

Five Reservoirs Ride

Total Distance: **30.8 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1853 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1853 ft / 30.8 mi = 60.16 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Hilly**

Killer Hills: **There are several hilly sections**

Geographical Region: **North Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **Southington**

Starting Location: **Southington High School parking lot; use I-84 Exit 32 (Queen St/Rt. 10). Go south for 1 mile (towards Southington Center). Turn left on Flanders St and follow for 0.6 miles to Southington High School parking lot on the right.**

Ride Description: **This is a scenic, hilly ride around orchards and reservoirs in Southington, Berlin and Meriden. As the name suggests, the ride passes by five reservoirs, but don't be fooled into thinking that makes for a flat ride; it's a hilly one. The suggested lunch/snack stop is at Hubbard Park in Meriden.**

A right turn at mile 18.5 (or a left turn at mile 21.5) takes you, in 2 miles, to the stone observation tower atop Castle Craig. The climb is a workout!

There is a dearth of facilities on this ride. Rogers Orchards offers the best chance to find nourishment, but it comes early in the ride.

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

| Mile | Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i> |
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| 2.5 | <i>Beginning of 5-mile ride around Shuttle Meadow Reservoir</i> |
| 2.7 | Rogers Orchards salesroom on left (open all year); Restroom in the back. |
| 9.1 | <i>Hart Ponds on right and left</i> |
| 16.6 | <i>Kenmere Reservoir to right</i> |
| 17.7 | <i>Hallmere Reservoir on right</i> |
| 18.5 | <i>Go right here for 2- mile climb (one way) to Castle Craig (take the left fork near the top). If you do, be careful coming back down as there is a 90 degree right turn at the bottom.</i> |
| 18.5 | <i>Beginning of 1-mile ride along Merimere Reservoir below Castle Craig</i> |
| 20.0 | <i>Hubbard Park (Meriden); Good spot for lunch/snack</i> |

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