

The Chester to Marlborough Hilly Ride to Hell

Total Distance: **46.1 miles**

Elevation Gain: **3119 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **3119 ft / 46.1 mi = 67.66 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Very hilly**

Killer Hills: **Several**

Geographic Region: **South Central**

City/Town: **Chester**

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

Ride Description: **This is a very difficult and hilly ride. It should be attempted only by those experienced riders who are in peak physical condition. There are several extremely hilly sections that entail lengthy and steep climbs. Having provided this "fair warning" however, the rewards of the ride are great. The ferry is used for one of the Connecticut River crossings and the East Haddam swing-bridge for the other. The ride visits Johnsonville Village with its quaint buildings, pond with a riverboat and lovely falls, and the Comstock Covered Bridge over the Salmon River. Lake Terramugus (Marlborough) and Lake Pocotopaug (East Hampton) and other lovely scenery are enjoyed.**

This ride largely follows the same route as the "Chester Pie Ride" ...except it starts in Chester rather than in Marlborough.

Facilities:

Mile	Facility
1.5	Chester village; various shops and stores
3.4	<i>Chester Ferry across the Connecticut River (\$2.00 fee)</i>
~4.4	Continue past entrance to Gillette State Park on the left
10.0	Moodus village; various shops, convenience stores
14.6	<i>Comstock Covered Bridge on right</i>
~15.2	Start of killer hill
~16.3	<i>Airline Trail crosses road; more hill to climb</i>
21.6	Marlborough village; convenience store
22.0	<i>Lake Terramugus on the right</i>
27.9	<i>Lake Pocotopaug on the left; beautiful lake views</i>
29.5	Various facilities to the left in East Hampton
36.6	<i>Village of Johnsonville; views</i>
39.8	East Haddam: Gelston House, Goodspeed Opera House, swing bridge over Connecticut River
39.9	<i>East Haddam swing-bridge over the Connecticut River</i>
40.7	Tylerville: Convenience Store, Subway, Deli
44.7	Chester village; various shops and stores

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