

Watch Hill Wanderings

Total Distance: **38.6 miles**

Elevation Gain: **889 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **889 ft / 37.9 mi = 23.03 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Flat to rolling**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **Southeast Connecticut**

City/Town: **Clarks Falls, CT (Stonington)**

Starting Location: **I-95 Exit 93 CPL (Rt. 216) @ the Connecticut/Rhode Island state line**

Ride Description: **This is an interesting ride over mostly flat to rolling terrain in towns along the Connecticut – Rhode Island border. On the way to the Watch Hill Lighthouse, the route follows along the east side of the Pawcatuck River, passes through Westerly, RI, and makes a circuit of Avondale. From the Watch Hill Lighthouse, the ride passes Misquamicut State Beach and then returns through forest and farmland in western Rhode Island.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
6.7	<i>Start route through Westerly, RI</i>
8.5	<i>Start short ride along east side of Pawcatuck River (views)</i>
11.9	<i>Start loop ride through Avondale (views of the Pawcatuck River)</i>
14.3	<i>Watch Hill</i>
15.1	<i>Watch Hill Lighthouse. The lighthouse station was established in 1807. The current lighthouse and keeper's house were built in 1856. It is located at the juncture of Fishers Island Sound and Block Island Sound. Although the lighthouse is not open to the public, the location and views are spectacular. A great place for lunch or a snack spot. Don't miss it!</i>
~19.0	<i>Misquamicut State Beach (beach, comfort station, views)</i>
25.1	<i>Various shops @ Dunn's Corner</i>
35.0	<i>Convenience store @ this intersection (nice place for your last break)</i>

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