## Madison to Middletown the Scenic (but easier) Way

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Total Distance:**50.4 miles**Elevation Gain:**3353 feet** 

Degree of Difficulty Index: 3353 ft / 50.4 mi = 66.53 ft/mi Terrain: Very hilly

Killer Hills: Several serious climbs required

Geographical Region: South Central Connecticut

Starting Location (city/town): Madison

Starting Location (detailed directions to): I-95 Exit 62 (Hammonasset State Park exit) in Madison (no CPL); park beside the chain link fence on Duck Hole Road

Ride Description: This hilly ride travels through sections of Clinton, Killingworth, No. Madison, Haddam and Durham en route to the turnaround point in Middletown. The return takes a different route back through several of those towns to a possible lunch/snack stop in Higganum. There are several killer hills on this ride, which should be attempted only by those riders in top physical condition.

The convenience store at mile 17.2 and Dunkin's Donuts at mile 5.7 are the only places to purchase food and drink along the route.

Facilities and Points of Interest:

| Mile | Facilities - Points of Interest   |
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| ~1.4 | Little duck pond w/ bench and gazebo on the right                                       |
| 5.7  | Dunkin' Donuts 0.1 mile north on Rt. 81   |
| 19.4 | Possible snack stop @ little park beside shopping plaza on the right; convenience store |
| 30.2 | Miller Pond State Park; portable toilets available; possible lunch stop                 |
| 40.7 | Summer Hill (wholesale) Nursery up road to left   |

## Note: This ride is a duplicate of the "Madison to Middletown the Hard (but Scenic) Way" ride...except it does it backwards. It turns the ride into a completely different, equally interesting but no less difficult ride

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