

Branford Carousel Trip #2

Total Distance: **30.4 miles**

Elevation Gain: **536'**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **536 ft / 30.4 mi = 17.63 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Flat**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **South Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **Branford**

Starting Location: **Francis Walsh Intermediate School parking lot next to ball fields on Damascus Rd in Branford**

Special Directions: **Take I-95 Exit 54 (Cedar St). Follow Cedar St across Rt. 1 into center of Branford to end. Turn left on Main St (Rt. 146). Follow Rt. 146 about 0.3 miles through town and go right onto Montowese (still Rt. 146). In about 0.2 miles turn left onto Pine Orchard Rd. In 0.4 miles (where Pine Orchard goes sharp right) go straight onto Damascus. Follow for about a mile to school parking area next to ball fields on the right.**

Ride Description: **This mostly flat ride travels through portions of Branford, East Haven and New Haven and visits several areas with spectacular views of the Sound and of Branford Harbor. The ride visits Foote Park and Lighthouse Park. There is much to see on this ride.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
4.3	<i>View of Branford Harbor</i>
5.7	<i>Views of Long Island Sound</i>
7.6	<i>Foote Park: bathrooms available (bike riding limited inside the park)</i>
9.5	<i>Branford Park: nice place for a snack stop; bathrooms available (seasonal)</i>
10.1	<i>Jetty overlooking Branford Harbor; can you spot where you were earlier? (mile cue 4.3)</i>
14.9	<i>New Haven (Tweed) Airport</i>
16.0	<i>Fort Hale Park; check out the historical displays</i>
16.5	<i>Beginning of nice views of New Haven Harbor</i>
18.3	<i>Lighthouse Park: nice spot for a lunch or snack break – lots of picnic tables (views)</i>
	Note: there are many convenience stores and other places to purchase lunch makings or snacks along the route.

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