



ESSEX WINDSOR LOOP ONTARIO BY BIKE

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What You Need to Know THE ESSENTIALS

Total Distance: 186km

Suggested Ride Time: 3 days, 2 nights

Experience Level: Moderate

Route Surfaces: Paved and unpaved multi-use trails, road sections that require caution, with no paved shoulders or cycling facilities.

Ride Start Location & Parking: This is a looped ride route. Suggested start location in the community of Comber. If in a group and parking overnight ensure you receive parking permission or permit. For our group ride we parked with permission Comber Community Centre, 6211-6213 McAllaster St, Comber, ON N0P 1J0.

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 before support van catches up. Helmets are recommended. There are several bike shops located in Windsor and area, as well as Leamington.

Digital Route Map:

- Day 1,2 & 3: ridewithgps.com/routes/26749467
- Day 2 Only: ridewithgps.com/routes/28281564
- Day 3 Only: ridewithgps.com/routes/28281781

Suggested Overnight Accommodations:

- **Day 1: Best Western Plus Waterfront** - 277 Riverside Dr W, Windsor | Phone: (519) 973-5555
- **Day 2: Quailty Inn Leamington** - 279 Erie St S, Leamington | Phone: (519) 326-9071
- **Ontario By Bike Certified Bicycle Friendly Businesses in Windsor Essex Pelee Island:** [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.

What You Need to Know

RIDE DETAILS

Day 1: Comber to Windsor - 52km

Digital Route: ridewithgps.com/routes/26749467

Saturday Ride Recommendation:

- Start in Comber
- Please be aware of washroom facilities enroute Day 1. Nearest public washrooms to start are at: Tim Horton's at 7010 Industrial Dr, Comber, ON N0P 1J0 (just south of the 401).
- Next washroom is at approximately 14km at Rochester Place Resort and Parkside Grill.
- Next washroom is at approximately 22km in Belle River.
- Day 1 Lakeview Park & West Beach Marina in Belle River.
- Caution riding along Riverside Drive into Windsor. Road is narrow with no bike lanes or paved shoulders.

14km – Morning Rest Stop – Rochester Place Resort and Parkside Grill

- As a certified bicycle friendly business, this location is available for riders to use washroom facilities, fill up water bottles or purchase food. Located at 981 County Road 2, Belle River.

22km – Lunch Stop – Belle River or Lakeview Park & West Beach Marina

- A variety of eateries are available in Belle River. Eat in or get take-away lunch and head to the waterfront where picnic tables, shaded areas, public washrooms and water fountain are available at marina.

45-52km – Downtown Windsor and Waterfront

- Take time to explore the wonderful waterfront and areas of downtown Windsor as you come west across the edge of the city on Riverside Drive and Roy A. Battagello River Walk Bike Trail.

52km – Suggested overnight accommodation - Best Western Plus Waterfront Hotel

- The hotel is conveniently located opposite Roy A. Battagello River Walk Bike Trail and Detroit River, just west of Dieppe Gardens, 277 Riverside Dr W, Windsor. Hotel is visible from trail. Check-in and luggage from support van will be available from 3pm onwards. Support van on call earlier.

Day 1 Evening Recommendations - Windsor

- See visitor information sheet for more restaurant, attractions and activity suggestions

Day 2: Windsor to Leamington – 72km Total

Ride Start Location: Best Western Plus Waterfront Hotel, grass lot adjacent to hotel

Day 2 Digital Route: ridewithgps.com/routes/28281564

0-21km – Riding out of Windsor into Essex County

- Follow quiet city streets and park trails and paths south to connect to the stunning Herb Grey Parkway bike path.
- Enjoy 8km along the paved path. Follow Trans Canada Trail signage and signage for Howard Avenue connector.
- Cross Howard Avenue (left) into parking lot at first set of traffic lights. Connect to trail that abuts fencing at back of parking lot.
- Follow Trans Canada Trail signage until connecting to the Chrysler Greenway Trail.

30km – Essex County Steam and Gas Engine Museum – Optional Stop

- Located approximately 250m off trail west along 11081 11th Concession, McGregor.
- Public washrooms are available at museum.

42km – Lunch Stop – Harrow

- Consider stopping into the community of Harrow with food services available.
- Optional stop is [Colio Estates Winery, in Harrow](#). The winery has a covered pavilion, tasting room, public washrooms and water fountain. No food served on site.

42km to 52km – Various Optional Stops

- The north shore of Lake Erie in Essex County features a number of wineries within a short distance from the Chrysler Greenway Trail.
- 46km – [Cooper's Hawk Vineyards](#) – Turn right (south) off trail on McCormick Sideroad. Turn left (east) on County Rd 20. Turn right on Iler Rd. Returning, take Iler Rd north to County Rd 20, turn right. Turn left on Arner Townline. 6km trip from/to trail.
- 52km - [Black Bear Farms of Ontario Estate Winery](#) – Turn right (south) off trail and on to McCain Sideroad. Turn right (west) onto County Road 20. 2km return trip from/to trail.

57km – Kingsville – Optional Stop

- Public Washrooms available at [Lakeside Park](#), approximately 1km south of trail.
- Additional washrooms and services available in downtown Kingsville, approximately 1km north of trail. Follow Division Street
- See visitor information sheet for Kingsville restaurants, attractions and activity suggestions

59km – [Pelee Island Winery](#) – Optional Stop

- Bicycle friendly winery, with public washrooms available, located adjacent to trail on east side of Kingsville at 455 Seacliff Drive (County Road 20), Kingsville

73km – [Quality Inn Leamington](#) - Suggested Overnight Accommodation

- The hotel is conveniently and centrally located in Leamington, just over 1km from Lake Erie at 279 Erie St South
- Hotel is a short (1km) ride along quiet streets from the trail.

Day 2 Evening Recommendations – Leamington

- See visitor information sheet for more restaurant, attractions and activity suggestions

Day 3: Leamington to Comber – 60km Total

Ride Start Location: Quality Inn Leamington, parking lot

Day 3 Only Digital Route: ridewithgps.com/routes/28281781

9km – Point Pelee National Park (Front Gate) – Mandatory Stop

- Stop at park front gate to process admission into the park.

9-17km – Point Pelee National Park (Visitor Centre) – Optional Stop

- Enjoy a stunning tree covered road ride into Point Pelee National Park.
- Visit the wonderful visitor centre and learn about local ecosystems and wildlife of the area.
- Public washrooms and water fountain are available at visitor centre.

34km – Lunch Stop – Leamington or Rick Atkin Park

- A variety of eateries are available in Belle River. Eat in or get take-away lunch and head to the waterfront where picnic tables, shaded areas, public washrooms and water fountain are available at marina.
- Enjoy lunch while watching the Pelee Island Ferry arrive and depart from the harbour.

34-60km – Trans Canada Trail

- Ride mix of trail and roads north to connect to the Trans Canada Trail.
- Ride rail trail for just over 18km north, with short on-road connection into Comber
- No services are available between trail head and Comber.

60km – End of Ride

- Return to vehicle and parking lot at your choice of start location in the community of Comber.

Visitor Information – Windsor

Windsor is Ontario's fourth most ethnically diverse in Canada and boasts a thriving food and drink scene as well as offering beautiful views across Detroit River to Detroit. Its main waterfront park stretches about 5 kilometres, from the 1929 Ambassador suspension bridge past the contemporary Windsor Sculpture Park. Also along waterfront are many gardens, sculptures and monuments dedicated to the Canadian armed forces at Dieppe Gardens.



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For visitor information for Windsor and area, visit www.visitwindsorsex.com/
For additional cycling info and certified bicycle friendly businesses visit www.ontariobybike.ca/windsorsexpelee

WHAT TO DO:

In addition to the many attractions and waterfront in downtown Windsor, consider visiting some of the eclectic neighbourhoods that offer plenty to see and places to get a bite to eat or something to drink. Neighbourhoods like Walkerville, Little Italy and Sandwich Town all offer a great experience.

Museum Windsor – Chimczuk Museum

Museum Windsor is a historical site, which displays the city's rich and colourful past. It is located in the historic François Baby House.

Location: 401 Riverside Dr. W

Telephone: (519) 253-1812

Art Gallery of Windsor

The AGW is the largest public art gallery in the Windsor-Detroit corridor and is nationally recognized for its diverse collection and changing exhibition program featuring contemporary and historical art from Canada and around the world.

Location: 401 Riverside Drive W

Telephone: (519) 977-0013

Windsor Sculpture Park

Explore 31 large-scale, internationally recognized works of contemporary sculpture by world-renowned artists in this free outdoor art exhibit. Download the Sculptures & Monuments App and enjoy a self-guided tour.

Location: Windsor Waterfront

Caesars Windsor

Caesars Windsor offers non-stop slot and gaming table action! Try your hand at Blackjack, Roulette, Mini Baccarat, Craps, Caribbean Stud, Let it Ride, Three Card, Four Card and Pai Gow Poker.

Location: 377 Riverside Dr E

Telephone: (800) 991-8888

WHERE TO EAT:

Downtown Windsor

Dozens of popular restaurants and dining options are available throughout downtown Windsor and in adjacent neighbourhoods. Depending on culinary preferences, price and desire to travel from hotel, guests will certainly find lots of options in Windsor.

Visit – www.visitwindsorsex.com/food-drink or www.windsoreats.com

The Bistro At The River

Casual riverside restaurant and patio. A great place to unwind and enjoy the weather. Steps away from hotel and riverfront trail with the impressive Detroit skyline.

Location: 78 Riverside Dr W

Telephone: (519) 971-0100

The Keg Steakhouse + Bar - Windsor Riverside

Steps away from hotel, a popular restaurant for visitors and locals with an impressive wine list.

Location: 683 Ouellette Avenue

Telephone: (519) 254-3377

Terra Cotta Pizzeria.

Traditional gourmet pizzeria with famous wood-burning oven. Try the Napoletana Pizza, Prosciutto e Funghi Pizza, or Calzone Caprino.

Location: 318 Pelissier Street

Telephone: (519) 971-0223

Slightly further from hotel

Carrots N Dates

Specializing in wholesome, gluten free and 100% plant based food made with the freshest and finest ingredients.

Location: 2090 Wyandotte Street East

Telephone: (519) 962-5115

The Twisted Apron

Casual walk-in and sit restaurant and with variety of fantastic burgers and great salads.

Location: 1833 Wyandotte Street East

Telephone: (519) 256-2665

BIKE SHOPS (Windsor):

City Cyclery Inc.

Full service bike shop located closest to suggested hotel.

Location: 400 Erie Street East, Suite 7

Telephone: (226) 674-0648

There are several other bike shop locations in Windsor, located further from suggested hotel. Search in Google – ‘Bike Shops in Windsor’ for various locations

Visitor Information – Kingsville & Leamington

Today's route takes you first through Kingsville, “Canada’s Southernmost Town”, with authentic experiences for foodies and wine lovers alike, alongside unique and eclectic shopping in boutique shops.



The day's final destination is Leamington, an outdoor adventurer's paradise surrounded by Carolinian forests. Enjoy one of Lake Erie's famous sunsets along the sandy beaches of Seacliff Park.

For visitor information for Kingsville and Leamington visit www.visitwindsorsex.com, www.mykingsville.ca and www.onthe42.com. For additional cycling info and certified bicycle friendly businesses visit www.ontariobybike.ca/windsorsexpelee

Kingsville:

While not the final destination for the day, Kingsville has a number of excellent locations to visit and enjoy some of the local food and drink:

[Pelee Island Winery](#)

Bicycle friendly winery, with public washrooms available, located adjacent to trail on east side of Kingsville. Ask about delivering any purchases made to hotel.

Location: 455 Seacliff Drive (County Road 20)

Telephone: (519) 733-6551

[Mettawas Station Mediterranean Restaurant](#)

Located directly on the Chrysler Greenway Trail, this beautifully restored historic train station provides a great atmosphere! Sit on the patio overlooking the trail.

Location: 169 Lansdowne Ave

Telephone: (519) 733-2459

[Dutch Boys Chocolate](#)

Previously known as 'Old Dutch Guys', find unique shaped 3D hand-crafted chocolates, truffles and many more surprises to indulge on before getting back out on the trail.

Location: 2 Main Street W

Telephone: (519) 733-2222

[The Grove Brew House](#)

The Grove Brew House uses only hand-selected ingredients, locally sourced when they can. Stop in and try one of their latest, seasonal “One Hit Wonders”, or one of the limited release, “One & Done” weekly brews.

Location: 12 Main St E

Telephone: (519) 712-8812

Leamington:

WHAT TO DO:

[Leamington Arts Centre](#)

The Leamington Arts Centre is located in the heart of uptown Leamington in one of the town's wonderful heritage buildings. This state-of-the-art facility offers three floors of galleries, including local and Canadian artists.

Location: 72 Talbot Street West

Telephone: (519) 326-2711

Seacliff Park, Rick Atkin Park and Leamington Marina

Leamington has a lovely waterfront with several parks and marina, including Seacliff Park and amphitheatre and Rick Atkin Park. Sit and watch the Pelee Island Ferry come in and out of the harbour and enjoy a sunset over Lake Erie.

'Uptown' Leamington

Located at the crossroads of Erie Street and Talbot Street, the area has many shops, services and eateries. Ride your bike from hotel (6 min), walk (20 min) or take a taxi with Leamington Taxi (519) 322-1444).

WHERE TO EAT:

[Sweet Retreat Ice Cream and More](#)

Sweet Retreat Ice Cream and More is Leamington's uptown Ice Cream Parlour! Enjoy a few scoops in their beautiful backyard garden patio. Scooping 32 flavours of premium ice cream!

Location: 7 Nelson Street

Telephone: (519) 398-8158

[Ray's Ribhouse](#)

A popular restaurant for locals and visitors, this location serves a variety of BBQ options. Friendly staff and nice atmosphere. May have live music.

Location: 17 Robson Road

Telephone: (519) 322-5940

[The Gallery Restaurant](#)

Portuguese cuisine and tropical patio bar offers a nice experience with great food and local wine selection.

Location: 11 Queens Ave

Telephone: (519) 322-2399

[Salsa Caliente Mexican Grill](#)

Authentic Mexican food with great portions and reasonable prices.

Location: 275 Erie Street S.

Telephone: (519) 322-4777

BIKE SHOPS (Leamington):

[Le Bike Shop](#)

Daniel is a Professional Bicycle Mechanic trained at the Winterborne Bicycle Institute. This is a private business and availability is upon request. Le Bike Shop offers bicycle repairs, tune-ups & accessories.

Location: 21 Johnson Ave, Leamington

Telephone: (519) 326-1647

Email: lebikeshop@gmail.com



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