

Terms and Conditions

Ontario By Bike Rides 2019

Basic Rider Information

- All event participants are responsible for getting to start location and being fully ready at appointed start times.
- It is recommended that event participants carry a personal cell phone should contact with event organizer and support be required.
- Event participants must arrive with bicycles in good working order.
- It is recommended that all participants ride with helmet, appropriate footwear and clothing for safety reasons.
- All event participants will be required to complete and sign a waiver and photo release form.
- All cyclists are expected to follow the [Ontario Highway Traffic Act](#). Bicycles are considered a vehicle as part of the Act.

Transportation

- August (Ottawa) and September (Oxford) Rides are all looped routes. Participants will return to start by bicycle.
- June (Trent Severn) and August (1000 Islands) are not looped routes and participants will be responsible for being at pick up locations in either Fenelon Falls or Lindsay (Trent Severn), or in Cornwall (1000 Islands) at designated times. Return to start location from end point is included. Participants will be provided transportation on board a chartered school bus. Bikes will be transported back to start in support van.
- Luggage transfer will be provided daily by van transportation. Participants are requested to arrive with a reasonable and not excessive amount of luggage.
- Event coordinators are not responsible for any damages whilst transporting luggage or bikes.
- Event coordinators are not responsible for any mechanical and bike repairs. Any rider requiring bike assistance beyond basic maintenance will be assisted with transportation provided by support vehicle to nearest bike store. Event participant will be responsible for transportation expense back to group or return to start. Should bike be deemed unfit to ride, no event refund will be provided.
- All participants will be provided with clear instructions and location information for all start and end stops as well as snack and lunch stops. Event coordinators are not responsible for participants missing times, although an effort to assist will be provided where possible. If return transportation departure times are missed, participant is responsible for coordinating their own transportation back to the start and all occurring expenses.

Ride Conditions and Experience

- In 2019, the terrain selected on the Ontario By Bike Rides varies. It is expected that Event participants review the stated '*Experience Level and Ride Guide*' of each tour to ensure they have the experience, capability, comfort level and an

overall understanding of the ride conditions. There are sections of selected routing that will require on road riding, in traffic, and without cycling infrastructure.

- Event participants must have sufficient experience riding a bicycle and able to complete a daily distance from 40km (Ottawa) and up to 84km (for Oxford Rural Road Ride specifically).
- Average trail speed approximately 15km / hour.
- Group start and ride option will be available daily. Participants may also enjoy riding in smaller groups or solo.
- Children are permitted to join an Ontario By Bike Ride, but it is the responsibility of parents / care givers to ensure that they have the necessary experience and equipment to complete the ride.
- For the June Ride (Trent Severn), hybrid, cross or mountain bikes are recommended. Surface varies and is primarily hard packed limestone screening, suitable for riding. Some areas have limited paved trail sections. Road bikes can also be ridden if a sturdier, wider tire sizes are used.
- For the August & September Rides (1000 Island & Ottawa), the majority of surfaces are paved, it is recommended that road, hybrid or cross bikes are used. Mountain bikes can also be used.
- Participants are expected to abide by all rules of the road and trail etiquette.
- The trails selected on these tours are well marked. Maps and/or clear directions will be provided for short road trail connections. It is each participants' responsibility to stay on trail, follow directions and not get lost.

Food and Accommodations

- It is event participants' responsibility to inform event coordinators of any dietary restrictions at time of booking.
- It is expected that all event participants carry water and food energy, enough for refreshment between meal stops in case rest stop and/or store is missed.
- Accommodations will be provided at stated location while still available. Event coordinators will provide alternate accommodations of similar standard and same pricing should they be required.
- All pricing is based on double occupancy. Discounted rate for triple or quad occupancy is available upon request.

Cancellation Policy

- To secure reservation and booking, payment must be made in full. Full refunds are available up to 2 weeks in advance. 50% refund available 14 to 5 days before event. No refund available beyond 5 days in advance of event start time.
- Event will take place rain or shine. No weather cancellations allowed.

Note: These terms and conditions may change as required for clarity, at the event coordinators' discretion, and will be update accordingly. All participants will be sent a copy to review prior to tour start day.