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Best Bicycle Friendly Businesses in Ontario 2026 Winners Announced

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With cyclists keen to get out on the trails and roads as the seasons change, Ontario By Bike has 21 bicycle friendly award winning businesses to recommend as destinations to pedal to this summer.

Recently announced, and now in its 8th year, the best bicycle friendly business awards are well regarded by cyclists as well as participating businesses that vie for the coveted annual award.

For cyclists these businesses which range from accommodations to cafes, breweries, wineries, attractions and bike stores, including a stop at one of these bicycle friendly locations whether on a short ride from home, day trip or multi-day cycling adventure will elicit a warm welcome. Additionally, businesses selected as winners have gone above and beyond offering additional services and amenities to visiting cyclists and supporting the cycling community in a variety of ways.

To be eligible for the award, each business has to be a certified bicycle friendly location participating in the Ontario By Bike Network of over 1,700 businesses province wide. Participating locations have to meet criteria that ensures they offer cyclists what they need, and those that win the annual award - have taken that to the next level.

“This year we received a record number of entries, making it challenging to pick a winner for each region. There are so many incredible businesses and wonderful stories of the extraordinary lengths all these locations go to in welcoming cyclists as their guests and making them feel like their most valued customers. With cyclists taking note, awards like this are helping bring more business through the winners’ front doors.” Louisa Mursell, Executive Director of Ontario By Bike/Transportation Options

With research showing that 45% of cyclists had visited one or more businesses certified as bicycle friendly by Ontario By Bike in the past two years and 54% of certified businesses having reported business from cyclists had increased over the past two years – these awards and ensuing recognition are proving valuable.

Each award-winning business is featured in the popular monthly e-newsletter issued by Ontario By Bike and avidly read by over 16,600 cyclists. Additionally, cyclists can find info on bike routes, itineraries and all certified bicycle friendly businesses at www.ontariobybike.ca, a top resource for cyclists looking for ideas and inspiration to plan outings and routes in Ontario. Paired with the newly published and annual Cycling in Ontario / Le vélo en Ontario 2026 magazine, cyclists have all the resources they need to get rolling.

2026 Ontario By Bike Bicycle Friendly Business Award Winners:

www.ontariobybike.ca/2026awardwinners

(See below for additional information on each award winning business.)

Ontario's Southwest Best Bicycle Friendly Business: **Clonmel Castle** – Port Dover	**Niagara Region** Best Bicycle Friendly Business: **Talwood Manor Bed & Breakfast** – Port Colborne Best Bike Business: **Niagara Cycling Tours** – Niagara-on-the-Lake	**Hamilton Halton Brant** Best Bicycle Friendly Business: **West Avenue Cider Limited** – Freelton/Hamilton
Huron, Perth, Waterloo & Wellington Best Bicycle Friendly Business: **Fixed Gear Brewing Co.** – Guelph	**Greater Toronto Area** Best Bicycle Friendly Business: **ChocoSol Traders** – Toronto Best Bike Business: **Pedal Toronto Inc.** – Toronto	**York Durham Headwaters** Best Bicycle Friendly Business: **Alton Mill Arts Centre** – Alton Best Bike Business: **Cycle Life** – Pickering
Bruce Grey Simcoe Best Bicycle Friendly Business: **hills** – Meaford	**Kawarthas Northumberland** Best Bicycle Friendly Business: **K Okay Cafe & Roasters** – Warkworth	**South Eastern Ontario** Best Bicycle Friendly Business: **Newboro House Bed & Breakfast** – Newboro Best Bike Business: **Bike the County** – Picton
Ottawa & Countryside Best Bicycle Friendly Business: **Lowertown Brewery** – Ottawa Best Bike Business: **RentABike** – Ottawa	**Ontario's Highlands** Best Bicycle Friendly Business: **Cartwright Springs Brewery Inc.** – Pakenham Best Bike Business: **Wilderness Tours Bike Park** – Foresters Falls	**Algonquin Park, Almaguin Highlands, Loring-Restoule, Muskoka and Parry Sound** Best Bicycle Friendly Business: **Parry Sound Area Municipal Airport & Wings Cafe** – Parry Sound Best Bike Business: **Parry Sound Bikes** – Parry Sound

Northern Ontario Best Bicycle Friendly Business: **Sault Ste. Marie KOA Holiday** – Sault Ste. Marie Best Bike Business: **Breakaway Sports and Cycle** – Little Current, Manitoulin Island	**Geographic disbursement based on Ontario's 13 tourism regions*

Additional Info From 2026 Award Winning Businesses:

Located in Port Dover, a well-known cycling destination, Clonmel Castle offers a unique blend of heritage luxury and practical cyclist support, making it a preferred stop for both recreational and long-distance riders. We go above and beyond to ensure cyclists feel not only accommodated—but truly cared for. **- Lynda Steffler, Clonmel Castle – Port Dover**

The majority of our guests are cyclists, many of whom come from around around the world. We offer personalized service and are in close proximity to three cycling trails. Even the Montreal Gazette published and listed the B&B as a "Cyclist Haven." - **Judith Boroniec, Talwood Manor Bed & Breakfast – Port Colborne**

With an abundance of knowledge about and enthusiasm for Niagara, Niagara Cycling Tours cares about their customers and always provides the best experience possible! **– Peter Donato, Niagara Cycling Tours**

Every cyclist mentions how great the atmosphere is - "its relaxing, fun, and a great break to unwind from the long road ahead." Plus we have lots of beautiful outdoor space, large patio, outdoor kitchen and pizza oven. The best lunch! **– Amy, West Avenue Cider Limited – Freelton/Hamilton**

Uniquely located at the foot of the G2G trail, we are a bicycle themed brewery with vintage bike decor. Plenty of indoor and outdoor bicycle parking, bicycle tools and air compressor, welcoming G2G riders, participants of Gravel 100 and Speed River cycling events, plus host of weekly rides. **- Michael Oosterveld, Fixed Gear Brewing Co. - Guelph**

ChocoSol Traders is a must-visit for Toronto cyclists because it is more than a chocolate shop—it's a social and ecological hub that is truly bike-powered. We have innovated custom bicycle mechanisms to grind our cacao, coffee beans, and heirloom corn, and we even use a pedal-powered blender to whip up our signature drinking chocolate. For riders, it's the ultimate spot to refuel with stone-ground chocolate and to support a business that weaves cycling culture into its very production and philosophy. **– Sunny & Mat, ChocoSol Traders**

A bike tour is the best way to see Toronto, we cover lots of ground and give visitors a fantastic overview of everything Toronto has to offer. **- Wendy Huismans, Pedal Toronto Inc.**

Alton Mills Art Centre is not just a stop, it's a destination. Cyclists arrive for the scenery and stay for the art, heritage architecture, café, and relaxed atmosphere that rewards the ride. Located with easy access to scenic rural cycling routes in the Hills of Headwaters. **- Martin Kouprie, Alton Mill Arts Centre**

Local passion meets deep experience! Cycle Life is a local, family-run bike shop with over 40 years of bike industry experience. The owners and team treat every rider like a friend, not just a customer — which makes you feel welcome whether you're a seasoned roadie or a first-time tourer. A welcoming spot located near popular cycling corridors and regional routes**. - Elie Riviere, Cycle Life - Pickering**

Hike. Bike. Paddle. Ski. Whatever brings you to Meaford, hills is your home base. Ride. Rest. Repeat. Bike storage, service, repair… while you sleep. Welcome to hills, your one stop cycling hub and accommodations destination in the heart of Meaford, Ontario, a natural hub for both local riders and those exploring Georgian Bay on two wheels. **- Eric Baldwin, Hills - Meaford**

We get groups of cyclists almost every day. The Northumberland hills speak for themselves and we're an open and inclusive cafe set in the pretty village of Warkworth. We hear wonderful stories of perseverance and togetherness, to hear cyclists talk is always fascinating. **- Tracy and Jimmy Ioannidis, K Okay Cafe and Roasters - Warkworth**

We are able to cater to specific requests as we are a small B&B. We go the extra step to make sure our guests are happy. We get a steady flow of cyclists here, as we are close to Perth, Smiths Falls and Kingston, on a busy cycling route, making our location a perfect stop for the night. **- Nicki Doria, Newboro House Bed & Breakfast – Newboro**

This fantastic, friendly, women-owned business celebrates cycling in everything they do! Offering bike tours, bike events and bike routes, cyclists visiting the County have the opportunity to visit locally owned breweries, wineries, and cafes by bike, as well as participate in family friendly cycling events, and go on multi-day rides. - **Maddy Pilon, Bike the County - Picton**

Located in the heart of Byward Market, with a large patio where cyclists can lock up their bikes, we see plenty of cyclists come down from Dows Lake and the Canal to grab a pint, stay for the great food, atmosphere and live music, then continue their ride. **- Alex Sirois, Lowertown Brewery - Ottawa**

We are celebrating 50 years in business and are a multi-generational shop. Our primary focus is customer service and helping cyclists explore the capital region. We know and understand our international and local clients' needs and have the largest fleet and variety of rentals, 250 premium quality bicycles.
- Conrad Ronalds, Rentabike - Ottawa

I love welcoming cycling groups to our brewery. They are very enthusiastic and always happy to arrive to their destination where cold refreshments await. Our business actually changed because of a bike packing group that comes multiple times per year - we officially opened a camping facility that includes a washroom and hot showers to suit cyclists needs. **- Andre Rieux, Cartwright Springs Brewery Inc. - Pakenham**

Wilderness Tours Bike Park delivers unforgettable outdoor adventure for all riders. Located at the Wilderness Tours Adventure Resort, our full-service bike park has something for every level. Riders can enjoy beginner-friendly flow to technical singletrack, challenging downhill runs and practice on skill areas with jumps, berms, and drops, then relax by the campfire and/or stay overnight. **- Matt McGuire, Wilderness Tours Bike Park - Foresters Falls**

We have a great spot for cyclists to rest, grab a bite to eat and watch the aircrafts. Different scenery for a rest stop, bathrooms, food and beverage on the patio, plus park and ride options. **- Hilary Metcalfe, Parry Sound Area Municipal Airport & Wings Café**

The cornerstone of the cycling community in the Parry Sound region, with offerings extending well beyond the traditional bike shop, they organize a huge weekly in-season ride, spread across multiple nights due to size and organize free events, such as their Gravel Party, to promote the region and its routes. They are community minded in everything they do and frequently collaborate and support others in the industry. **- Aleesha and Thomas Clark, Parry Sound Bikes**

We offer a number of choices of accommodation type, and large range of facilities. It's our goal to ensure that each guest has the very best experience at our campground. Located just a few kilometers from the Hub Trail, and the amazing Hiawatha Highlands we're honoured to welcome cyclists from around the world. **- Bill Richard, Sault Ste. Marie KOA Holiday**

The only bicycle shop on Manitoulin Island, with knowledgeable, kind staff that will go out of their way to make your visit to the island the best possible. The google reviews speak for themself. **- Sarah Quackenbush, Breakaway Sports & Cycle – Little Current**

About Ontario By Bike™

Ontario By Bike™ works with a variety of partners to develop and promote cycling and cycle tourism across Ontario. Administering a Network of over 1,700 certified bicycle friendly businesses and providing a comprehensive portal of information, Ontario By Bike is inspiring visitors and residents to explore more of the province by bike. Ontario By Bike is a program of Transportation Options, a non-profit organization, celebrating over 30 years of innovative programming, dedicated to fostering sustainable transportation and tourism solutions in Ontario.

- Ontario By Bike - www.ontariobybike.ca
- Transportation Options - www.transportationoptions.org
- Cycle tourism stats and facts - www.transportationoptions.org/ontarioresearch
- 2026 Cycling in Ontario / Le velo en Ontario guide - www.ontariobybike.ca/2026

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