

Northfield Short - 43 miles, Rolling.

A fairly direct ride to & from the Northfield Mt. Recreational and Environmental Center. Northfield's pump storage facility supplies electricity by pumping water from the Connecticut River to a pond at the top of the mountain during off peak hours and releasing it to generate electricity during peak hours. Tours of the inside of the mountain are available. Other activities at the center include hiking and picnicking. The Visitor's center has numerous displays that explain the Pump-Storage principle.

The ride starts from the Robsham Visitor's Center parking lot on Mass. Ave. on the U. Mass Campus in Amherst. To get there follow Rt. 9 to Rt. 116 North. Follow signs for the U. Mass. Exit off of Rt. 116. Bear right at the end of the exit ramp and you'll be on Mass Ave. At the top of the hill, you will see a huge parking lot on the right.

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>At</u>	<u>Description</u>
0.0	R		Out of Parking lot onto Mass. Ave. - get into left lane.
0.1	L	Light	North Pleasant St.
1.9	STR	Light	Get into left lane.
1.95	L	Y	Sunderland Rd.
2.7	R	T	Rt. 116 North
3.6	L		Plumtree Rd.
5.1	R	T	Rt. 47 North.
7.8	STR	Light	TRO Rt. 47 North
9.2	L	Y	Falls Rd.
10.8			Waterfall on Right (Private Property - be considerate)
11.0	L	Y	Meadow St.
13.7	L		S. Ferry Rd. Closed bridge is passable with bikes.
13.9	R		Ferry Rd.
14.2	STR		Cross Greenfield Rd.
14.6	R	then L	R onto Depot Rd. then L onto Swamp Rd.
15.5	L		Rt. 63.
18.2	R		TRO Rt. 63.
18.3	L		TRO Rt. 63
18.5	R		TRO Rt. 63
18.6	Caution		Railroad Tracks
21.0	R		onto Northfield Mountain's Access Rd.
21.1	R		into Parking Area - ENJOY YOUR VISIT!
			Leave using same driveway.
21.3	L		back onto Northfield's Access Rd.
21.4	R	then L	R onto Rt. 63 then L onto Lower Farms Rd.
21.6	L		Pine Meadow Rd. >>sign says "Road Not Maintained in Winter"
22.0			Dirt - but better than some pavement!
22.6			Pavement again...
23.2		Optional:	Nice River & Bridge Views - WALK Down past barriers.
23.6	R		Rt. 2
23.7	R		River Rd.
24.5	R		Rt. 63 South.
24.6	L		TRO Rt. 63 South.
24.8	R		TRO Rt. 63 South.
24.9	L		TRO Rt. 63 South.
27.5	R		Swamp Rd.
28.4	R	then L	R onto Depot Rd. then L onto Ferry Rd.
28.8	STR		Cross Greenfield Rd TRO Ferry Rd.
29.1	L		South Ferry Rd - Closed bridge is passable with bikes.
29.3	R	Triangle	Meadow Rd - becomes Falls Rd.
32.2			Falls again (on Left) Be considerate - do not block road.
33.8	R	Stop	Rt. 47 South.
35.0			Sycamore tree again.
35.2	Cross	Light	Rt. 116 TRO Rt. 47 South. > Dairy Mart Convenience Store.
37.9	L		Plumtree Rd.
39.5	R	T	Rt. 116.
40.3	L		Sunderland Rd.
41.2	STR	Light	North Pleasant St.
42.3	STR	Light	TRO North Pleasant St.
43.0	R	Light	Massachusetts Ave.
43.1	L		into Parking Lot - use care crossing traffic.