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ROAD SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY




- Motorists are required to leave a minimum of 1 metre of space when passing cyclists.
- Cyclists are required to ride as tight and to the right as safely possible when being passed.
- Road safety is everyone's responsibility. When everyone follows the same rules, actions become predictable.

- ### TRAIL ETIQUETTE
- Keep to the right except to pass
 - Do not litter
 - Respect nature and private property
 - Yield to pedestrians
 - Give audible warning when passing pedestrians or other cyclists

FULL SERVICE BIKE SHOPS

Bikeface Cycling (Rentals) Owen Sound 519-376-9777 bikeface.com	Forks Bicycle Shop Owen Sound 519-371-7800 forksbicycleshop.ca	Blue Mountain Bike Centre (Rentals, Tour Guides) Activity Central, Blue Mountain Village 877-445-0231 bluemountain.ca
Jolley's Alternative Wheels Owen Sound 519-371-1812 alternativewheels.com	Squire John's The Blue Mountains 800-303-1334 squirejohns.com	Smitty's Bike Shop (Rentals) Thornbury 647-500-7619

OWEN SOUND EAST & TOWN CENTRE LOOP




DIFFICULTY: Easy SURFACE: Paved / Gravel / Stone Dust / Packed Dirt PARKING: Owen Sound Visitor Centre or Bayshore Community Centre

This tour starts at the Visitor Centre in Owen Sound and follows the harbour trail to the east side of the bay. Alternatively you may start closer to the trailhead at the Bayshore Community Centre. Highlighted on this route are visits to Conservation Areas, spectacular bay views and a multi-use trail

paying homage to Canadian Great, Tom Thomson.

Mix of quieter paved town roads, paved waterfront trail, and some unpaved roads. All trails are multi-use, non-motorized. Note there is a high volume of traffic along 10th Street.

GIRL GUIDE



DIFFICULTY: Moderate SURFACE: Paved PARKING: Kelso Beach, Owen Sound


Hills and descents are prevalent along this trek revealing panoramic views of the city of Owen Sound and the shorelines of Georgian Bay. The blend of city and rural riding provides an array of landscapes to enjoy, including beautiful farmsteads in

Mennonite Country and small town charm.

Some roads traveled by horse and buggy. Use caution when descending into Owen Sound, past Greenwood Cemetery, as the entrance to Harrison Park at the bottom of the hill can be busy.



SEA OTTER CANADA



DIFFICULTY: Moderate SURFACE: Paved (Some Paved Shoulders) PARKING: Blue Mountain Resort Lots 1 & 3

The Niagara Escarpment at Blue Mountain, the Beaver Valley and the rolling hills of the Pretty River Valley are the perfect setting for the

EPIC TOUR Blue Mountain Gran Fondo, a signature event at Sea Otter Canada's Expo & Cycling Festival. SeaOtterCanada.com

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS GRAN FONDO




DIFFICULTY: Advanced SURFACE: Paved (Some Paved Shoulders) PARKING: Beaver Valley Comm. Centre Thornbury

This challenging route showcases Grey County apple country as it zig zags through scenic rolling hills and farmland, climbs and descends the escarpment multiple times, and rewards with vistas over Georgian Bay.

For up to date information on The Blue Mountains Gran Fondo Road Race and Time Trials, check out: thebluemountainsgranfondo.com

BALACLAVA




DIFFICULTY: Moderate SURFACE: Paved / Gravel PARKING: Kelso Beach, Owen Sound

This loop travels along the shorelines of Georgian Bay, offering stunning views of the bay, patchwork farmers' fields, sprawling apple orchards,

and a local vineyard. 10th Street East in Owen Sound hosts heavy traffic flows. There is a mix of city, country rides with varying surfaces.



TOM THOMSON TRAIL




DIFFICULTY: Easy / Moderate SURFACE: Paved / Gravel / Stone Dust / Packed Dirt PARKING: Fred Raper Park, Meaford / Bayshore Comm. Centre, Owen Sound

The Tom Thomson Trail is a non-motorized, multi-use (biking, hiking and horseback riding) trail between Owen Sound and Meaford. The trail is quiet and family-oriented, following on and off-road sections and features a close-up experience with

rural farmland, scenic vistas overlooking Georgian Bay, and of course a visit to Tom Thomson's burial site at the Leith Church.

Some off-road sections can be wet in spring. tomthomsontrail.com

NEUSTADT COUNTRY ROAD LOOP

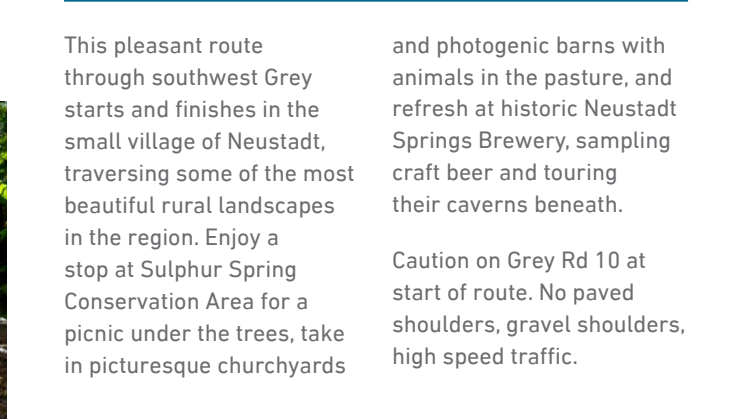


DIFFICULTY: Easy to Moderate SURFACE: Paved / Gravel PARKING: Neustadt Lions Community Park


This pleasant route through southwest Grey starts and finishes in the small village of Neustadt, traversing some of the most beautiful rural landscapes in the region. Enjoy a stop at Sulphur Spring Conservation Area for a picnic under the trees, take in picturesque churchyards

and photogenic barns with animals in the pasture, and refresh at historic Neustadt Springs Brewery, sampling craft beer and touring their caverns beneath.

Caution on Grey Rd 10 at start of route. No paved shoulders, gravel shoulders, high speed traffic.



SAUGEEN RIVER RAMBLE




DIFFICULTY: Moderate SURFACE: Paved PARKING: Durham Community Centre

Starting in historic Durham, this lovely and quiet route features a mix of rolling hills and stunning countryside through former mill towns along the Saugeen River. In fact this route crosses

three tributaries; the Rocky, South and Beatty in addition to the main Saugeen River.

Caution on busy Grey Rd 10 near Neustadt.

EUGENIA LAKE LOOP

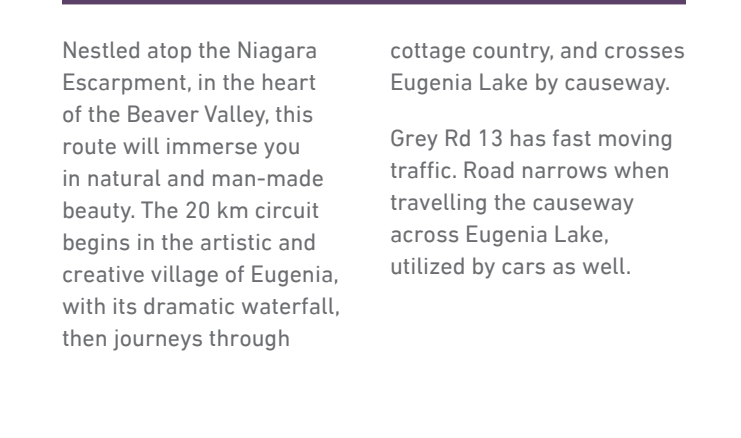


DIFFICULTY: Easy SURFACE: Paved / Gravel PARKING: Eugenia

Nestled atop the Niagara Escarpment, in the heart of the Beaver Valley, this route will immerse you in natural and man-made beauty. The 20 km circuit begins in the artistic and creative village of Eugenia, with its dramatic waterfall, then journeys through

cottage country, and crosses Eugenia Lake by causeway.

Grey Rd 13 has fast moving traffic. Road narrows when travelling the causeway across Eugenia Lake, utilized by cars as well.



Rail Trails

GREY COUNTY CP RAIL TRAIL

DIFFICULTY: Easy / More Difficult SURFACE: Stone Dust / Rough Gravel

This trail begins at East Bayshore Road in Owen Sound and provides good views over open farmland and Georgian Bay as the trail climbs in elevation and follows a wide arc east of the city then runs parallel to Hwy 6. Good access to food/ services at Rockford and in Chatsworth. Hwy 10 to Dundalk (Easy/More Difficult) features gravel base trail surface with some larger stone sections. Markdale and Dundalk both have access, services and restaurants available close to the trail. ATV use (with valid permit) is also permitted on the CP Rail Trail from Grey Road 18 south to Dundalk.

GEORGIAN BLUFFS TRAIL

DIFFICULTY: Easy SURFACE: Stone Dust / Rough Gravel


This rocky terrain trail winds its way through hardwood forest and conifer plantations near the Niagara Escarpment with single track and wide forest access road. Visitors will see frequent outcrops of bedrock, and a diversity of ferns and wildflowers. The Bruce Trail runs through this area and is off-limits to cyclists.

GEORGIAN TRAIL

DIFFICULTY: Easy SURFACE: Stone Dust

This classic rail trail follows the route of the original Northern Railway along the southern shore of Georgian Bay and is one of the area's first rail trails, founded in 1989. There are 30 access points, including Meaford Harbour (Bridge St.), Bayview Park in Thornbury, and the Harbour in Collingwood. Trail highlights include passing through apple orchards, over several trestle bridges, and access to Christie Beach and Northwinds Beach, both great stops for a swim in summer. The trail is operated and maintained by the Municipality of Meaford, The Blue Mountains and the Town of Collingwood. Consider a membership to support trail maintenance and development.

MILL TO MILL




DIFFICULTY: Easy / Moderate SURFACE: Paved PARKING: Williamsford Community Centre

This out and back loop connects two historic mill towns, both with operating mills which are used for very different purposes today. Find out what they are, as you cycle through cedar bush, meandering rivers, take in breathtaking

waterfalls, and enjoy locally made delectables in this part of Grey County.

This out and back loop traverses many small streams, wetlands and lakes. Carefully cross Hwy 10 in Holland Centre.

ISLAND VIEW DRIVE



DIFFICULTY: Advanced SURFACE: Paved (Some Paved Shoulders) PARKING: Kelso Beach, Owen Sound

Part of the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail, this technical ride boasts magnificent views of Georgian Bay. It is a blend of climbs and plunges, but well worth the effort as you encounter some of the most spectacular scenic lookouts

along the escarpment, gain access to caves and beaches plus a general store who makes their own ice cream.

Grey Rd 1 has fast moving vehicles on it, be sure to use paved shoulder.



Off Road

Mountain Biking is a potentially dangerous sport and the user of these trails agrees to use the trails at his or her own risk. Use of these areas is for those willing to recognize and accept the risks associated with their sport, considering their abilities and the conditions. It is up to you as a rider to take the precautions necessary to ensure your safety and the safety of those around you. Please stay off trails when they are wet or muddy to avoid damaging them.

DERBY TRACT

DIFFICULTY: Easy/More Difficult/Very Difficult

This rocky terrain trail winds its way through hardwood forest and conifer plantations near the Niagara Escarpment with single track and wide forest access road. Visitors will see frequent outcrops of bedrock, and a diversity of ferns and wildflowers. The Bruce Trail runs through this area and is off-limits to cyclists.

THREE STAGE

DIFFICULTY: More Difficult/Very Difficult

This natural rugged trail traverses a mix of hardwood forest and conifer plantations situated above the Pretty River Valley, near the Niagara Escarpment. The labyrinth of trails encompass just about everything from rocky technical sections, fast, flowing singletack, to burn-inducing climbs and fast downhill. These trails are for advanced riding and sessioning.


MOTOPARK BICYCLE ADVENTURE PARK

DIFFICULTY: Easy to Intermediate

MotoPark offers a MTB/BMX skills area, challenging MTB trails with special features and the diabolical BMX pump track. Bike and equipment rentals and lessons are available for MTB and BMX. Enjoy this facility in central Grey County which also provides motocross tracks and events. motoparkracing.com



SAUGEEN TRI 50K




DIFFICULTY: Easy SURFACE: Paved PARKING: P&H Centre, Hanover

This training loop is fairly flat, through rolling farmland and mature forests enhanced by the scenic mill town of Chesley. Crossing the Saugeen River many times, enjoy this quiet ride at a leisurely pace.

Be cautious travelling along busy Grey Rd 3, and watch the intersection in Scone as it can be very busy on long weekends. A detour at the end of the ride to MacLean's Ales is rewarding.

PEDAL & PADDLE



DIFFICULTY: Easy SURFACE: Paved / Gravel / Stone Dust PARKING: Blue Mountain

Start this loop with a relaxing, scenic gondola ride to the top of the Escarpment at Blue Mountain and enjoy epic views of Georgian Bay, and Blue Mountain Village. This route is reminiscent of a roller coaster, cruising downhill through agricultural lands, mature apple orchards, forests and a vineyard.

This Apple Pie Trail Adventure package includes picnic lunch and 1 hour paddle down the Beaver River. Return to the Village via the Georgian Trail along the shoreline of Georgian Bay. For more information on dates and prices visit ApplePieTrail.ca.

ALLAN PARK

DIFFICULTY: Moderate

This busy trail system caters to a variety of users including hikers and equestrians. Moderately technical singletack through rolling mixed forest with some sandy areas and some good technical descents.

GLENELG KLONDIKE

DIFFICULTY: Moderate

Upland hardwood forest and conifer plantations cover rugged terrain and provides many scenic views of the surrounding landscape. Wide trails on rolling terrain with some sandy areas. Due to recent ATV activity these trails have become somewhat eroded and much underlying coarse rock has been turned up resulting in difficult sections.

CAMP OLIVER/GREY MAIN

DIFFICULTY: Easy/More Difficult


This is an extensive natural area where the forest includes stands of sugar maple, pine, spruce, and cedar. Wetland communities add to the diversity, and Black Lake offers fishing for bass. Gravel-based loop trails with some moderately steep hills. Trail runs along the north edge of the property, with cycling and hiking trails in the interior.

KOLAPORE WILDERNESS TRAILS

DIFFICULTY: Moderate/More Difficult

The Kolapore Wilderness Trails are a volunteer-maintained network of backcountry trails that provide for a remote and rugged mountain biking experience in summer months. The primarily singletack trails climb and descend the hills of the Kolapore Uplands. The only trails suitable for less experienced riders are at the south end. Some trails are adjacent to sensitive wetland areas and are closed to summer use. The Kolapore trails are also popular in the summer for hiking and trail running, so please ride accordingly. The trails are closed to biking in the winter, when they are used for cross-country skiing. Trail maps are strongly recommended due to the complexity of the trail network. Maps can be purchased online at kolaporetrails.org, at the Ravenna Country Market in Ravenna, Little Ed's Bike and Ski Shop in Collingwood, and at the Kimberley General Store in Kimberley. For more information check out kolaporetrails.org.

THORNBURY HEATHCOTE




DIFFICULTY: Moderate / Easy SURFACE: Paved / Gravel (Some Paved Shoulders) PARKING: Thornbury Municipal Pkg Lot (Hwy 26)

Challenge yourself on this loop with hill climbs and descents through welcoming communities filled with tasty food stops, galleries, small town history and opportunities to further explore the Beaver River.

Caution on Grey Rd 7, Grey Rd 13 and roads through Clarksburg and Thornbury, limited paved shoulders, high speed traffic. Watch for agricultural machinery on these roads.

MEAFORD LOOP




DIFFICULTY: Easy SURFACE: Paved PARKING: Meaford Municipal Pkg

Never far from the water and spectacular views, this pleasant ride showcases the vast expanse and beauty of Georgian Bay, the busy harbourfront and downtown of Meaford, and surrounding apple country.

Mix of quieter paved town and country roads. Caution on short stretch of North Sykes St/Hwy 26 and 9th Line/Grey Rd 112 with limited shoulders and higher traffic volumes.

BADJEROS LOOP



DIFFICULTY: Advanced SURFACE: Paved (Some Paved Shoulders) PARKING: Fisher Fields, Collingwood

Known for it's challenging climbs and scenic landscape, the Badjeros Loop offers rolling climbs, a great view over Georgian Bay and then a steep drop into Creemore with cafés, restaurants and galleries.

A long and challenging climb up to Maple Valley and Hwy 124 is rewarded with scenic riding past mennonite farms and churches, before descending down Pretty River Valley Road and back in to Collingwood.

BLUE MOUNTAIN – DOWNHILL

DIFFICULTY: Intermediate to Very Difficult

Whether you are looking for a scenic ride around the area's more gentle terrain, or a heart pumping adrenaline rush as you tackle the escarpment's downhill trails, Blue Mountain's Bike Centre will provide the information and equipment you need. Located in the Activity Central Building, the Bike Centre offers rentals, repairs, trail passes, lessons and programs for ages 8 years and up. Check out Ontario's best downhill mountain biking at www.bluemountain.ca.

LOREE FOREST

DIFFICULTY: Moderate/Difficult

Loree Forest offers good trails for the intermediate to novice rider. Smooth, fast singletack runs through mature forest on the Escarpment, affording occasional scenic views. These trails are maintained for hikers by the Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club. Please be respectful of all users.

ROAD NAME	ELEVATION CHANGE (m)	AVERAGE SLOPE %	MAXIMUM SLOPE %
Scenic Caves Rd	273	9	20
Sdrrd 21 – Loree Climb	260	3	19
Pretty River Valley Rd	209	5	27
Grey Rd 19 – Castle Glen	207	8	14
Grey Rd 7 – Epping	203	5	19
Grey Rd 12 – Scotch Mountain	176	5	29
Grey Rd 13 – South of Kimberley	168	4	14
Grey Rd 7 – Meaford Overlook	150	4	19
Grey Rd 30 – Bowles Hill	148	6	18
Kemble Rock Rd	79	3	20



GREY COUNTY CYCLING ROUTES

Grey County is a favourite Ontario cycling destination. Beautiful quiet country roads run through the Niagara Escarpment, Beaver Valley, along Georgian Bay and through the rolling hills of Saugeen Country. Off-roading in Grey is equally rewarding, from the excitement of downhill riding at Blue Mountain, to many gnarly singletack rides for the experienced rider. Our three rail trails provide a more gentle ride for families.

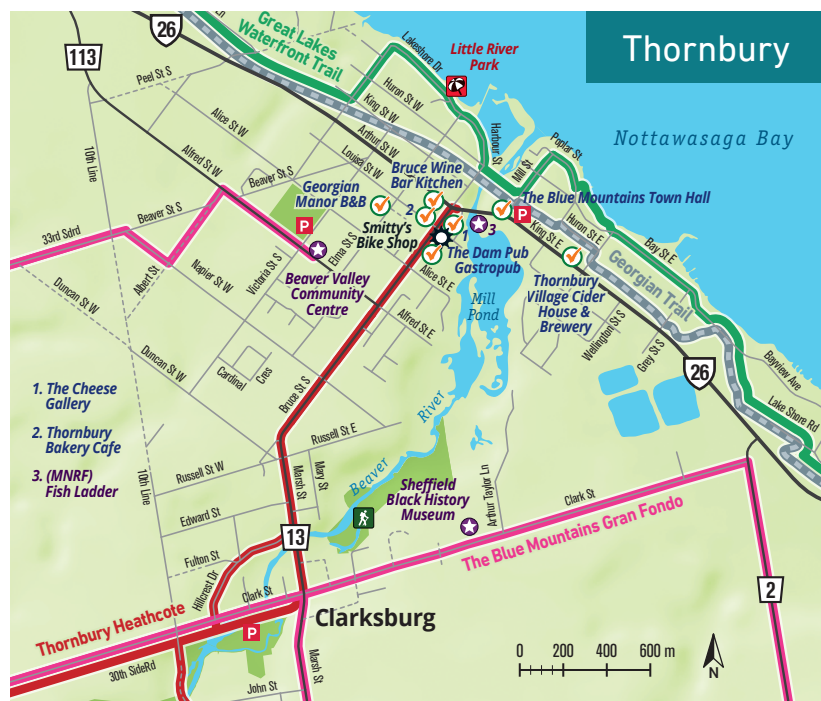
Remember to carry identification, a cell phone, emergency cash and repair and emergency supplies. Wear highly visible clothing, a helmet and make sure it fits correctly. Your bike is a machine and works best and safest when it is well-maintained. Prepare for your trip and happy cycling!

Please check for summer construction schedules on county roads at visitgrey.ca/cycling.

In Winter, Grey County roads are maintained to a maintenance standard and shoulders may not be plowed or available to cyclists. Grey County bike lanes are also closed for the winter. For more information and winter road conditions: grey.ca/roads.

Great Lakes Waterfront Trail

Grey County is proud to be part of the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail (GLWT) with 127 km along Georgian Bay. In August 2019 Grey County will host part of the 13th Annual Great Waterfront Trail Adventure: *Blue to the Bruce*, running from Blue Mountain to Tobermory to Point Clark. 25 years ago, the WRT inaugurated the first stretch of the Trail from Hamilton to Trenton. Today, GLWT has over 2,600 kms of signed paths and roads, connecting 140+ communities and First Nations from Quebec to Sault Ste. Marie along the St Lawrence River and three Great Lakes. Grey County congratulates WRT on their many achievements in creating this ribbon of partnership and friendship around the Great Lakes.



Cycling Routes 2020

Dashed route line indicates where a trail uses a gravel road

Easy

- Eugenia Lake Loop
- Meaford Loop
- Neustadt Country Road Loop
- Owen Sound East & Town Centre Loop
- Saugeen Tri 50k
- Pedal & Paddle
- Great Lakes Waterfront Trail

Moderate

- Thornbury Heathcote
- Mill to Mill
- Tom Thomson Trail
- Girl Guide
- Balaclava
- Sea Otter Canada*
- Saugeen River Ramble

Advanced

- Badjeros Loop
- Island View Drive
- The Blue Mountains Gran Fondo*

* Actual route may vary each year

Cycling Points

- Bike Park
- Bike Shop / Rentals
- Climb/Descent
- Off-Road Riding
- Beach
- Community Trail
- Conservation Area
- County Forest
- Hospital
- Information Centre
- Ontario By Bike Member
- Parking (Free)
- Parking (Paid)
- Point of Interest
- Provincial Park
- Scenic Lookout
- Waterfall

Transportation

- Provincial Highway
- County Road
- Paved Shoulder
- Municipal Road - Paved
- Municipal Road - Gravel

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