

2009 Summer Sea Breeze Ride – 50 Mile Route

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

Total Distance: **50.46 miles**

Elevation Gain: **2252 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **2252 ft / 50.46 mi = 44.63 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Rolling**

Killer Hills: **There is a lengthy, 2.5 mi. climb (not especially steep) on Beaver Meadow Rd starting at mile cue 26.1**

Geographical Region: **South Central Connecticut**

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

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **From I-95 Exit 61, go north (away from the ocean) on Rt. 79 for ~ 1 mile to the 1st traffic light. Turn left on Green Hill Rd and follow for ~ 1 mile to Polson Middle School (the old Daniel Hand HS) on the left. Turn left on the access road and park in the parking area furthest from the school. Note: use of the parking area is not permitted while school is in session. Schedule your ride accordingly.**

Ride Description: **This half-century ride passes through several upscale residential areas in Madison en route to and from rural sections of Killingworth & Higganum with brief forays into Guilford and Clinton along the way. It uses mostly back roads or residential roads with limited automobile traffic and features a scenic 1.5 mile ride along the Madison shoreline with spectacular views of Long Island Sound. Towards the end, the ride skirts Madison's business district but passes by Madison Green and the beautiful Congregational Church that overlooks the green.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	Polson Middle School (located adjacent to the recently constructed Daniel Hand High School in a large, new campus); many athletic facilities and fields, including a running track, are located inside the campus
7.2	<i>Bridge over the Hammonasset River</i>
22.4	Higganum business district
41.0	<i>Heser's Pond w/ gazebo on the left</i>
43.0	<i>Another bridge crossing of the Hammonasset River</i>
45.6	<i>Commence 1.5 mile ride along the Madison shoreline; spectacular ocean views</i>
46.3	East Wharf Beach; comfort station (seasonal)
50.46	Polson Middle School

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Ride description: **Wu-New190**

Route sheet: **RS-New190**

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