

# Riding the Range (Hadley Happenings)

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Total Distance: **38.4 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1033 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1033 ft / 38.4 mi = 26.90 ft/mi**    Terrain: **Flat to rolling**

Killer Hills:        **None**

Geographical Region: **Central Massachusetts**

Starting Location (city/town): **Hadley, MA**

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **Hadley Barn Shops, Rt. 9, Hadley, MA. Take I-91 Exit 19 east and over the Connecticut River on Rt. 9. The Hadley Barn Shops are located on the right about 1 mile from I-91. Park and start the ride from the rear (south side away from Rt. 9) of the shopping area adjacent to the Hampton Inn (which is accessed from Bay Road).**

Ride Description: **This is a rolling country ride with a couple of challenging climbs through farmlands and hills of Hadley, Amherst, Belchertown and Granby passing two beautiful waterfalls, a lovely old mill and featuring great scenic views of the Holyoke Range.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

<b>Mile</b>	<b>Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i></b>
0.0	Hadley Barn Shops; various shops; public restroom; Hampton Inn
8.6	Village of No. Amherst
8.9	Mill River Recreational Area; bathrooms; water
13.3	Amherst, site of the University of Massachusetts and Amherst College
21.1	<i>Lake view here</i>
29.0	<i>One lane bridge at old mill</i>
29.2	<i>Sign for Nash dinosaur tracks on the right</i>
32.1	<i>Views of the Connecticut River for next couple miles</i>
38.4	Hadley Barn Shops; various shops; public restroom; Hampton Inn

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