

SCCC's Baldwin Bridge Crossover

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

Total Distance: **29.85 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1809 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1809 ft / 29.85 mi = 60.6 ft/mi** Terrain: **Hilly**

Killer Hills: Two; the first is on Joshuatown Rd starting at ~ 6.8 miles; the other is on Brush Hill Rd starting at ~ 11.1 miles. Both climbs are about ½ to ¾ mile long...and definitely will focus your mind for 10 or 15 minutes during both climbs.

Geographical Region: **Southeast Connecticut**

Starting Location (city/town): **Old Lyme**

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **I-95 Exit 70 CPL, Rtes. 1 & 156 on the east side of the Baldwin Bridge over the Connecticut River.**

Ride Description: This is an excellent ride through portions of the towns of Old Lyme, Lyme, Chester, Deep River and Old Saybrook that features a double crossing of the Connecticut River via 1) the Chester-Hadlyme ferry and 2) the Baldwin Bridge bike path. While there are two steep hill climbs on the route, your effort will be rewarded with some outstanding back roads riding. An especially pleasing back road segment is the 1.3 mile ride on Tantumoratun Road starting at the 8.3 mile cue...a seldom used road for bike routes.

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
5.9	<i>Hamburg village</i>
6.5	<i>Hamburg Cove</i>
6.8	Start major hill climb on Joshuatown Rd (~ 0.75 miles long)
8.9	<i>Commence lovely 1.3 mile back roads ride w/ views of streams, ponds, estates, farms, forests</i>
9.8	Start major hill climb on Brush Hill Rd (~ 0.6 miles long)
13.2	Chester-Hadlyme ferry (\$1.00 fee)
16.6	<i>Deep River Landing; views of the Connecticut River</i>
17.7	<i>Start ~ 5.5 miles tour on Essex St/River Rd w/ many outstanding views of the Connecticut River</i>
23.0	<i>Essex village; Connecticut River Museum; various shops; neat little New England village</i>
28.7	<i>Start 1.0 mile crossing of the Connecticut River on the Baldwin Bridge bike path</i>

Note: This ride has been provided by the Southern Connecticut Cycle Club from its Ride Library as a service to the Connecticut bicycling community

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Ride description: **Wu-New105**

Route sheet: **RS-New105**

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