

Vic's Chester-Hebron-Hopyard Ride

Total Distance: **50.6 miles**

Elevation Gain: **3034 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **3034 ft / 50.6 mi = 59.96 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Hilly**

Killer Hills: **One or two that will get your attention**

Geographical Region: **South Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **Chester**

Starting Location: **Rt. 9 Exit 8 CPL (Rt.148) in Chester**

Ride Description: **This very interesting and somewhat hilly ride uses mostly state roads while traveling from Chester up to Hebron via the Haddam swing-bridge, Moodus and Westchester before heading back to Chester through Colchester, Devil's Hopyard State Park, Hadlyme and the Chester ferry (\$2.00). The state roads are great for biking with smooth surfaces, wide shoulders and modest auto traffic. Additionally, there is some interesting back road riding.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
5.2	Tylerville (Convenience store, Subway)
6.0	<i>Haddam swing bridge (steel deck) over the Connecticut River: Goodspeed Opera House; Gelston House (views of the Connecticut River)</i>
23.9	Hebron (food and beverages available here by continuing on Rt. 66 for 0.2 mile then backtracking to rejoin the route)
24.5	School grounds on the right (good lunch/snack break stop)
25.2	Convenience store on left
30.2	Colchester village (various stores where food and beverages can be obtained)
38.7	<i>Devil's Hopyard State Park, outhouses</i>
46.0	Hadlyme (convenience store on right)
47.6	<i>Chester Ferry (\$2.00): Check out Gillette Castle on a bluff overlooking the river to the right on the east side</i>
~49.2	Chester village (various curio shops & ice cream parlor)

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