

Carol's Simsbury Ride #3

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

Total Distance: **30.1 miles**

Elevation Gain: **736 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **736 ft / 30.07 mi = 24.48 ft/mi** Terrain: **Flat to rolling**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

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

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **Simsbury Commons (shopping plaza) on Rt. 167 at intersection of Route 44 and 167 (Bushy Hill Rd.) in Simsbury. From Route 44 in Simsbury, turn onto Route 167 north; go to the 2nd traffic light (last entrance to the plaza) and go immediately right in plaza to park behind Border's Books.**

Ride Description: **This is a pleasant and interesting ride through Simsbury and Granby, passing by sections of the McLean Game Refuge, riding along portions of the Farmington Valley Greenway with views of the expansive Imperial Nurseries, and a stop at the International Skating Center of Connecticut. There is a suggested lunch stop at Granbrook Park, which is located along Salmon Brook and a great ice cream stop at Tulmeadow Farms near the end of the ride.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	Simsbury Commons; various stores
3.7	<i>Flamig Farms; egg farm and petting zoo</i>
5.0	Meadow Pond Park, picnic area, pond and portolet
9.0	<i>McLean Game Refuge</i>
12.5	<i>International Skating Center of Ct.; water, restrooms, watch future olympians</i>
13.4	<i>Begin ride on Farmington Valley Greenway, paved trail</i>
13.9	Trail runs alongside Imperial Nurseries
16.7	<i>Granbrook Park; picnic area, various facilities, located along Salmon Brook</i>
25.7	Convenience store on R
25.8	<i>Tulmeadow Farm, ice cream</i>
30.1	Simsbury Commons; various stores

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Ride description: **Wu-New187**

Route sheet: **RS-New187**

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