

NARRAGANSETT BAY WHEELMEN

**Mt. Wachusett
Century Challenge**

Linwood - Sutton - Paxton - Rutland -
Princeton - Shrewsbury - Grafton - Millville
Map #123

Start: Northbridge HS
Linwood Ave, Linwood, MA
Rt. 16 off 146; N. on Rt. 122.

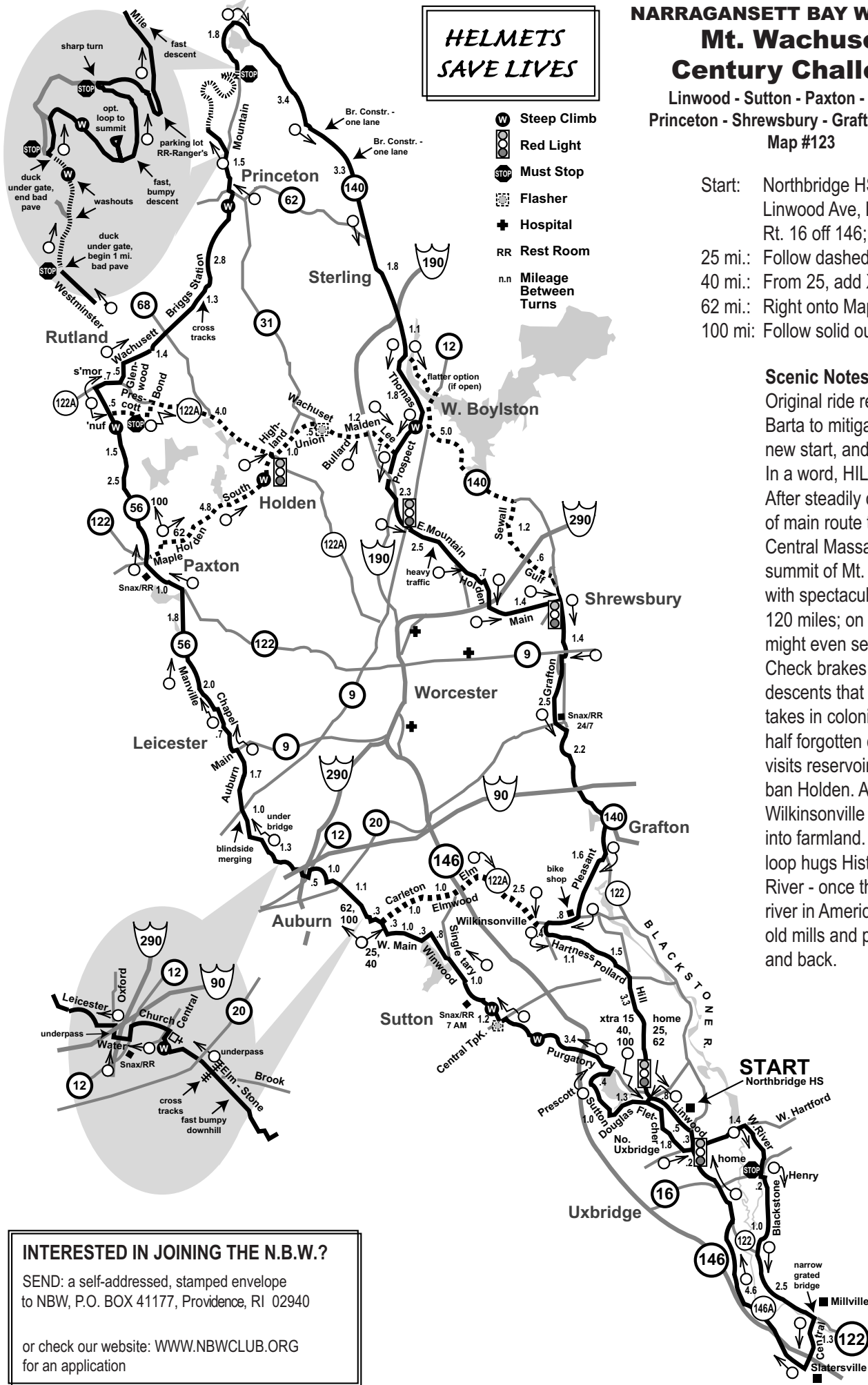
25 mi.: Follow dashed line through Millbury.
40 mi.: From 25, add Xtra 15 loop to Millville.
62 mi.: Right onto Maple after Paxton.
100 mi: Follow solid outline.

Scenic Notes:

Original ride reworked by Alan Barta to mitigate traffic, provide new start, and increase scenery. In a word, HILLY... no flat century. After steadily climbing for first half of main route through rural Central Massachusetts, you crest summit of Mt. Wachusett (2006') with spectacular 360° view up to 120 miles; on a clear day you might even see Narragansett Bay. Check brakes for exhilarating descents that follow. Short loop takes in colonial architecture in half forgotten corners. Metric visits reservoir district of suburban Holden. All routes rejoin in Wilkinsonville for a gradual climb into farmland. Final, relatively flat loop hugs Historic Blackstone River - once the "hardest working river in America" abounding with old mills and ponds - to RI border and back.

**HELMETS
SAVE LIVES**

- Steep Climb
- Red Light
- Must Stop
- Flasher
- Hospital
- Rest Room
- Mileage Between Turns



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