

Denise's Back Roads to the Hopyard 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: **40.9 miles**

Elevation Gain: **2977 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **2977 ft / 40.9 mi = 72.78 ft/mi** Terrain: **Very Hilly**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **Southeast Connecticut**

Starting Location (city/town): **Niantic (East Lyme)**

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **Samuel M. Peretz Park, Rt. 156 in Niantic just east of Rocky Neck State Park. Take I-95 Exit 72 (Rocky Neck Connector); at the end w/ traffic light go left on Rt. 156 past the entrance to Rocky Neck State Park and turn left into Samuel M. Peretz Park just before the Niantic Correctional Facility.**

Ride Description: **This is a challenging ride on mostly back roads between Niantic and Devil's Hopyard State Park (suggested lunch stop). Pass such landmarks as the Salem Creamery, Devil's Hopyard State Park and Pattagansett Lake. This is a great route with lots to admire along the way. It's a hilly ride, though, and should be attempted only by those in good physical condition.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	Samuel M. Peretz Park - Bathrooms
13.9	<i>Salem Creamery (Ice Cream) – seasonal.</i>
18.7	<i>Chapman Falls @ Devil's Hopyard State Park – Great Views</i>
33.5	<i>Pattagansett Lake</i>
40.9	Samuel M. Peretz Park - Bathrooms

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Ride description: **Wu-New237**

Route sheet: **RS-New237**

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