

# Pounding Powder Hill

**NOTE: This Ride Description and its corresponding Route Sheet may not have been checked for accuracy by the [www.ctbikeroutes.org](http://www.ctbikeroutes.org) team**

Total Distance: **34.9 miles**

Elevation Gain: **2776 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **2776 ft / 34.9 mi = 79.54 ft/mi**      Terrain: **Very hilly**

Killer Hills: **Several: Foot Hills Rd @ 3.7 mi; Parmalee Hill Rd @ 12.6 mi; Powder Hill Rd @ 15.8 mi; Coleman Rd (short) @ 23.4 mi; Chamberlain Rd (very difficult) @ 27.6 mi.**

Geographical Region: **South Central Connecticut**

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

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **The Village shopping center, Rt. 81 near intersection with Rt. 154 in Higganum**

Ride Description: **Although this ride is relatively short, it is an extremely difficult, hilly ride and should be attempted only by those riders who are in top physical condition. Having said that there are significant redeeming values on the ride route, including spectacular views of the Powder Ridge ski slopes and surrounding area (including Lyman Orchards) from the top of Powder Hill Rd. The ride passes through Durham, the Fairgrounds and Durham Green. You definitely will get a cardio workout on this ride.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

<b>Mile</b>	<b>Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i></b>
0.0	The Village shopping center; various food stores in the vicinity
5.1	<i>Millers Pond State Park on the left</i>
11.1	<i>Durham Fairgrounds to the right</i>
11.5	<i>Durham Green; Durham Town Hall; Durham Public Library</i>
17.3	<i>Views of Lyman Orchards &amp; Powder Ridge ski area; extensive views of surrounding area</i>
17.7	<i>Powder Hill Dinosaur Park to the left</i>
17.9	<i>Access road to Powder Ridge ski area &amp; base lodge</i>
34.9	The Village shopping center; various food stores in the vicinity

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**Ride description: Wu-New153**

**Route sheet: RS-New153**

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