

Greater Greenways Ride

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

Total Distance: **30.7 miles**

Elevation Gain: **976 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **976 ft / 30.7 mi = 31.79 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Flat to rolling**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

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

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **Tunxis Mead Park. From Rt. 4 in Farmington center, go south on Rt. 10 approx. 1 mile past Miss Porter's School. At 2nd traffic light go right on Meadow Rd; continue for about 1 mile and go straight at fork on Red Oak Hill Rd; go right in ¼ mile on access road into Tunxis Mead Park. Parking lot is next to ball field in about ¼ mile.**

Ride Description: **This is a mellow ride along the Farmington Valley Greenway, the Farmington River Trail, and picturesque roads along the way, with many views of the Farmington River. It includes a trip through Stratton Brook State Park. There are 15 miles of paved rail trail and 1.5 miles gravel surface on this ride...all fine for road bikes.**

Note: The Farmington Valley Greenway is part of the planned 84 mile long Farmington Canal Heritage Trail that (when completed) will eventually reach to Northampton, MA from its present starting point near Yale University in New Haven.

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	Tunxis Meade Park; restrooms
0.7	<i>Farmington Valley Greenway</i>
6.1	<i>Farmington River Trail, nice views</i>
8.2	<i>Pedestrian Bridge over Farmington River</i>
8.5	Small park alongside the Farmington River; quaint town of Collinsville, stores nearby
15.8	Entrance to Stratton Brook State Park; picnic, swim, restrooms
17.8	Simsbury business district; shops, market, restaurants along Rt. 10/202
18.1	<i>Bridge of Flowers over Farmington River, scenic views</i>
20.0	<i>Pinchot Sycamore Tree, largest Sycamore in Connecticut</i>
20.5	<i>Farmington Valley Greenway</i>
29.1	<i>Bridge over Farmington River, a must stop for river views</i>
30.7	Tunxis Meade Park

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Route sheet: **RS-New162**

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