

Finlay's Southern Connecticut Safari

Total Distance: **47.0 miles**

Elevation Gain: **2741 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **2741 ft / 47.0 mi = 58.32 ft/mi** Terrain: **Hilly**

Killer Hills: **Several tough climbs**

Geographical Region: **Southeast Connecticut**

City/Town: **East Lyme (Niantic)**

Starting Location: **Samuel M. Pereta Park (formerly Bridebrook Park), Route 156 (adjacent to the Niantic Correctional Institution and near the entrance to Rocky Neck State Park) in Niantic. Take I-95 Exit 72 (Rocky Neck Connector) and at the traffic light go left on Route 156 for about 0.5 miles. Bridebrook Park is on the left.**

Ride Description: **This is a challenging ride on mostly back roads between Niantic and Devil's Hopyard State Park (suggested lunch stop). Pass such landmarks as the Salem Creamery, Lake Hayward, Devil's Hopyard State Park and Pattagansett Lake. This is a great route with lots to admire along the way. It's a hilly ride, though, and should be attempted only by those in good physical condition.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	Samuel M. Peretz Park (bathrooms & water)
13.9	Salem Creamery on right (ice cream only)
~20.4	Lake Hayward
24.8	<i>Chapman Falls @ Devil's Hopyard State Park (views); suggested lunch/snack stop</i>
~40.2	<i>Pattagansett Lake</i>
47.0	Samuel M. Peretz Park (bathrooms & water)

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