

Barb and Irene's Southington Spree

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

Total Distance: **25.1 miles**

Elevation Gain: **N/A**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **N/A**

Terrain: **Flat to Rolling**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

Starting Location (city/town): **Panthorn Park, Burritt St., Southington**

Starting Location (GPS directions): **Panthorn Park; GPS address = 485 Burritt St, Plantsville**

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **From I-84 west, take exit 29 (left exit w/ sign for Milldale); at end of exit turn right on Rt. 10 (So. Main St); in 0.2 mi. turn right @ traffic light on Clark St; in 0.1 mi take a quick right on Burritt St; in 0.9 mi. turn right on access road into Panthorn Park (sign); follow 0.4 mi. to parking area at rear of park.**

From I-691 west, take exit 3 (sign for Milldale); at end of exit ramp turn right (north) on Rt. 10 (Milldale Rd); in 0.3 mi. bear left on Norton St (street sign obscure); in 0.1 mi. cross Rt. 66/322 @ traffic light to continue on Norton St; in 0.5 mi. turn left @ traffic light onto Clark St; in 0.1 mi. take a quick right on Burritt St. and follow for 0.9 mi. to access road for Panthorn Park (sign) on the right and follow for 0.4 mi. to parking area at the rear of the park.

Ride Description: **This loop, which starts in a park with bathroom facilities, cuts across Southington center (in part on the rail-trail), heads north on the east side of town, crosses Plainville center, includes a rest stop in Plainville's lovely Norton Park, and returns on the west side of town. Although this route cuts across the center of two towns, the majority of the ride is on back roads.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
3.3	Southington center
5.7	Ball fields on left (port-a-potty located behind building)
13.4	Dunkin Donuts on right
15.0	Norton Park (restrooms located in maintenance garage)
19.2	Lake Compounce service entrance on right
20.0	Lincoln College (formerly Briarwood) on left
23.0	Regroup and enjoy the goats at the corner of Mt Vernon and Prospect
23.6	Mount Southington Ski slopes on right

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Route sheet: RS-New203

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