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Sharon Loop 1

This 15.2 mile loop starts at the Sharon Town Green and heads north on Route 41. It affords a great view of the Housatonic Valley from East Street. On Route 4, the Sharon Audubon Center will be on your left not far after Butter Road; it is definitely worth a stop. The Sharon Town Green is the only place along this route where you can get food and drinks.

Difficulty: This is a short but hilly ride. Except for a few short stretches, you will be either climbing or descending. All the roads are paved.

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R - Right Turn

L – Left Turn

S – Straight

BL – Bear Left

BR - Bear Right

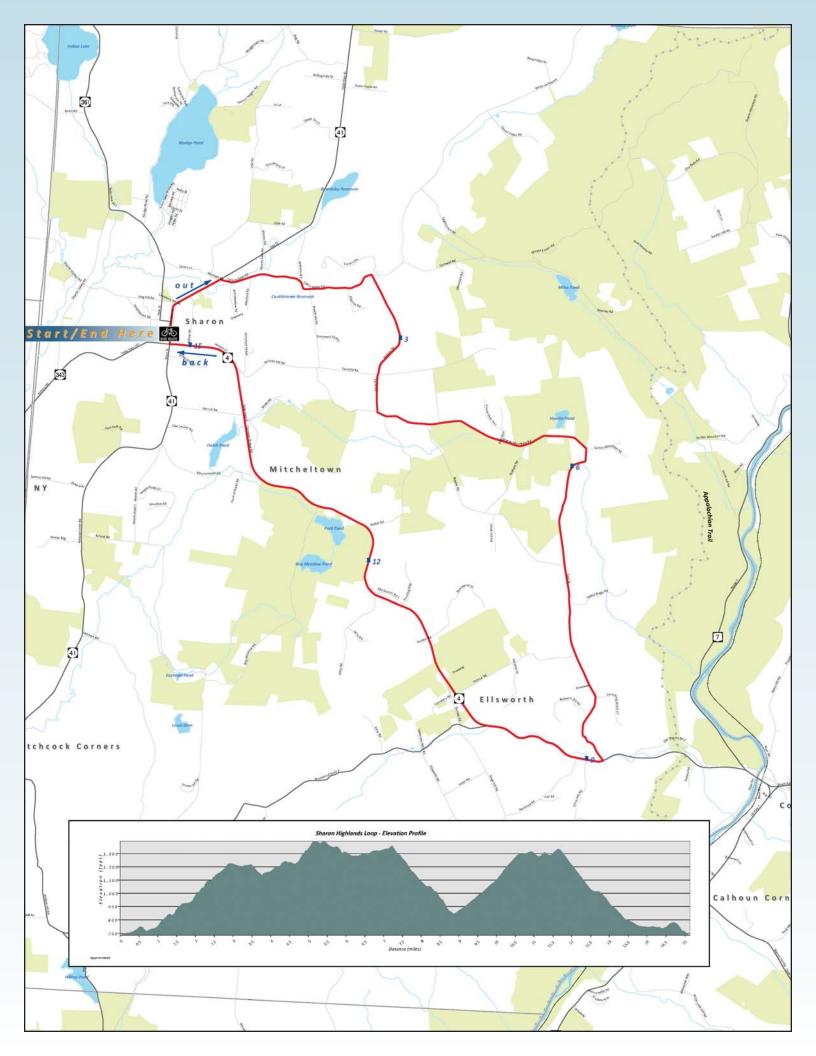
TL - Traffic Light

SS - Stop Sign

Y - Yield Sign

Distances are in miles and are approximate.





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Distance Between Points	Total Distance	DIRECTIONS	NOTES
0.0	0.0	Starting at the SS at the intersection of Rt. 41 (Main St.) and Rt. 361 (Hospital Hill Rd.) head north on Rt. 41.	The Town Green will be on your right.
.15	.15	BR on Rt. 41N	
.45	.60	R onto Calkinstown Rd	
1.5	2.1	R onto Jackson Rd	
1.0	3.1	S at SS onto Lucas Rd	
.33	3.4	L at SS onto Sharon Mountain Rd	
2.1	5.5	R onto East St.	Straight ahead is Surdan Mt. Rd which is a dead end.
3.2	8.7	R at SS onto Rt. 4 W.	CAUTION! STOP at this intersection before making the right onto Rt. 4 W.
6.3	15.0	R at SS onto Rt. 41 N	
.2	15.2	SS at intersection of Rt. 41 and Rt. 361.	End of Route.

A few notes of explanation – and caution – are in order...

- All the routes are along existing roads. There are no dedicated bike paths.
- Obey the traffic laws! Under Connecticut law, bicycles are vehicles and must obey the traffic laws including stopping at traffic lights and riding on the right hand side of the road.
- Wear a bicycle helmet! And wear it properly!
- Respect the privacy of the property owners along the way.
- The good news is that the area is rural. The bad news is that services are limited. You should be sure to carry sufficient water and energy bars with you. Stock up when the opportunity presents itself.
- Cell phone service ranges from limited to non-existent. Don't count it being available.
- The Harlem Valley Rail Trail, a dedicated bike trail which runs along a north-south axis, is just to the west of Sharon and Salisbury. Routes 343 out of Sharon, Rt. 44 out of Salisbury and several smaller roads intersect with the Trail. For more information, visit the Harlem Valley Trail website, www.hvrt.org.
- There are numerous lightly traveled roads branching off of the routes described. Explore and enjoy!