

Mary-Jane's Horse Country 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: **32.33 miles**

Elevation Gain: **912 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **912 ft / 32.33mi. = 28.21 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Flat to Rolling**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

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

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **Stratton Brook State Park, 149 Farms Village Rd. From Rte 10/202 in the center of Simsbury go West on Rte 167 and straight onto Rte 309 for 1.6 miles (continuing past Simsbury High School on your right) to State Park entrance on your left. Enter driveway to first large parking lot on left (0.2 mi.). Note that there may be a PARKING CHARGE at the park gate on WEEKENDS IN SEASON.**

Ride Description: **Scenic ride over flat and rolling terrain passing meadows, forests and the Farmington River. The ride goes through sections of the McLean Game Refuge on paved roads and uses a portion of the Farmington Valley Greenway. There is 1.4 mile of hard packed dirt. Road bikes with thin tires are OK. Suggested lunch stop at Salmon Brook Park in Granby.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	Stratton Brook State Park, swimming, picnicking, bike trail, comfort facilities
2.7	<i>Flamig Farm (with the large backwards EGGS sign on barn). www.flamigfarm.com</i>
3.3	Tulmeadow Farm; great ice cream stop
9.3	McLean Game Refuge; hiking, rustic restrooms
20.8	Grocery store and restaurants in plaza
21.3	Salmon Brook Park in Granby. Park has ample pavilions, tables and rest rooms. There is a refreshment stand open in season only.
30.0	<i>Simsbury's Flower Bridge. Flower fans will be impressed during summer season. www.simsbury-ct.gov/Public_Documents/Departments/SimsburyCT_ParkRec/flower_bridge</i>

Note: For a short 15 mile version, do not turn left at Barndoor Road (6.9 mi) but continue on Holcomb Street for another 0.8 mi. Turn right onto County Road at 7.7 mi. and follow route sheet from there.

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Route sheet: RS-New186

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