

Metacomet Meander

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

Total Distance: **44.37 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1569 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1569 ft / 44.37 mi = 35.36 ft/mi** Terrain: **Rolling**

Killer Hills: **None...but Hatchett Hill Rd (16.9 mi.) is a winding, narrow and hilly road that will focus your mind for a few minutes; also, Rt. 168 up to and beyond the entrance to Sunrise Park (25.6 mi.), Rt. 185 over Talcott Mountain (8.9 mi.) and the climb up to Newgate Prison starting at 30.6 mi. will have you sucking wind some.**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

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

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **I-91 Exit 37 CPL, Rte. 305 (Bloomfield Avenue), Windsor**

Ride Description: **This interesting ride starts in Windsor and travels over mostly flat to rolling terrain with a few short, hilly sections through the towns/cities of Bloomfield, Simsbury, East Granby and Suffield and features a suggested lunch stop at White's Pond gazebo in Sunrise Park a little past the 25 mile mark. Amongst other delights, the ride tours through the village of Tariffville, passes the entrances to Penwood and Talcott Mountain State Parks and visits Old Newgate Prison and Copper Mine. Most of the ride's elevation gain occurs on the four hilly roads mentioned in the Killer Hills section above.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
9.0	Wade's farm stand on the right
~10.0	<i>Entrances to Penwood and Talcott Mountain State Parks to the right and left respectively</i>
16.0	<i>Village of Tariffville</i>
20.6	Shopping plaza; obtain supplies if required
25.8	<i>Sunrise Park; bathrooms; gazebo; White's Lake; good spot for a lunch/snack break</i>
31.3	<i>Old Newgate Prison and Copper Mine; views; displays</i>
	Note: there are numerous convenience and grocery stores along the ride route where food and
	beverages can be purchased as needed.

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Ride description: **Wu-New071**

Route sheet: **RS-New071**

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