

The Bike Shop's Spring Thaw 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: **21 miles**

Elevation Gain: **270 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **270 ft / 21.0 mi = 12.9 ft/mi** Terrain: **Mostly Flat**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

Starting Location : **1735 Ellington Road, South Windsor CT (Town Center Shops)**

Starting Location : **From I84 take Exit 62, head North on Buckland Ave (becomes Buckland St in S. Windsor) 1.5 miles, Town Center Shops on Left (Stop & Shop). From I 291 Exit 4, cross Rte 5, to Ellington Rd, 5th traffic light (approx 4 miles) right into Town Center Shops, from north, take Rte 5 South to Sullivan Ave, Sullivan Ave to Center of S. Windsor, First right after traffic light into Town Center Shops**

Ride Description: **Mostly flat roads within South Windsor through parks, neighborhoods and schools. Two short sections on Sullivan Ave with turns against on coming traffic that require extra care. There is a section through Nevers Park that is a hard packed (pea stone) trail, can be done on road bike if dry. Don't worry if you take wrong trail, they loop to return to the Community Center. This section can also be bypassed, skip 14.6 to 16.4 mile markers to continue on Nevers Road.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
1.4	Poduck Park (hiking, no bicycles)
5.5	Historic Homes on Main Street
11.0	Willow Brook Public Golf Course
11.6	Topstone Public Golf Course
12.1	Terry Elementary School
14.5	South Windsor Community Center
14.6	Nevers Town Park
14.8	Rotary Pavilion, port-o-let with picnic tables
16.2	South Windsor High School
16.4	Wapping Elementary School
18.5	Michael Donnelly Land Preserve (hiking only, no bicycles, bike rack available)

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Ride description: Wu-New215

Route sheet: RS-New215

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