

## Wethersfield Cove



## Nature and Historical Bicycle Ride—

### Wethersfield Cove—Old Wethersfield village, Connecticut River Floodplain, Nation's Oldest Ferry, South Glastonbury.

Level 15 mile bike ride following Wethersfield's Heritage Trail from the Cove toward the Rocky Hill Ferry Landing. Flat terrain, some village roads, some unpaved agricultural roads. Cycle past historic Comstock, Ferre Seed Company and Anderson Farm in the village, through historic seed gardens, corn, bean, turf and vegetable fields, flood plain forest, and marsh habitat along the CT River. Ride across the nation's oldest Ferry to Glastonbury (\$4.00 round trip--if it's running!) up Ferry Lane, along Tryon Road to the Killam-Bassett Farmstead, Pease Lane, and back to the Wethersfield Cove.

### Turn by Turn Directions:

#### Cove to Ferry Landing

- Start: Wethersfield Cove Park** (533 Main Street, Wethersfield) **Cove Warehouse**, c. 1690.
- South on **Main Street**. Historic homes of Sea Captains.
- 0.7 miles. Village Center. On left **Hart Seed**, on right **Comstock, Ferre, Co** (1820), on left **Trinity Church**, **First Church** (1761),—Eateries **Heirloom Market**, **Main Street Creamery**, **Village Pizza**, **Aroma Bistro**, **Lucky Lou's Tavern**. (Intersection of **Church** and **Marsh** with **Main Street**)
- Continue South on **Main Street** to **Garden Street**. On right, **Webb-Deane Stevens Museum**; on left, **Keeney Center**, 250 Main Street. Historical displays, public restrooms and parking (**Alternate Start**), **Old Academy** (**Wethersfield Historical Society** headquarters/geneology library).
- 0.3(1.0) **Left on Garden Street**. (.1) **Left on Broad Street**, west side. **Wethersfield Green**. **Anderson Farms** on left, Victorian home, barn, farm stand; **Silas Robbins House B & B**.
- 0.3(1.4) Bear right on **Marsh Street**. **Village Cemetery** opposite. Follow **Marsh Street** past town garage, around left turn to intersection of **Great Meadow Road**.
- 0.3(1.7) Turn right on **Great Meadow Road**, under I91 overpass...watch traffic exiting and entering I91. Turn Right, follow G.M. Rd. past Putnam Towers office building, Note: River Restaurant! Under Putnam Bridge/Route 3 overpass. (Note: Coming soon ped path over the bridge!) Watch traffic from I91, Exit 25, turn right, follow G. M. Road down to gate to enter Great Meadows. Follow **Great Meadow Road** as it turns left (gate on right is **First Lane**, farm road).
- 0.9(2.6) Right on **Second Lane** (at end of fields on right). On right along **Second Lane**, **Winding Brook Turf Farm** sod fields, **Fair Weather Growers** bean fields,



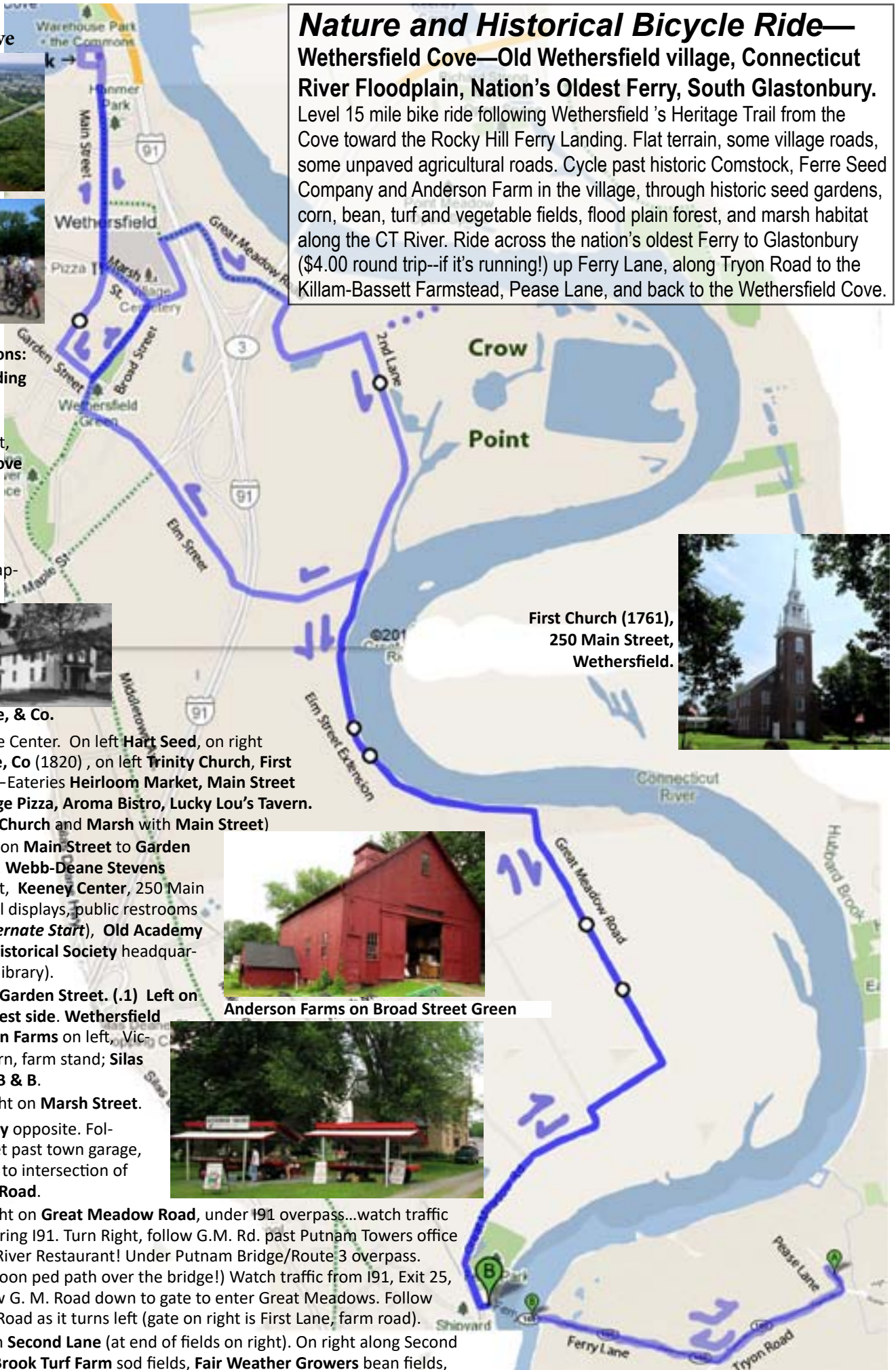
**Comstock Ferre, & Co.**



**Anderson Farms on Broad Street Green**



**First Church (1761),  
250 Main Street,  
Wethersfield.**





# From Village to the Great Meadows of the Connecticut River

**Anderson Farms** sweet corn and pumpkin fields. On left, Hale's Creek, former river channel separating Wrights Island, now Crow Point, from Wethersfield.

9. 0.9(3.5) At intersection with **Elm Street** views of Connecticut River, south side of Crow Point and Glastonbury Meadows on the far bank. Second Lane ends, and road along river bank becomes **Elm Street Extension**. Follow Elm Street Extension along river and farm fields.
10. 1.1(4.6) At **Winding Brook Turf Farm** gate, turn right, away from River bank. Road becomes **Great Meadow Road, Rocky Hill**.
11. 0.3(4.9) "T" Intersection of G.M. Road and North Meadow Road, RH, (Note: bean, corn, hay fields, turf and Windingbrook R/C Flying Club model airplanes, CT River Motocross Track on North Meadow Road)
12. 0.2(5.1) **Fair Weather Growers** gate on left. Note bean, corn and vegetable fields. Kestrel box on post.
13. 0.4(5.5) At White Sands gate, turn right to continue on **Great Meadow Road**, around turns, cross **Goff Brook**, through woods, to **Ferry Park**.
14. 1.1(6.6) **Ferry Park, RH**. Picnic tables, fishing dock, boat launch, Oldest continuously operating ferry in America, and **Ferry Park Grill by the River**.
15. **If the Ferry is running**, board the ferry for South Glastonbury. (\$4.00 round trip). **Ferry Park, Glastonbury**, .5 mile loop trail, historic signage. Ride up **Ferry Lane (Horton Farm** red tobacco barns and farm stand on left.).
  - a. 0.5(7.1) Turn left on **Tryon Road**. **Pratt Horse Farm** on left.
  - b. .5(7.6) **Killam & Bassett Farmstead** at **Pease Lane**, (farmstand, chickens, **Hollister House**, 1649/1721) Turn left into Pease Lane to meadow gate, view vegetable and broadleaf tobacco fields.
  - c. Options: Retrace route south on Tryon, right on Ferry Lane to Ferry (1.0). Longer option south on Tryon Road to Portland Town line(3.0) and return to Ferry Landing (6.0)
16. **Return Ferry Landing to Wethersfield Cove** through the meadows via Elm Street. Proceed north from Ferry Park on Great Meadow Road. Follow turns in reverse past N. Meadow Road 1.8 (8.4.)
17. 3.2(9.8) At **Elm Street**, turn sharp left. Follow **Elm Street** under I91 overpass, through gate to exit meadows.
18. 0.4(10.2) Bear right to continue on **Elm Street**. **Meadowgate Farm** on right, **Anderson Farm** sweet corn and vegetable fields, both sides of Elm Street in "Great Plain" area.
19. 0.4(10.6). **Route 3** intersection. Use walk signal button, be sure traffic has stopped. Continue on **Elm Street**.
20. 0.3(10.9) Turn right on **Broad Street** at **Green**. Marker on right for Great Elm Tree.
21. 0.4(11.3) Turn left on **Marsh Street** to return to Village Center, (or straight to enter **Village Cemetery**, follow cemetery drive to Main Street).
22. 0.2(11.5) Turn right on **Main Street** to return to **Cove Park**.
23. 0.7(12.2) **Cove Park**



**Anderson Farms. Spinach: planted in October, ready to eat in May. Spring plowing. Sweet corn tassels spreading pollen on the wind.**

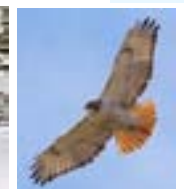


**Fair Weather Growers. A row of radishes in bloom attracts bees to pollinate Fair Weather Acres peppers. Carrots, too, are destined for FSA's CSA customers.**



**FWG grows, harvests, and processes wholesale green beans in huge quantities, while diversifying into grain corn and a plethora of vegetables for their farm stand and CSA customers.**

**The Meadows is a special place for birds and bird lovers. In the sky an immature eagle and a red tail hawk soar; in a pool left by rains or receding flood waters, a snipe wades; a kestrel chick plucked from the box on the post awaits a band.**



**The Great Meadows Conservation Trust** is a non-profit land trust formed in 1968 to preserve the floodplain's vital agricultural, scenic, archeological and wetland resources in Wethersfield, Rocky Hill and Glastonbury. The GMCT wishes to thank the CT Forest & Parks Assn. for organizing the CT Trails Day events that inspired this map, and the Central CT Health Bureau for encouraging healthy outdoor activities through the Achieve Grant funding, including printing this map. Please visit our website: [www.gmct.org](http://www.gmct.org).



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<https://fairweathergrowers.com/>

**Thompson Street Farm—**

<http://www.thompsonstreetfarm.com/>

**Anderson Farms—**

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Anderson-Farms/112438265446155>

**Killam & Bassett Farmstead—**

<http://www.kandbfarmstead.com>

**Wethersfield Farmers Market—**

<http://wethersfieldfarmersmarket.com/>