



ONTARIO BY BIKE RIDE JULY 2022

UXBRIDGE KAWARTHAS RAIL TRAIL



SELF GUIDED RIDE ITINERARY

Total Distance: 85-100km

Suggested Ride Time: 2 days, 1 night

Experience Level: Easy to Moderate, due to off-road trail with hard-packed limestone surface, small paved sections, with limited on-road riding.

Ride Start Location, Transportation & Parking: This is a one-way linear route – you will need to arrange your own transportation back to start location. Suggested start location is in Uxbridge. If in a group and parking overnight, ensure you receive permission or permit. For our group tour we parked at Uxbridge Secondary School, 127 Planks Lane, Uxbridge. Contact school board for permit. For our tour we pre-arranged a private bus to transport riders back to start location. If arriving from the Greater Toronto Area, arriving by public transport to the start location and from the end location may be the easiest option to avoid arranging a car shuttle or costly taxi ride back to start location. Riders would need to carry their own gear and travel by GO Transit to start location in Uxbridge and from end location in Peterborough (downtown or from Trent University) back home. Check www.gotransit.com for up-to-date schedules and route information.

Your Bike: Ensure you arrive to start with a bicycle in good working order, appropriate outer-wear for conditions, and refreshments for enroute. Helmets are recommended.

Digital Route Map:

- Day 1 & 2: ridewithgps.com/routes/38489090
- Day 1 Only: ridewithgps.com/routes/40063864
- Day 2 Only: ridewithgps.com/routes/40063885

Suggested Overnight Accommodations: Ontario By Bike Certified Bicycle Friendly Businesses in Lindsay – 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 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.

What You Need to Know RIDE DETAILS

Day 1: Uxbridge to Lindsay - 45km

Ride Start Location: Uxbridge Secondary School, 127 Planks Lane

Day 1 Digital Route: ridewithgps.com/routes/40063864

Saturday Ride Recommendation:

- Please be aware there are limited washroom facilities enroute Day 1. Nearest public washrooms to start are at: Elgin Park, 180 Main St. S (opens at 8AM) or at coffee shop in town or on way into town.
- Next washroom is at approximately 24km with an additional 1.5km north on Simcoe Road into Manilla, at gas station,
- Next washrooms (portable) are in Little Britain (33km mark) at various locations around town. See more information below.

Last Minute Supplies - In Uxbridge there are a number of convenience stores plus larger stores on Toronto Street/Hwy#47.

33km – Suggested Lunch Stop - Eldon Road trail intersection

- Eldon Road trail intersection and gazebo. Just 3 km north of Little Britain. Pick up picnic supplies in Little Britain or prior to start in Uxbridge.
- Recommended Stop - Buttertarts N'More, 1037 Little Britain Rd (3km south from the trail on Eldon Rd).
- As of July 2022 there are multiple portable washrooms installed around town in Little Britain, including at Buttertarts N'More, The Spudster, and Little Britain Arena.

45km – Lindsay, Overnight accommodation

- There are a number of bicycle friendly accommodation options in Lindsay, including the Days Inn & Suites (where our group stayed), and a number of bed & breakfasts.

Evening

- See visitor information sheet for restaurants, attractions and activity suggestions.
- Suggested Stop: Kawartha Dairy – Dairy Barn – 71 Russell St W, at Victoria. Stop in at the famous Lindsay Dairy Bar to cool off. Open till 10pm.

Day 2: Lindsay to Peterborough/Lakefield – 41km or 58km

Day 2 Digital Route: ridewithgps.com/routes/40063885

11km – Reaboro – Optional Stop

- Trailside Park in Reaboro, and new pollinator garden in small trail side community. Portable washroom may/may not be available.

18km – Omemee / Emily Provincial Park – Optional Stop

- Take a break in this small town along the Pigeon River, and famed as early childhood home of Neil Young. Grocery and convenience stores are located in town for refreshments.
- Public washrooms available at Omemee Municipal Park, George St South.
- Emily Provincial Park is less than 2km from the trail. Exit trail just east of town, travel north on Emily Park Road – exercise caution as road can be quite busy with car traffic. Enjoy swimming on sandy beach along the Pigeon River. No day pass is required - bikes enter free.

25km - Doube's Trestle Bridge – Optional Stop

- Scenic photo stop overlooking a valley, located on trail between Emily Park Road & Orange Corners Road.

41km – Suggested Lunch Stop – Peterborough (Ride End Option 1)

- Ride into Peterborough and stop for lunch at one of the many cafes and restaurants in town (see Peterborough visitor guide for ideas). For our tour we stopped for lunch at bicycle-friendly Silver Bean Café, located at a picturesque setting on the Otonabee River.
- Continue on riding north to Lakefield, or end the ride here and spend the afternoon exploring the city (visit the Canadian Canoe Museum, Lift Lock and visitor centre, or the Art Gallery of Peterborough) before heading back to Uxbridge or home by pre-arranged transportation (public transport, taxi, car shuttle, etc.)

58km – Lakefield (Ride End Option 2)

- Ride the paved trail to Trent University campus, where the trail turns to crushed stone. Admire the mid-century modern architecture (and more recent buildings) on campus, straddling both sides of the Otonabee River/Trent Severn Waterway.
- Continue along the waterway passing many locks and right into the town of Lakefield. Enjoy a cold beverage in town or explore the waterfront in Lakefield Park. Return to tour start location in Uxbridge by pre-arranged transportation (taxi, car shuttle, etc.). Alternatively, ride 9km back to Trent University to catch the GO Bus from campus.

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