

## Sonya's Gillette Castle Gallop

Total Distance: **45.9 miles**

Elevation Gain: **2592 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **2592 ft / 45.9 mi = 56.47 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Hilly**

Killer Hills: **Several hilly sections**

Geographical Region: **South Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **Chester**

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

Ride Description: **This somewhat hilly ride travels up to Moodus by way of the East Haddam swing-bridge and Johnsonville Village before dropping down to Gillette Castle State Park for a rest stop. From there the ride heads up to Hadlyme before continuing on to Hamburg Cove via Routes 82 & 156 (smooth surfaces and wide shoulders) and then to a Connecticut River crossing on the Baldwin Bridge bike path. Then it's a return trip to the CPL via seldom used (Old Saybrook's) Bokum Rd to Centerbrook...and then on to the CPL skirting Deep River and Chester village.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

<b>Mile</b>	<b>Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i></b>
1.4	Chester village with various shops
5.5	Tylerville: convenience store, Subway on left
6.0	<i>East Haddam swing-bridge over the Connecticut River (views)</i>
6.2	<i>Goodspeed Opera House and the Gelston House on right</i>
9.5	<i>Johnsonville village (views)</i>
10.3	Moodus: convenience store on right
16.6	<i>Gillette Castle State Park (pavilion; bathrooms; water)</i>
19.4	Hadlyme: convenience store on left
26.8	Hamburg village: convenience store on right
33.9	Shopping center with supermarket on left
34.2	<i>Start 1-mile tour on the Baldwin Bridge bike path over the Connecticut River (views)</i>
40.7	Centerbrook: convenience stores on right

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