



ONTARIO BY BIKE FACT SHEET

The Ontario By Bike™ Network is a program certifying and promoting bicycle-friendly businesses and cycle tourism in a growing number of regions across Ontario. The Network is open to accommodations, food services, attractions, business areas and cycling related businesses and organizations supporting the development of cycle tourism. As of March 2023, the Ontario By Bike Network has certified more than 1,600 locations as bicycle-friendly, in 42 regions and municipalities across the province.

The Ontario By Bike Network was originally launched as a pilot project in 2008. In 2014, the Welcome Cyclists Network was rebranded as the Ontario By Bike™ Network to better position its services to cyclists who use the Network and those business locations that are certified as bicycle-friendly locations. The Ontario By Bike Network has continued to expand over the years, offering its certification program in regions and to qualifying tourism businesses in regions across the province.

The Network has held 81 Ontario By Bike Cycle Tourism Workshops to date, drawing over 2,350 in-person attendees from tourism, transportation, government, parks, health and cycling industries, as well as 54 webinars for over 1,350 attendees.

The Ontario By Bike Network is currently offered in the following regions and municipalities:

- Region of Niagara
- County of Frontenac
- City of Hamilton
- Halton Region
- Peel Region
- York Region
- Durham Region
- The Great Waterway (Regional Tourism Organization 9)
- Manitoulin Island and LaCloche Foothills
- Lanark County
- Kawarthas–Northumberland (Regional Tourism Organization 8)
- Haliburton Highlands
- Grey County
- City of Toronto
- Guelph & Wellington County
- Huron County
- Simcoe County
- Renfrew County-Ottawa Valley
- Haldimand and Norfolk Counties
- Windsor-Essex County-Pelee Island
- Oxford County
- Middlesex County
- Elgin County
- City of Ottawa
- Parry Sound District
- Lambton County
- City of London
- Northeast Ontario (North Bay, Mattawa, West Nippissing)
- County of Brant
- Waterloo Region
- Chatham-Kent
- United Counties of Prescott-Russell
- Perth County, Stratford & St Marys

For cyclists, the Ontario By Bike™ Network offers a variety of information on cycling in Ontario, inspiring visitors and residents to explore more by bike. The Network connects cyclists to Ontario tourism businesses and locations through the promotion of Ontario's cycling experiences, from trail and mountain bike riding to on-road cycling. As of March 2023, the Network has certified:

- Over 1,600 locations in 42 regions and municipalities throughout Ontario
- Over 600 accommodation locations, including hotels, inns, bed & breakfasts or camping facilities
- Over 325 cafés, restaurants and other food services
- Over 410 attractions, including museums, galleries and visitor information centres
- Over 126 wineries, cideries and breweries
- 19 bicycle-friendly business areas

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