

Up to Sundown Ride

Total Distance: **39.0 miles**

Elevation Gain: **2814 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **2814 ft / 39.0 mi = 72.15 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Very hilly**

Killer Hills: **There are several very hilly sections including one 4-mile stretch of hills**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **Farmington**

Starting Location: **McDonald's – Stop & Shop plaza on Route 4 near the intersection with Route 177 in the Unionville section of Farmington.**

Note: Parking for large groups during the week may be problematic. This is a busy shopping center so plan accordingly. Small groups (several cars) will have no problem finding suitable parking spaces.

Ride Description: This is a seriously hilly country ride that visits the Nepaug Reservoir, climbs over the Ratlum Mountain Range, stops off at Ski Sundown (a great spot for lunch), continues on to Lake McDonough and up to the Saville Dam, and then returns on a route with special views of the Farmington River. It's best to bring your lunch or snacks since there are few stores along the route...and nothing at the suggested lunch stop.

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	McDonald's – Stop & Shop plaza: bathrooms; food
6.7	<i>Dam at the Nepaug Reservoir (views)</i>
19.2	<i>Ski Sundown; suggested lunch/snack stop</i>
22.2	<i>Entrance to the Lake McDonough recreational area (views throughout)</i>
24.0	<i>Saville Dam (special views of the reservoir and of the outflow area into Lake McDonough)</i>
29.1	Marandino's Market and Dunkin' Donuts on right; <i>Satan's Kingdom Tubing on left</i>
33.4	<i>Small park overlooking Farmington River (near canoe/kayak store)</i>
33.5	<i>Collinsville village</i>
33.6	<i>Bridge over Farmington River (views)</i>
34.4	<i>Start 1.7-mile ride on Farmington River Greenway multi-use path along the Farmington River</i>
39.0	McDonald's – Stop & Shop plaza: bathrooms; food

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