

The Long Island Wineries Ride

NOTE: This Ride Description and its corresponding Route Sheet may not have been checked for accuracy by the www.ctbikeroutes.org team

Total Distance: **53.4 miles**
N/A

Elevation Gain: N/A

Degree of Difficulty Index:

Terrain: **Flat (Est'd)**

Killer Hills: **None**

Geographical Region: **Southeast Connecticut (board Cross Sound Ferry for trip to Long Island)**

Starting Location (city/town): **New London**

Starting Location (detailed directions to): **From I-95 North, take exit 83 for downtown New London; at 3rd light, go left on Gov. Winthrop Blvd for 0.25 miles, cross RR tracks and bear right to ferry terminal...limited first come first serve parking at \$10.00 per day; additional parking at Water Street Parking Garage directly across street from ferry terminal at \$6.00/day (weekdays except Fridays) or \$15.00/day (Fridays, weekends & holidays).**

Ride Description: **The ride starts in Orient Point after disembarking the Cross Sound Ferry www.longislandferry.com. It continues along the north shore of the North Fork of Long Island passing vineyards, sod farms and the occasional potato field. At 12.9 miles the ride visits Horton Point Lighthouse which can be toured and has bathrooms. Continuing, the ride reverses direction in Mattituck with several good lunch spots. The remainder of the ride is along Rt. 25E which has recently been repaved and has a wide shoulder that is ideal for biking. There are numerous wineries along Rt. 25E that can be visited; all have tasting fees now and bicyclists are welcome. At 37.7 miles just after entering Greenport there is an enclosed carousel to the right. After leaving Greenport and riding along Rt. 25E for about 5 miles the ride turns right into the quaint village of Orient and then follows the Narrow River back to Rt. 25E. At 48.5 miles, one can choose to go straight and board the ferry or go right and take the bike path to Orient Beach State Park (a 4.6 mile round trip) which has a beautiful beach at the end of the path.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
0.0	<i>Board Cross Sound Ferry in New London for trip to L.I. (\$28.00 round trip fee w/ bike)</i>
12.9	<i>Horton Point Lighthouse</i>
17.9	<i>Bridge Rd...start of ride through vineyards and sod farms with no traffic</i>
23.3	<i>Village of Mattituck; lots of places to eat</i>
28.3	<i>Begin passing through area with many wineries</i>
37.7	<i>Carousel to the right</i>
43.5	<i>Enter Village of Orient</i>
48.5	<i>Head for ferry or turn right for visit to Orient Beach State Park (4.6 mile round trip)</i>
53.4	<i>Board Cross Sound Ferry for return trip to New London</i>

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Ride description: **Wu-New137**

Route sheet: **RS-New137**

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