

## HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

Known for its rolling hills, highland views, plus endless lakes and rivers, Haliburton Highlands is a top spot for several days of riding and to tack on some kilometers for the season. Smoothly paved roads and easy to navigate loops along with a variety of accommodations suited for smaller or larger groups make the Highlands a cottage country ride destination not to be missed. Save energy to continue the outdoor fun post ride, with a cool down dip or paddle on waters of your choice. Hit a patio for well-earned refreshments or local craft brew, in welcoming small towns and at unique eateries dotted around the county. Hop off the road bike, bring your own mountain bike or rent one, to try the single track trails and downhill experience also in the area.

### RIDE DAY 1: HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS NORTH LOOP

**Total Distance:** 99km

**Experience Level:** Experienced, road cyclist

**Route Surface:** Paved roads

**Staging Area / Parking:** Start routes from municipal parking lot at 7 Milne Street, in town of Minden, (alternate start locations include Haliburton or elsewhere on route)

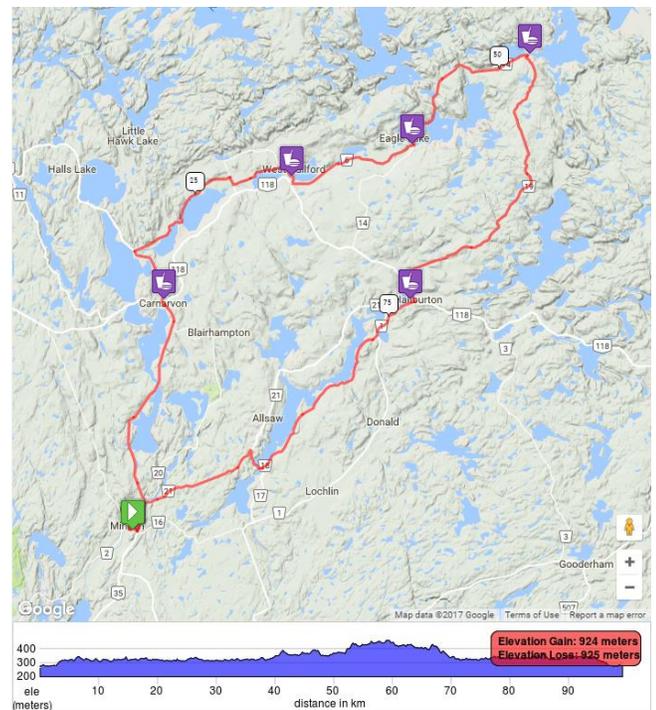
**Link to Route Map:**

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**Route Description:** After a sprint north from Minden on the 35, turn onto quieter cottage country roads that hug the shoreline of a string of lakes. From West Guildford to Eagle Lake set a good pace as the relatively flat route changes up once on Harburn Road. This scenic road is a top ride for cyclists following the sweeping twists and turns, ups and downs, all whilst shaded by the tree canopy that overhangs the roadway. A pleasant backroad into town, along with the Kashawagawigamog Road into Minden, will set the scene for a chill post ride return home or further adventures nearby.



### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Cold Drinks & Refreshment Enroute:** Haliburton, Fort Irwin, West Guilford, Carnarvon

**Pubs, Patios & Good Eats:** Haliburton, Carnarvon, Minden

**Accommodations:** Various in Minden or Haliburton, or out of town at resorts on lakes, bed and breakfasts, cottages and motels



## RIDE DAY 2: HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS SOUTH LOOP

**Total Distance:** 107km

**Experience Level:** Experienced, road cyclist

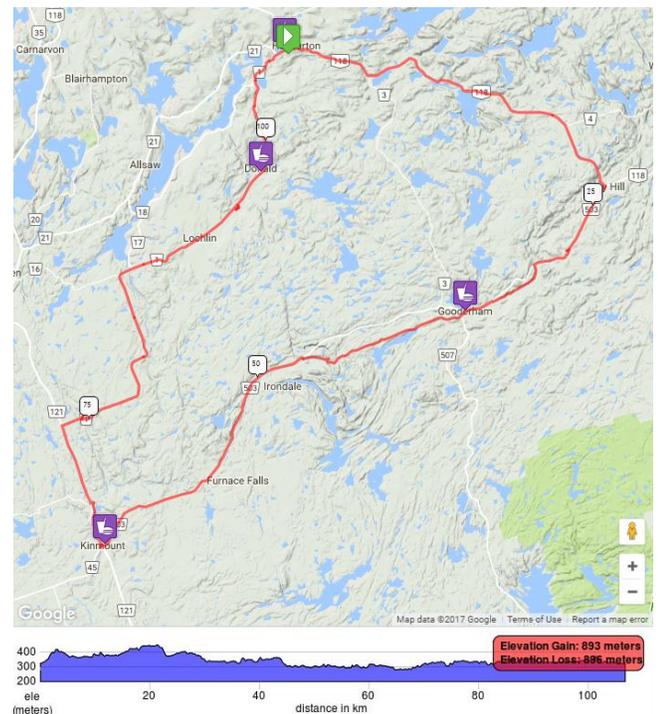
**Route Surface:** Paved roads

**Staging Area / Parking:** Start route from municipal parking lot at 23 York Street, in town of Haliburton (alternate start locations include Minden or elsewhere on route)

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[www.strava.com/routes/10178110](http://www.strava.com/routes/10178110)

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**Route Description:** Ride hard out of Haliburton warming up on the rolling hills on the first 30km. With continued fresh paving from Tory Hill, it is easy to pick up speed along the 503. This supremely scenic road and 40km stretch into Kinmount will have even those set on having their head down, marvelling at the Canadian Shield outcrops, popping up through rugged forests, and wetlands that hug the roadway. Looping back along Gelert Road enjoy stretches of paved shoulders perfect for closing in on the 100km+ challenge of the day. Refuel on patios overlooking parkland and Head Lake, and stretch out the legs with a stroll around Haliburton town.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Cold Drinks & Refreshment Enroute:** Gooderham, Kinmont, Donald

**Pubs, Patios & Good Eats:** Haliburton, Minden

**Accommodations:** Various in Minden or Haliburton, or out of town at resorts on lakes, bed and breakfasts, cottages and motels



## VISITOR INFORMATION

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[www.myhaliburtonhighlands.com](http://www.myhaliburtonhighlands.com)

[www.comewander.ca](http://www.comewander.ca)

**Cycle the Haliburton Highlands Map** - Available online or in print at various locations. Use this map to view all recommended routes in area and/or change ride routes. [www.cyclehaliburton.ca](http://www.cyclehaliburton.ca)

Find certified bicycle friendly accommodations and other places to stop, visit and eat, plus info and maps on trails and other routes, bike tour operators and rentals at:

[www.ontariobybike.ca/haliburtonhighlands](http://www.ontariobybike.ca/haliburtonhighlands)

## NOTES TO RIDERS

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**Cautions:** Roads that may have higher traffic volumes on these routes include: Day 1, Highway 35; Day 2, Highway 118.

**Disclaimer:** These road routes are suggested routes only. All cyclists are responsible for their own safety, must use roads with caution and do so at their own risk, abiding by rules of the road and local bylaws. The routes should be evaluated by each individual cyclist based on their level of experience, weather conditions and any other factors. Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization, Ontario By Bike / Transportation Options and all others involved in the development of this itinerary do not assume any liability whatsoever for cyclists using this information and travelling upon these routes.