

Two Lake 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: **42.4 miles**

Elevation Gain: **2000 feet (est'd)**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **2000 ft / 42.4 mi = 47.1 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Rolling to hilly (est'd)**

Killer Hills: **Middle and Upper Butcher Rd 6%-17% grade; Boyer Rd 6% one mile**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

Starting Location (city/town): **South Windsor**

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **Town Center Shops, 1735 Ellington Road. 1 mile north of Evergreen Walk and 1.5 miles north of Buckland Hills Mall on Buckland Street. I-84 exit 62, from east, take a left on Buckland Street, I-84 west, exit 62, right on Pleasant Valley, left on Buckland Street.**

Ride Description: **1st 8 miles fairly flat, then significant climbs and descents for the next 20 miles with the last 14 miles fairly flat. Scenic views of Shenipsit Lake and Crystal Lake, dairy and horse farms.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
8.6	<i>Middle Butcher Rd; beginning of steepest part of ride</i>
9.4	<i>Upper Butcher Rd; pitch steepens; tough climb 7% to 17%</i>
11.6	<i>Picturesque country road with view of lake at end</i>
17.7	<i>Ride along Crystal Lake, bear to right for more leisurely pace along lake, merge back to Stafford Rd</i>
26.3	<i>Ninth District Rd; picturesque dairy farms</i>
28.4	<i>Apple orchard; farm stand in season</i>
37.4	<i>Rye Park; port o lets and picnic tables in season</i>

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Route sheet: RS-New205

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