

Collinsville Caper

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

Total Distance: **30.7 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1836 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1836 ft / 30.7 mi = 59.80 ft/mi** Terrain: **Hilly**

Killer Hills: **None; however, there are lengthy climbs up Huckleberry Hill Rd (starts @ 7.1 mi.) as well as to the entrance to Nepaug Reservoir and Dam (starts @ 14.0 mi.).**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

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

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **Tunxis Meade Park. From Rt. 4 in Farmington center, go south on Rt. 10 approximately 1 mile past Miss Porter's School. At 2nd traffic light, go right on Meadow Rd; continue for about 1 mile and go straight at fork on Red Oak Hill Rd; go right after about ¼ mile on access road into Tunxis Meade Park. Parking lot is next to ball field in about ¼ mile.**

Ride Description: **A picturesque ride over mostly rolling terrain through Avon and Farmington with a grand tour of quaint Collinsville, featuring visits to the Nepaug Reservoir, the Farmington Valley Greenway and Farmington River Trails with many water views.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	Tunxis Meade Park; restrooms
0.6	<i>Farmington Valley Greenway</i>
1.5	<i>Views of the Farmington River from bridge</i>
8.9	<i>Countryside Park; covered bridge; port-a-potty available</i>
10.8	Entering the center of Collinsville; Lasalle Market on the right
11.0	<i>Spectacular views of the dams from both sides of the bridge</i>
11.9	<i>Farmington River Greenway</i>
16.9	Entering Nepaug Reservoir property
17.4	<i>Nepaug Dam; nice views</i>
20.3	<i>Farmington River Trail</i>
20.9	<i>Lunch at small park alongside the Farmington River near center of Collinsville; stores nearby</i>
25.5	<i>Farmington Valley Greenway</i>
31.5	Tunxis Meade Park

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