

# The Bodacious Bloomfield Fast Forty Ride

**NOTE: This Ride Description and its corresponding Route Sheet may not have been checked for accuracy by the [www.ctbikeroutes.org](http://www.ctbikeroutes.org) team**

Total Distance: **39.3 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1599 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1599 ft / 39.3 mi = 40.69 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Rolling**

Killer Hills: **None**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 East Granby, Simsbury and Granby. 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*:

<b>Mile</b>	<b>Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i></b>
0.0	Bloomfield Park Avenue Plaza; various stores and facilities
6.7	<i>Tariffville Gorge/Farmington River to the right</i>
12.1	<i>McLean State Game Refuge (southern end and access points)</i>
17.3	<i>Granby Oak; this is one of the oldest and largest oak trees in the state; it's very impressive</i>
24.3	<i>Lunch at Bryan's Landing off Canal Road (on the right just before Rt. 20)</i>
39.8	Bloomfield Park Avenue Plaza; various stores and facilities

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