



# ONTARIO BY BIKE RIDE OXFORD RURAL ROAD RIDE



## SELF-GUIDED RIDE ITINERARY

**Total Ride Distance:** 173km

**Suggested Ride Time:** 2 days, 1 night

**Experience Level:** Moderate

**Route Surfaces:** This route is almost entirely on paved roads. Roads selected are designated bike routes, primarily on quiet rural roadways with limited paved shoulders

### **Suggested Ride Start & Finish Location & Parking:**

This is a looped ride route. Suggested start location is the [Quality Hotel & Suites](#), 580 Bruin Blvd, Woodstock, ON N4V 1E5, Phone (519) 537-5586.

Call upon arrival to ask for parking permission.

**Your Bike:** Ensure you arrive to start with a bicycle in good working order, appropriate outer-wear for conditions, and refreshments should you need them. Helmets are strongly recommended. Limited number of bike stores in the area. See visitor sheet below for more information.

**Suggested overnight Accommodations:** Find a variety of Ontario By Bike certified bicycle friendly accommodations in Oxford County at [HERE](#).

### **Digital Route Map:**

- Full Route: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/29152149>
- Day 2: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/31140569>

### **Print Route Map:**

<http://www.rideoxford.ca/Portals/RideOxford/Documents/CyclingRoutes.pdf>

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: Woodstock to Ingersoll - 86km

**Ride Start Location Ride Start Location:** Quality Hotel and Suites, 580 Bruin Blvd, Woodstock.

### **Saturday Ride Recommendation:**

- If you ride on a Saturday you may want to visit the Woodstock Farmers Market open 7am to 12pm. Located at the Woodstock Fairgrounds, 875 Nellis St.
- Washroom facilities at near parking lot in the hotel or at Tim Hortons around the corner.

### **38km – Lunch Break – Queen's Park, Tavistock**

- Located next to Tavistock & District Recreation Centre (1 Adam Street, Tavistock)
- There is a covered pavilion and washrooms on site

### **60km – Happy Hills Campground, Road 92 #923590, Embro**

- Large [Campground](#) with variety of facilities such as a little convenient store, washrooms and a swimming pool. Check with owners what facilities are available upon arrival if you would like to use any of them.

### **83km – Ingersoll Cheese and Agricultural Museum,**

- Stop by this fantastic little museum to learn more about the history of cheese making in Ontario.
- Museum closes on weekends after the end of the holiday season, check [HERE](#) for hours and admission.

### **86km – Ride Finish Location – Ingersoll**

- Be sure to take the time to visit some of the interesting and unique attractions in Ingersoll. Check the visitor information sheet, attached to this document.

### **Overnight Accommodations:**

Suggested overnight accommodation; Comfort Inn, 20 Samnah Crescent, Ingersoll. For other options check the OBB certified bicycle friendly accommodations in Oxford County [HERE](#).

**Bike storage:** If using an Ontario By Bike certified bicycle friendly hotel be sure to ask about secure bike parking overnight inside the hotel, either a bike storage room or in your hotel room.

### **Post Ride & Evening**

- Explore Ingersoll. See visitor information sheet provided below for more restaurant, attractions and activity suggestions.

## Day 2: Ingersoll to Woodstock – 73km

**Suggested Ride Start Location:** Hotel of choice.

### **21km – Skyway Café Tillsonburg / Regional Airport, 244411 Airport Rd, Tillsonburg**

- Have a coffee break at the airport café and check out the WW2 planes that can be seen at the airport during the summer months.
- The [airport](#) is home to and well known for its collection of Harvard Aircraft. If lucky you may see a landing or take-off or have the opportunity to visit the hanger.
- [Skyway café](#) located at the airport serving hot beverages and breakfast seven days a week all day long.

### **28km – Makkink's Flower Farm, 164604 Kellett Rd RR3, Tillsonburg**

- Take a break and enjoy this pretty [flower farm](#)

### **39.9km – Lunch Stop – Otterville Park and Pavillion, 2 North Street E, Otterville**

- Cross the little pedestrian bridge at the end of William Street to get to this scenic park.
- Washrooms available at the park

### **53km –Ducky Dennis Park, 625 Main St S, Burgessville**

- Washrooms available at the park.

### **73km – End of Ride – Return to Hotel/Parking, Woodstock**

- Return to start and parked car.
- We hope you have enjoyed the Ontario By Bike Oxford Rural Road Ride.

## Visitor Information - Woodstock

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This looped trip through Oxford County will start and end in Woodstock. As the biggest city in the county, it offers a variety of restaurants, cafes, and parks to explore. Furthermore the town features a variety of year round attractions and some beautiful old European inspired architecture.

For additional information in the area visit:

- Oxford County – [rideoxford.ca](http://rideoxford.ca)
- Tavistock – [tourismoxford/tavistock](http://tourismoxford/tavistock)
- Ingersoll – [ingersoll.ca](http://ingersoll.ca)
- Tillsonburg – [discovertillsonburg.ca](http://discovertillsonburg.ca)
- Woodstock – [tourismoxford.ca/woodstock](http://tourismoxford.ca/woodstock)

For additional cycling info and certified bicycle friendly businesses visit [ontariobybike.ca/oxford](http://ontariobybike.ca/oxford)

### **WHAT TO DO:**

**Woodstock Farmers Market** – If you arrive early on Saturday make sure you check out this traditional farmers market that has been around Woodstock for more than 160 years. It is open every Saturday, featuring local products such as maple syrup, honey, bakeries, butchers, dairy and cheese.

**Location:** 875 Nellis St., Woodstock

**Roth Park** - Roth Park is on the south side of Pittcock Lake. There are picnic facilities and is home to the Woodstock Rotary Dragon Boat. The perfect location to enjoy some sunshine and end this weekend of cycling.

**Location:** Huron St North, 680 Highland Dr, Woodstock,

**Downtown Woodstock** – Is well known for still having a large number of old original administration buildings, which feature some very interesting architecture. Before or after the ride, take the opportunity and discover some of these buildings such as City Hall, the Court House, or the Fire Hall by bike or by foot

**Location:** Multiple locations downtown check the [Heritage Walking Tour Map](#)

### **WHERE TO EAT (Woodstock):**

**A few recommendations for a small snack, meal, or refreshment after finishing our ride in Woodstock can be found here.**

#### **Fritzie's East End**

Popular place to treat your cravings for a juicy burger or delicious hot dog. Fritzie's is well-known for its large portions and has been around Woodstock for many decades.

**Location:** 881 Dundas St, Woodstock,

**Telephone:** (519) 537-7177

### Sixthirtynine

This family owned restaurant offers some of the best haute cuisine menus in the area. Local and fresh ingredients are turned into delicious and beautiful compositions by head chef, Eric Boyar.

**Location:** 639 Peel St, Woodstock

**Telephone:** (519) 536-9602

### Bartley's Dairy Bar

Frozen Yoghurt and soft ice creations are served at this location. The perfect place if you are looking for a sweet snack after a long day of cycling.

**Location:** 853 Dundas St, Woodstock

**Telephone:** (519) 539-7761

## **BIKE SHOP (Woodstock):**

### Pedal Power Bicycles

**Location:** 590 Dundas st, Woodstock

**Telephone:** (519) 539 3681

### Woodstock Bikeworks

**Location:** 95 Beale Street, Woodstock

**Telephone:** (519) 532 2517

## Visitor Information - Ingersoll

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The small town of Ingersoll is located at the Thames River in the heartland of southwestern Ontario. The town offers its visitors a rich history, as well as lots of leisure and recreational activities to enjoy. One of the highlights is the cultural heritage in cheese making which can be explored through the Cheese and Agriculture Museum.

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### **WHAT TO DO:**

**Downtown Ingersoll** – Explore & tour the many diverse specialty shops downtown on Thames St.

**Ingersoll Cheese and Agricultural Museum** – The Ingersoll Cheese & Agricultural Museum was first opened on August 27, 1977, consisting of a re-creation of a 19th century cheese factory. While the building is a replica, the contents are all from working factories. With over 20,000 artifacts, this museum is a great place to learn more about the rich history of cheese making in the area and try some freshly made cheese.

**Location:** 290 Harris St, Ingersoll, ON

**Thomas Ingersoll Scenic Trails** – This trail extends from the Cheese Museum on Plank Line to the Gazebo in downtown Ingersoll. Trail users will go through Centennial Park, walk by the Creative Arts Centre and Victoria Park Community Centre

[Trail Map](#)

**Leaping Deer Adventure Farm** – Spend some time in the late afternoon at Leaping Deer Adventure Farm and Market. Lots of family activities, farm fresh food and a large corn field maze can be explored.

**Location:** 544212 Clarke Rd

**Telephone:** (519) 485-4795

### **WHERE TO EAT (Ingersoll):**

#### **Mango Salad**

Authentic small Thai cuisine with vegetarian, vegan, and gluten free options on the menu. Conveniently located in Ingersoll's downtown area.

**Location:** 95 Thames Street South, Ingersoll

**Telephone:** (519) 425 1188

### Louie's Pizza

Louie's Pizza in Ingersoll is well-known for its large Panzerottis and tasty Pizzas and a popular go to for all those who are craving high quality Italian food.

**Location:** 440 Bell St, Ingersoll

**Telephone:** (519) 485 0075

### Joker's Crown

Traditional pub food and a laid back atmosphere are the trademarks of the Joker's crown. Large selection of tap beers are available at this place as well.

**Location:** 129 Thames St S, Ingersoll

**Telephone:** (613) 345 4341

### Sushi Eleven

Traditional Japanese Sushi place with lots of fresh rolls and a variety of other Japanese specialities.

**Location:** 144 Thames St S, Ingersoll

**Telephone:** (519) 485 0111

### Elm Hurst Inn Restaurant

High quality local menus with fresh ingredients Inspired by the seasons are served at the Elm Hurst. Beautiful Victorian inspired building with large patio. Reservations are highly recommended at this place since it is very popular.

**Location:** 415 Harris Street, Ingersoll

**Telephone:** (519) 485 5321



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