restrooms; restaurant
32.2	<i>Bartholomew's Cobble; nature displays; restrooms</i>
33.2	<i>Ashley Falls, MA (small New England village)</i>
38.0	<i>Beckley Furnace; displays</i>
40.2	Canaan; various facilities
40.4	Stop & Shop market; bakery across Rt. 44 from parking lot

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Route sheet: RS-New060

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