

Amity Extravaganza

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

Total Distance: **33.9 miles**

Elevation Gain: **2,000 feet (est'd)**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **2,000 ft / 33.9 mi = 59.1 ft/mi (est'd)** Terrain: **Hilly (est'd)**

Killer Hills: There are some steep climbs on Bethmour Rd., Hoadley Rd., and Rt. 114 West.

Geographical Region: **Southwest Connecticut**

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

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **Rt. 15 to Exit 57 (Rt. 34 East) for 1 mile to Rt. 114 South for 1 mile; left at light on Grannis Rd. for 0.5 miles; right into school. From I-95, take Exit 39B to Rt. 1 North/East for 3.5 miles; left on Rt. 114 (Racebrook Rd.) at light for 1.3 miles; right on Grannis Rd. at light for 0.5 miles; right into the school.**

Ride Description: **Tour the scenic towns of Amity (Orange, Woodbridge, and Bethany) with views of horse farms, reservoirs, forests, streams, and a waterfall. After an easy 8-mile warm-up, there is some extended climbing in the middle portion of the route. After the lunch stop, you are rewarded by two extended downhill sections, connected by two hills. Lunch at Billy's in Bethany.**

Map at www.runningmap.com?id=23032 and
www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/ct/orange/637989254

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	Racebrook School, Orange
20.2	Food Stop: Billy's Old-Fashioned Ice Cream with restrooms, beverages, sandwiches and ice cream; Also, the highest point on the ride at 720 ft. of elevation
25.0	Lake Dawson on the left, a reservoir owned by the South Central Regional Water Authority
25.2	Small seasonal waterfall on the right
25.5	West Rock Ridge State Park parallels Downs Road for its entire distance The Blue Blazed Regicides Trail runs the length of the ridge.
27.7	The Thomas Darling House, a historic home and museum is on the left at 1907 Litchfield Tpke.
28.4	Grocery store on right (not a planned stop)
30.5	Former Woodbridge Country Club, now owned by the town of Woodbridge
33.9	Racebrook School

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Route sheet: **RS-New136**

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