

Chester/Moodus/Hopyard/Lymes Loop

Total Distance: **49.2 miles**

Elevation Gain: **2721 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **2721 ft / 49.2 mi = 55.30 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Rolling to hilly**

Killer Hills: **Several hilly sections**

Geographical Region: **South Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **Chester**

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

Ride Description: **As the name suggests, this ride travels up into Moodus by way of the East Haddam swing-bridge and then passes Moodus Reservoir and Bashan Lake en route to Devil's Hopyard State Park (good lunch stop). The ride then heads down to the shoreline through Lyme, Salem, and Old Lyme before crossing the Connecticut River via the Baldwin Bridge bike path. Then it is a direct route back to the CPL, mostly on Rt. 154 with its smooth road surface and wide shoulders.**

There is a bail out option available on the route sheet that shaves 10 miles off the ride's length.

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
1.4	Chester village (various shops)
5.4	Convenience store, Subway
6.0	<i>East Haddam swing-bridge (steel deck) crossing of the Connecticut River (views)</i>
6.2	<i>Goodspeed Opera House and the Gelston House</i>
10.0	Convenience store on right
10.3	Convenience store on right
14.0	<i>Causeway across the Moodus Reservoir</i>
18.2	<i>Begin great 1.5 mile downhill swoop</i>
20.6	<i>Chapman Falls @ Devil's Hopyard State Park (views and a great lunch/snack stop); outhouse facilities</i>
35.9	<i>Hains Park @ the south end of Rogers Lake (another great spot for a lunch/snack break with a good grocery/deli to purchase 0.1 mile farther up the road); bathrooms</i>
36.0	Grocery store and deli on left
38.8	A&P Supermarket on left
39.0	<i>Start 1-mile trip over the Connecticut River via the Baldwin Bridge bike path</i>
Facilities on the shorter route:	
27.7	Country store
34.0	Convenience store, Subway

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