

Corn, Calves & Chardonnay Ride

Total Distance: **35.9 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1718 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1718 ft / 35.9 mi = 47.85 ft/mi** Terrain: **Rolling to hilly**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **Southeast Connecticut**

City/Town: **Stonington**

Starting Location: **I-95 Exit 91 CPL (Rt. 234) in Stonington**

Ride Description: **This interesting ride over mostly rolling terrain travels around the eastern Connecticut towns of Stonington and No. Stonington before crossing into Rhode Island for visits to Hopkinton, Ashaway and a corner of Westerly. A suggested spot for a lunch/snack break is at a convenience store at the intersection of Rtes. 91 & 216 in So. Hopkinton. The route then crosses back into Connecticut, then back into Rhode Island again before returning to Connecticut and returning to the CPL.**

Note 1: For a ride that is very similar to this one, but 5 miles longer, see the Corn, Cows & Chardonnay Ride.

Note 2: During a ride on 9/18/06 our group noticed a cow giving birth in a special pasture next to the road about nine miles into the ride (Hangman's Hill Road). This special event took place not more than 30-40 feet from the road, was witnessed through to the successful birth of a male calf and resulted in the name of the ride being changed from the Corn, Cows & Chardonnay Ride #1 to the Corn, Calves and Chardonnay Ride. DPS.

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

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2.3	<i>Stonington Vineyards entrance road</i>
4.6	Park with pavilion & water on the left
5.0	<i>North Stonington village</i>
6.8	<i>Another vineyard operation at the top of the hill (views)</i>
14.2	Convenience store at corner (take a break)
24.0	Convenience store on corner; good spot for a lunch/snack break

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