

## Fran & Mike's Chester to Rocky Neck Ride

Total Distance: **49.3 miles**

Elevation Gain: **3013 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **3013 ft / 49.3 mi = 61.12 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Hilly**

Killer Hills: **Several, including Joshuatown Road**

Geographical Region: **South Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **Chester**

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

Ride Description: **This challenging ride features a ferry ride (\$2.00) across the Connecticut River (note ferry start times below) followed by a very challenging series of hills (Joshuatown Road) during the first 8 miles of the ride. This section will definitely "focus your mind" and should be attempted only by riders who are in top condition. Having said that the ride travels some great back roads on the way to Rocky Neck State Park (suggested lunch/snack stop) and then heads back through Old Lyme and over the Baldwin Bridge bike path to Old Saybrook's Otter Cove and then to Essex and on to Deep River via the very scenic River Road route.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

<b>Mile</b>	<b>Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i></b>
1.3	<i>Chester Village</i>
2.9	<b><i>Ferry crossing of the Connecticut River (\$2.00) --- ferry starts operating @ 7:00 am on weekdays and at 10:30 am on Saturdays and Sundays; plan your rides accordingly</i></b>
9.2	<i>Hamburg Village; general store</i>
22.4	<i>Rocky Neck State Park concession stand and bathrooms to left</i>
22.7	<i>Rocky Neck State Park pavilion (great lunch/snack spot); views</i>
31.8	<i>Brief look at Old Lyme village</i>
32.8	<i>Begin one mile traverse over the Connecticut River via the Baldwin Bridge bike path</i>
34.4	<i>Begin 2.2 mile tour through Otter Cove (pay careful attention to the route sheet turns)</i>
38.5	<i>Start trip through Essex Village with several eateries and a convenience store; public bathroom @ small park next to the post office (38.6) on right</i>
38.9	<i>Connecticut River Museum, Essex town dock and boat launch at river</i>
39.4	<i>Start 5.3 mile scenic ride (mostly) along the Connecticut River</i>
45.7	<i>Deep River Landing (views of the river at the gazebo)</i>
47.8	<i>Chester Village; curio shops and ice cream parlor</i>

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