

# Connect the Trails North to Congamond Ride

**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: **26.8 miles**

Elevation Gain: **650 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **650 ft / 26.8 mi = 24.25 ft/mi**      Terrain: **Flat to rolling**

Killer Hills:      **None**

Geographical Region: **North Central**

Starting Location (city/town): **Simsbury, Ct.**

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **International Skating Center of Ct. Rt. 10/202 just north of the Rt. 315 intersection in the northern part of Simsbury.**

Ride Description: **This is an interesting ride which utilizes the northern sections of the Farmington Valley Greenway paved rail trail and surrounding scenic back roads. The ride passes by farms and fields and goes to Lake Congamond in Southwick, Ma. for a picturesque lunch stop. It meanders through the extensive grounds of Imperial Nurseries on the return trip. There are 10.7 miles of paved trail on this ride.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

<b>Mile</b>	<b>Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i></b>
0.0	International Skating Center, rest rooms, snack bar, chance to watch future olympians
1.1	<i>Simsbury Airport on right</i>
6.2	<i>Griffin Farmstead Goat Dairy on left</i>
10.1	Ebb's Corner, convenience store, ice cream and bake shop
11.1	<i>Nice views of Lake Congamond and surrounding hills on the left</i>
13.9	<i>Lake Congamond Park and Gazebo, port-o lets</i>
15.6	<i>Interesting goat farm on the left</i>
16.3	Red Riding Hood Bakery and Café on right
19.8	Small picnic pavilion and port-o-let on left
21.7	<i>Bryan's Landing with canal views</i>
23.6	Begin ~ 2.5 mile ride through Imperial Nurseries properties along rail trail
26.8	International Skating Center, rest rooms, snack bar, chance to watch future olympians

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**Ride description: Wu-New178**

**Route sheet: RS-New178**

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