

# Cows & Horses 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: **34.5 miles**

Elevation Gain: **963 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **963 ft / 34.5 mi = 27.91 ft/mi**      Terrain: **Flat to rolling**

Killer Hills:      **None**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

Starting Location (city/town): **South Windsor**

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **Rye Street Park, South Windsor, CT. From Rt. 194 (Sullivan Avenue) turn onto Rye Street. Proceed ~ 1 mile to park entrance on the right.**

Ride Description: **This is a beautiful, scenic ride over mostly flat to rolling terrain with numerous agricultural views including tobacco and corn fields. Featured are cattle farms with Belted Galloway cattle (dubbed “Oreo cows”) and farms with Standardbred horses (bred for harness racing).**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

<b>Mile</b>	<b>Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i></b>
0.0	Rye Street Park – ample parking and “port-a-potty”
4.8	Town park on the left; restrooms and water; park is for town residents but cyclists may use the comfort station; just ask at the gatehouse
9.0	<i>From top of hill Reeves Rd/Pioneer Heights, great view of the southern Massachusetts hills. Also there is an orchard on the left for in-season apples</i>
10.0	<i>Rolling farmland. Fresh-picked strawberries (in season). Belted Galloway cattle, Tamworth (brown) hogs.</i>
16.4	<i>Sweeping views of hills on the left</i>
18.8	Mill Pond w/ picnic tables, “port-a-potty” and views. Nice spot for lunch/snack stop.
19.0	<i>On Maple Street see Lindy Farm, breeders and trainers of Standardbred horses for harness racing. Home to 5 previous Hambletonian champions (harness racing’s equivalent to the Kentucky Derby). Website: <a href="http://www.lindyfarms.com">http://www.lindyfarms.com</a></i>
20.3	<i>Roundtuit Ranch horse farm</i>
21.9+	Possible side trip: from Town Farm Rd., turn right on Abbe for 0.9 miles, then left on Powder Hill Rd. for 0.2 miles to Collins Creamery on left for yummy farm-made ice cream. Adds 2.2 miles to ride length.

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**Ride description: Wu-New180**

**Route sheet: RS-New180**

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