

The Bodacious Bloomfield Fabulous Fifty 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: **48.7 miles**

Elevation Gain: **2775 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **2775 ft / 48.7 mi = 56.98 ft/mi** Terrain: **Hilly**

Killer Hills: **There are several seriously hilly sections fairly early in the ride...from ~ the 8.6 mi. cue thru the 19.3 mi. cue. Also, Hatchett Hill Rd @ 31.2 mi. is a hilly and winding section.**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

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

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **Bloomfield Park Plaza, Park Avenue, Bloomfield; from I-91 Exit 35B go left off exit for one mile to 4-way light; right on Blue Hills Avenue; left at "V" at 2nd light on Park Avenue; go two miles, cross RR tracks and up a slight hill; Plaza is on the right.**

Ride Description: **While starting in the center of busy Bloomfield, the ride soon gets out into the hinterlands of Simsbury, Canton, Granby and East Granby before returning via the busier streets of Windsor and Bloomfield. This ride was one of four versions offered by AMC on July 4, 2004 (Four in 1 for the Fourth!) and was led by Jim Mays. Jim was a neat guy who was very active in the AMC biking community but regrettably passed away in the summer of 2006. We miss him.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	Bloomfield Park Avenue Plaza; various stores and facilities
~3.5	<i>Talcott Mountain & Penwood State Parks</i>
4.7	<i>Small park w/ two huge sycamore trees on the right (Pinchot Sycamore); Farmington River</i>
8.2	<i>Tulmeadow Farms</i>
8.6	<i>Flamig farm on corner (exotic animals)</i>
17.9	<i>Enders Forest Falls...small park on the right</i>
21.3	<i>Granby Oak; this is one of the oldest and largest oak trees in the state; it's very impressive</i>
28.4	<i>Possible lunch stop at Bryan's Landing off Canal Road (on the right just before Rt. 20)</i>
36.8	<i>Farmington River crossing</i>
48.7	Bloomfield Park Avenue Plaza; various stores and facilities

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