

Northbound to Lyman's Orchards

Total Distance: **41.8 miles**

Elevation Gain: **2423 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **2423 ft / 41.8 mi = 57.97 ft/mi** Terrain: **Hilly**

Killer Hills: **Several; great hill climbing ride**

Geographical Region: **South Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **Meriden**

Starting Location: **I-91 Exit 16 CPL on Bee Street in Meriden. From I-91 north, use Exit 16 (East Main Street); from I-91 south, use Exit 17 (East Main Street); from Rt. 15 (Wilbur Cross Parkway) north, use Exit 67 (East Main Street); from Route 66 west @ Middlefield/Meriden town line where I-691 starts, exit left onto East Main Street and follow for about one mile to Bee Street intersection. Bee Street is at Mobil station opposite the I-91 northbound entrance/exit ramps. The commuter lot is about 1 mile north on Bee Street.**

Ride Description: **This rather hilly ride travels through the back roads of eastern Meriden, Middletown, Middlefield, East Berlin, Cromwell, Durham and Wallingford. While the hills will make you gasp, you will find the scenery en route makes your effort worthwhile. The suggested lunch stop is at the Lyman Orchards farm store in Middlefield.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
12.5	Deli, small market
13.5	<i>Aetna's Middletown facility</i>
16.8	<i>Connecticut Department of Public Safety (State Police) on right</i>
21.3	Middlefield: convenience store with deli on left
22.9	<i>Lyman Orchards farm store; suggested lunch stop; bathrooms, water, food (views)</i>
25.9	<i>Durham Green; Town Hall, Library, Post office</i>

Note: While there aren't many *Points of Interest* noted above, you will find the scenery during the ride to be far from boring. The several hilly sections on the route will keep your mind focused. All in all, this is an enjoyable ride.

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