"Ride For The Ages" – 50k

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

Total Distance: 31.06 milesElevation Gain: 1300 feetDegree of Difficulty Index: 1300 ft / 31.06 mi = 41.85 ft/miTerrain: Rolling

Killer Hills: One or two "attention getters"

Geographical Region: Southeast Connecticut

Starting Location (city/town): Niantic (East Lyme)

Starting Location (detailed directions to): Samuel M. Peretz Park (formerly Bridebrook Park), Route 156 in Niantic (near Rocky Neck State Park). Take I-95 Exit 72 to the intersection with Route 156 at traffic light; turn left and go 0.5 miles to Samuel M. Peretz Park on the left.

Ride Description: This ride travels over several of the typical biking venues in Niantic and Old Lyme. Hains Park at the south end of Rogers Lake at 20.8 miles is a fine spot to catch your breath and have a snack or a sandwich. There is a deli near the intersection of Town Woods Road and Rt. 1 where refreshments can be purchased. While there are a couple sharp up hills (top of Bridebrook Park Rd @ 2.5 mi.; Saunders Hollow Rd @ 17.2 mi.; Riverview & Roxbury Roads @ ~ 28.5 mi.) there is a marvelous, swooping downhill on Town Woods Road @ ~ 19.2 mi. to balance things out.

Facilities and Points of Interest:

Mile	Facilities – Points of Interest
0.0	Samuel M. Peretz Park; bathrooms; ample parking
2.9	Scott's farm stand on the left @ intersection with Rt. 1
10.9	Hallmark's Ice Cream parlor to the left
20.8	Hains Park and south end of Rogers Lake to the left just after entering Rt. 1; seasonal
	bathrooms
30.6	Samuel M. Peretz Park; bathrooms; ample parking

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