



ONTARIO BY BIKE RIDE HAMILTON-BRANTFORD-PARIS PORT DOVER TRAIL RIDE



SELF GUIDED RIDE ITINERARY

Total Distance: 110-137km

Suggested Ride Time: 2 days, 1 night

Experience Level: Easy to moderate, due to off-road trail with hard-packed limestone surface, many paved trail sections, minimal rough trail sections, and limited on-road riding.

Ride Start Location & Parking: Suggested start location is in Dundas. If in a group and parking overnight, ensure you receive permission or permit. For our group we parked at University Plaza, 101 Osler Drive, Dundas, Ontario. Contact RioCan, property manager/owner. An alternative parking location Dundas Valley Conservation Area parking log – 650 Governors Road, Dundas – contact Dundas Valley Conservation Area for permission.

Getting Back to Start Options: This is a **one-way linear route** – you will need to arrange your own transportation back to start location. Options include dropping off a vehicle at either end; have someone pick you up; take a taxi; rent a bus for passengers / van for bikes; ride to/from start and finish or consider using combo of GO Transit train and bus services on Lakeshore West into Hamilton. Or consider riding east from Port Dover on the [Great Lakes Waterfront Trail](#) to the Niagara Region (Niagara Falls or St Catharines) where you can pick up GO Transit service back to Hamilton or other locations in GTA.

Your Bike: Ensure you arrive to start with a bicycle in good working order, appropriate outwear for conditions and any refreshments for enroute. Helmets are recommended. We recommend tires at least 30mm in diameter for this ride, due to some rough trail sections.

Digital Route Maps:

- Full Route – 123km: ridewithgps.com/routes/38493611
- Day 1 Short Route - 47km: ridewithgps.com/routes/38919779 (without Paris addition)
- Day 1 Long Route – 74km: ridewithgps.com/routes/38919800 (with Paris addition)
- Day 2 Route – 63km: ridewithgps.com/routes/38919749

Suggested Overnight Accommodations: Ontario By Bike Certified Bicycle Friendly Businesses in Brantford – View [HERE](#), and Norfolk County/Port Dover – View [HERE](#).

Print Map: In addition to route sheets and maps provided, make sure you pick up a copy of the [Brant/Brantford Outdoor Adventure Map](#) or [Norfolk's Local Food Wineries & Breweries Travel Map](#) or [Hamilton Cycling Map](#), as all maps show all trails and cycling routes in region.

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 and 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.

<p style="text-align: center;">What You Need to Know RIDE DETAILS</p>

Day 1: Dundas to Brantford (Optional extension to Paris) 47km (or 74km to Paris and back to Brantford)

Ride Start Location: University Plaza, 101 Osler Drive, Dundas, ON or start location of your choice.

Day 1 Digital Routes:

- Day 1 Short Route - 47km: ridewithgps.com/routes/38919779 (without Paris addition)
- Day 1 Long Route – 74km: ridewithgps.com/routes/38919800 (with Paris addition)

5km – Rest Stop and Washrooms – Dundas Valley Conservation Area Trail Centre

Located in a replica of a Victoria-era railway station, the [Dundas Valley Conservation Area Trail Centre](#) has washrooms open 7 days a week throughout the year, with varying hours depending on the time of year and weekday/weekend.

21km - Heart's Content Organic Farmstead

Call ahead to farm and let them know you would like to visit. They welcome groups of cyclists and offer farmstay accommodations, have medicinal plants and teas for sale, and have a bike repair station onsite. Located just off the trail, the [Heart's Content Organic Farmstead](#) is 500m after 21km trail marker, after Parsonage Rd, and only place trail passes through farmstead, with a house on north and barn on south.

44km –Optional Stop - Glenhyrst Art Gallery

Optional stop at the grounds of the [Glenhyrst Gallery](#), 20 Ava Rd, Brantford, situated on a beautifully landscaped sixteen-acre park on the banks of the Grand River, right off the trail.

47km – Brantford, Overnight Accommodation

There are a number of bicycle friendly accommodation options in Brantford including the Comfort Inn & Suites where our group stayed, the Best Western and Hampton Inn, Galaxy Motel, and a number of B&Bs.

44km –71km – Paris out-and-back - Optional Ride Extension

Optional ride extension from Brantford to Paris and return. Those seeking to ride further on Day 1 can choose to continue along the trail an additional 12km following the Grand River to the beautiful small town of Paris, featuring many cafes, restaurants, patios and shops. The additional ride distance return, including 3km from trail to hotel is approximately 27km to Paris and back to Brantford.

Day 2: Brantford to Port Dover (63km)

Ride Start Location: Overnight accommodation in Brantford, ON

Day 2 Digital Route: ridewithgps.com/routes/38919749

17km – Mt. Pleasant – Optional Stop

Turn left at Burtch Road/Trail Intersection and head into village. The Windmill Country Market has washrooms and a variety of baked goods, drinks and other food available. Market located at 701 Mount Pleasant Road, Mt. Pleasant. Check open hours.

38km – Suggested Lunch Stop - Shadow Lake Park - 77 Alice Street, Waterford

After enjoying the panoramic views riding atop of the Black Bridge, turn left and ride a short distance towards Waterford, [Shadow Lake Park](#) Trailhead, where you will find picnic tables, shade structures and many interesting shops across from the park, including bicycle friendly Wishbone Brewing Company and an antique market. Portable washroom facilities available in park. Other services in town include cafes, convenience store and other attractions. After lunch take a tour of the [Waterford Heritage Agricultural Museum](#), 159 Nichol Street, Waterford where you can learn more about the rich agricultural heritage of the area. Check open hours of museum.

61-63km – Port Dover – Ride End

Make the final stretch by riding south towards Lake Erie and the beachside town of Port Dover. Celebrate the end of a great weekend with a dip in the Lake, shopping in town or cold beverage in a town that welcomes riders on two wheels.

Return to Dundas start location by pre-arranged transportation (taxi, car shuttle, rented bus/van, cycle on to public transportation connection, etc.)

2022 Ontario By Bike Rides – Presented in Partnership with:



®CAA trademarks are owned by, and use is authorized by,
the Canadian Automobile Association