

DAY 01

Blue Mountain: 70km Approx.

0km Blue Mountain Village Inn

110 Jozo Weider Blvd, The Blue Mountains, ON L9Y 3Z2

Blue Mountain Village Inn is a beautiful resort with great dining, shopping and full service amenities. We suggest beginning your trip here, and inquiring about long-term parking.

Experience more of what the Blue Mountain/Collingwood area has to offer – we suggest the following options. Booking in advance is required:

- [Apple Pie Trail](#)
- [Scenic Caves](#)
- Shopping in [Collingwood Downtown](#)
- Blue Mountain activities, including Hiking, Yoga, Golf, and the amazing Mountain Roller Coaster

Of course, if you want to begin riding, we suggest the **70km Creemore Loop Tour (Optional)** – Cycle through Simcoe County and Clearview Township on an optional but highly recommended looped cycle tour (on road)

Route is available on Strava:

<https://www.strava.com/routes/2110155>

Be sure to stop in the beautiful village of Creemore for lunch at one of the cafes/restaurants. Don't forget to visit the famous Creemore Springs Brewery for a sample.

Dinner – Blue Mountain Village or Collingwood:

Choose from one of the over 20 restaurants in Blue Mountain Village or in the nearby town of Collingwood (car required).

Camping Accommodations

Craigleith Provincial Park is located about 5 km from Blue Mountain Village Resort on the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail.

209403 Highway 26, Blue Mountains, ON L9Y 0T6

[Website](#)

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DAY 02

Blue Mountain Village to Owen Sound: 75km Approx.

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0KM Blue Mountain Inn

Leave Blue Mountain turning left out of the Blue Mountain Inn and following Grey Road 19 to connect with the Georgian Trail section of the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail by the Craigleith Depot.

Please ride in single file and be aware of other trail users as you ride on the off-road trail. Please alert other trail users that you are passing by using a bell or calling out, "on your left". This is a popular and well used trail, and you will meet other cyclists, pedestrians and dog walkers traversing the trail in both directions.

14km –Thornbury

32 Mill St, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

Thornbury is a charming and popular waterfront town. In need of an extra caffeine fix? Try the Thornbury Bakery, Ashanti Cafe and Bread and Butter Cafe all serving delicious lattes, espressos, and tasty treats.

21km – Christie Beach Conservation Area

Directly on the trail, you'll find a small sandy beach and public washroom. Perfect for a quick break from cycling. Please respect the private property of the nearby cottages.

30km – Downtown Meaford Suggested Lunch

Enjoy the patios and unique shops on their beautiful heritage Main Street.

We love The Leaky Canoe, 94 N Sykes St, Meaford, ON or The Kitchen, 86 N Sykes St, Meaford. Keep in mind that after Meaford, there

are few opportunities to eat until completing the challenging ride to Owen Sound.

If you want something lighter, then pick up a lunch to go from the bakery and sit by the Jack Raper Park.

As you leave Downtown Meaford, you'll be riding through one of the region's primary agricultural zones during a busy time for the farms and orchards and will encounter farm equipment on the road. **These large vehicles have many blindspots. Please take care, exercise patience and share the road. When passing these vehicles, ensure they see can see you.**

43 km – Gravel Alert:

First stretch of gravel is about 1.4 km in length on Side Road 16 between 11 Line and 12 Line. You have a short reprieve once you turn onto 12 Line.

The next stretch of gravel and rough road (10 km) begins on St Vincent, north of Side Road 22 to Coffin Ridge Winery. The route is challenging, the views are stunning and destination at Coffin Ridge Winery rewarding.

If there has been heavy rainfall some roads may have some washed out sections. Please ride slowly and pay extra attention on downhill sections.

54km –Coffin Ridge Vineyard and Winery -

599448 Concession Rd 2 N, Annan, ON N0H 1B0 519-371-9565.

Take in panoramic view of the highlands with a glass of wine and the Vintner's Plate (gluten free and veggie options available).

After Coffin Ridge you have 6 km of gravel to ride (4 km stretch from Sideroad 30 to Sideroad 23 and 2 km on Sideroad 23).

67km – Hibou Conservation Area

County Rd 15, Owen Sound, ON N0H 1V0
Hibou Conservation Area has a lovely beach and washrooms.

75 km – Owen Sound

Located on a magnificent harbour, Owen Sound is a vibrant city with great culture and dining. Check out what's happening at <https://www.owensoundtourism.ca/en/explore/About-Owen-Sound.aspx>

Breakfast suggestion:

European Café, 806 16th St E, Owen Sound, ON N4K 1Z1. [Website](#)

Bishop's Landing Restaurant and Patio located in the Best Western Inn offers great lunch and dinner. [Website](#)

Accommodations

Best Western Inn, 1800 2nd Ave E, Owen Sound, ON N4K 5R1
(519) 371-9200, [Website](#)

Travelodge by Wyndham Owen Sound

880 10th St E, Owen Sound, ON N4K 1T4
• (226) 909-0235

Camping: Keslo Beach Park 2nd Avenue West, Owen Sound, ON N4K 2H4, Canada [Website](#)

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DAY 03

Owen Sound to Lions Head: 90km Approx.

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0km- Owen Sound

8km – Indian Falls Conservation Area

318614 Grey Rd 1, Owen Sound

Public washrooms are available with potable water.

Take a 10-minute (0.8 km) hike on a rigorous trail to see the lovely Indian Falls. Be sure to lock up your bike before heading out. In late summer the flow of water over the 15 m drop is minimal exposing a beautiful rock face. The hiking trail begins next to the washroom building and is rated "difficult" – rocky terrain, steep path/cliffs. Cycling cleats not recommended.

36km – Big Bay General Store -

250854 Big Bay Side Rd, Wiarton, ON

Famous for their delicious homemade ice cream.

41km – Cedar Hill Park

503103 Grey Road 1

Take in the amazing scenery including Colpoy's Bay, the Niagara Escarpment. Porta-potty.

49 km – Bruce Caves Conservation Area

Grey Rd 1, Wiarton, ON Washrooms.

Unique cave formations found along the escarpment face in the Conservation Area.

The caves are located approximately 0.4km from the parking lot on the trail. Please note that the trail is unsuitable for cycling shoes.

55km – Wiarton

Please eat in Wiarton since there are limited spots to buy food between here and Lion's Head.

We've all heard of Wiarton Willie, Ontario's very own star of Groundhog Day. Why not visit Willie?

Located across from Bluewater Park on the waterfront. Suggested places to eat:

- Dockside Willies Bar and Grill across from Bluewater Park. Take out service, no reservations. Hours are 11 to 7 pm
- Frosty Freeze, 498 Berford St, Wiarton, ON N0H 2T0. Take out service
- Tim Hortons, 445 Berford St, Wiarton, ON
- Subway, 487 Berford Street

57km – Spirit Rock Conservation Area -

Highway 6, Wiarton, ON

Spirit Rock makes a fascinating post lunch stop with the ruins of an 1880's mansion. Take the trail to the spiral staircase which leads down to the water (not suitable for cycling cleats!) Take care to avoid poison ivy. Washroom available.

76 km – Hope Bay - 12:30 to 2:45pm

2 Hope Bay Rd, Wiarton, ON N0H 2T0

About 500 metres off the trail, Hope Bay has a small sandy beach and is the perfect place to enjoy a quick swim. Hope Bay Campground is right across the road and has a small general store, perfect for an ice cream or snacks. It's a sweet ride down, but that you know what that means.

89km – Lions Head

Lions Head Beach Motel

1 McNeil Street, Lion's Head, Ontario, Canada, N0H 1W0

519 793 3155 Web: [Lion's Head Beach Motel](#)

Lionheart Guest House

167-87 Main Street, Lion's Head, Ontario, Canada, N0H 1W0

519 793 3325 Cell 519 387 2015

Web: [Lionheart Guesthouse](#).

Camping:

Lion's Head Beach Park Campground

1 Forbes St, Lion's Head, ON N0H 1W0

[\(519\) 793-3522](#)

Dinner suggestions in Lion's Head:

- **The Taste Kitchen**, open 11 am to 8 pm, 7 days a week. Online ordering, take out 1-519-793-4224. View the menu: <https://www.thetastekitchen.ca/>
- **Lion's Head Inn**, 8 Helen St, Lion's Head, (Hours Noon to 7 pm, Tuesday to Sunday). Call 1-519-793-4601 long after finishing. View the menu: <https://lionsheadinn.wordpress.com/184-2/>

Groceries and Supplies available at Foodland Supermarket (9 to 5 pm)

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DAY 04

Lion's Head-Choose your Adventure

Hike Lion's Spine; Ride 36 km Black Creek Provincial Park Loop or Ride to Tobermory (120km return)

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During high season booking a hotel for one night in Tobermory or Lion's Head will be a challenge.

We suggest staying Lion's Head for 2 days as it isn't as busy as Tobermory.

Spend an extra day in Lion's Head to hike the spectacular Niagara Escarpment, enjoy a shorter loop to Black Creek Provincial Park; enjoy the beach in Lion's Head or ride to Tobermory and back.

Hike Lion's Spine – Guided Hiking excursion offered by EcoAdventure

Immerse yourself in splendour on an EcoAdventure in the heart of the Lion's Head Provincial Nature Reserve. This interpreted expedition takes you to jaw dropping panoramas atop the Lion's Head cliffs. This forest hike will explore paths less travelled as hidden trails weave you through scarred glacial landscapes before linking with the popular Bruce Trail.

This exciting hike is ideal for those wanting to escape the crowd, nature photographers, curious explorers, the adventurous at heart, or those just seeking a break from the everyday! EcoAdventure Tours supports the Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association.

****Bring your own water and snacks****

[Reserve a spot to hike the Lion's Spine!](#)

36km – Cycle to across the Peninsula for a taste of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay

Combine cycling, swimming, and great food by cycling this self-guided 36 km loop. Starting in Lions Head (be sure to pack snacks and water) cycle towards Sandy Beach in Black Creek Provincial Park (11 km). It is just a short ride of 2.7 km along quiet and lovely Beach is about 2.7 km. Grab a lunch at TruFoods Cafe before heading back into Lions Head following the Georgian Bay coastline.

[Check out the route here on Ride with GPS](#)

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Lunch Options in and near Lion's Head

- **Mom's Pizza**, 2845 ON-6, Lion's Head, ON. Phone: 519) 793-4020 Take out only. Open Sunday to 7 pm.
- **Bear Tracks Inn and Restaurant**, 2837 ON-6, Lion's Head, ON (Hours 9 to 8 pm). Dine in or take out (no delivery). View the menu at: <https://beartracksinn.ca/> Phone: 1-519-3555
- **TruFood Cafe**, 3766 ON-6 Lion's Head, ON N0H 1W0. Fresh Ingredients. Coffee. Smoothies. Hot lunches. Open 7 days a week 6:30 am to 4 pm. This charming cafe is about 12.5 km north of Lion's Head on the Trail route.
- **Cindy Lou's** 81 Main St, Lion's Head, ON N0H 1W

120 km (return) Optional Trip to Tobermory

30km – Washrooms at McVicar at the Crane River Picnic Area parking lot.

55km – Public washrooms at Singing Sands Provincial Park.

65 km Tourism info Centre at Tobermory has public washrooms.

Grab a patio lunch from one of many restaurants or pubs, for example, Tobermory Brewing Co & Grill, Crowsnest Pub & Restaurant, Craigie's Harbourview Restaurant. [Check this link for more information.](#)

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DAY 05

Lion's Head to Southampton: 82 (Southampton) to 92km (Port Elgin)

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0km Starting from Lion's Head

28km – Pike Bay Community Park

Pike Bay Road and Sutter Road
Take in the lovely view. Outhouse available.

28.7km – Bay General Store

By the Bay General Store, Pike Bay, 817 Pike Bay Rd, Wiarton, ON N0H 2T0
32 flavours of ice cream and a small selection of baked grids and treats.

37km – Red Bay municipal park, with a beach

Earthbound Gardens

14 Hea Road, Red Bay
This is a beautiful garden centre with some tasty treats at the "Front Porch Bistro" including their delightful Lavender cookies.

48km – Oliphant Beach

Public washrooms. Oliphant beach has long been a great family destination

56km – Suggested Stop, Call of the Wild General Store and Sauble Falls Provincial Park

838 Sauble Falls Pkwy, South Bruce Peninsula

Grab an ice cream and walk over to the Sauble Falls Provincial Park via the parking lot. You will be able to get down close to riverside and cool your toes and savour the scenery.
The provincial park has public washrooms with potable water just in case you need a top off.

62km – Sauble Beach – Lunch Stop

There are 10 to 15 places to eat in downtown Sauble Beach or grab a lunch to go.

- **Wellness Refinery**, 656 Main St, Sauble Beach, ON N0H

- **Cesaro Taco Bus** 316 Main St, Sauble Beach, ON N0H
- **Heydays** at the June Motel, 11 Sauble Falls Pkwy, Sauble Beach, ON N0H 2G0

82km – Southampton - Overnight

We recommend spending your last night on the Bruce Peninsula enjoying a picnic style dinner on the beach while watching the sun set over Lake Huron. The Southampton Beach is a 1 km walk down High Street.

The popular [Outlaw Brewery](#), located in the restored Southampton Hotel has a wonderful [menu](#) (pizza, burgers, chicken) and delivers take out to the Beach (no alcohol). Order online: www.outlawbrewco.com or call 519-797-1515.

[Click here](#) for other dinner ideas in Southampton.

- **Elk & Finch Coffee Pub**, 54 Albert Street South, Southampton, Hours: 8am to 8 pm
- **Walker House**, 146 High Street, Southampton, Hours: 11:30 to 9 pm. Patio dining and take out with curbside pick-up. Call to order pick up: 519-797-2772
- **Duffy's Fish and Chips**, 151 High Street, Southampton. Hours: Noon to 8 pm

92km – Port Elgin Alternative Overnight

Port Elgin Dinner Suggestions:

For dinner ideas in Port Elgin [click here](#) for a curated list.

- Chesters Bar and Grill, 672 Goderich Street, Port Elgin. Patio and take out options.
- Wismer House, 705 Goderich Street, Port Elgin. Patio and take out.

Other activities:

- **Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre**, 33 Victoria St N, Southampton, ON

N0H 2L0

(<https://www.brucemuseum.ca/exhibit/anishnaabwe-endaat-gallery/>) showcases Anishnaabwe culture in a broader environmental and cultural context.

- **Self-guided heritage Walking Tours**

Download guides from here:

<https://www.saugeenshores.ca/en/explore-and-play/walking-tours.aspx>

Accommodations

Quality Inn – Southampton

100 Rankin Street, Southampton, ON NOH.
Bikes may be stored in your room

Travelodge – Port Elgin

235 Goderich Street, Port Elgin N0H 2C1.
Bikes may be stored in your room.

Camping: Saugeen Shores operates two municipal campgrounds in Southampton and Port Elgin. Both are close to the trail. Click for information. [Website](#)

102 km MacGregor Provincial Park, 1593 Bruce Road 33, RR#1, Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C5. 20 km south of the Quality Inn in Southampton. [Website](#)

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DAY 06

Southampton to Point Clark: 65 to 75km Approx.

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0km Southampton Quality Inn

100 North Rankin Street, N0H 2L0, Southampton

8km – Port Elgin Waterfront

There is a washroom at the Beach House and water refill station. Choose to ride through the bush, natural trail or use the road.

Route Option—Your Choice

At the end of Saugeen Beach Rd before heading north on Concession 4, you have an option to use Old Shore Road Trail, a natural path, to ride to the MacGregor Point Visitor Centre. The Trail will take you along the waterfront by the beach. Unpaved but firm the trail is suitable for road bikes.

As alternative, turn left on Provincial Road and take a Ridge Street to CR 25 where you will reconnect with the Trail.

Gobles Grove has a public washroom and bike repair station.

19km – Suggested Stop at MacGregor Point Provincial Park

593 Bruce County Rd 33, Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C5

One of Ontario's gorgeous provincial parks, MacGregor Point Provincial is worth a 2km detour to enjoy a short self-guided walk to one of Ontario's surviving provincially significant wetlands, or a walk out to Sunset Point, the park's best lookout. There is a vaulted porta-potty available, and a blue tap for bottle refills near to the visitor centre, which is closed unfortunately due to the pandemic.

26km –Bruceedale Conservation Area

137 Sprucedale Drive, RR.#1 Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C0.

Refill your water bottle at the tap located near the Picnic Shelter. Washrooms are available just a short distance down the park roads.

Gap Alert: the 5 kilometres on County Road 23, which does not have shoulders at this time. Usually a quiet road, CR23 is best avoided during shift changes at the Bruce Plant. Thanks to the Kincardine Trail Association this gap will be closed soon. KTA raised \$240K to create a 12 km dedicated trail connecting Inverhuron Provincial Park to Kincardine. To learn more about the work of this dedicated group or for maps of the Kincardine Trails network visit:

<http://www.kincardinetrails.net/>

58km – Victoria Park, Kincardine

310 Durham Market St N, Kincardine, ON N2Z 1Z9. Great stop for lunch. Good selection of places to eat on Queen Street.

75km –Point Clark Lighthouse and Beach, Huron Kinloss

Celebrate the finish of your ride on one of Huron-Kinloss' gorgeous beaches. The beach has public washrooms, a change room and water bottle refill station.

Arrange a pick up from Point Clark, or head back to Kincardine for accommodation.

Accommodations

SureStay Plus Hotel by Best Western
2 Millennium Way, Kincardine, ON N2Z 0B5,
Canada. Approximately 3 km on Durham St.
[Website](#)

Camping:

Aintree Campground, **2435 Conc. 12 Rd. RR#1 Kincardine, ON N2Z 2X3.** [Website](#)

Located 3 km south Kincardine. Leave the Waterfront Trail from Boiler Plate Rd at Concession Rd 12. Travel on Concession Rd 12 for 0.3km. The campground is on the left.

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