

The West as it Gets 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: **48.8 miles**

Elevation Gain: **N/A**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **N/A**

Terrain: **Hilly (estimated)**

Killer Hills: **Skiff Mt. Rd. at beginning of ride (~ mile cues 1.6 to 4.7 miles...1000 ft of vertical); also Calkinstown Rd. for approx. 1.5 mi. starting @ mile cue 15.4.**

Geographical Region: **Northwest Connecticut**

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

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **Kent Post Office parking lot; take Rt. 7 north from intersection w/ Rt. 341 in Kent; turn right into Kent Shopping Village immediately after crossing RR tracks to the post office.**

Ride Description: **This ride tours the western end of Connecticut through Kent, Lime Rock, Lakeville and Sharon. The ride also visits Dutchess County in New York for about 10 miles and features some great riding on several county roads w/ low automobile traffic. While the early portion of the ride is hilly (especially the very difficult Skiff Mt. Road climb early in the ride), the last half of the ride is over mostly flat terrain.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	Kent Shopping Village w/ Post Office; various shops in the village
0.5	<i>Kent School main campus on the left</i>
1.6	<i>Start of 3 mile killer hill w/ ~ 1000 ft of vertical (ugh!)</i>
6.0	<i>Nice view of Peck Pond...catch your breath after the hill climb</i>
15.4	Convenience and grocery store
21.3	<i>Infield entrance to Lime Rock Park race track on the right</i>
21.6	<i>Main entrance to Lime Rock Park race track is less than a mile to the right on Rt. 112</i>
26.0	Salisbury village (business district) is about ¼ mile to the right; various shops & stores
27.3	Convenience Store at Rt. 41/Rt. 44 intersection...good spot for lunch behind store on grass
32.3	<i>Mudge Pond to the left</i>
48.3	<i>Kent School main campus on the right</i>
48.8	Kent Shopping Village w/ Post Office; various shops in the village

Note: Macedonia Brook and Kent Falls State Parks are located nearby and are easily visited before or after the ride. It's a good idea to use a bike lock while exploring the state parks.

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Route sheet: **RS-New086**

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