

Planes, Trains and Automobiles

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Total Distance: **36.7 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1395 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1395 ft / 36.7 mi = 38.0 ft/mi** Terrain: **Rolling**

Killer Hills: **There is a difficult half mile climb on Phelps Rd starting at mile cue 17.5; the one mile climb on Newgate Rd starting at mile cue 14.8 isn't as steep but is longer. Both will bring some sweat to your brow.**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

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

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **I-91 N Exit 42; left @ bottom of ramp on Lawnacre Rd.; in 0.2 miles go straight on Rt. 159 (South Main St) and follow for 1.0 mile to Dexter Plaza on your left.**

Ride Description: **This ride starts off in a rather busy section of Windsor Locks but soon gets onto the less heavily traveled Rt. 159 beside the Connecticut River in Windsor before angling sharply west into East Granby and heading north into Suffield before eventually returning to the starting point. Amongst the highlights are views of the Connecticut and Farmington Rivers, a stop at Newgate Prison, a visit to the Air Museum, a "pass-by" of the Connecticut Fire Academy, views of several Bradley Field runways and a possible ice cream stop in Suffield.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	Dexter Plaza w/ various retail establishments
1.1	Ride beside the Connecticut River for about a mile (occasional views)
5.1	Ride beside the Farmington River for about 0.4 miles to small park (occasional views)
14.8	Old Newgate Prison & Copper Mine (lovely views to the west on clear days)
24.5	Views of Bradley Field facilities and runways
25.0	New England Air Museum
25.3	Connecticut Fire Academy (both sides of the road)
26.1	More views of the Bradley Field runways
30.3	Note the lovely old homes in Suffield along Rt. 75
30.8	Suffield Village
31.0	Possible ice cream stop at parlor on right near bottom of hill
36.7	Dexter Plaza w/ various retail establishments

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