

The Panthorn Park Patrol

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

Total Distance: **29.5 miles**

Elevation Gain: **436 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **436 ft / 29.5 mi = 14.78 ft/mi** Terrain: **Flat**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

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

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **From I-84 west, take exit 29 (left exit w/ sign for Milldale); at end of exit turn right on Rt. 10 (So. Main St); in 0.2 mi. turn right @ traffic light on Clark St; in 0.1 mi take a quick right on Burritt St; in 0.9 mi. turn right on access road into Panthorn Park (sign); follow 0.4 mi. to parking area at rear of park.**

From I-691 west, take exit 7 (sign for Rt. 10); at end of exit ramp turn right (north) on Rt. 10 (Milldale Rd); in 0.3 mi. bear left on Norton St (street sign obscure); in 0.1 mi. cross Rt. 66/322 @ traffic light to continue on Norton St; in 0.5 mi. turn left @ traffic light onto Clark St; in 0.1 mi. take a quick right on Burritt St. and follow for 0.9 mi. to access road for Panthorn Park (sign) on the right and follow for 0.4 mi. to parking area at the rear of the park.

Ride Description: **This ride was developed by and is dedicated to the memory of Don Mitchell who died in May 2008 while riding (and developing a new ride) with a friend. The ride is over mostly flat terrain and visits the town of Southington en route to the turn-around point at Stocks Park in Bristol. Among the sights on the ride route are a portion of the Farmington Canal Trail, the Southington town green, Briarwood College for Women, Lake Compounce Amusement Park and the Mt. Southington Ski Area. There is one heavily trafficked road in Bristol that can be avoided if desired (see route sheet for details).**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	Panthorn Park; bathroom facilities; ample parking; recreational facilities; picnic areas; bathrooms
2.7	<i>Start ~ 2 mile ride along the Farmington Canal Trail; will reverse direction at the trail's end</i>
6.2	<i>Southington Green in the center of Southington</i>
12.1	<i>Briarwood College For Women campus on the right</i>
12.9	<i>Lake Compounce Amusement Park to the left; occasional views of Lake Compounce & the park</i>
15.4	Stocks Park (Bristol); excellent spot for a lunch/snack break; bathroom facilities and water there
21.7	<i>Mt. Southington Ski Area on the right</i>
24.9	<i>Views of Castle Craig to the east</i>
29.5	Panthorn Park; bathroom facilities; ample parking; recreational facilities; picnic areas; bathrooms

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Ride description: **Wu-New160**

Route sheet: **RS-New160**

Ride developed by: **Don Mitchell**

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