

# Farmington 50-mile 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: **50.18 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1620 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1620 / 50.18 mi = 32.28 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Flat to rolling**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

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

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **Tunxis Mead Park. From Rt. 4 in Farmington center, go south on Rt. 10 approx. 1 mile past Miss Porter's School. At 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light go right on Meadow Rd; continue for about 1 mile and go straight at fork on Red Oak Hill Rd; go right in ¼ mile on access road into Tunxis Mead Park. Parking lot is on Left next to ball field in about ¼ mile.**

Ride Description: **This excellent ride travels north through the towns of Farmington, Collinsville, Canton, N. Simsbury and N. Granby to the turnaround point near the Massachusetts border and then continues south almost entirely on the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail (entirely paved) though Granby, Simsbury and Avon.**

**Note: The Farmington Valley Greenway is part of the planned 84 mile long Farmington Canal Heritage Trail that (when completed) will eventually reach to Northampton, MA from its present starting point near Yale University in New Haven.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

<b>Mile</b>	<b>Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i></b>
0.0	Tunxis Mead Park. Rest Rooms
0.7	Farmington Valley Greenway
8.1	<i>Pedestrian Bridge over Farmington River</i>
8.3+	Energy conservation light store ST & L after crossing Route 179
8.5	Small park alongside the Farmington River; quaint town of Collinsville; stores nearby
16.2	Small park with portable bathrooms to the right
21.1	Western entrance to the McLain Game Refuge
25.1	<i>Northernmost point of ride</i>
27.6	Farmington Valley Greenway
32.2	<i>Newly constructed bridge over Salmon Brook</i>
32.4	<i>Commence ride past Imperial Nurseries, a huge wholesale nursery business</i>
50.1	Tunxis Mead Park. Rest Rooms

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Route sheet: **RS-New193**

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