

A Fall Ride in Mystic

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

Total Distance: **42.0 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1735 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1735 ft / 42.0 mi = 41.31 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Rolling**

Killer Hills: **None; however the ~ 4 mile stretch on Northwest Corner Road from mile cue 19.0 to 22.9 has several serious uphill stretches; there is a sharp 0.5 mi. up on Jeremy Hill Rd @ 27.3.**

Geographical Region: **Southeast Connecticut**

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

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **Olde Mystik Village parking area near the red caboose (next to the Mystic Aquarium). Take I-95 Exit 90 and follow signs to the Mystic Aquarium. Olde Mystik Village is next to the Aquarium.**

Ride Description: **This ride has considerable charm. It visits the villages of Mystic, Old Mystic and Stonington while passing thru portions of Ledyard and Preston. Amongst the highlights are Olde Mystik Village, Village of Mystic, Mystic River w/ its special scenic river views, Old Mystic Village, Clyde's Cider Mill, Stonington Village and Stonington Point w/ its near 360 degree view of L. I. Sound. There are many miles of relatively flat riding together w/ some hilly sections on the inland portions of the ride from mile cues 15.6 thru 28.8 (+/-). There is a lot to see and enjoy on this ride.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	Bathroom facilities in Olde Mystik Village
0.0	<i>Mystic Aquarium</i>
2.5	<i>Mystic Village w/ spectacular views of the Mystic River and boat traffic; draw-bridge over river</i>
3.5	<i>Start of more views of the Mystic River; great bike road</i>
6.5	<i>Clyde's Cider Mill (possible tour of mill; store)</i>
15.5	Dunkin' Donuts on the right
19.3	Possible snack/lunch stop beside stone wall on the left (pastoral views)
29.6	<i>Entrance to Stonington Vineyards on the right</i>
34.9	<i>Entering Village of Stonington</i>
35.2	Deli on right; grocery/convenience store on the left in the village
35.6	<i>Stonington Point with exceptional views of Fishers Island Sound to the southwest and Block Island Sound to the southeast; port-a-potties may be available here</i>
36.2	<i>Library (possible comfort stop)</i>
42.0	Olde Mystic Village with various shops and facilities

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