

The Branford Grand Tour

Total Distance: **31.1 miles**

Elevation Gain: **872 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **872 ft / 31.1 mi = 28.04 ft / mi**

Terrain: **Flat/Rolling**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **South Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **Branford**

Starting Location: **I-95 Exit 56 CPL (Leete's Island Road/Stony Creek exit) in Branford**

Ride Description: **This is an interesting ride through some less traveled sections of Branford while en route to Parker Memorial Park overlooking Branford Harbor, a truly lovely scene (and a great spot for lunch). It's best to bring your lunch since there are no good spots to purchase on the way. On the return trip we visit Indian Neck and Pine Orchard before taking the little known abandoned trolley line over to Stony Creek. The terrain is somewhat rolling with a lot of flat riding. There are a couple modest hills along the way (they're good for you!).**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	Various facilities north of the CPL
4.5	North Farms Park: Portable Toilet, Picnicking
7.7	<i>Branford Supply Ponds</i>
11.1	<i>Start of wooded section w/ Saltonstall Reservoir to your right (west) – no views</i>
17.8	<i>Branford Point overlooking Branford Harbor</i>
18.0	<i>Parker Memorial Park: great place for lunch or a snack (seasonal bathrooms available)</i>
20.2	<i>Beginning of tour through Indian Neck: follow route cues carefully</i>
25.2+	<i>Beginning of short stretch w/ outstanding ocean views</i>
26.5	<i>Young's Pond on the left (usually lots of water birds in view here)</i>
28.3	<i>Short bike portage via path to access old trolley bed; short ride along trolley right-of-way</i>
28.6	<i>Town of Stony Creek</i>
28.6	Stony Creek Library: Restroom inside
31.1	Various facilities north of the CPL

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