ONTARIO BY BIKE RIDE ITINERARY
GEORGIAN BAY EXPLORER

What You Need to Know
THE ESSENTIALS

Total Ride Distance: 95km
Suggested Ride Time: 2 days, 1 night
Experience Level: Easy to Moderate
Route Survey: Off-road, crushed stone trails and road riding with paved and gravel surfaces
Suggested Ride Start Location & Parking:

- Parking lot at Station Park, 220 Huron St, Stayner, Ontario L0M 1S0.
- Users must inform municipal staff by email tourism@clearview.ca or calling 705-428-6965 and providing dates of travel and licence plate numbers

Suggested Ride Finish Location (Owen Sound): Metro Grocery Parking Lot at 1070 Second Ave East, Owen Sound, Ontario

Getting back to Start: This is not a looped itinerary. Ride back along route or organize transportation back to start with ride partners or local taxi/bus companies (see end of itinerary for more details).

Your Bike: Ensure you arrive to start with a bicycle in good working order, appropriate outerwear for conditions, and refreshments should you need them before. Helmets are strongly recommended. There are several bike shop locations across the region, should you require any major repairs or supplies.

Digital Route Map: This route and ride itinerary was compiled for the June 2017 Ontario By Bike Ride, a small group tour and has been made available to share with individuals and groups that may be interested in the same ride.

- **Stayner to Owen Sound Route** – www.ridewithgps.com/routes/19019690

Overnight Accommodations in Meaford:
Meaford Motel - 126 N Sykes Street, Meaford / (519) 538-5799
Hilltop Motel - 300 S Sykes Street, Meaford / (519) 538-1700
Bayvue Motel - 710 Sykes Street N, Meaford / (519) 538-3490
Millhollow B&B - 212 Miller Street, Meaford / (519) 538-0941
Harbour Landing B&B - 52 Bridge Steet, Meaford / (519) 538-0155

Ontario By Bike Certified Bicycle Friendly Businesses in Grey County: View Here
Ontario By Bike Certified Bicycle Friendly Businesses in Simcoe County: View Here

Disclaimer *– This route is a suggested route only. The route incorporates both multi-use trail and on-road riding. All cyclists are responsible for their own safety, must use both trails and streets with caution and do so at their own risk. Always wear the proper safety gear when cycling, ride sensibly and abide by all laws. Each route should be evaluated by each individual cyclist based on their level of experience, comfort level in cycling on trails and roads, weather conditions, time of day, and any road obstacles. Ontario By Bike / Transportation Options and all others involved in the development of this route do not assume any liability whatsoever for cyclists using this information and travelling upon this route.*

Day 1: Stayner to Meaford – 49km

Ride Start Location: Station Park, 220 Huron St, Stayner, Ontario L0M 1S0

Ride Recommendations and Last Minute Supplies:

- Foodland (Stayner) is located 5 minutes from Station Park at 1057 County Rd 42, Stayner, and is a good location to pick up last minutes supplies. Public washrooms available.
- There are several bike shops both in Barrie (39km away) and in Collingwood (15km away).

15km – Stayner to Downtown Collingwood

- Enjoy riding the Clearview-Collingwood Train Trail, an off-road, crushed stone rail trail between Stayner and Collingwood.
- To arrive in downtown Collingwood, turn left off of trail at the Collingwood Museum (an old, converted train station). Public Washrooms available in Collingwood Museum.
- Collingwood services include: Accommodation, campgrounds, cafes, restaurants, shopping, banking, groceries, attractions and trails. No services available between Stayner and Collingwood.

25km – Optional Lunch Stop – Collingwood/Blue Mountain or Thornbury

- Several food service providers are located in Collingwood, the village of Blue Mountains and Thornbury.
- Access Blue Mountain Village by turning south (left) off The Georgian Trail along Grey Road 19 and ride on designated bike lanes on road into the Village of Blue Mountain.
- *Suggested Lunch Stop* - Shale Rock Coffee House is located at the 25km mark of Day 1 of this itinerary. The business backs directly on to the Georgian Trail with signage trailside and on back of building. Eat-in or take-out and enjoy lunch at Northwinds Beach, located less than 500m east on the trail.

35km – Thornbury

- The Georgian Trail traverses Thornbury. Guests can enjoy an optional stop in town with visits to local shops including a local craft cidery, retail, restaurants, cafes and more.

50km Overnight Accommodations in Meaford (See options above and book ahead)

Day 1 Evening Recommendations

- **The Leeky Canoe** (www.facebook.com/TheLeekyCanoe) 94 Sykes Street N, Meaford. This popular traditional pub and restaurant offers a large menu with vegetarian and gluten free options.
- **Gio's and Frans** (www.facebook.com/gioandfrans) 78 Sykes Street N, Meaford. This restaurant is affiliated with popular Toronto east side eatery, Gio Rana's and serves wholesome Italian food.
- **Andrew's Roots Restaurant (**www.andrewsroots.com) 82-84 Sykes Street, Meaford. Andrew's Roots Restaurant offers a casual fine dining experience inspired by fresh, local ingredients which change seasonally.
- *Other Activities* – See visitor information sheet for more restaurants, attractions and activity suggestions.

Day 2 Meaford to Owen Sound (46 km)

Ride Start Location: Meaford Hall Arts & Cultural Centre (www.meafordhall.ca) – Located in downtown Meaford, the Meaford Hall is centrally located in town.

Day 2 Ride Recommendations and Last Minute Supplies: No services between Meaford and Coffin Ridge Boutique Winery. Purchase and pack water and any required refreshments and supplies before heading off. Purchase last minute supplies from Valu-Mart in Meaford (located on Hwy 26) - **Google map of Valu-Mart**

Day 2 Morning route follows the Tom Thomson Trail Alternate Route signage. The routing incorporates both paved and gravel roads, including 1.4 km on Hwy 26.

- Travel west on Collingwood Street
- Turn left on Pearson Street
- Turn right on Nelson Street W
- Continue on Nelson Street, turning into Gardiner Street
- Turn right on Miller Street
- Stay on Miller Street / Side Road 16 for nearly 8 km
- Turn right on 12 Line
- Caution
    - Cross and turn left onto Hwy 26
    - Ride on paved or gravel shoulders on Hwy 26 for
- Turn right and stay on St Vincent–Sydenham Townline for 6 km
- Turn left on Side Road 27
- Turn right on Concession Road 2 N
- Coffin Ridge Winery is located on your left

25km – Optional Lunch Stop:

- Or visit Coffin Ridge Winery
    - Address: 599448 Concession Rd 2 North, Annan
    - Enjoy eating lunch overlooking the vineyards and Georgian Bay
    - Winery has limited food options, however soup, baguettes, cheeses and other items may be prepared in advance or available on site. Call ahead to winery coordinate for yourself or with group and determine if suitable.

37km – Optional Stop

- At T-Junction of Bayshore Road and County Road 15 in the community of Leith, riders can take short optional ride and visit the Historic Leith Church and grave of Tom Thomson, one of Canada's most influential paints.
- Turn turn left at Hwy 15 and a quick right onto Tom Thomson Lane.
- No services available in Leith.

46km – Owen Sound – Metro Grocery Store – Finish and Shuttle Pick Up Location

- Depending on when you arrive, enjoy shops and attractions in downtown Owen Sound on the shores of Georgian Bay. The routing brings cyclists directly past the Metro Grocery Store parking lot.

Getting Back to Start

This is not a looped itinerary and it is suggested to always organize and/or confirm reservation and timing of transportation services prior to departure to ensure availability of services. Call local taxi companies to arrange pick up time, location and passenger numbers:

Bayshore Taxi - www.bayshoretaxi.com , (519)371 5555

For larger groups, chartering a bus for bike and rider transportation is an option:
Kunkel Bus Lines, www.kunkelbuslines.com, 1-800-586-5357

Visitor Information

For visitor information, visit:

- Grey County - VisitGrey.ca
- Simcoe County - Experience.Simcoe.ca
- Bruce Grey Simcoe - BruceGreySimcoe.com
- Meaford - Meaford.ca/tourism

For additional cycling info and certified bicycle friendly businesses visit www.ontariobybike.ca/grey & www.ontariobybike.ca/simcoe

Meaford

Our overnight stop will be in Meaford, a quaint community perched on the shores of Georgian Bay.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

- **Meaford Motel: Location:** 126 N Sykes St, Meaford / **Telephone:** (519) 538-5799 **Website**: www.meaford-motel-bluemountain.ca
- **Bayvue Motel: Location:** 710 Sykes St N, Meaford / **Telephone:** (519) 538-3490 **Website:** www.meaford.com/bayvue.html
- **Millhollow B&B: Location:** 212 Miller St, Meaford / **Telephone:** (519) 538-0941 **Website:** www.millhollow.ca

WHAT TO DO:

Meaford Hall Arts & Cultural Centre – Open until 4:30pm, the Meaford Hall Arts & Cultural Centre is located in a beautifully restored and renovated century old landmark with an Art Gallery and full events schedule
Location: 12 Nelson St. E. Meaford **Telephone:** 1 (877) 538.0463

Meaford Harbour – Explore Meaford's waterfront and harbour marina looking out over Georgian Bay.
Location: 3 St. Vincent Street, Meaford **Telephone:** (519) 538-5975

WHERE TO EAT (Meaford):

The Leeky Canoe: Traditional pub fare with gluten free and vegetarian options
www.facebook.com/pg/TheLeekyCanoe
Location: 94 Sykes St N, Meaford **Telephone:** (519) 538-1377

Andrew's Roots Restaurant: Andrew's Roots Restaurant offers a casual fine dining experience inspired by fresh, local ingredients which change seasonally.
www.andrewsroots.com
Location: 82-84 Sykes St., Meaford **Telephone:** (519) 538-9000

Gio & Fran's Italian Eatery: Newly opened and affiliated with popular Toronto east side eatery, Gio Rana's, this new location serves wholesome Italian food.
www.facebook.com/gioandfrans
Location: 78 Sykes St.North Meaford **Telephone:** (416) 469-5225

Sizzlin Restaurant: Variety of entrees, salads, sandwiches & soups. Casual dining setting
www.sizzlinrestaurant.com
Location: 337 Sykes Street South, Meaford **Telephone:** (226) 662-6000

Amici Pizzeria & Family Restaurant: Family friendly restaurant with a varied menu, including pizza sure to please. www.facebook.com/amicipizza.ca
Location: 334 Sykes St South, Meaford **Telephone:** (519) 538-6805

Perogies Palace: Dozens of different handmade perigee types.
www.facebook.com/pg/PerogiePalace
Location: 36 Sykes St. South, Meaford, **Telephone:** (519) 538-9811

Sail Restaurant & Catering Company: Great tasting, quality food in a fast, friendly, fun.
www.facebook.com/sailrestaurantandcatering
Location: 108 N Sykes St, Meaford **Telephone:** (519) 538-0202

In addition to the options above, a larger variety of local retail and food services are located in Meaford and depending on budget or preference may be suited for guests. For more information visit Meaford.ca/tourism

BIKE SHOP (Meaford & Blue Mountains):

Ride On Bikes
A one-stop, for sales, rentals, tours and repair shop in Meaford, located less than 1 minute from the beautiful harbour and the Georgian Trail. www.rideonbikes.ca
Location: 14 Trowbridge Street East, Meaford **Telephone:** (519) 538.5030

Squire John's
Since 1969, Squire John's has been offering road, cross, hybrid and mountain bikes, professional bike fit services. www.squirejohns.com
Location: 209896 Highway 26 West, Blue Mountains **Telephone:** (705) 445.1130

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Day 1 Morning – Road Riding and Trail Connection – 8.5km –Batteaux

Start in Stayner along the Clearview-Collingwood Train Trail, crushed gravel and linear trail from Stayner to Collingwood. Short distances on quiet roads required in the morning. At 8.5 km (see image below), 200m of road riding to reconnect with trail.

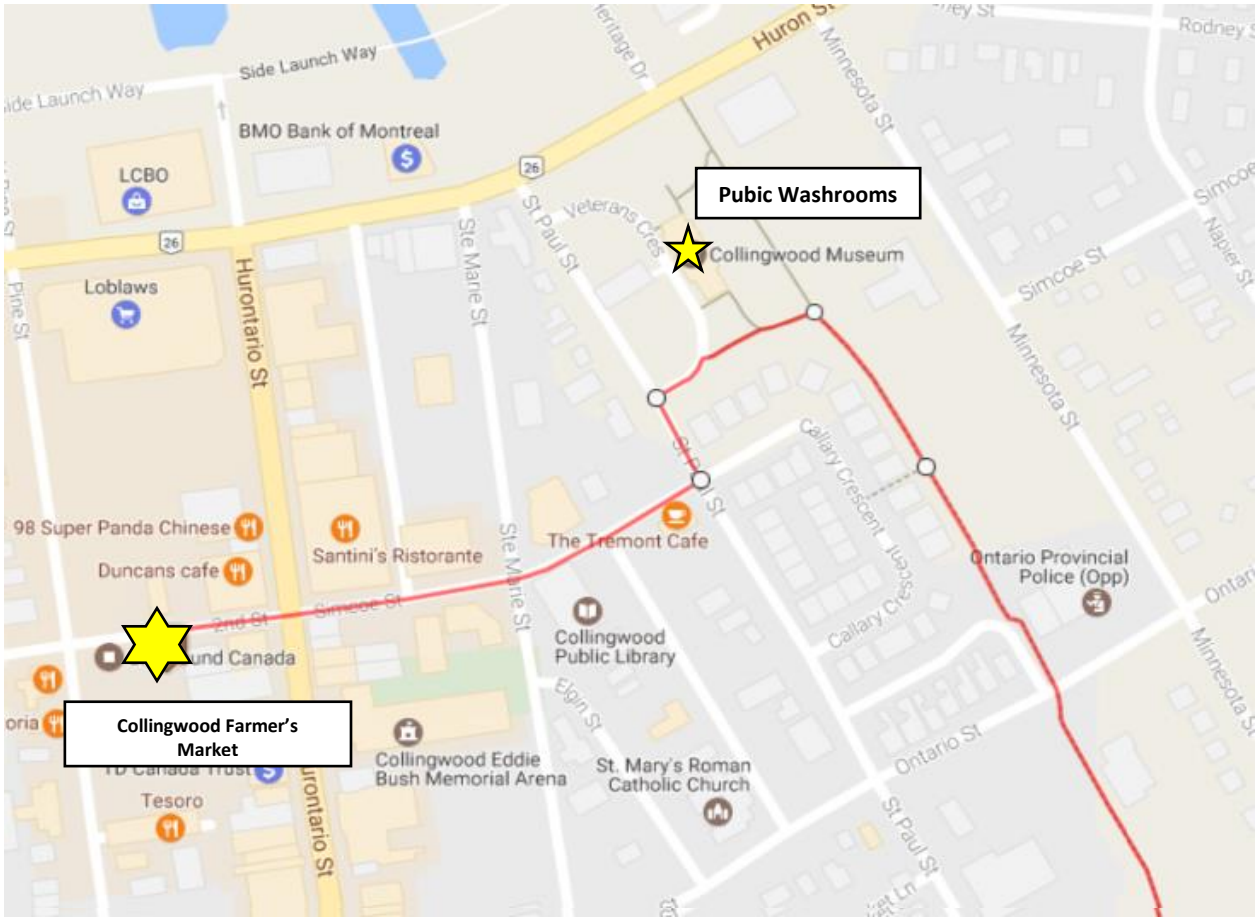
Digital Route Maps: Not essential, but you may choose to download App on Smartphone, to use while riding.

- www.ridewithgps.com/routes/19019690

Print Maps: In addition to these route sheets and maps provided, with print copies available each day, make sure you pick up a copy of the *Cycle Simcoe South Georgian Bay Routes* and *Grey County Cycling Routes* maps at start of ride, it shows all trails and cycling routes.

Day 1 – Rest Stop – 15 km – Collingwood – Downtown Farmer`s Market

A scheduled morning stop and rest area for you and your group could be the Collingwood downtown farmer's market (Seasonal, Saturday only), This stop is optional. If riders wish to continue cycling, ride details are mapped on next page. **Public washrooms located Collingwood Museum.**



Turn by Turn (to get to farmers market):

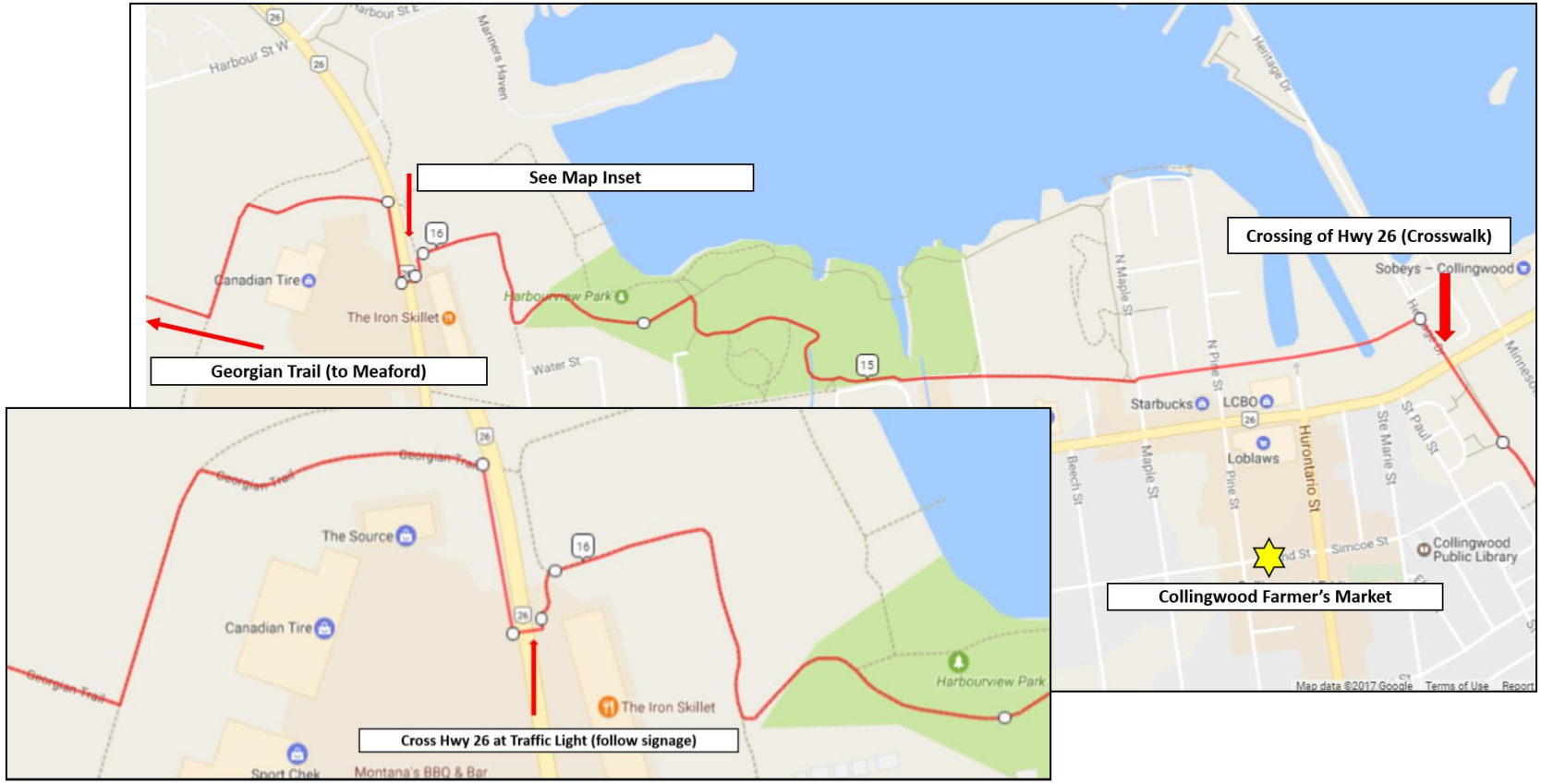
1. 14.5 km - Turn left off of trail at the Collingwood Musuem (an old train station)
2. Turn left onto St. Paul Street
3. Turn right onto Simcoe Street
4. Stay on Simcoe Street, crossing Hurontario Street
5. Farmer`s Market located on left

Note: Use caution when riding on roads and when crossing Hurontario Street

Day 1 – Riding through Collingwood

Riding through the town of Collingwood includes mostly trail riding. There are short connections on quiet roads. Two areas are noted where riders should be particularly cautious of vehicle traffic. When coming off the Clearview-Collingwood Train Trail, heading north to the waterfront, there is a crossing signal at Hwy 26.

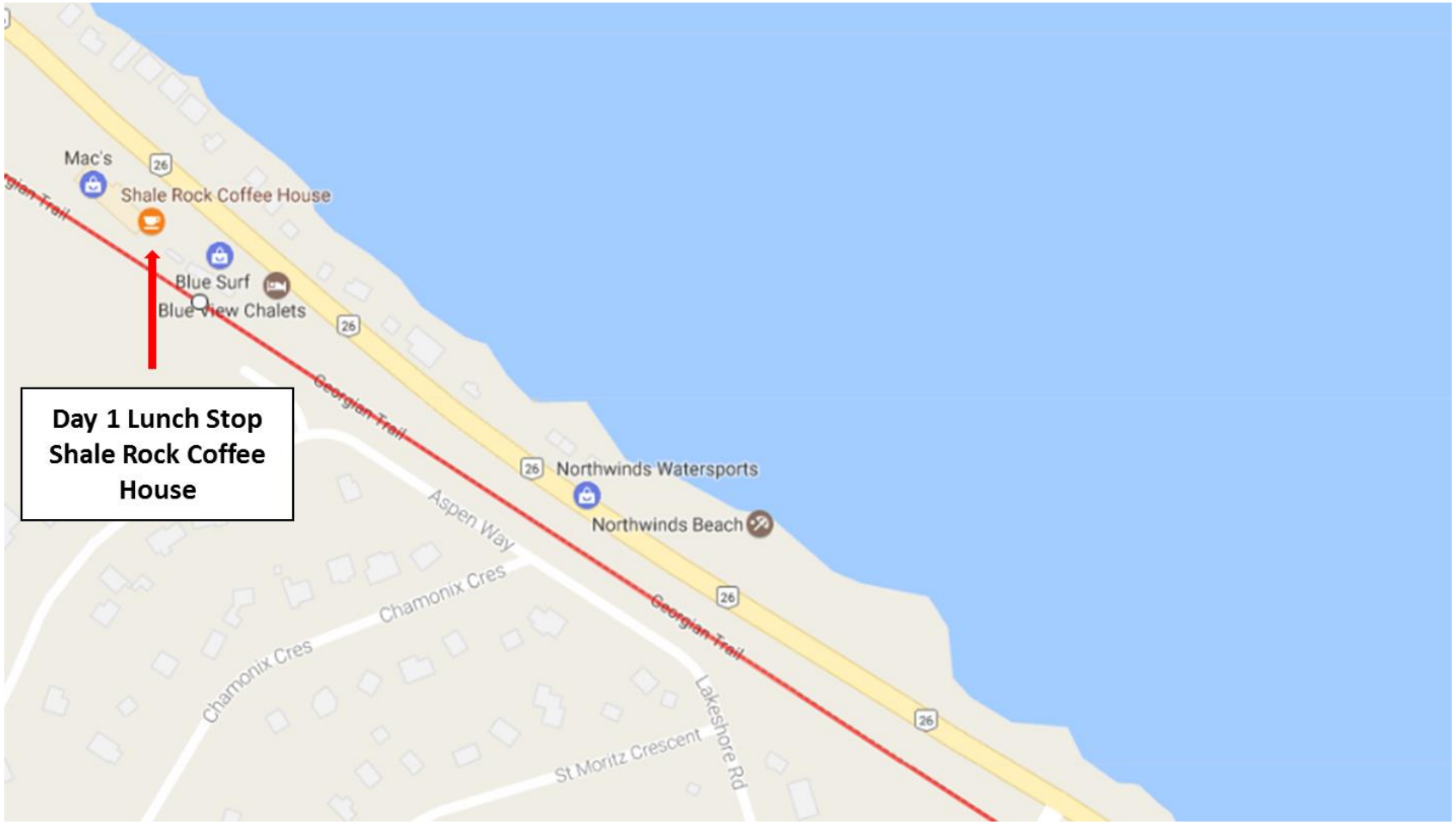
Riding continues along trails and through Harbourview Park west. When coming off park trails, heading west towards Georgian Trail, a second crossing of Hwy 26 is required. Cross Hwy 26 at traffic light, following the trail signage.



Day 1 – Suggested Lunch Stop – 25 km – Shale Rock Coffee House

Address: 209544 ON-26, The Blue Mountains, ON L9Y 0T1 / **Phone** (705) 445-1313

Shale Rock Coffee House is located at the 25 km mark. The business backs directly on to the Georgian Trail with signage on trailside and on back of building.



Day 1 - Overnight Accommodations - 48km – Meaford

Meaford Motel
Location: 126 N Sykes St, Meaford
Telephone: (519) 538-5799
Website: www.meaford-motel-bluemountain.ca

Bayvue Motel
Location: 710 Sykes St N, Meaford
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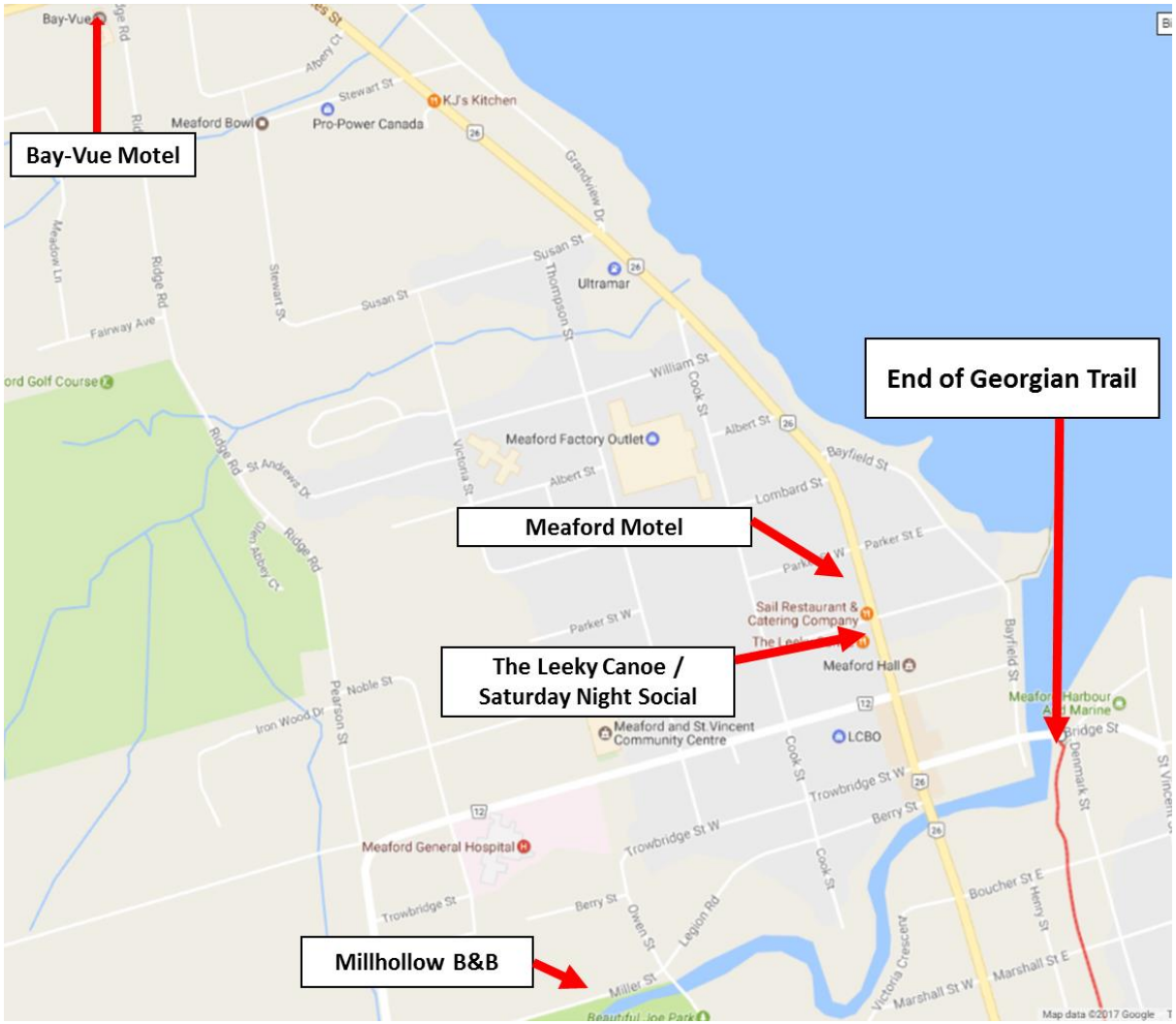


Day 2 – Breakfast & Morning Road Riding – Section 1 From Meaford

Departing from Meaford Motel

Address: 126 N Sykes St, Meaford **/ Phone: (**519) 538-5799

Caution Road riding required: Departing west out of Meaford, the routing begins with steady elevation inclines.

Turn By Turn:

- Travel west on Parker Street
- Turn left on Cook Street
- Turn right on Collingwood Street W
- Turn left on Pearson Street
- Turn right on Nelson Street W
- Continue on Nelson Street, turning into Gardiner Street
- Turn right on Miller Street / Side Road 12
- Stay on Miller Street / Side Road 16 for 7.7 km

Day 2 – Morning Road Riding - Section 2 Meaford to Coffin Ridge Winery (25 km)

Riding Notes: The routing continues to have elevation inclines and portions of Day 2 riding is on gravel roads.

Riders should use caution while crossing Hwy 26, as well as while riding the 1.4 km stretch along Hwy 26. Some portions of this section have paved shoulders, others do not. Ride on gravel shoulder or as preference for comfort level.

Turn By Turn:

- Turn right off Side Road 16 onto 12 Line
- Cross and turn left onto Hwy 26
- Stay on Hwy 26 for 1.4 km
- Turn right on St. Vincent - Sydenham Townline (*gravel*)
- St. Vincent – Sydenham Townline veers left and right
- Turn left on Side Road 27 (*gravel*)
- Turn right on Concession Road 2 N
- Lunch stop – Coffin Ridge Winery is located on your left

Suggested Lunch at Coffin Ridge Winery

Call ahead to confirm availability.
Address: 599448 Concession Rd 2 N, Annan, ON N0H 1B0 /
Phone: (519) 371-9565

Day 2 – Afternoon Road Riding Coffin Ridge Winery to Leith (12 km)

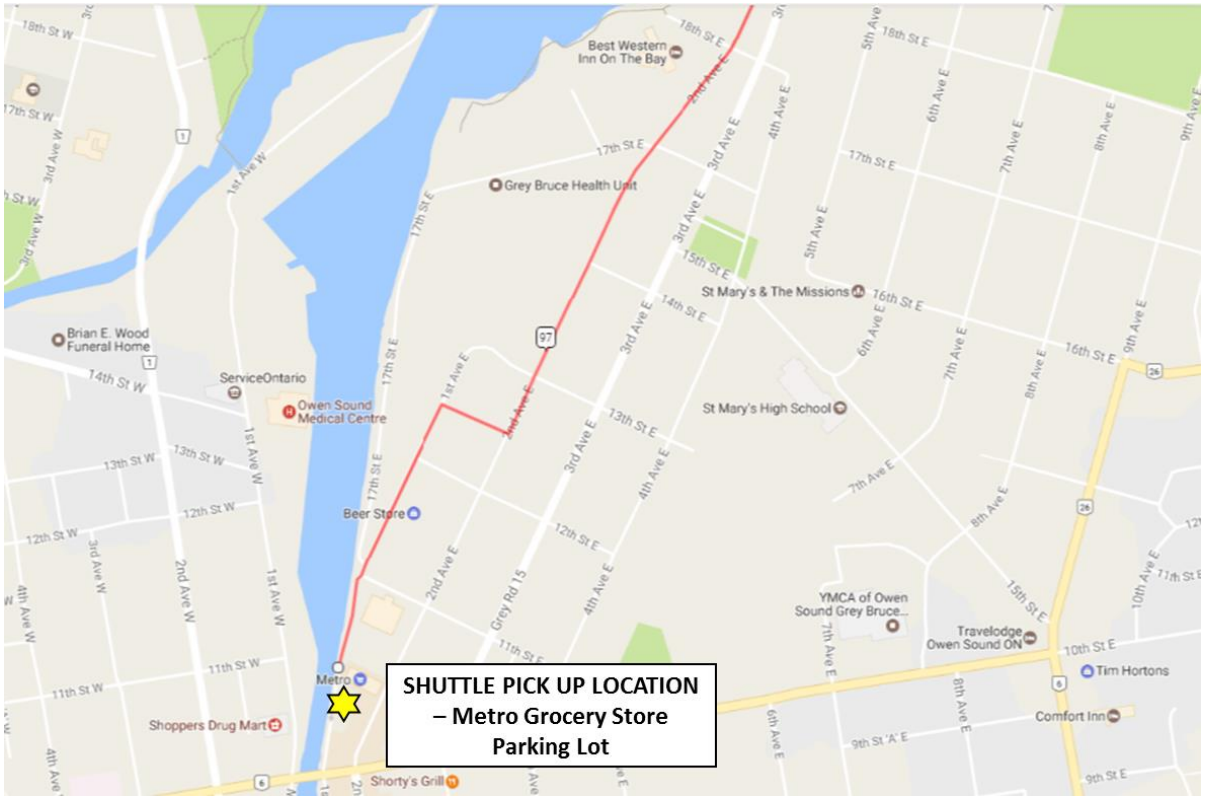
Caution Road riding required: The routing has limited elevation inclines and most of the afternoon is flat riding, however some portions are on gravel roads.

Turn By Turn:

- Turn right out of Coffin Ridge Winery onto Concession Road 2 N (*gravel*)
- Turn right onto Side Road 30 (*gravel*)
- Turn left onto Concession Road 6 North (*gravel*)
- Turn right on Side Road 23 (*some gravel*)
- Turn left on Bayshore Road
- Stay on Bayshore Road for 4.5km
- At T-Junction (Leith), riders can take short optional ride to Historic Leith Church and grave of Tom Thompson.
    - Turn left at Hwy 15 and a quick right onto Tom Thomson Lane.

Day 2 – Owen Sound Shuttle Pick Up Location

PICK UP LOCATION: Metro Parking Lot
ADDRESS: 1070 Second Ave. East, Owen Sound Plaza, Owen Sound
PICK UP TIME: 3:00pm-3:30pm, bikes will be loaded on to support van and guests boarding on bus. Departing at 3:30pm.

Travelling to Owen Sound and Shuttle Pick Up Turn By Turn:

- Riding South on East Bayshore Road, veer right onto trail before 3rd Avenue
- Stay on trail for nearly 3 km, before merging onto gravel road that turns into 17th Street East.
- 17th Street East merges into 1st Avenue
- Continue on 1st Avenue until Metro Grocery Store Parking lot
- Metro is on your left.