

# Peter's North Central Connecticut Grand Prix

**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: **33.2 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1155 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1155 ft / 33.2 mi. = 34.79 ft/mi**    Terrain: **Rolling**

Killer Hills:        **None**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

Starting Location (city/town): **Colony Shops Plaza parking lot, 978 Sullivan Ave. (Rt. 194), So. Windsor (ample parking available)**

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **I-84 East Exit 62; left @ light onto Buckland Rd.; proceed for ~ 2.5 miles and cross Rt. 30 @ light onto Sullivan Ave.; continue for ~ 1.0 mile to Colony Shops Plaza on right at light (directly across from Geissler's Supermarket)**

Ride Description: **This interesting ride is over rolling terrain (with many flat sections and a couple of hills) and uses mostly back roads while passing through portions of the towns of So. Windsor, East Windsor, Somers and Ellington. Amongst the interesting sights along the route are numerous dairy and cattle farms, plant nurseries, a double-crossing of the Scantic River, tobacco fields w/ their drying barns, golf courses, a fair grounds and the Skylark Airport. While there is no designated lunch stop on the route, Ellington Green w/ its gazebo can be reached easily by turning left at the light @ mile cue 25.3 and following Rt. 140 for ~ 0.25 miles to the green and nearby food shops. There aren't many convenience stores or food shops along the route...so govern your preparations and actions accordingly.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

<b>Mile</b>	<b>Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i></b>
2.2	<i>Topstone golf course (public)</i>
5.5	<i>1<sup>st</sup> crossing of the Scantic River</i>
8.4	<i>Skylark Airport</i>
12.0	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> crossing of the Scantic River</i>
21.1	<i>Four Town Fairgrounds</i>
25.3	Turn left here for an ~ 0.25 mile off-course excursion to Ellington Green

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Ride description: **Wu-New154**

Route sheet: **RS-New154**

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