



# ONTARIO BY BIKE RIDE

## 2-DAY ITINERARY - SIMCOE COUNTY LOOP TRAIL



### What You Need to Know THE ESSENTIALS

#### Suggested Ride Start Location & Parking:

- Grenfel Community Hall, 1989 Sunnidale Rd, Minesing, ON L0L 1Y0
- Users must inform Springwater Municipal Staff prior to arriving and parking at Grenfel Community Hall by sending email with name, dates arriving/leaving, as well as car make/colour and license plate number. [recreation@springwater.ca](mailto:recreation@springwater.ca)
- This email account receives and will not respond to inquiries. Please call 705-728-4784 for questions.
- NOTE: Those leaving their vehicles understand that the municipality is not held responsible or liable for any damage that may occur to vehicles, while parked onsite.

#### Other optional parking:

- Consider parking at paid accommodation in Barrie and cycling to trail head in Springwater.

**Start Time:** Weekend or two day ride.

**Suggested Ride Finish Location (Orillia):** [Couchiching Beach Park, Orillia](#)

**Suggested Ride Finish Location (Barrie):** [Heritage Park, 3 Lakeshore Drive, Barrie](#)

**Getting Back to Start:** This is not a looped itinerary. See notes below

**Your Bike:** Ensure you arrive to start with a bicycle in good working order, appropriate outwear for conditions, and refreshments should you need before support van catches up. Helmets are recommended. Bike shops open in area should you require any major repairs.

#### Digital Route Maps:

- Grenfel to Orillia Route – [www.ridewithgps.com/routes/17106469](http://www.ridewithgps.com/routes/17106469)
- Extended Route: Grenfel to Barrie – [www.ridewithgps.com/routes/17106453](http://www.ridewithgps.com/routes/17106453)

#### Overnight Accommodations:

[Comfort Inn Midland](#), 980 King St, Midland, (705) 526-2090

[Kings Inn](#), 751 King St, Midland, (705) 526-7744

[Little Lake Inn B&B](#), 669 Yonge St, Midland, (705) 526-2750

[Victorian Inn Bed & Breakfast](#), 670 Hugel Ave, Midland, 1 (877) 450-7660

[The Floatel](#), 79 Champlain Rd, Penetanguishene, (705) 549-0683

**Ontario By Bike Certified Bicycle Friendly Businesses in Simcoe County -** [bit.ly/2dEk9bB](http://bit.ly/2dEk9bB)

**Disclaimer** – This route is a suggested route only. The route is primarily on multi-use trails, but there are also some connections using roadways. 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 itinerary do not assume any liability whatsoever for cyclists using this information and travelling upon this route.

## **Day 1: Grenfel Community Hall to Midland - 62km**

**Ride Start Location:** Grenfel Community Hall, 1989 Sunnidale Rd, Minesing, ON L0L 1Y0

### **Ride Recommendation and last minute supplies:**

- Barrie has multiple small and larger stores and is a good location to pick up last minute supplies of various kinds. Many larger grocery stores have public washrooms.
- There are multiple bike stores located in Barrie for any last minute bike gear and accessories.

### **25km-29km – 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

### **30km – Elmvale – Optional Lunch Stop**

- Turn right onto Queen Street West / County Road 92. Located one minute ride from the trail, trail head on left at Heritage Park. Stop in at Elmvale to stretch legs, grab a coffee, browse local shops or get a lunch. Several food service providers located in Elmvale

### **Caution – 32km**

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

### **40km – Wyevale – Wyevale Park (Washrooms)**

- Turn right off trail and on to Concession Road 5 East. Located one minute ride from Tiny Trail on north side of road (your left) is park entrance. Public washrooms available.
- Convenience store located in Wyevale.

### **Off-route - 47km – Balm Beach – Optional Stop**

- Turn left off trail onto Balm Beach Rd / County Road 25. Paved shoulders for 4km (one-way).

### **55km – Town of Penetanguishene – Optional Stop**

- Optional stop in the town of Penetanguishene to visit shops or restaurants.

### **62km – Comfort Inn Midland – Overnight Accommodation - 980 King St, Midland**

- The hotel is located on at intersection of King St and Hwy 12 and access does require on road riding (or walking bike on sidewalks if necessary).
- Hotel has outdoor patio, BBQ grills and other amenities. Restaurants nearby.
- Other accommodations are available.

### **Day 1 Evening Recommendations**

- **The Boathouse Eatery** [www.boathouseeatery.com](http://www.boathouseeatery.com) / 705-527-7480 / 177 King St, Midland
- **The Explorers Café** ([www.theexplorerscafe.com](http://www.theexplorerscafe.com)) / (705) 527-9199 / 345 King St, Midland
- **Other Activities** – See visitor information sheet for more restaurant, attractions and activity suggestions.

## Day 2: Midland to Orillia (54km) or Barrie (91km)

**Ride Start Location:** Comfort Inn Midland, parking lot or other overnight accommodation.

### Connecting to trail

- Ride north to intersection of King Street and Bayshore Drive. Trail head is across the road and directly ahead. Ride along Midland Rotary Trail and shoreline of Georgian Bay.

### 7km – Saint-Marie among the Hurons – Optional Stop

- Located just off trail, take a self-guided tour of this historic site and attraction. Paid tours start at 10:00am.
- Public washrooms located onsite.

### Off Route (11km) – SS Keewatin – Optional Stop

- 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. Paid tours start at 11:00am.
- Public washrooms located onsite. Convenience store located in Port McNicoll.

### 20km – Waubaushene Dock & Beach – Optional Stop

- Public park, dock and water access, located just off the trail. Port-O-Potty located onsite.

### ~29km – Lunch Stop - Coldwater

- Several food service providers located in Coldwater, including cafes, restaurants and grocery store. Explore the quaint village of Coldwater with antique shops and other stores about town.

### ~55km – Orillia – Couchiching Beach Park – Optional Finish Location

- 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).

## Getting Back to Start

This is not a looped itinerary and it is suggested to always organize and/or confirm reservation and timing of transportation services prior to departure to ensure availability of services.

Call local taxi companies to arrange pick up time, location and passenger numbers:

- **Barrie City Cab**, [www.barriecitycab.ca](http://www.barriecitycab.ca), (705) 794-1111
- **Barrie Taxi Ltd**, [www.barrietaxi.com](http://www.barrietaxi.com), (705) 721-7777
- **Deluxe Taxi**, [www.deluxetaxi.ca](http://www.deluxetaxi.ca), (705) 728-4444

For larger groups, chartering a bus for bike and rider transportation is an option:

- **Sinton-Landmark**, [www.sinton.com](http://www.sinton.com), 1-800-947-3839

## Day 2: Optional Extension - Barrie (91km)

### Leaving Couchiching Beach Park and re-connecting to trail

- If you would like to ride the trail for an additional 37km to Barrie, continue on Orillia Millenium Trail south out of Couchiching Beach Park and turn right at Mississuaga Road East. Turn left at Matchdash Street and right on King Street. Trail head located across West Street South.

### 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)

### ~91km – Barrie – Heritage Park – Optional Finish Location

- Enjoy the waterfront and park setting on the shores of Lake Simcoe at Heritage Park
- A short ride or walk into downtown Barrie and to shops and restaurants along Dunlop Street East. (See additional information sheet for suggestions).

**Ride End Location:** 91km – Heritage Park, Orillia (in Heritage Park parking lot)

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### ~102km Grenfel Community Hall – Optional (*must be comfortable riding on roads*)

- Cycling back to Grenfel Community Hall is an additional 11km of road riding.
- Head north on Mary Street in Barrie, before turning left on Ross Street
- Continue on Ross Street (which turns into Sunnidale Road)
- Continue on Sunnidale Road for 10km with Grenfel Community Hall located on left side.