

Beyond the Best of the Shoreline 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: **45.3 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1945 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1945 ft / 45.3 mi = 42.9 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Rolling**

Killer Hills: **No killer, but 2 mile climb (max 6.7% grade) starting at mile 17.1**

Geographical Region: **Southwest Connecticut**

Starting Location (city/town): **Stonington Borough**

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **The Velvet Mill, 22 Bayview Avenue, Stonington**

Ride Description: **This mostly flat ride visits many points along the eastern shoreline with sensational views of Fishers Island Sound. There is a short climb in the Pequot Indian Reservation, starting at mile 17 with a steep curvy downhill on the other side starting at mile 19. Caution should be used on this fast descent with a turn near the bottom.**

The ride starts heading east to the Barn Island Wildlife Management Area, then up through Old Mystic. From there you will head north and around Long Pond before heading south to scenic town of Mystic. The ride travels west for stops at Groton Long Point and Noank before heading east to the village of Stonington and Stonington Point.

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	Velvet Mill Shops; restrooms and Food
3.9	<i>Barn Island Wildlife Management Area</i>
16.5	<i>Long Pond</i>
25.2	<i>Begin scenic ride along Mystic River</i>
26.9	<i>Mystic Seaport Views</i>
30.6	<i>Begin tour of Groton Long Point</i>
34.0	<i>Begin tour of Noank Village</i>
38.2	Cottrell Park. Regroup (restrooms - seasonal)
43.0	<i>Stonington Borough</i>
43.9	<i>Stonington Point</i>
45.3	Velvet Mill Shops; restrooms and Food

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Route sheet: **RS-New243**

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