## Farmington River and Canal Trail Circuit

Start at the paved parking area between the baseball fields at Tunxis Meade Park, 50 Tunxis Meade Dr., Farmington. Restrooms are available next to the basketball court. The route is rolling with an elevation gain of 1,000 ft., or 34 ft. of climbing per mile. Major roads are included as a point of reference; many smaller road crossings are not included. Be sure to STOP and check for traffic at road crossings, as these are high accident areas for rail trails. Some trail crossings have bollards (posts to keep cars off the trail) that are hard to see as you make the turn, so stay alert at trail crossings that involve turns. Portions of this route parallel roads, and portions require riding along the road itself. There are two sections with dirt surfaces totaling 2.1 miles, which should be fine for people with road bikes, provided they ride carefully: from mile 13.1 to 14.0, and from mile 14.8 to 16.0. On-road sections totaling 3.5 miles of riding are from miles 7.5 to 7.9, 11.1 to 13.1, 16.0 to 17.1 (sidewalk option available), and 22.3 to 22.5. Map: <a href="https://fchtrail.org/pdfs/map\_north.pdf">https://fchtrail.org/pdfs/map\_north.pdf</a>
Route overview and GPX track at <a href="https://ridewithgps.com/trips/16381598">https://ridewithgps.com/trips/16381598</a>

0.00	Right	Tunxis Meade Dr. to park exit	17.15	Right	Old Bridge Rd. from rest stop
0.30	Right	Red Oak Hill Rd. at T-int.	17.20	Left	Bike path along Drake Hill Rd.
0.60	Straight	Red Oak Hill Rd. at canal trail	17.40	Left	Bike path along Rts. 202/10
0.75	Bear Rt.	River trail after New Brit. Ave.	17.95	<b>Bear left</b>	Bike path away from road
3.00	Straight	River trail at Plainville Ave.	18.20	Right	Canal trail: rejoin right of way
Caution! Busy road. Cross at light if needed.			19.10		Canal trail: cross Canal St.
3.80	Left/Rt.	River trail at River Rd.	19.12	Right	Canal trail: cross Rts. 10/202
7.55	Bear Rt.	Arch St. at end of river trail	20.40		Canal trail: cross Rts. 10/202
7.90	Right	Collinsville Bridge (wood)	21.50	Bear Rt.	Canal trail at split
Caution! Hidden bollard at start of bridge.			21.65	Straight	Canal trail: cross Rts. 44/202
8.20	Right	River trail AFTER Bridge St.	21.85		Canal trail along Ensign Dr.
8.50	Left	River trail along river	22.30	Right	Climax Heights Rd. at trail end;
9.00	Right	Trail after crossing Rt. 179	loop t	o left behir	nd police station; go under Rt. 44
9.50	Straight	River trail at Maple Ave.		Right	Canal trail along Darling Dr.
10.80	Right	Sidewalk along Řt. 202	22.70		Canal trail along Security Dr.
10.85	Straight	Cross Lovely St. at light	23.25	Left	Trail at end of Security Dr.
10.90	Left	Cross Rt. 202 at light	23.20	Right	Canal trail: rejoin right of way
		to bike path along Lawton Rd.	24.05	Straight	Canal trail at Country Club Rd.
11.20	Straight	Lawton Rd. at Washburn Rd.	26.70	Straight	Canal trail at Brickyard Rd.
11.80	Bear Rt.	Dry Bridge Rd. at Bahre Corn.	27.70		Cross Farmington River: view
12.15	Left	Notch Rd. after steep downhill	28.55	Left	Red Oak Hill Rd. at T-int. ***
12.50	<b>Bear left</b>	Notch Rd. at Wildwood Rd. SS	28.90	Left	Tunxis Meade Dr.
12.80	<b>Bear left</b>	West Mountain Rd. at SS	29.25	Left	Tunxis Meade parking lot
13.10	Right	Bike path (stone dust)			1
	O	just past Colby Court			
13.80	Straight	Town Forest Řd. at trail end			
14.80	_	Stratton Brook path (dirt) at SS			
(Some path sections have exposed tree roots.) ###			### To skip dirt section through Stratton Brook:		
		Lunch break near pond		Rigĥt	Stratton Brook Rd. at SS
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on the other side of the pond.

16.05 Left Bushy Hill Rd. at end of trail

16.07 Right West St. (Rt. 167) at T-int.

16.80 Left Rts. 202 East/10 North at light

16.85 Next Rt. Drake Hill Rd. (Stores on left)

17.00 Right Old Bridge Rd.

17.05 Regroup Flower Bridge picnic area

Restrooms available at the back of Nature Center

Flower Bridge picnic area Walk bikes over bridge and back again to view flowers.

14.80 Right Stratton Brook Rd. at SS
15.30 Left Bushy Hill Rd. at light
16.50 Right West St. (Rt. 167) at T-int.

\*\*\*\* Those desiring extra miles can ride the newly-opened section of the trail heading south from this location. Round trip to the bridge over Rt. 6 is 3.2 miles.

