ONTARIO BY BIKE RIDE
SIMCOE COUNTY LOOP TRAIL

SELF-GUIDED RIDE ITINERARY

Total Ride Distance: 159km
Suggested Ride Time: 2 Days / 1 Night
Experience Level: Moderate
Route Surface: Off-road trail system with a mix of crushed stone dust, gravel and paved surfaces, plus level road crossings.
Suggested Ride Start Location & Parking:

- This is a looped route. Start from any location you choose along loop.
- This ride itinerary uses the start location: Residence & Conference Centre / Georgian College, 101 Georgian Drive, Barrie.
- For overnight parking permission, contact and request permission from the Residence & Conference Centre by calling in advance 705-722-5190

Your Bike: Combined with limited elevation changes, the relatively flat terrain makes this ride suitable for hybrid, gravel, mountain or older road bikes. Ensure you arrive to start with a bicycle in good working order, appropriate outerwear and refreshments. Helmets are strongly recommended.

Suggested overnight Accommodations: Find a variety of Ontario By Bike certified bicycle friendly accommodations in Simcoe County HERE or visit Experience Simcoe County to find out more.

Digital Route Map:
It is highly recommended that self- guided riders make use of a navigational device on this route.

- **Full Route:** www.ridewithgps.com/routes/34524280

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: Barrie to Midland - 69km

Ride Start Location: Residence & Conference Centre / Georgian College, 101 Georgian Drive, Barrie

Saturday Ride Recommendation:

- If you need to use public washrooms before start check fast food locations within 1km from Georgian College (Tim Hortons at 2 Quarry Ridge Rd or on Cundles Rd E; or McDonalds at 637 Cundles Rd E; or multiple locations on Bayfield Rd).

32km-36km – Trail Detour - Road Riding Required

- Turn left off North Simcoe Rail Trail and onto Flos Road 7 West for 1km
- Turn right onto Ushers Road for just over 1km
- Turn right onto Flos Road 6 W for 2km
- Trail head on left side of road

37.5km – Elmvale Heritage Park – Lunch Stop Suggestion

- Turn right of trail and onto Queen Street West / County Rd 92 for 300m, park and trail entrance on your left
- Enjoy a stop in at the town of Elmvale, a great option to stretch your legs, grab a coffee and browse the local shops

Caution – 39km – 1km long Trail Detour

- Turn right off trail onto Flos Road 10 East until Hwy 27.
- Use caution, may be traffic – Turn left onto Hwy 27 and ride single file.
- Use caution – Turn left onto County Road 6
- Trail head on your right, after bend in road.

47km – Wyevale & Wyevale Park – 10 Concession Road 5 East

- Turn right off trail and on to Concession Road 5 East, park entrance is on your left.
- Washroom facilities are expected to be open.

Off-route - 54km – Balm Beach – Optional Trail Detour

- Turn left off trail and onto Balm Beach Rd / County Road 25 and paved shoulders for 3.5km (one-way downhill) to the sandy shores of Georgian Bay and Balm Beach.

62km – Town of Penetanguishene

- Enjoy a relaxing break in the town of Penetanguishene to visit shops, restaurants or a stroll along the beach and harbour side.

69km – Downtown Midland – Ride Finish Day 1

- Enjoy the end of your first ride day in Midland and stay at your preferred overnight accommodation. Find bicycle friendly accommodations HERE or check out Experience Simcoe County for more options.

Day 2 Midland to Barrie (90km)

Midland Rotary Waterfront Trail Entrance
- Head east on Yonge Street for 1.5km to Aberdeen Blvd.
- The trailhead is across the road and directly ahead.

5km – Saint-Marie among the Hurons – Optional Stop
- Located just off trail, view fence and interpretive panels from outside.
- Pubic washrooms located onsite, when open.

Off Route (8km) – SS Keewatin – Optional Trail Detour
- Located 2.5km off tour route, the S.S. Keewatin is the last Edwardian-built passenger liner steamship in the world and a wonderful "historical destination" and great photo opportunity.
- Convenience store located in Port McNicoll.

20km – Waubaushene Dock & Beach
- Public park, dock and water access, located just off the trail. Port-O-Potty located onsite.
- Support van will be available in parking lot with water and drinks.

30km – Em's Cafe, 16 Coldwater Rd, Coldwater – Lunch Stop Suggestion
- Enjoy eating in café or on patio, greenspace behind café, or at nearby park.
- Explore the quaint village of Coldwater with antique shops and other stores about town.

55km – Orillia – Couchiching Beach Park
- Enjoy Couchiching Beach Park and the waterfront setting on the shores of Lake Couchiching.
- A short 1km ride or walk into downtown Orillia. (See additional information sheet for suggestions).

Leaving Couchiching Beach Park and re-connecting to trail
- The last 37km to Barrie, continue on Orillia MIllenium Trail south out of Couchiching Beach Park and turn left at Mississuaga Road East. Ride through downtown Orillia for less than 1km.
- Turn left on West Street South and continue for less than 1 km.
- Trail head located on right.

59km - Lake Country Oro-Medonte Rail Trail
- Continue riding along Lake Country Oro-Medonte Rail Trail
- Public washrooms located at Line 15 South (64km)
- Swimming access located at Carthew Bay on Line 14 South (66km)
- Public washrooms and swimming located at Brayden's Bay on 8 Line South (75 km)

85km – Barrie Parking – Exit Trail
- Just after Shanty Bay 2km, turn right off trail Sideroad 5&6, follow for 5km and as it curves around onto Georgian Drive, and return to Residence & Conference Centre/Georgian College parking lot, to end ride.

Visitor Information – Midland

Our self-guided itinerary suggests an overnight stop in Midland. This quaint community perched on the shores of Georgian Bay was founded in 1871, as a hub for the Midland Railway Company of Canada. The town thrived on the trade throughout Great Lakes and Georgian Bay. Take in the many public murals most of which were painted by artist Fred Lenz. The Midland Rotary Waterfront Trail follows the shoreline offering many perfect places to enjoy a sunset.

For visitor information for Midland and area, visit www.gbay.ca and www.experience.simcoe.ca

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

WHAT TO DO:

Midland Rotary Waterfront Trail– 8 km in length and located along Midland's waterfront, the trail features seven public parks with lookouts, resting areas and flower gardens. Restaurants nearby.

Saint-Marie Among the Hurons – www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca
Ontario's first European Community. The headquarters for a French Jesuit Mission is now the location of a renowned historical attraction and museum that is well worth the visit, right of bike trail.
Location: 16164, Highway 12 East, Midland **Telephone:** (705) 526-7838

Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre - www.wyemarsh.com
Located on 3,000 acres of wetlands, fen and forest, the Centre includes display hall, hiking, and biking trails, hiking and kayaking tours, an observation tower and boardwalks, gift shop and Naturalists on staff.
Location: 16160 Highway 12 East, Midland **Telephone:** (705) 526-7809

Huronia Museum – huroniamuseum.com
The location features a replica Huron/Ouendat village, including a lookout tower, wigwam and a full-size longhouse.
Location: 549 Little Lake Park, Midland **Telephone:** (705) 526-2844

WHERE TO EAT (Midland):

The Boathouse Eatery - www.boathouseeatery.com
The Boathouse Eatery is located at the town Docks overlooking beautiful Georgian Bay. With numerous areas to sit from inside dining and outdoor patio. Conveniently located to stop for refreshments before heading hotel or return later for dinner.
Location: 177 King Street. Midland **Telephone:** (705) 527-7480

Kelsey's - www.kelseys.ca
Located across the street from the Comfort Inn Midland. Local franchise restaurant for social dining and bar experiences. A variety of appetizers, burgers, sandwiches, pastas and beverages are served.
Location: 917 King Street, Midland **Telephone:** (705) 526-2784

Maple Canadian Pub - www.maplecanadianpub.ca
Upscale pub food with over 20 different Canadian Micro Breweries on Tap. Patio open with live music on weekends.
Location: 282 King Street, Midland **Telephone:** (705) 526-3000

Lilly's Italian Eatery - www.lillysitalianeats.com
Family-owned restaurant offering an Italian-inspired menu that ranges from rustic comfort food to modern dishes inspired from different parts of the world.
Location: 223 King Street, Midland **Telephone:** (705) 245-0909

Mom's Restaurant - www.momsrestaurantmidland.com
Affordable home-style dinning with variety of entrees and appetizers. Salad bar and selection of desserts.
Location: 200 Pillsbury Drive, Midland **Telephone:** (705) 527-0700

The Arch Steakhouse - www.thearchsteakhouse.ca
A local family steak and seafood restaurant, providing high quality food and service to Georgian Bay locals and tourists for more than 30 years.
Location: 771 Yonge Street, Midland **Telephone:** (705) 526-7313

BIKE SHOP (Midland):

Little Ed's Ski & Bike Shop - www.littleeds.ca
A selection of mountain, road, and hybrid bicycles. Full service bike repairs and able to meet your cycling needs.
Location: 543 Bay Street, Midland **Telephone: (**705) 526-0202

Total Sports The Bike Shop - www.totalsportsmidland.com
A family run business, each member of the family has cycling expertise, from recreational cycling to international racing.
Location: 9170 County Road 93, Midland **Telephone:** (705) 528-0957

Visitor Information – Orillia

Bordering Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching on the spectacular Trent-Severn Waterway, Orillia is a vibrant city. Enjoy a beautiful waterfront, an array of attractions, eateries and trendy shops.

For visitor information for Orillia, visit www.ontarioslakecountry.com

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

WHAT TO DO:

Couchiching Beach Park – www.orillia.ca/en/livinginorillia/communityparks.asp
Located on the shores of Lake Couchiching, park includes town dock, sandy beach areas and hosts many special events throughout the year. The 14.5-acre park also features the historic Champlain Monument.
Location: 140 Canice Street, Orillia

Downtown Orillia – Steps from waterfront and Port of Orillia, downtown Orillia offers great shopping, dining, art galleries, as well as road shows at historic Opera House, and cultural exhibits at the Museum of Art and History.

Stephen Leacock Museum - www.leacockmuseum.com/museum
One of Canada's premier National Historic Sites, the summer home of famed Canadian humourist Stephen Leacock sits on 9.5 acres of Lake Couchiching shoreline.
Location: 50 Museum Drive, Orillia **Telephone: (**705) 326-5578

Orillia Museum of Art and History - www.orilliamuseum.org
The Museum features outstanding local and national art exhibitions, including works by the "Group of Seven", and historic artifacts from Orillia's past
Location: 30 Peter Street South, Orillia **Telephone**: (705) 326-2159

WHERE TO EAT (Orillia):

Mariposa Market Store - www.mariposamarket.ca
5 historic shops including Orillia's celebrated bakeshop, café, fudge & candy shop, home decorating store, and handmade soaps & candles.
Location: 109 Mississaga Street East, Orillia **Telephone:** (705) 325-8885

Studabakers - www.studabakersbeachside.com
Spacious waterfront patio offering an extensive menu of pub fare in an easygoing setting.
Location: 211 Mississaga St E, Orillia **Telephone:** (705) 259-4646

Apple Annie's Café - www.appleannies.ca
Pastries, grilled and cold sandwiches, salads, soups & stews, quiche.
Location: 101 Mississaga Street East, Orillia **Telephone:** (705) 326-7778

Fionn MacCool's - www.fionnmaccools.com
Traditional pub food and beers served at this casual pub. Dine-in and large patio available.
Location: 2 Front St N, Orillia **Telephone:** (705)-418 1057

Shine Juice Bar & Café - www.shinejuicebar.ca
Uses locally grown and organic products. Gluten free/vegan.
Location: 11 Peter Street South, Orillia **Telephone:** (705) 327-7227

Brewery Bayfood Co - www.brewerybay.ca
Chill hangout with exposed-brick walls & lots of TVs offering burgers, poutine, pizza & bar fare.
Location: 117 Mississaga St E, Orillia **Telephone:** (705) 329 0943

Kenzington Burger Bar - www.kenzington.ca
Great selection of burgers, salads and selection of beverages.
Location: 85 Mississaga Street East, Orillia **Telephone:** (705) 558-2262

BIKE SHOP (Orillia):

Velocity Cycle and Ski - www.velocitybicycle.com
Local hub for cycling and full service bike shop.
Location: 161 Mississauga Street East, Orillia **Telephone:** (705) 329-0367

WHERE TO EAT (Barrie):

Businesses on Dunlop Street East
Located close to Heritage Park (shuttle pick up location), this strip features many restaurants, cafes and different styles of eateries. Also has shopping options.

Flying Monkey Brewery Tap Room and Tours - www.flyingmonkeys.ca
Local craft brewery with Sunday Tours 1pm-4pm. Tap Room from 11am-10pm
Location: 107 Dunlop Street East, Barrie **Telephone:** (705) 721-8989

BIKE SHOPS (Barrie):

Trek Bicycle Store - www.trekaurora.ca
Full service bike shop located close to the Heritage Park
Location: 88 Dunlop Street East, Barrie **Telephone:** (705) 733-0027