

Connecticut Valley Century (COVAC) Ride - New

Total Distance: **102.7 miles**

Elevation Gain: **~2900 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **2900 ft / 102.7 mi. = 28.24 ft/mi** Terrain: **Flat to rolling**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **Central Massachusetts**

City/Town: **Hatfield, Massachusetts**

Starting Location: **Lion's Club Pavilion at the end of Billings Way, Hatfield, Massachusetts. From I-91 take Exit 20. Go east towards Hatfield on Elm Street. In about 1.6 miles, bear right on Maple Street, and in 0.5 mile bear left on Main Street. In 0.35 mile turn left onto Billings Way and follow to end and Lion's Club Facility.**

Ride Description: **This century ride follows mostly rural town roads, and lightly traveled state highways with good shoulders. For the first 60 miles the ride heads north to Brattleboro, Vermont, following a course west of the Connecticut River. At Brattleboro, the ride crosses to the east side of the Connecticut River and heads south back to the starting pint. Although there are a few modestly hilly sections, the ride is generally pretty mellow. The scenery is lovely and the traffic relatively light. Although the ride is enjoyable at any time of year, early autumn with the fall tree colors and cool temperature is an ideal time for the ride.**

NOTE: This ride was developed by the Franklin-Hampshire Freewheelers (FHF) bicycle club. It is generally offered as a supported ride on the second Saturday in September, with an entry fee, and options of 25, 50 75 and 100 miles. A link to the FHF website is on the www.CTBikeRoutes.org website.

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
25.0	Old Deerfield: water, restrooms, vending machines
33.7	Greenfield: Dunkin Donuts on left, other facilities nearby
43.1	Streeter's General Store: Restroom
54.3	Roadside park: portable toilet, picnic tables
60.9	Brattleboro: downtown to left (Brattleboro Food Coop with deli at 2 Main Street)
61.0	<i>Connecticut River</i>
68.0	Deli on right
73.3	<i>Northfield Mount Herman School campus on the left</i>
74.9	Mim's Market with deli on right
80.4	<i>Northeast Utilities Northfield facilities on left</i>
80.6	Northfield town park: restrooms, Connecticut River setting
91.4	<i>Pretty cascade on left (CAUTION: narrow bridge - keep bikes off road)</i>
94.5	Sunderland: Convenience store on right