

# Topsmead – Bantam Lake Tour

Start: Rt. 8 Exit 42 CPL (Rt. 118) in Harwinton

Ride Write-up: Wu-IL073

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Mile	Dir	Road Info/Description
0.0	O	Start
0.0+	L	Onto Rt. 118 & pass over Rt. 8 (traffic)
0.2	L	TCO Rt. 118 (careful turning)
3.4	L	East Litchfield Rd (carefully)
3.8	R	Buell Rd
4.2	R	Chase Rd (dirt road access to Topsmead State Forest)
4.6	R O	<i>Regroup @ shelter on right</i>
-	R	Downhill to Rt. 118 (caution: broken tar & dirt surface - walk bike last 50 yards to Rt. 118)
4.8	L	Rt. 118 (traffic)
5.3	L	Chestnut Hill Rd
5.5	Look	<i>Haight Vineyard on left</i>
6.0	R	Camp Dutton Hill Rd (steep downhill & scenic views)
6.9	R	@ end w/ SS onto Rt. 63 (traffic)
7.0	QL	Old South Rd

Mile	Dir	Road Info/Description
19.4	O	<i>Lunch: White Memorial Conservation Center</i>
---	RD	Retrace out Whitehall Rd
20.0	R	@ end onto Bissell Rd
20.7	L	@ end w/ SS onto Whites Wood Rd
21.8	R	@ end w/ SS onto So. Lake St
21.8+	QL	Gallows Lane (sharp uphill)
22.3	L	@ end w/ SS onto Old South Rd
22.4	L	@ end w/ SS onto Rt. 63 (traffic)
22.9	Look	<i>Litchfield Green ahead &amp; to left</i>
22.9	R	@ SS onto Rt. 118
23.0	BR	TCO Rt. 118
23.5	Look	<i>Lourdes in Litchfield on left</i>
23.7	L	East Litchfield Rd (careful turn)
23.9	L	@ SS onto Fern Ave (n/s)
25.6	R	@ SS onto Rt. 202 (traffic)
27.1	Look	<i>Ice cream stop @ Peaches 'n Cream (after downhill)</i>

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7.5	L	Gallows Lane (n/s)
8.0	R	@ end w/ SS @ bottom of hill onto So. Lake St (n/s), then....
8.0+	QL	Whites Wood Rd
10.7	R	East Shore Rd (downhill w/ sharp left & Bantam Lake on right ahead)
13.2	R	@ end w/ SS onto Rt. 109
13.8	BR	Rt. 209 (Bantam Lake Rd)
14.6	R	Deer Island Rd
14.8	BR	Ride CCW around island
15.6	R	Rejoin Rt. 209
16.8	R	North Shore Rd
17.3	Look	<i>Store (left), marina (right) (bathrooms on left)</i>
18.4	R	@ end w/ SS onto Rt. 202 (traffic)
18.8	R	Bissell Rd and immediately...
18.8+	QR	Whitehall Rd (becomes gravel)

Mile	Dir	Road Info/Description
27.7	R	Peck Rd
27.8	BL	@ SS onto Richard Rd (Walnut Hill Greenhouse sign) >> Wheeler Rd
29.7	L	@ SS onto Rt. 118
31.0	KR	@ SS TCO Rt. 118 & cross Rt. 8
31.2	R	Into CPL
31.2+	O	Finish
<b>Key:</b> O = Start, Regroup, Finish      X = Cross L = Left Turn                      R = Right Turn BL = Bear Left                      BR = Bear Right KL = Keep Left                      KR = Keep Right QL = Quick Left                      QR = Quick Right ST = Straight                      TCO = To Continue On SS = Stop Sign                      RD = Reverse Direction TL = Traffic Light                      n/s = no street sign >> = road name becomes		