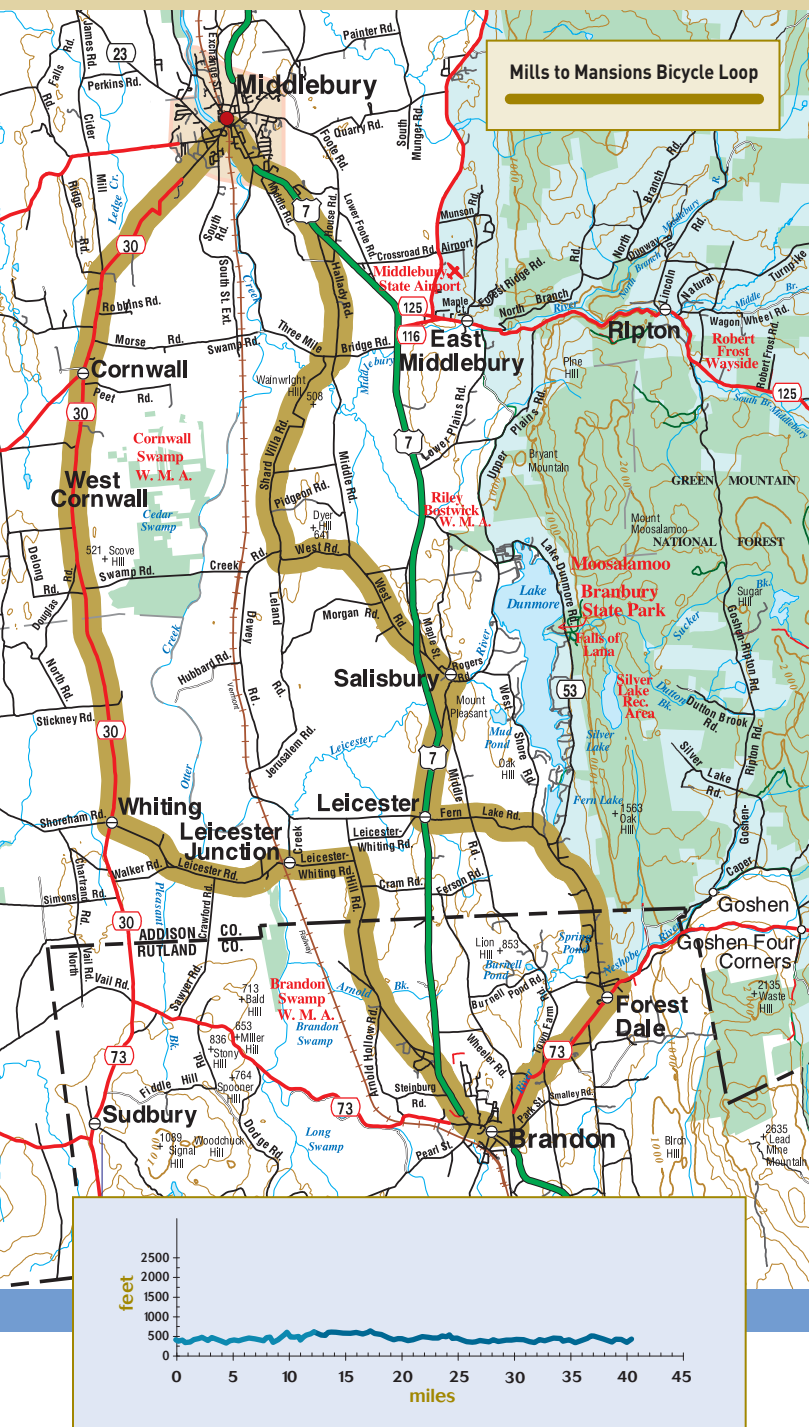


# Mills to Mansions Bicycle Loop

An easy 40.7-mile bicycle route through Salisbury, Leicester, Forest Dale, Brandon, Leicester Junction, Whiting, and Cornwall, VT.



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## Start at the Middlebury Green.

**mile**

- 0.0** ● Middlebury Green.
- 0.0** E on Merchants Row. Straight on Court Square.
- 0.1** R on Court St. (Route 7 South).
- 0.8** R on Creek Rd.
- 2.2** R on Halladay Rd.
- 4.1** R on 3 Mile Bridge Rd.
- 4.2** L on Shard Villa Rd.
- 7.4** L on West Salisbury Rd. (cautious on Rte. 7).
- 10.4** West Salisbury Rd. turns into Maple St. and curves right, back to Route 7.
- 11.8** L on Route 7 South.
- 13.0** L on Fern Lake Rd. (store) - Leicester.
- 15.4** Straight on Lake Dunmore Rd.
- 16.5** Lake Dunmore Rd. turns into North St.
- 17.7** R on Forest Dale Rd./Route 73 (store)
- 19.9** Forest Dale Rd. turns into Marble St.
- 20.2** R on Park St.
- 20.5** Brandon. Straight on Center St/Route 7.
- 22.1** L on Arnold District Rd.
- 24.8** Arnold Dist. Rd. turns into Swington Hill Rd.
- 25.5** L on Leicester-Whiting Rd.
- 29.5** R on North Main St./Route 30 North.
- 40.7** Middlebury Town Green.

## When cycling, please follow these guidelines:

1. WEAR A HELMET and cycling gloves.
2. Ride with the flow of traffic.
3. When using travel lanes, follow motor vehicle laws. Obey all traffic signs and signals. Do not cut corners.
4. Use clear hand signals when making turns or stopping.
5. Ride in a straight line at least 3 feet from parked cars or curbs.
6. If you must ride at night, use lights and reflectors.
7. Ride defensively! Be aware of motorists' actions.
8. Be aware of train tracks and other road conditions.
9. Ride single file.
10. Carry items in panniers or a handle-bar pack.

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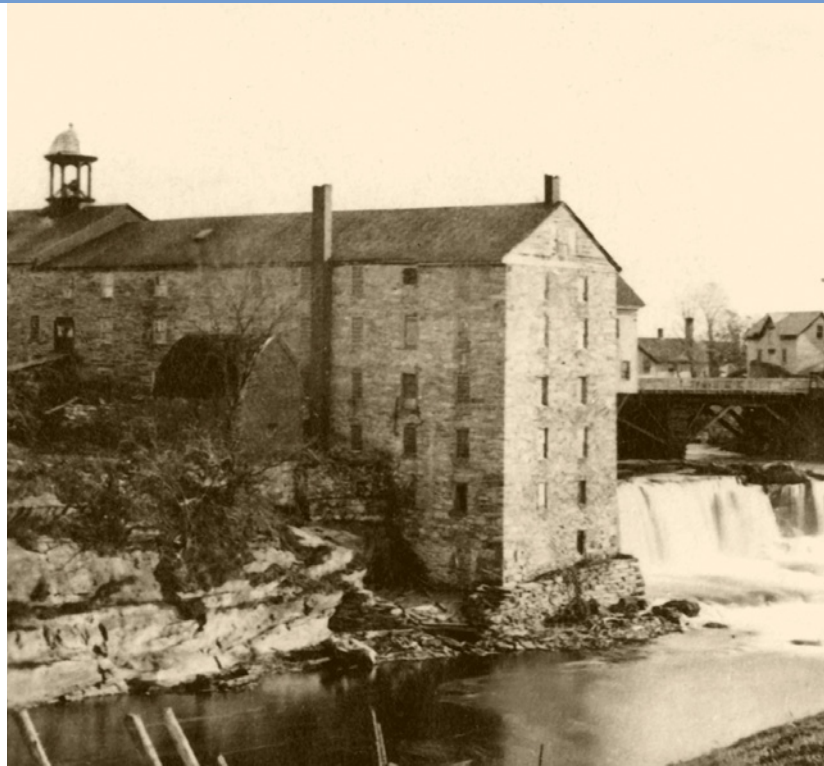
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## Route Description

Vermont's rural landscape disguises an industrial history that is at least as important as its agricultural history. Take a closer look at the industrial heritage that made regional centers of downtown Middlebury and Brandon. Churning at the heart of downtown Middlebury is the Otter Creek Falls, first harnessed by early settlers to power sawmills and gristmills. It was marble—locally quarried, shaped and polished by waterpower—that became one of Middlebury's primary industries. Brandon's development took a different track with the coming of the Burlington-Rutland Railroad. Brandon became a center for the manufacture of railroad cars. Outside Brandon, Forest Dale grew out of the iron industry, where blast furnaces smelted locally mined ore. The economic prosperity that flowed from these industries was reflected in the homes of prominent citizens. You will have the chance to see these beautiful homes on this relatively flat, paved ride.

## Safety Guidelines

Motorists and bicyclists share scenic roads. Use caution on narrow, winding or unpaved roadway. Follow traffic laws and ride safely. Bicycles are vehicles by law and have the right to use public roads. You are responsible for operating your bicycle under all conditions.



*Stone Cotton Factory before the 1891 fire in Middlebury/Henry Sheldon Museum*

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## Lake Champlain Bikeways Mission

To promote bicycling throughout the Lake Champlain regions of New York, Vermont and Québec for the purposes of increasing opportunities for bicycle recreation and transportation, improving the quality of life, enhancing the economic vitality, advocating for sustainable communities, encouraging healthy lifestyles and raising public awareness and appreciation of inherent scenic, historic, cultural, natural, and recreational resources throughout the area.

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