

## Chester Pie Ride (aka: Nasty Hill Ride)

Total Distance: **43.3 miles**

Elevation Gain: **2915 ft**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **2915 ft / 43.3 mi = 67.32 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Very hilly**

Killer Hills: **Several**

Geographic Region: **Southeast**

City/Town: **Marlborough**

Starting Location: **Route 2 Exit 12 eastbound CPL, Marlborough**

Special Directions: **There is no Exit 12 westbound on Route 2. Take Exit 13, turn left at the end of the ramp onto Route 66 west, turn right at 4-way intersection onto Cheney Rd. (which parallels Route 2) and follow to the CPL.**

Ride Description: **This is a very difficult and hilly ride. It should be attempted only by those experienced riders who are in peak physical condition. There are several extremely hilly sections that entail lengthy and steep climbs. Having provided this "fair warning," the rewards of the ride are great. The Chester – Hadlyme Ferry is used for one of the Connecticut River crossings and the East Haddam swing-bridge for the other. The ride visits Johnsonville Village with its quaint buildings, pond with a riverboat, lovely falls, etc. and the Comstock Covered Bridge over the Salmon River. Lake Terramugus (Marlborough) and Lake Potocopaug (East Hampton) and other lovely scenery are enjoyed.**

Facilities:

<b>Mile</b>	<b>Facility</b>
~4.5+	<i>Lake Pocotopaug on left</i>
6.0	Various facilities to the left in East Hampton
13.1	<i>Johnsonville</i>
16.3	East Haddam: Gelston House, Goodspeed Opera House, swing bridge over Connecticut River
17.2	Tylerville: Convenience Store, Subway, Deli
21.2+	Chester: Wheat Market and various other stores and shops
23.2	<i>Chester – Hadlyme Ferry (\$1.00)</i>
29.8	Moodus: Convenience Store
34.4+	<i>Comstock Covered Bridge on right</i>
41.4	Marlborough: Convenience Store
41.8	<i>Lake Terramugus on right</i>

Note: The topographical info for this ride was estimated. This ride is very similar to "The Chester to Marlborough Hilly Ride to Hell" (it has a measured elevation gain/loss of 3119 ft.), the difference being that this ride starts in Marlborough and the other starts in Chester at the Route 9 Exit 6 CPL. There is a measured 204 ft elevation gain/loss to get from Chester village up to the CPL and that 204 ft was deducted from the 3119 ft to arrive at the elevation gain/loss for this ride.

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