

An Avon/Simsbury Ride

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

Total Distance: **31.4 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1226 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1226 ft / 31.4 mi = 39.04 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Rolling**

Killer Hills: **One short, sharp hill at ~ 12.6 miles on Barndoor Hills Rd near stables**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

Starting Location (city/town): **Simsbury (Weatogue)**

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **Weatogue CPL, Rt. 10/202 in Simsbury about 200 yards north of Rt. 185 intersection**

Ride Description: **This very pleasant ride travels through the towns of Simsbury, Granby and Avon over rolling terrain using mostly back roads. There are, however, a few miles on state roads that have a smooth surface and a wide shoulder. The ride passes through mostly rural areas with views of forests, farms, State Park land and residential areas. There are occasional convenience stores and markets along the way where food and beverages can be purchased if your supplies run low.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
<i>1.9</i>	<i>Pedestrian/Bicycle entrance to Stratton Brook State Park...crushed stone path w/ gate on right</i>
<i>12.5</i>	<i>Barndoor Hills Road entrance to McLean Game Refuge on the left</i>
<i>13.0</i>	<i>Horse Farm w/ stables at top of sharp hill; take a breather, you've earned it</i>
<i>17.3</i>	<i>Meadow Pond Park; seasonal rest rooms; nice spot for a snack or lunch break</i>
<i>24.3</i>	<i>Golf Club of Avon to the left for the next half mile (+/-)</i>
<i>25.9+</i>	<i>Avon Old Farms School on the right</i>

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Route sheet: RS-New074

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