

# Town & County Road Ride

**Cycling Itinerary** 







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This cycling route provides a great tour of Prince Edward County, showcasing the scenic views, quiet countryside, county towns, as well as the culinary and arts scene. It can easily be done in any direction, with a start and end in Picton, Bloomfield or Wellington.

A popular summer destination, Prince Edward County is a great place to cycle with short distances between towns that have everything you need. The route out of Picton will take you on the adeptly named Ridge Road offering crowning views towards Lake Ontario. From the quaint village of Bloomfield continue along the Loyalist Parkway, enjoying a wide paved shoulder to the village of Wellington. If you need to cool down, stop at Wellington Beach before cruising into wine country. With plenty of worthy stops enroute, make sure you have extra time to take in a few of the shops, cafes, wineries and art galleries to really get a feel for "County" living.

Consider adding a ride to the Big Island or on the Millennium Trail to your visit to Prince Edward County and enjoy another day of cycling nearby.

#### **Route info**

#### **CYCLING ROUTE**

60km (37m)

#### **CYCLING IN**

South Eastern Ontario, Prince Edward County

#### **EXPERIENCE RATING**

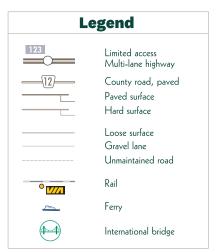
Moderate to challenging, recommended for cyclists with experience riding on shared roads

### Digital maps

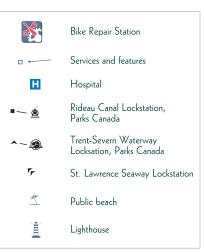
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# **Places to Stop**

- Numerous wineries, distilleries, cideries and craft breweries
- · Shops and cafes, Picton
- · Galleries and ice creams, Bloomfield
- Town and beach, Wellington
- Wineries on Closson Road, Danforth Road and Hillier
- Prince Edward County Lavender
- Prince Edward County Arts Trail

There are a number of options to modify this itinerary:

- Start in alternate locations: Picton, Bloomfield, Wellington, Hillier
- Ride roads and trails, much of the road route is close to the Millennium Trail, for a trail alternative
- Continue on the Great Lakes
   Waterfront Trail through the
   County and east and west
   along Lake Ontario
- Combine this itinerary with other cycling routes in Prince Edward County





distance 60km (37m)



# **Logistics**

#### Route

- Fully paved roads, majority with paved shoulders
- Busier roads, near towns
- Smaller quieter secondary roads
- Flat, limited elevation
- Suitable for all types of bikes

#### **Cautions & Notes**

- Busier road sections in and out of Picton, Bloomfield and Wellington should be cycled with caution, some paved shoulders and bike lanes
- Majority of route on Highway 33/ Loyalist Parkway has paved shoulders, some wider than others
- Use the Millennium Trail as an off-road alternative, unpaved
- Much of this route follows the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail
- Vehicle traffic can be heavy on summer weekends and holidays, especially in areas surrounding Sandbanks Provincial Park
- · Potential for strong headwinds

#### **Park & Start**

- Town municipal parking lot in Picton, Mill Pond Park in Bloomfield, and CML Snider School in Wellington
- Millennium Trail parking, Station Road, Hillier

## **Services**

#### **PICTON**

- Bike shop: <u>Beacon Bike +</u> <u>Brew</u> - sales and service
- Bike repair station: Millennium Trail, trailhead kiosk
- Accommodations
- Restaurants/cafés
- Food/groceries/ convenience stores
- Gas stations
- Public washrooms
- ATM
- Shopping
- Attractions

#### **BLOOMFIELD**

- Bike shops & rentals:
   <u>Bloomfield Bicycle</u>
   <u>Co.</u> sales and service;
   <u>Sandbanks Vacations</u> –
   bike tours; <u>Pedego Electric</u>
   <u>Bikes</u> bike rentals
- Accommodations
- Restaurants/cafés
- Public washrooms
- Shopping
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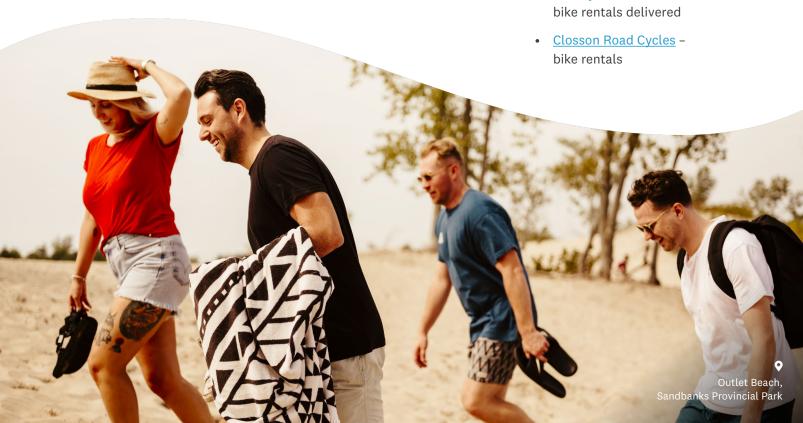
#### **WELLINGTON**

- Bike shops & rentals:
   Ideal Bike Wellington –
   bike rentals; Westlake
   E-Bikes bike rentals
- Bike repair station: Millennium Trail, trailhead kiosk
- Accommodations
- Restaurants/cafés
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#### **OTHER BIKE RENTALS:**

County Bike Rentals –

hike rentals delivered.



# **Information Links**

#### **Visitor Information**

South Eastern Ontario website: southeasternontario.ca

Visit the County: visitthecounty.com

#### **Additional Information**

More cycling routes in Prince Edward County:

- Picton to Sandbanks: ridewithgps.com/routes/46563406
- Big Island & Demorestville Loop: <u>ridewithgps.com/routes/46563417</u>

The Millennium Trail maps: pectrails.ca

Great Lakes Waterfront Trail maps: waterfronttrail.org

For cycling routes, maps and certified bicycle friendly places to eat, visit & sleep: ontariobybike.ca/southeasternontario

**Disclaimer**: The maps and itineraries have been developed to assist in planning bicycle trips throughout South Eastern Ontario. The majority of routes are on shared roadways and cyclists must use these streets, as well as any trails, with caution. 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 in traffic, weather conditions, time of day, and any road obstacles. South Eastern Ontario and Prince Edward County do not assume any liability whatsoever for cyclists travelling upon these routes.

