

Terrace Bay to Schreiber Beach

38.7 km
TOTAL DISTANCE

3–5 hrs
SUGGESTED RIDE TIME

DRIVE-AND-RIDE SELF-GUIDED ITINERARY

Cycle from Terrace Bay Beach at the mouth of the Aguasabon River on Lake Superior to enjoy the Terrace Bay Lighthouse lookout. Continue west from the lighthouse into Schreiber to experience the magic of Schreiber Beach, unlike any other on the North Shore. Head back on your route for a visit to stunning Aguasabon Falls and a local craft brewery back in Terrace Bay. Then it's back to the beach to relax by the boardwalk or continue your journey with a short hike to the red chair lookout.

EXPERIENCE LEVEL

Cyclist should be experienced and comfortable cycling on the paved shoulders of Highway 17 near traffic, including truck traffic. The shoulder width on Highway 17 may vary. Exercise extra caution on hills. The route on-highway is not signed.

TERRAIN

The 2.4km ride up from the Terrace Bay beach is a continuous climb with an average grade 3.5% (max. 6.6%). The ride from Terrace Bay to Schreiber is hilly, including a 2.8 km climb (avg 2.1%) and a 280m steep climb (avg 5.4%, max 9.3%). Isbester Dr in Schreiber includes a very steep 1.4km (avg 5.7%, max 12.1%) hill including turns. Use extra caution on this hill and consider dismounting and walking if it can be done safely.

TIPS

The trip can be broken-up over two days with an overnight in Schreiber. Pack additional snacks and water on your way out of Terrace Bay. The distance is not long to Schreiber, but route is challenging. Many businesses in Northern Ontario are family owned and operated. If you are relying on them for a stop it is always a good idea to call ahead.

START LOCATION

Terrace Bay Beach (Beach Rd terminus, Terrace Bay, ON.)

COURTESY OF



ROUTE MAPS

Ride with GPS
Terrace Bay to Schreiber Beach
(38.7km)

Great Lakes
Waterfront Trail
PDF maps



Disclaimer: This route is a suggested route only. The route incorporates both multi-use trail and on-road riding. All cyclists are responsible for their own safety and must use both trails and streets with caution and do so at their own risk. 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 on trails and roads, weather conditions, time of day, and any road obstacles. Waterfront Regeneration Trust and all others involved in the development of this route do not assume any liability whatsoever for cyclists using this information and travelling upon this route

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THE RIDE

START LOCATION

Terrace Bay Beach (Beach Rd. terminus, Terrace Bay, ON) or a location of your choice.

RIDE HIGHLIGHTS

Beaches: Terrace Bay Beach, Schreiber Beach

Bakeries: Breeze Bakery & Catering

Brewery: Slate Island Brewing Company (Simcoe Plaza, Terrace Bay)

Hiking: [Casque Isle Trail](#)

REMINDER

This trip travels ~13 km (in each direction) on the paved shoulders of Trans-Canada Highway 17, a provincial Highway with a posted speed limit of 90km/h with consistent traffic including truck traffic. Recall that there are a number of challenging hills on this rewarding route.

0 km – Ride Start: Terrace Bay Beach

This soft sand beach on Lake Superior at the mouth of the Aguasabon River has ample parking and washrooms. The beautiful boardwalk and nearby hiking provide plenty to see, discover and enjoy.

2.4 km – Recommended Stop: Simcoe Plaza

Home to a number of shops including restaurants, convenience and coffee, this is an ideal location to stock up on food and drinks before heading to Schreiber. *Beyond this point until you reach Schreiber, you will be cycling on the paved shoulders of Highway 17.*

16 km – Recommended Stop: Schreiber

Exiting the Highway at Ontario Street, you'll enter Schreiber. Here you'll find Breeze Bakery and Catering, where you can grab a coffee and snack. More restaurant options—as well as accommodations for those who decide to spend the night—are located along the Highway corridor. These can be accessed via side-streets through town. To enjoy a [Superior Picnic](#) at the beach, visit the Golden Rail for a special treat: the Godfather Poutine, before heading down.

18.6 km – Rest Stop: Schreiber Beach

There is something magical about Schreiber Beach, with the power and majesty of Lake Superior bounded by lofty hills. This is a perfect spot for a swim and a short walk along sections of the Casque Isle Trail. The Superior Picnic table is located right on the beach.

21.2 km – Recommended Lunch: Schreiber Pt 2

You'll face a challenging climb back to Schreiber where you can grab some food to go or find a restaurant for a sit-down lunch. Local restaurants include Filane's and the Voy Café if you'd like to sit, and the Golden Rail for food-truck flair. A local grocer, Costa Grocery Store, is located at the corner of Columbia and Winnipeg.

21.9 – Highway 17

Heading east out of Schreiber, you'll cycle the paved shoulders of Highway 17 again where you'll get to cruise as a reward for your earlier climbs. Continue to use caution, as you'll gain a lot of speed on the downhills.

33.4 km – Aguasabon Falls

Exit the Highway at Aguasabon Gorge Rd to visit Aguasabon Falls right outside of Terrace Bay. The falls are a sight you won't want to miss. Follow the road to its terminus, and the walkway to a viewing platform with an amazing view of the falls. Vault toilets are found in the parking lot.

36.3km – Recommended Stop: Lighthouse Lookout and Simcoe Plaza

Back in Terrace Bay, you can stretch your legs with a walk up to the Terrace Bay lighthouse lookout for a view of Lake Superior. Stop here for a late lunch or to celebrate responsibly with a visit to Slate Island Brewing Co. It is quite literally all downhill from here in the best way possible, as you cruise the route back to Terrace Bay Beach with Lake Superior winking at you through the trees.

38.7 km – Terrace Bay Beach and Ride's End

Celebrate your ride with a dip in Lake Superior or a stroll along the boardwalk. Head east from the boardwalk for a short hike to relax at the red chair lookout where, if you've timed it right, is a perfect spot to take in a Lake Superior sunset.

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THE WEEKENDER+

Add these to your drive trip to further enjoy and extend your stay. There is a lot to do and see in Terrace Bay and Schreiber.

Aguasabon Golf Course

7 Beach Rd, Terrace Bay, ON

A public 9-hole golf course near the shores of Lake Superior.

Hike the Casque Isle Trail from Terrace Bay to Schreiber

The Casque Isle Trail is famous for good reason. This rugged wilderness hiking trail follows the beautiful coast of Lake Superior, is known for spectacular lookouts and is a bucket list trip for many Ontario hikers. The Trail from Terrace Bay to Schreiber is ~28 km. The hike is remote with some mountainous sections, so plan appropriately. Part of both the Voyager Hiking Trail and Trans Canada Trail, the entire Casque Isle Trail is ~55 km, connecting Terrace Bay to Schreiber, Rainbow Falls Provincial Park and Rosspport. For more information, including access to maps, visit voyageurtrail.ca. Note, the entire hike from end-to-end can take 5 days.

Paddle Lake Superior with S.A.N.D.

121 Lloyd Lane PO Box 24, Rosspport, ON

Need the gear? S.A.N.D. (Such a Nice Day) Adventure Expeditions offers canoe and kayak rentals, paddling clinics, and offers single and multi-day expeditions for many locations along Lake Superior. For more information visit suchaniceday.com.

Rainbow Falls Provincial Park

Accessible from Highway 17, Rosspport, ON

Rainbow Falls Provincial Park offers several day-hike opportunities including a short hike to Rainbow Falls itself. Canoe rentals are available to paddle nearby Whitesand Lake for those who don't want to paddle big water. The park has two campgrounds, with the Rosspport campground located on Lake Superior.

ACCOMMODATIONS

While the ride can be completed in under a day, consider a stay in Terrace Bay or Schreiber. Drifter's Motel in Terrace Bay has an attached restaurant with some delicious fare, and there are a number of accommodations in Schreiber to break your ride into a two-day trip. Both **Terrace Bay** and **Schreiber** have a list of accommodations on their websites. Camping can be found at Rainbow Falls Provincial Park ~25km west of Terrace Bay.