

Tim's Tri-State Tour

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: **Lengthy (2.5 mi.) climb on Mt. Washington Rd starting @ 11.3 miles; shorter climb on Belgo Rd towards end of ride @ 41.0 mi.**

Geographical Region: **Northwest Connecticut**

Starting Location (city/town): **Salisbury, CT**

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **From the intersection of Rtes. 41 & 44 in Salisbury, go north on Rt. 41 for approximately 3.3 miles to the Undermountain Trail parking area on the left**

Ride Description: **While the ride is classified as Hilly, it is a bit of a misnomer. There are two memorable climbs connected by mostly flat to rolling terrain. The route goes up the valley on Rt. 41, does the Mt. Washington Rd climb, travels over to and past Bash Bish Falls, comes down the Harlem Valley (w/ a 3 mile stretch on the Harlem Valley Rail Trail), visits Rudd Pond State Park and returns via the (shorter) Belgo Rd hill climb into Salisbury and then back to the starting point. A great spot to stop for lunch is the Taconic State Park in mid-ride @ 22.0 miles.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - Points of Interest
0.0	Undermountain Trail parking
11.3	<i>Start climb on Mt. Washington Rd</i>
20.2	<i>Bash Bish Falls; views</i>
22.0	<i>Taconic State Park; lunch stop</i>
29.9	<i>Start ~ 3 mile ride on the Harlem Valley Rail Trail</i>
39.2	<i>Rudd Pond State Park; views; possible swim stop</i>
40.9	<i>Start short, sharp killer hill on Belgo Rd</i>
45.4	<i>Village of Salisbury; shops</i>
48.8	Undermountain Trail parking

Note: It would be advisable to bring and use a bike lock if you plan to do any sightseeing at the state parks.

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Ride description: **Wu-New089**

Route sheet: **RS-New089**

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