

Chatfield Hollow Ride

Total Distance: **31.8 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1682 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1682 ft / 31.8 mi = 52.89 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Rolling to hilly**

Killer Hills: **One notable hill climbing out of Chatfield Hollow on Rt. 80**

Geographical Region: **South Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **Clinton**

Starting Location: **I-95 Exit 63 CPL (Rt. 81) in Clinton**

Ride Description: **This ride is a little different! It travels through some pretty Clinton residential areas en route to Killingworth and some real country road riding. The ride enters Chatfield Hollow State Park (possible lunch or snack break stop) using an interesting rear entrance off a dirt road (ok for road bikes). After a lunch/snack break overlooking the lake in the park, the ride climbs out of the hollow (tough climb) to a height of land in Killingworth. Then enjoy a mostly downhill return ride to the starting point...also over some interesting country roads. Although this ride is a hilly sucker, it's a "keeper."**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
5.9	Irene Sheldon Park (portable toilet and athletic fields)
15.2+	Beginning of dirt road to the rear entrance to Chatfield Hollow State Park
16.6	<i>Lunch/snack break @ picnic tables overlooking small lake</i>
17.0	<i>Beginning of tough climb out of the hollow on Rt. 80</i>
18.5	<i>Beginning of a great (mostly) downhill swoop to next turn (left onto River Rd @ 20.0 mi)</i>
25.4	<i>Gazebo overlooking small pond (nice spot for a break)</i>
27.6	Friendly's Restaurant @ traffic light
27.6+	Convenience store @ next traffic light
28.4	<i>Clinton Town Dock; restaurant in season, portable toilets</i>
30.0	<i>Clinton Green</i>

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