

# Pedal Up To Penwood Ride

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Total Distance: **44.3 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1495 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1495 ft / 44.3 mi = 43.96 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Flat to rolling**

Killer Hills: **One long hill to Penwood State Park on Route 185**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

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

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **Ride starts at Pleasant Street Park and Boat Launch. Take I-91 Exit 37 and follow Route 305 east approximately 1 mile to Windsor center. Go right at the first traffic light approaching Windsor center and then quickly left at the next traffic light onto Route 159 north. Pleasant Street Park is on the left in about 0.2 mile after RR overpass. Parking lot is behind the stores.**

Ride Description: **A very scenic ride through Windsor, Bloomfield and Simsbury with countryside views, a stop along the Farmington River and lunch in forested Penwood State Park.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

<b>Mile</b>	<b>Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i></b>
<i>1.0</i>	<i>Loomis Chaffee School campus</i>
<i>2.8</i>	<i>Washington Park on the right</i>
<i>12.4</i>	<i>Griffin Office Park</i>
<i>12.9</i>	<i>Culbro Lake w/ gazebo on the left</i>
<i>15.1</i>	<i>Small park w/ nice views on the left</i>
<i>18.4</i>	<i>Wade's Market on the right</i>
<i>19.3</i>	<i>Penwood State Park; hiking trails with scenic overlooks; rest rooms; water in season</i>
<i>22.4</i>	<i>Talcott Mountain State Park on left; hiking trails to Heublein Tower; Mattabasset Trail</i>
<i>26.1</i>	<i>Historic Constitution Oak @ island on the left</i>
<i>27.9</i>	<i>Kane's Market on the left</i>
<i>29.2</i>	<i>Simsbury Tri-Town Airport on right; nice views to the right</i>
<i>34.1</i>	<i>Farmington River boat launch area; nice views</i>

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**Route sheet: RS-New078**

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