

# **Chester Springfield Loop**



## **Gravel and Gorge**

Miles: 26.5

Surface Type: Gravel/Paved Elevation Gain: 2,388 ft Difficulty: Moderate/Challenging

This mixed terrain route is a figure 8 that incorporates the tree lined Trebo and Flamstead Roads but also ventures northward towards the towns of Cavendish and Proctorsville. The route is named after Cavendish Gorge, a series of small cascading waterfalls just east of the town of Cavendish. No visit in the area is complete without a stop at Singleton's General Store in Proctorsville. Singleton's is a family owned business that is part sporting goods store and part smokehouse, which is known for their meat selection and is the perfect place to stop for a mid-ride snack.

#### Farm View Loop

Miles: 11.1

Surface Type: Gravel/Paved Elevation Gain: 1,323 ft Difficulty: Moderate

The Chester Farm View Loop is a short but picturesque route that is the perfect ride to slip in before breakfast or lunch. Leaving clockwise from Chester, the route follows Trebo Brook and climbs for three miles on a single lane country road, before returning back into town on Flamstead Road. The route is idyllic, offering glimpses of farm land from between the trees that line the route.

## Chester - Springfield Loop

Miles: 19.9

Surface Type: Paved Elevation Gain: 1,195 ft Difficulty: Moderate

This short and moderately hilly paved loop connects the small towns of Chester and Springfield. Heading East from Chester, you encounter the only significant hill of the day a 2.5 mile climb that gains 400 feet with a maximum gradient of 7.3 percent. From there, you enjoy the ridge passing quaint farm houses before descending into Springfield. If you happen to have worked up an appetite, there are a number of great restaurants in the area. From Springfield you follow rolling country roads parallel the Black River, Great Brook and Williams River before returning to Chester.

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