

## RIDE NO. 17 THE DUTCHESS OF COLUMBIA

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**Mileage = 51.6**

**Elevation Gain = 2,364**

**Category = Moderate**

This is a ride that goes through parts of Dutchess and Columbia Counties; thus the name. To reach the starting point in Red Hook, Dutchess County, get off the Thruway at Exit 19, Kingston, go through the toll booths to the traffic circle and take the first right turn off the circle to SR 28 west. Turn right on US RT 209 in five-tenths of a mile. This becomes SR 199 and crosses the Hudson River on the Kingston-Rhinecliff bridge in another 5.4 miles. In 2.5 miles after the bridge, take the second left, still on SR 199 (it's also SR 96 at this point). In 1.8 miles, still on SR 199, turn right. Continue for 1.8 miles to a left on Linden Avenue, Red Hook. There's a school on this corner. Park in the school's parking area on the left.

Here's what I recorded in my log: "The area is rural and beautiful. Apple, grape and horse farms abound, with an occasional dairy farm. There are frequent views of the Catskills to the west and, of course, the Taconic Hills to the east and all around. It's rolling country, so there's a fair amount of climbing. The cumulative elevation gain is 2,364 feet, an average of 45.8 feet per mile, which does not represent a really strenuous ride."

At cue sheet line 5, there's a left turn onto Freeborn Road. The first four-tenths of a mile of this road are paved. You then pass through a gate to an unpaved section of four-tenths of a mile. This is a rather pretty wooded stretch. I've done this ride twice and found the dirt surface satisfactory for 23C tires. If you feel otherwise when you get there, return to CR 78 and turn left for 1.3 miles to US RT 9. Turn left there and continue for 1.4 miles to a right turn on Pleasant Vale Road (cue sheet line 8) and pick up the routing from there.

You can visit Cleremont, the home of Robert Livingston, a State Historic Site and a truly beautiful place overlooking the Hudson River. If you wish to do this, turn left instead of right at cue sheet line 15 and go four-tenths of a mile to the entrance on the right. After your visit, return to line 15 and continue the ride.

In case you've forgotten the details, Robert Livingston (1746-1813) was the namesake and great-grandson of the first Robert Livingston, who founded the Manor in 1730. The younger Livingston, among his other accomplishments, was an architect of the Louisiana Purchase and the financial backer of the Fulton steamboat. Seven generations of Livingstons lived at Cleremont until 1962, when the State took it over.

START: SCHOOL @ JCT. OF SR 199 &amp; LINDEN AVE., RED HOOK - 247 FT.

1	GO NORTH ON LINDEN AVE.	247'	-	-
2	BECOMES CR 79, BUDDS CORS. RD.	218'	0.5	0.5
3	R ON GUSKI RD.	216'	2.1	2.6
4	R ON CR 78, KERLEYS CORS. RD.	215'	1.6	4.2
5	L ON FREEBORN RD.	206'	0.4	4.6
6	R AT END ON CR 80, LASHER RD.	184'	0.8	5.4
7	BECOMES COLUMBIA CR 4	193'	0.6	6.0
8	X US RT. 9 TO PLEASANT VALE RD.	228'	0.8	6.8
9	L ON COMMONS RD.	266'	1.4	8.2
10	X US RT. 9 TO CR 6	239'	2.0	10.2
11	PASS HOGTROUGH RD. - R	258'	0.8	11.0
12	PASS SOUTH RD. - R	254'	0.5	11.5
13	PASS CR 33 - R	207'	1.7	13.2
14	X SR 96	188'	1.2	14.4
15	R ON CR 35, WOODS RD.	180'	0.8	15.2
16	PASS JUG RD. - R	199'	1.7	16.9
17	X ROUND TOP RD.	130'	0.9	17.8
18	L ON SR 96	153'	1.0	18.8
19	R ON CR 8 (STEWART'S)	137'	0.1	18.9
20	GO EAST ON CR 8	137'		18.9
21	CR 33 JOINS FROM R	186'	0.7	19.6
22	CR 33 GOES L	160'	0.2	19.8
23	PASS OLD SAWMILL RD. - R	194'	0.8	20.6
24	PASS EASTERN P'KWAY - L	189'	0.8	21.4
25	PASS BEST RD. - R	206'	0.6	22.0
26	L ON MILL RD.	218'	1.6	23.6
27	CURVE R ON BINGHAM MILLS RD.	189'	0.5	24.1

28	L ON US RT. 9	190'	0.5	24.6
29	R ON CR 8	190'	0.1	24.7
30	X CR 19	254'	1.5	26.2
31	PASS WHITE OAK RD. - R	348'	1.1	27.3
32	PASS SNYDERVILLE RD. - R	455'	0.8	28.1
33	PASS KOZLOWSKI RD. - R	482'	1.0	29.1
34	UNDER TACONIC PARKWAY	691'	1.6	30.7
35	PASS POND LILLY RD. - R	813'	1.5	32.2
36	SHARP R ON CR 11	696'	0.5	32.7
37	PASS DECKER RD. - L	720'	1.0	33.7
38	PASS GREEN HILL RD. - R	652'	1.9	35.6
39	PASS BARNETT RD. - R	539'	0.7	36.3
40	STR8 ON CR 7	567'	0.5	36.8
41	BR ON COLUMBIA CR 2 / DUTCHESS CR 50	385'	2.0	38.8
42	UNDER TACONIC PARKWAY	407'	1.2	40.0
43	PASS CR 51 - L	375'	0.4	40.4
44	BR ON CR 50 / 2 (CR 56 GOES STR8)	335'	0.2	40.6
45	BL AT MERGER WITH CR 19	304'	3.4	44.0
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46	BR ON CR 2, KERLEYS CORS. RD.	256'	0.5	44.5
47	BECOMES CR 78	324'	1.2	45.7
48	L ON WILLIAMS RD.	235'	0.4	46.1
49	R ON STARBARRACK RD.	331'	0.5	46.6
50	L AT END ON OLD POST RD.	235'	1.5	48.1
51	IMMEDIATE R ON PITCHER LA. EXT.	233'	-	-
52	X US RT. 9	226'	0.1	48.2
53	L ON CR 79, BUDDS CORS. RD.	211'	1.5	49.7
54	BECOMES LINDEN AVE.	218'	1.4	51.1
55	REACH STARTING POINT	247'	0.5	51.6