

# People's Forest to Colebrook Store 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: **40.1 miles**

Elevation Gain: **2160 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **2160 ft / 40.1 mi = 53.9 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Rolling to Hilly**

Killer Hills: **None, but long (4.5 mile) climb at mile 16.4**

Geographical Region: **Northwest Connecticut**

Starting Location (city/town): **Barkhamsted, CT**

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **People's Forest Recreation Area located on East River Rd approximately 1 mile from Pleasant Valley Rd. Park on left side after gatehouse entrance.**

Ride Description: **A beautiful ride that follows the scenic west branch of the Farmington River through Riverton, and up to the Goodwin Dam for some beautiful views. Retrace back to Riverton, and continue northwest along the Still River to Robertsville where you climb up to the Colebrook Dam. The Dam's access road is gated, and may require walking bikes through it to continue onto the access road for another mile. The views from the top of the dam are spectacular. There are a few picnic tables to rest and regroup. Retrace out to Colebrook River Rd, and then after a short downward spin, you begin a long 4.5 mile climb up Sandy Brook Rd. The Colebrook General Store at mile 22.2 is a great place to regroup, or grab a bite. There are tables at the store and picnic tables across the road at the Town Hall. The ride continues on pretty backroads before a wonderful 10 mile downhill return to Riverton and back along the east side of the Farmington River.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

<b>Mile</b>	<b>Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i></b>
0	People's State Forest Recreation Area, Bathrooms
5.2	<i>Main Street, Riverton. Bathrooms at rest area before crossing Farmington River</i>
7.9	<i>Goodwin Dam. Nice Views</i>
14.7	<i>Colebrook Dam, Nice Views, Picnic area</i>
22.2	<i>Colebrook General Store. Food, Picnic Area, Limited bathrooms at General Store and Town Hall across street</i>
40.1	People's State Forest Recreation Area, Bathrooms

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Route sheet: **RS-New240**

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