

Madison Shoreline Meander Ride

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Total Distance: **20.3 miles**

Elevation Gain: **525 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **525 ft / 20.3 mi = 25.9 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Flat**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **South Central Connecticut**

Starting Location (city/town): **Madison**

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **I-95 Exit 61 CPL (Rt. 79) in Madison**

Ride Description: **This is a nice short, flat ride recommended for hot summer days, or a relaxing meander along the shore. Very nice views of the Madison shoreline, following many of the coastal roads before entering Hammonasset State Beach Park. Only very short intervals on busier state roads, but there are a few places where you might want to dismount your bicycle for safety due to loose gravel access on short pathways. These are located at miles 4.4, 7.7 and mile 9.8. The Boat Launch access road at mile 4.4 has beautiful marsh views, but it can be skipped if road surface is undesirable. The access path at mile 7.7 takes you into the back side of The Madison Beach Club near where small boats are stored. A very short walk to the paved parking area. It can be bypassed by continuing on Rt. 1 at mile 6.7 and then turning on West Warf Rd. The access path at mile 9.8 can also be bypassed by continuing on Waterbury Ave, and turning right onto Liberty Street. In addition, the Greenway Trail at mile 10.2 has beautiful access to Hammonasset beaches, but trail surface is packed gravel with possible looser sandy points, so slow riding is recommended. The alternative to the Greenway Trail is to ride along Rt-1 for less than 1 mile to the Hammonasset Park Entrance. The Hammonasset Walking/Bike Path is a nicely paved surface allowing for scenic views all the way to Meig's Point. The bathrooms at all the Pavilions are seasonal. The return route also uses the Bike Path, but the Beach Access Road can be used as an alternative.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
4.4	<i>Boat Launch Access Rd (gravel and or packed sand surface. Pretty Views)</i>
8.0	<i>West Warf Jetty next to Madison Beach Club (Pretty Views)</i>
9.8	<i>Access path to nice neighborhood. Must dismount bike and walk short path.</i>
10.2	<i>Greenway Trail Start (packed gravel surface. Beautiful views)</i>
13.5	Regroup; Meig's Point Pavilion (bathrooms – seasonal)
17.2	<i>Nice LI Sound Views at and end of road</i>

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Route sheet: **RS-New242**

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