

Ted's Tour de Manure (a.k.a. Close Encounters of the Herd Kind)

Total Distance: **48.8 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1945 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1945 ft / 48.8 mi = 39.86 ft/mi** Terrain: **Rolling**

Killer Hills: **None; but there are several long (but mellow) uphill sections**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **East Granby**

Starting Location: **East Granby shopping plaza (Center Shops) parking lot, intersection of Route 20 & 187 in East Granby (just west of Bradley International Airport)**

Ride Description: **This rural ride explores some of north central Connecticut's many dairy farms maximizing the BPD (Bovines per Mile), with inevitable stops for ice cream. You'll ride through the region's cow towns (including East Granby, Granby, Simsbury, Canton, Suffield and Granville and Southwick, Massachusetts. Both the Gran-Val Scoop and the Granville Country Store are good choices for a lunch break.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
~ 4.8	<i>Simsbury Tri-Town Airport</i>
5.7	Access road into the International Skating Center of Connecticut to the right
5.9	Convenience store on right
11.3	Convenience store on right
19.4	<i>Granby Oak Tree...very impressive (please do not block the road with your bikes)</i>
23.6	Beginning of long (~ 5.5 mile), gentle uphill slog to Granville
28.3	Gran-Val Scoop on left; ice cream
29.3	Granville Country Store @ Granville Green; food & beverages available
29.4	<i>Start of ~ 3-mile downhill swoop to the next turn (Whee!)</i>
37.2	McDonald's & Millies Country Convenience (deli) on left after crossing Route 10 & 202
~38.4	<i>Views of Congamond Lakes</i>
~39.5	Convenience store on left at intersection with Babbs Rd @ Epps Corner

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