



# ONTARIO BY BIKE RIDE SARNIA LAMBTON LOOP



## SELF GUIDED RIDE ITINERARY

**Total Ride Distance:** 161km

**Suggested Ride Time:** 2 Days/1 Night

**Experience Level:** Moderate to Experienced

**Route Surface:** The route includes segments of paved roads, gravel roads and an unpaved trail segment of 7.5km (can be bypassed).

**Suggested Ride Start Location:**

- This is a looped route. Start from any location you choose along the loop.
- This ride itinerary uses start location: Lambton Kent Composite School - 231 St George St N, Dresden.
- For overnight parking permission contact and request permission from the Dresden BIA by calling in advance 519-360-1998 or 311 or email [CK311@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:CK311@chatham-kent.ca).
- For alternative starting locations in Sarnia, contact Tourism Sarnia Lambton, Phone: 1-800-265-0316 or email: [info@tourismsarnialambton.com](mailto:info@tourismsarnialambton.com)

**Your Bike:** This ride is suitable for all types of bikes but is best suited for a hybrid or gravel bike. There are some sections with gravel and stone dust that can be bypassed using paved roads with more traffic, if using a road bike.

**Suggested overnight Accommodations:** Find a variety of Ontario By Bike certified bicycle friendly accommodations in [Sarnia Lambton](#) and [Chatham Kent](#) or visit [Ontario's Blue Coast](#) to find out more.

**Digital Route Map:**

- Day 1 - [www.ridewithgps.com/routes/36339441](http://www.ridewithgps.com/routes/36339441)
- Full Route: [www.ridewithgps.com/routes/34877579](http://www.ridewithgps.com/routes/34877579)

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. The route should be evaluated by each individual cyclist based on their level of experience, comfort level in cycling on trails & 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: DRESDEN TO SARNIA - 78KM

**Suggested Ride Start Location:** Downtown Dresden or see above

**Day 1 Ride Recommendation:**

- If you need to use public washrooms before heading out, visit Tim Horton's in Dresden
- Starting in Dresden, make sure to stop at historic Uncle Tom's Cabin before connecting onto Base Line Road to learn about the history of slavery, and the Underground Railroad.

**34km – Brander Park – Picnic Stop Recommendation**

- Enjoy a break at the riverside with views over the St. Clair River. Public washrooms on site.
- Picnic supplies are readily available near by at Shaykin Bait Variety, 4358 St Clair Pkwy

**58km – Mooretown Centennial Park & Moore Museum**

- Public washrooms are available at the park.
- The nearby Mooretown Museum features 12 historic and exhibit buildings showcasing the life and work of the past in this heritage village.

**75km – Connecting onto Bluewater Bike Path**

- Turn left onto Lochiel Street connecting with the Bluewater Bike Path.
- Follow the trail along the water for 3km to the harbour, where you will find restaurants and hotels.

**78km – Sarnia Harbour Front - Day 1 Ride Finish Location**

- Enjoy the end of your first ride day at the harbourfront in Sarnia or downtown and stay at one of the many hotels the city has to offer. Find bicycle friendly accommodations [here](#), or check out [Ontario's Blue Coast](#) for more options.

## DAY 2 - SARNIA TO DRESDEN - 83KM

### **5km – Bluewater Bike Path to Howard Watson Trail - Road Connector**

- At the end of the Bluewater Bike Path connect onto Cathcart Blvd then turn left onto Christina St N / Lakeshore Rd. Follow Lakeshore Rd for 6.6km then turn right onto Blackwell Side Rd.
- After 100m the trail entrance is on the left. Follow the trail for 5.5km then turn left onto Waterworks Rd.

### **Alternative on-road route:**

- The Howard Watson Trail is a hard packed stone dust gravel trail. If you prefer to stick to paved roads, instead of turning left onto the trail, keep going straight on Blackwell Side Rd to the next intersection at Blackwell Rd then turn left. Follow Blackwell Rd. for approx. 1.9km then turn left on Telfer Rd. Follow for 400m then turn right onto Lakeshore Rd and follow for approx. 3.6km to Waterworks Rd. Turn right to get back onto the official route.

### **18km – Brights Grove Beach**

- Take a refreshment break at Brights Grove Beach and enjoy some beautiful vistas over Lake Huron before continuing the journey towards Petrolia.
- Public washrooms available on the south side of the road at Kenwick on the Lake Park.

### **45km – Petrolia Downtown and Bridgeview Park**

- Riding into Petrolia, you will pass by some historic oilrigs that are still pumping. Slow down and take some pictures.
- Heading downtown, Petrolia features a variety of eateries and cafes that provide a welcoming opportunity for a lunch break. If you want to pick something up or have a picnic outdoors, enjoy a break at Bridgeview Park, where public washrooms and a chips truck can be found (seasonal).

### **59km – Oil Museum of Canada – Oil Springs**

- This petroleum heritage museum in Oil Springs is located on the site where James Miller Williams dug the first commercial oil well on the continent in 1858. Take a break and learn more about this fascinating historic place.

### **84km – End of Ride – Dresden**

- Return to start and parked car.
- We hope you have enjoyed the Ontario By Bike Sarnia Lambton Loop.

## Visitor Information – Sarnia Lambton

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The city of Sarnia located on the shores of Lake Huron and the St. Clair River, bordering the United States, is a cultural and economic hub of Southern Ontario. With over 100 parks, numerous trails and sandy beaches, the city is well renowned among outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy the deep blue waters of the St. Clair River and views over the Blue Water Bridge connecting the city with the United States.



For additional visitor information about the area, visit:

- Ontario's Blue Coast – Sarnia Lambton [www.ontbluecoast.com](http://www.ontbluecoast.com)

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

### **WHAT TO DO:**

**Please note:** Visit location websites to get information on opening hours and days of operation.

**Waterfront Park** - [www.villageofpointedward.com/parks](http://www.villageofpointedward.com/parks)

This scenic waterfront park offers views over the St. Clair River and Blue Water Bridge crossing into the US. There are plenty of benches to relax and a chips truck to savour some delicious freshly made fries.

**Location:** Point Edward, ON N7V 1C3

**Canatara Beach & Park** – [www.ontbluecoast.com/listing/canatara-park](http://www.ontbluecoast.com/listing/canatara-park)

This large park is a popular outdoor space in Sarnia that offers plenty to enjoy. You will find a sandy beach perfect to go for a swim in Lake Huron or for sunbathing, as well as a petting zoo and even a mini train ride through the lush green park.

**Location:** King George Blvd, Sarnia

**Point Lands, Lambton College Legacy Project**

Take a ride around the Great Lakes. Full disclosure, it will be shorter than you think. This little park features a miniature pool in the shape of all the Great Lakes that can be circumnavigated and enjoyed with some views over the St. Clair River.

**Location:** 99 Seaway Rd, Sarnia

**Stones 'N Bones Museum**– [www.stonesnbones.ca](http://www.stonesnbones.ca)

This local museum houses over 6,000 artefacts including dinosaurs, fossils, minerals, mounted wildlife & more.

**Location:** 223 Christina St N, Sarnia

**Telephone:** 519-336-2100

**Judith and Norman ALIX Art Gallery - [www.jnaag.ca](http://www.jnaag.ca)**

This place offers an eclectic range of exhibitions, tours, lectures and programs. Housed in the architecturally significant Thom building. The gallery's permanent collection comprises some 1,200 Canadian historical and contemporary works.

**Location:** 147 Lochiel St, Sarnia

**Telephone:** 519-336-8127

**The Lawrence House Centre for the Arts - [www.lawrencehouse.ca](http://www.lawrencehouse.ca)**

The best local gift shop in Sarnia, featuring locally made art, craft, and authors. The Lawrence House also holds monthly art exhibitions, with frequent concerts and workshops.

**Location:** 127 Christina St S, Sarnia

**Telephone:** 519-337-0507

**Refined Fool Brewing Co. - [www.refinedfool.com](http://www.refinedfool.com)**

Part cozy bar, part open-concept production facility; they serve small-batch craft beer ranging from IPA to milk stouts to Belgian strong ale on an outdoor patio

**Location:** 137 Davis St, Sarnia

**Telephone:** 519-704-1335

**Oil Museum of Canada - [www.lambtonmuseums.ca/en/oil-museum-of-canada](http://www.lambtonmuseums.ca/en/oil-museum-of-canada)**

This petroleum heritage museum in Oil Springs, Ontario, Canada is located on the site where James Miller Williams dug the first commercial oil well on the continent in 1858. Take a break and learn more about this fascinating historic place.

**Location:** 2423 Kelly Rd, Oil Springs

**Telephone:** 519-834-2840

## **WHERE TO EAT:**

**March Hare / Refined Fool Brewing – [www.marchharesnackbar.com](http://www.marchharesnackbar.com)**

Local upscale pub eatery with a variety of items served being perfectly paired with the craft beers from the Refined Fool Brewing Co in the same location.

**Location:** 137 Davis St, Sarnia

**Telephone:** 519-704-1220

**Paddy Flaherty's Irish Pub - [www.paddyflahertys.com](http://www.paddyflahertys.com)**

Paddy Flaherty's, located on Sarnia's beautiful waterfront, offers diners both traditional Irish fare with time-honoured favourites.

**Location:** 130 Seaway Road, Sarnia

**Telephone:** 519-336-1999

**Sideways Classic Grill - [www.sidewaysclassicgrill.ca](http://www.sidewaysclassicgrill.ca)**

This cozy, brick-walled space features a grill kitchen for reworking of American classics as well as a full bar.

**Location:** 154 Front St N, Sarnia

**Telephone:** 519-491-0157

**Alternate Grounds Dockside - [www.agdockside.com](http://www.agdockside.com)**

Upscale bistro with unique menu items that were inspired by the owners' travels, particularly to Mexico and the Southern states.

**Location:** 97 Seaway Rd, Sarnia

**Telephone:** 519-332-3081

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**Under Wraps Cafe** - [www.underwrapscafe.ca](http://www.underwrapscafe.ca)

Locally owned Mexican cuisine with freshly brewed coffee. Under Wraps is Sarnia's first burrito joint with awesome coffee.

**Location:** 108 Christina St., Sarnia

**Telephone:** 519-479-0667

**Bike Shops:**

**The Bicycle Shop** – Open until 2:00pm on Saturday

**Location:** 406 Front St N, Sarnia

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

**Telephone:** 519-344-0515

**Blackwell Cycle** – Open until 5:30pm on Saturday

**Location:** 1801 Blackwell Rd, Sarnia

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

**Telephone:** 519-491-1777

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