

NARRAGANSETT BAY WHEELMEN #106 Rev. 7/03
UPPER BLACKSTONE VALLEY TOUR - THE ANIMAL FARM RIDE
 Uxbridge - Whitinsville - Northbridge - Grafton - Upton - Hopedale - Mendon
 18 - 30 - 40 - 50 mile rides

START: Uxbridge High School, Capron St, Uxbridge, MA
 (Rt. 122, right on Rt 16, left on Capron)

18 miles: Right on Rt. 122 from Depot
 30 miles: Right on Rt 16 from West River
 40 miles: Left on Rt. 16 from West River
 50 miles: Straight on Rt. 16 at Millville

SCENIC NOTES:

This is a scenic area dotted with ridges, hills and mill towns from the Industrial Revolution. The Blackstone River bisects the region and was the first in New England to become industrialized. The old Blackstone Canal, opened in the 1830's, can still be seen in Uxbridge and Northbridge. From Uxbridge, pass the old business block and library (c. 1893), the Victorian inn and Gothic-style church with turret steeple. In Whitinsville, you'll pass the Linwood Mill and pond, through rolling farmland to the mill town of Farnumsville, then along ridges into Grafton, with its stately town green and old churches. The long ride visits Upton (note the mill pond) and Hopedale, climbing to Mendon. Detour to the fire tower for views, or visit Southwick Animal Farm. A downhill run takes you back to Uxbridge.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE NBW?

See www.nbwclub.org for an application, or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: NBW, PO Box 41177, Providence, RI 02940-1177.

HELMETS ARE REQUIRED TO PREVENT SERIOUS HEAD INJURIES

