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FRIDAY AUGUST 8

Hamilton Partial HamBur Loop 41km or Waterfront Trail In-and-Out 17km

Day 01



Registration – Mohawk College Residences –

9:00am to 10:00am [Map 1]:

245 Fennell Ave W, Hamilton, ON L9C 7V7

At 9:00am registration opens at the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail tent outside the Mohawk College Residences.

Parking for August 8

For those staying at the Mohawk College residence overnight and for those who purchased long-term parking, park in Parking Lot P8.

If you are parking for the day only, you must pay at the HONK station.

Leaving for Today's Ride – 9:30am to 10:30am

Between 9:30am and 10:30am, groups of volunteers and participants will head out for today's ride.

OPTION 1: Partial HamBur Loop (41.4km)

Starting from Mohawk College, ride to the Lake Ontario Waterfront utilizing part of the HamBur Loop. Along the way you will pass Easterbrook's Ice Cream and Hot Dogs (11km) and the famous Royal Botanical Gardens (11km). Take a moment to enjoy the views from the Escarpment.



26.7km - Barangas on the Beach – Included Lunch – 11:30am to 3:00pm

380 Van Wagners Beach Rd, Hamilton, ON, L8E 3L8

Arrive at **11:30am** to gather for a lakeside lunch at the Barangas on the Beach restaurant patio. **Use the entrance to the patio on the waterfront.**

Pick up a coupon at the entrance. Alcoholic drinks are not included

We'll salute our long-time partner and supporter, CAA South Central Ontario, who has helped our charity, the Waterfront Regeneration Trust, achieve major trail expansions since 2012, and

enhanced the GWTA support capacity to make experiencing the Trail through the GWTA more convenient and accessible.

OPTION 2: Barangas to Burlington In-and-Out (16.8km)

Those who prefer a shorter ride today can park at Barangas on the Beach, for a short, casual ride along the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail northwest to Burlington and back. **You will be able to register at Barangas from 12:30pm to 2:00pm.**



Check in to Mohawk College – 3:00pm [Map 1]:
245 Fennell Ave W, Hamilton, ON L9C 7V7



Late Registration – Mohawk College – 3:00pm to 5:00pm



CAA mechanic Gershom – 3:00pm to 5:00pm
At Mohawk College in the parking lot outside the residence.



Dinner – On Your Own

Dinner is on your own tonight. You can take your pick of the local restaurants around town; There are several options on Upper James (within a 10-minute drive of campus). Some suggestions include:

- **State & Main** – 1591 Upper James St
- **Sasso Pizza Market & Bar** – 1595 Upper James St
- **Ye Olde Squire Pub** – 1508 Upper James St
- **Paramount Middle Eastern Kitchen** - 1441 Upper James St
- **Freshii** - 1591 Upper James St

If you want to eat further afield, then Hamilton Downtown has a great dining scene—we like Rapsallion, The Standard, The Mule and Berkeley North—reservations recommended for Friday night.

Taxis

Hamilton Cab: (905) 777-7777

Blue Line Transportation Ltd: (905) 525-0000

GWTA 2025 Route Available on Ride with GPS



This year, especially, we consider Ride with GPS an essential navigation tool for the Ride. Please prepare your routes and devices tonight. You will have received an event invitation by email that will allow you to access the tour routes in Ride with GPS. You do not need a paid Ride with GPS account to access GWTA routes including turn-by-turn navigation.

If you need help, Ride with GPS has a comprehensive support centre to assist you in navigating the platform. For further support from Ride with GPS, please email brett@ridewithgps.com.

Here are a few links you may find helpful in setting up your device for the GWTA event in Ride with GPS:

- [Ride with GPS Event Setup / Downloading Routes and GPS Data](#)
- [Using "Handlebar Mode" to Preserve Battery Life](#)
- [Connecting Other GPS Services to your RWGPS Account](#)

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Greenbelt and Jersey Day!

Please wear your Greenbelt shirt or favourite jersey for our group photo and help us celebrate two great partnerships by tagging [@ONGreenbelt](#) [@GatherInGuelph](#)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Hamilton to Guelph: 66.6 km

Day 02

Today's Ride

Today's route follows part of the Greenbelt Route, featuring quiet roads favoured by local cyclists. Please remember that roads are not closed for the GWTA. Ride with care and be aware of your surroundings, other road users, and other groups of cyclists at all times.



Luggage Load Up:

Before breakfast, please bring your luggage to the volunteers at the luggage truck parked outside the front door of the residence building.

Please inform volunteers of your overnight accommodations: Gordon Hall, Lanark Hall, or the Delta Hotel. Additionally, please indicate whether your bag(s) will be left on the truck for the night. For example, bags containing camping gear should remain on the truck overnight.

IMPORTANT: LONG-TERM PARKING

Park in the **P8 Parking Lot** and **display your GWTA Parking Pass included in your Registration Package**.



Breakfast – Joyce Centre, Mohawk College – 7:00am [Map 1]:

Hamilton, ON L9C 0E5

Don't forget to fill up your water bottles before heading out on your bike!



CAA Mechanic Gershom will be available at breakfast from 7:00am.

14km – Highlight - Snake Road – 9:00am to 9:30am [Map 1]:

This is a famous local hill named for its winding nature, and a local cyclists' favourite. Watch out for other cyclists and stay to the right at all times.

16km – Suggested Rest Stop - Waterdown – 9:30am to 9:45am [Map 1]:

Reward yourself post Snake Road with a coffee and an apple fritter at the Copper Kettle Café in Waterdown or visit one of the other excellent coffee shops. Take care crossing Dundas Street/ HW5.

- **Copper Kettle Café** – 4-312 Dundas St E, Waterdown, ON L0R 2H5
- **Peach Coffee Co. Waterdown** – 297 Dundas Street E, Waterdown, ON L0R 2H0
- **Jitterbug Café** – 35 Main Street North, Waterdown, ON L0R 2H0



34 km – Suggested Rest Stop – Kilbride General Store– 10:30am to 11:00am [Map 1]:
4090 Kilbride St, Burlington
This little store is slightly off route (500m).

44 km – Pop-Up Water Stop – Robert Edmondson Conservation Area – 11:00am to 12:00pm [Map 1]:
10025 First Line Nassagaweya Moffat, ON L0P 1J0
Look for the GWTA pop-up rest stop for a water top ups and light snacks. There is a portapotty a short ride into the conservation area.

CAA Mechanic Gershom will be available from 11:00am.



60km – Rest Stop – Flow State Bike Company with Greenbelt Foundation – 12:00pm to 2:00pm [Map 2]:
599 Arkell Road, Arkell, ON, N0B 1C0
Enjoy a complimentary drip coffee and your choice of butter tart, cookie, or ice cream scoop—thanks to our friends at Flow State and the Greenbelt Foundation! Refill at the hydration station and browse the shop for water bottles and electrolytes.

There is plenty of bike parking available at the front of the store, with limited seating on the patio



and porch. Please don't linger too long so everyone has a chance to enjoy it.

66km – GWTA Basecamp at University of Guelph - W.F. Mitchell Athletic Centre – 2:00pm to 3:00pm [Campus Map]:

168 Trent Ln, Guelph, ON N1G 3B9

Visit the GWTA info tent outside of the Mitchell Athletic Centre for bike parking and the next day's itineraries.

CAA Mechanic Gershom will be available at the Athletic Centre from 2:00pm to 4:30pm.

If you arrive before check-in, ride over the plaza between the Delta and Gordon Hall. You'll find a variety of restaurant options including the **Shakespeare Arms**, 35 Harvard Rd, Guelph, or take in the self-guided Arboretum Tour.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Check-in opens at **3:00pm** for all accommodations. See detailed instructions for each location below:

HOTEL

Delta Inn:

50 Stone Road, Guelph, ON N1G 5L3

Bike directly across campus to your hotel and check in. Bikes are stored in your rooms.

UNIVERSITY DORMS

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Bike Storage

- Bikes are **not allowed** in the campus dorm rooms and must be stored in the Athletic Centre's small gym overnight.
- The **bike storage will be locked at 5:30pm**. Ensure your bike is inside, and you've collected anything you need for the night.

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- **E-bikes**—Removable batteries must be removed and charged in your room. If you have a bike with a non-removable battery, you will use a dedicated outdoor charging station in compliance with Guelph's fire code. Once your bike is charged, it will be secured in the luggage truck for the night.

Lanark Hall:

Lanark Hall, Guelph, ON N1G 3B9

Walk from the info tent and bike storage at the W.F. Mitchell Athletic Centre to East Town Hall to check in. Once you have your keys, you can head to the nearby Lanark Hall. Luggage will be located in the front lobby.

Gordon Hall:

785 Gordon St, Guelph, ON N1G 1Y8

We will be running a shuttle from the Athletic Centre's bike storage to Gordon Hall. Luggage will be located in the front lobby.



Gordon Hall Shuttle

Buses to Gordon Hall will begin leaving on a rotating schedule at **2:45pm**. There will be **4 runs with approximately 25 minutes between shuttles**. The last shuttle leaves from the Mitchell Athletic Centre at **4:00pm**.

NOTE: If you choose to walk instead, it's about 18 minutes (1.3km).



Included Group Dinner - Summerlee Science Complex Waasamowin Atrium – 5:30pm to 7:00pm [Map 3]:

474 Gordon Street, Guelph, ON N1G 1Y4
Join us to celebrate the Greenbelt's 20th anniversary. See [Map 3] for directions. Look forward to a special gift from the Greenbelt Foundation at dinner and a group photo!

Delta Inn & Suites — 12-Minute Walk

Gordon Hall — 15-Minute Walk

Lanark Hall — 14-Minute Walk

Post-Dinner Options

Guided Guelph Arboretum Tour – 7:30pm

Ivey Trail, Guelph, ON N1G 4Z8

A 10-minute walk from dinner, meet Joe, your guide, at the Arboretum Gate off Arboretum Rd adjacent to Alumni House. See map for exact location.

Step into a living, breathing sanctuary of nature at the University of Guelph Arboretum—400 stunning acres of plant collections, gardens, and winding trails that serve as a living laboratory where science and nature come together.

If you want to explore the Arboretum on your own head down Arboretum Road towards the trailhead at the Arboretum Gate.

A Night in Downtown Guelph Courtesy of Gather in Guelph

The Guelph Tourism Team will be on hand with coupons and ideas about your evening downtown. Enjoy a pub night in Downtown Guelph with your pick of 3 pubs and a dive bar all within a 10-minute walk of one another:

- **Jimmy Jazz** – 48 Macdonell St, Guelph, ON N1H 6P8
- **The Woolly Pub** – 176 Woolwich St, Guelph, ON N1H 3V5
- **Which Craft** – 91 Wyndham St N #101, Guelph, ON N1H 4E9
- **Brothers Brewing Company** – 15 Wyndham St N Unit A, Guelph, ON N1H 4E5



Downtown Shuttles — 6:45pm and 7:15pm.

Downtown Shuttles will leave from the Summerlea Science Complex, and drop off at Brother's Brewing Company.

Shuttles will pick up from Brother's Brewing Company at 8:45pm and 9:15pm returning to the Delta, Gordon Hall, Lanark Hall.

NOTE:

If you miss the shuttle, you can call a taxi using one of the numbers below.

Taxis

Canadian Cab: (519) 824-3110

Guelph Taxi: (519) 780-2622

Red Top Taxi: (519) 821-1700

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For over 20 years, Ontario's Greenbelt has helped protect vital farmland, clean water, and natural ecosystems—while supporting climate resilience, sustainable tourism, and thriving rural economies.

The Waterfront Regeneration Trust is proud to be a long-time partner in showcasing the Greenbelt's beauty and benefits through the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail, the Greenbelt Route and the 1300 km Lake Ontario Watershed cycle network.

Together with the Greenbelt Foundation, we're working to ensure the Greenbelt remains protected and prosperous for future generations. Learn more at www.greenbelt.ca/learn.



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Today's Ride – Guelph to Goderich Rail Trail

For most of us, today will be a long day in the saddle – we recommend starting your ride directly from breakfast and taking plenty of breaks.

NOTE:

As we are travelling this route on a Sunday, **all Mennonite bakeries and restaurants are closed for religious observance.**

In addition, while our support vehicles will be on the roads with water and some light snacks, we will only be able to meet you at the specified rest stops along the trail.

All this in mind, **please note the following:**

- **Plan where you will eat and whether you need to pick up lunch from a grocery store or café in advance.**
- **Carry two water bottles with you today to avoid running out of water.**



Luggage Load Up & Getting to Breakfast

Staying at the Delta Inn

- Before heading to breakfast, leave your luggage with our team member at the Delta.
- Cycle through campus to Creelman Hall, locking your bike up outside while you eat.

Staying at Gordon Hall

- Before heading to breakfast, deliver your luggage to the volunteers at the luggage truck outside Gordon Hall. You may leave as soon as you are ready
- **Please drop your key off at the front desk or leave in them in your room.**
- **Shuttle to Breakfast:**
 - Shuttle leaves at 6:55am, 7:10am, & 7:20am.

- Board the shuttle ready to ride for the day; you will start your day's ride directly after breakfast.

Staying at Lanark Hall

- Before heading to breakfast, leave your luggage with our team member at Lanark Hall.
- **Please return your key to the front desk in East Residence; failure to do so will result in a \$75 charge.**
- Pick up your bike from the W.F. Mitchell Athletic Centre (168 Trent Ln, Guelph, ON N1G 3B9) before or after breakfast. There is plenty of bike parking outside the dining hall.

Bike Storage in the Athletic Centre small gym opens at 7am.



Breakfast - Creelman Hall; University of Guelph – 7:00am to 8:30am [Campus Map]: College Avenue West, Guelph, ON N1G 2W1
Fill two bottles of water in the dining hall before heading out for the day's ride.



CAA Bike Mechanic Gershom will be available at Creelman Hall from 7:00am.

If you didn't pick up your bike from storage before breakfast, walk approximately 9 minutes to the W.F. Mitchell Athletic Centre (168 Trent Ln, Guelph, ON N1G 3B9).

Follow Ride with GPS routing through Guelph to meet up with the Guelph to Goderich (GtoG) Trail on Woodlawn Rd.

30km – Suggested Rest Stop - Elmira – 9:15am to 10:00am [Map 1]:

- **Hasty Market** – 28 Church Street W, Elmira ON N3B 2A7
- **Foodland Elmira** – 315 Arthur Street S Elmira, ON N3B 3L5
- **Food Basics Elmira** – 232 Arthur Street S Elmira, ON N3B 2P2

- **Local Renaissance Coffee Shop (Open 10:00am)** – 63 Arthur St S Unit #1, Elmira, ON N3B 2M6
- **Sip n' Bite breakfast restaurant** – 39 Arthur St S, Elmira, ON N3B 2M4

39 km – Wallenstein – 9:45am to 10:30am [Map 2]:
No businesses are open today, as it is a Sunday.



46 km – GWTA Water Stop and Suggested Rest Stop – Linwood Trailhead/Community Centre – 10:15am to 11:00am [Map 2]:

5279 Ament Line, Linwood, ON N0B 2A0

Outdoor washroom available. There are a few places to stop for food in Linwood:

- **The Corner Store LCBO & Food Shop (Open 10:00am)** – 5190 Ament Line A, Linwood, ON N0B 2A0
- **Noah's Pizza (Open 12:00pm)** – 5158 Ament Line, Linwood, ON N0B 2A0

55km – Millbank – 10:45am to 11:30am [Map 2]:
No businesses are open today, as it is a Sunday. If you visit the area in the future, we recommend Anna Mae's bakery!



62km – Recommended Lunch Stop & Shuttle - Milverton – 11:15am to 12:00pm [Map 2]:

We recommend that you stop in Milverton for lunch if you haven't already had it, and for picking up a snack to take with you if you have.



CAA Mechanic Gershom will be available from 11:00am to 1:30pm.

Food options include:

- **Tim Hortons** – 70 Main St S, Milverton, ON N0K 1M0
- **Gourmandise French Bakery** – Great baguette sandwiches. Order in advance from website <https://www.gourmandisecanada.com/> – 3 Main St N, Milverton, ON N0K 1M0

- **Foodtown (Grocery, Open 11:30am)** – 36
Main St N, Milverton, ON N0K 1M0
- **New Orleans Pizza (Opens 12:00pm)** – 6
Main St, Milverton, ON N0K 1M0



Milverton Shuttle from Perth East Recreation Complex to Blyth/GWTA Basecamp – 1:30pm
40 Temperence St., Milverton

A shuttle will be leaving from Perth East Recreation Complex in Milverton at **1:30pm** to drop off in Blyth at camp. Another shuttle will be available from the GWTA Basecamp to Goderich.

75km – Suggested Rest Stop - Monkton – 12:15pm to 1:15pm [Map 2]:

- **T&J Variety LCBO Outlet Convenience** – 205
Winstanley St, Monkton, ON N0K 1P0



96 km – GWTA Water Stop – Walton Trailhead – 1:15am to 2:15pm [Map 2]:
Brussels Line, Walton



108km – Shuttle, GWTA Basecamp, & Recommended Rest Stop - Blyth – 1:30pm to 2:30pm [Map 3]:



Blyth Municipal Campground, 377 Gypsy Ln Blyth, ON N0M 1H0

Campers and those staying in Blyth hotels will end their day here.

Bikes will be stored in the Arena Shed. Showers are available in the arena.



CAA Mechanic Gershom will be available at Basecamp.

- **The Blyth Inn-The Boot** – 422 Queen St, Blyth, ON N0M 1H0.
- **Blyth Fresh Mart** – 209 Drummond St, Blyth, ON N0M 1H0
- **Cowbell Brewing** – 40035 Blyth Rd, Blyth, ON N0M 1E0

- **Tim Hortons** – 39977 Blyth Rd, Blyth, ON N0M 1E0

IMPORTANT INFO for Blyth Campers:
Tomorrow's Morning
Shuttle to Goderich from Blyth

Tomorrow morning, there will be an **8:45am shuttle** from Basecamp to Goderich after breakfast, shortening your day's ride by **30km**.

If you plan to take it, **bring your bike to the volunteers preloading the truck after dinner.**



Shuttle to Goderich – 3:00pm & 3:30pm

The shuttle to Goderich will leave from the Blyth Arena/campground parking lot at the GWTA Basecamp at 3:00pm and 3:30pm. It will drop riders and their bikes off at the **Goderich Comfort Inn**.

NOTE: If you are staying in another hotel, you will have to cycle from the Comfort Inn to your overnight accommodation.

NOTE: If you are riding to Goderich, be aware that there is very limited support along this section of the trail. Be sure that you have stocked up on water and snacks.

118km – Auburn [Map 3]

122km – Detour Across Balls Bridge – 2:00pm to 3:00pm [Map 3]:
Follow GWTA routing.

129km – Rejoin G2G at Sharpes Creek Line – 2:30pm to 3:30pm [Map 3]:
GWTA Routing will have you rejoin the GtoG at Sharpes Creek Line.

133.3km – Detour into Goderich – 3:00pm to 4:00pm [Map 3]:

Follow GWTA routing, leaving the GtoG trail at CP line to enter Goderich by road. **NOTE:** DO NOT use the official G2G diversion, as it takes you down a steep and rocky hiking trail.

Hotels in Goderich

Please note that RWGPS routing in Goderich takes you to the Comfort Inn. If you are cycling into Goderich, adjust your route as needed to reach your accommodations for the evening.

140km – Goderich Town Centre – 3:30pm to 5:00pm [Map 3].

Welcome to Goderich—just in time for the grand finale of the Celtic Festival!

Get ready for toe-tapping tunes, harbourfront views, and some seriously delicious eats. At 5:00pm, meet Huron County Warden Jamie Heffer and Mayor Trevor Bazinet in the Comfort Inn lobby—they'll be there to welcome riders and hand out **free festival passes**.

Not staying at the Comfort Inn? No worries—we'll make sure you get your pass. Then head down to the harbour, follow the music, and soak up the celebration!



CAA Mechanic Gershom – Comfort Inn – 3:30pm to 5:00pm

Dinner — On Your Own
Blyth Restaurants

- **The Blyth Inn aka The Boot**– 422 Queen St, Blyth, ON N0M 1H0.

The GWTA team are heading to this local favourite offering great food at reasonable prices. There are two large tables reserved. North Huron Reeve Paul Heffer will be popping by to say hello and give us a classic North Huron welcome at

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Guelph to Blyth or Goderich: approx. 110–141 km
Day 03

5:30 pm. It's a great moment to raise a glass together—we'll start things off with a toast of Black Donnelly's Draft courtesy of the Boot. Come be part of it!

- **Cowbell Brewing** – 40035 Blyth Rd, Blyth, ON
N0M 1E0

Goderich Restaurants

We recommend the Celtic Festival but here are some other terrific options.

- **Part 2 Bistro** – 10 Courthouse Square,
Goderich, ON N7A 1M3
- **Beach Street Station** – 2 Beach St, Goderich,
ON N7A 4C. Amazing restaurant with up to 270
seats. Located in a former Canadian Pacific
Railway Station at the harbour. The Goderich
waterfront is a must-see.

Taxis

Blyth

Huron Taxi: (519) 482-1100

Clinton Taxi: (519) 482-7433

Goderich

Goderich Taxi & Delivery: (519) 524-6594

Anytime Taxi: (519) 524-8888

Shoreline Transfer: (519) 524-3459

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Today's Ride – Blyth or Goderich to Grand Bend

How today's ride starts will depend on whether you overnighted in Blyth or Goderich.

STARTING IN BLYTH



Luggage Load Up:

Campers — Drop off your luggage at the luggage truck parked at the Arena before going to breakfast.

Hotels — Before heading to breakfast, leave your luggage at an accessible location such as the front desk or front porch for pick up by GWTA Team members between 7:00am and 8:00am.



Blyth Breakfast - Royal Canadian Legion –

7:00am to 8:30am [Map 1]:

Branch 420, 192 Dinsley Street, Blyth, ON N0M 1H0

Located only a 5-minute walk from the GWTA Basecamp and Arena.



Shuttle Bus to Goderich – 8:45am:

- The shuttle will leave Blyth from the GWTA Basecamp at the arena at 8:45am.
- Bikes will have been loaded onto the truck last night.

Cycling from Blyth to Grand Bend

Those who plan to ride all the way from Blyth to Grand Bend can leave their bikes at the Arena until after breakfast. **NOTE: There is very limited support along this section of the trail. Be sure to stock up on water and snacks.**

Follow today's routing exactly—you WILL NOT enter Goderich, instead joining the route via Ben Miller to shorten your overall riding distance. Begin your ride by proceeding on the GtoG Trail from the campground/Arena and heading Northwest.

10km – Leave the GtoG [Map 1]

Detour down Base Line towards Balls Bridge.

14km – Balls Bridge [Map 1]

22km – Lucknow Line [Map 1]:

Turn left down Lucknow Line.



24 km – GWTA Water Stop & Suggested Rest Stop - Ben Miller Community Hall – 9:15am to 9:45am [Map 1]:

37015 Londesboro Rd, Goderich, ON N7A 3Y1
GWTA truck onsite bringing water refills.

31km – Join the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail - Orchard Line – 9:30am to 10:00am [Map 1]:

At Orchard Line you'll rejoin the route of the cyclists who left from Goderich, continuing along the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail.

STARTING IN GODERICH

Local Recommendation – Early Morning Dip

Enjoy a dip in Lake Huron without the crowds – take a ride down to the beach before breakfast for an early morning swim.



Luggage Load Up:

Comfort Inn

Please leave your luggage with our volunteer by the lobby.

Bedford

Please leave your luggage in the same location where you picked it up.

Other Hotels

Before heading to breakfast, leave your luggage at an accessible location such as the front desk or front porch so that the GWTA Team will be able to pick it up between 9:00am and 10:00am. This morning's luggage pick-up from Goderich starts later as the trucks are loading in and leaving from Blyth.

Goderich Breakfast – Comfort Inn



• **Comfort Inn**

Please eat breakfast at the hotel before leaving for today ride.



CAA Mechanic Gershom will be available from 7:00am to 8:30am.

• **Bedford Hotel**

Continental Breakfast is included at the hotel.

• **Cedar Lodge Motel/Maple Leaf Motel**

We recommend Cait's Café at 168 Courthouse Square, Goderich, ON N7A 1N1

NOTE: First km distance represents riders from Blyth. The second represents riders from Goderich.

42km/18km – Suggested Rest Stop - Bayfield Berry Farms – 9:00am to 11:00am (Opens 10:00am) [Map 1]:

77697 Orchard Line, Bayfield, ON N0M 1G0
Great spot for a butter tart and a coffee.
Washrooms available inside the building.



CAA Mechanic Gershom will be available from 9:30am to 11:00am.

47km/23km – Suggested Rest Stop - Village of Bayfield – 9:30am to 11:30am [Map 1]:

Visit the beautiful community of Bayfield on the shores of Lake Huron. Public washrooms available beside the Library located at 18 Main St., Bayfield, ON. For some of you it will be too early for lunch but there several great places to eat on Main Street:

- **Black Dog Village Pub** – 5 Bayfield Main St N, Bluewater, ON N0M 1G0
- **Bayfield Brewing Company** – 14 Bayfield Main St N, Bayfield, ON N0M 1G0
- **The Wharf Coffee Company** – 47 Fishermans Wharf Rd, Bayfield, ON N0M 1G0
- **Shopbike Coffee Roasters** – 11 Bayfield Main St N, Bayfield, ON N0M 1G0

- **Pink Flamingo Bakery** – 28 Bayfield Main St N, Bayfield, ON N0M 1G0

66km/42km – Detour Suggested Rest Stop - Zurich – 10:30am to 12:30pm [Map 1]:

A visit to the community of Zurich takes you 1km off-route. If you need a break there are food options:

- **Jerry Radar Homestyle Catering & Market** – 38110 Zurich Hensall Rd, Zurich, ON N0M 2T0
- **Havasu Coffee Company** – 17 Goshen St N, Zurich, ON N0M 2T0

Public Washrooms are available at the Zurich library

10 Goshen St N, Zurich, ON N0M 2T0

75km/51km – Suggested stop - Dashwood Community Centre– 11:00am to 1:00pm [Map 1]: 158 Centre St.(Bronson Line), Dashwood. Washrooms and water filling available.



89km/67km – A Dip in Huron - Grand Bend – 12:00pm to 2:00pm [Map 2]:

77 Main St W, Grand Bend, ON N0M 1T0
Meet us at the Beach House Observation Deck in Grand Bend where we'll be holding a **bike corral at the Rotary Community Stage from 12:00pm to 2:30pm**. The Beach House has change rooms and washrooms and it's the perfect location for a dip in Lake Huron.



CAA Mechanic Gershom will be available in the parking lot adjacent to Rotary Community Stage from 12:00pm to 2:30pm.

If you're staying in a hotel in Grand Bend tonight, this is the end of your ride for the day. **Hotel check-in is at 3:00pm.**

If you want a snack before dinner or before riding on to the GWTA Basecamp if you are camping, the Grand Bend strip is the perfect place for a beverage, a meal and an ice cream.

Campers – Onwards to Basecamp

Campers can head out to the Attawandaron Scout Camp along the Rotary pathway and the new paved shoulders of Highway 21.



102km/81km – GWTA Basecamp - Attawandaron Scout Camp – 3:00pm to 4:00pm [Map 2]:

8916 Lakeshore Rd, Port Franks, ON N0M 1T0
Check in at the GWTA info tent.

We have exclusive use of the campground, along with a number of cabins. Five cabins have been reserved and will be signed as such. The remaining cabins will be available on a first come, first serve basis.



CAA Mechanic Gershom – Pinedale Motor Inn – 3:30pm to 5:00pm

107 Ontario St S, Grand Bend, ON N0M 1T0



Dinner — On Your Own

Dinner tonight is on your own.



Shuttle into Grand Bend – Campers – 5:30pm

A shuttle will depart from camp at **5:45pm** to Grand Bend.



Dessert at Sunset on Lake Huron– The Beach House; Grand Bend – 8:00pm to 8:45pm [Map 2]:

77 Main St W, Grand Bend, ON N0M 1T0
Grab a sweet treat from The Highway Girl Café and head up to the top level of the Grand Bend Beach House to catch one of those classic Lake Huron sunsets. While you're soaking it all in, say hi to the Warden of Lambton County and the Mayor of Lambton Shores (Grand Bend)—they'll be dropping by to join the mix and mingle.



Return Shuttle to Basecamp

A shuttle will leave from the nearby pavilion and parking lot, where you were dropped off, visible

from the Beach House Observation Deck at **8:45pm** to bring you back to camp for the night.

Taxis

Grand Bend Taxi: (519) 238 7433

Star Taxi: (519) 238-7827

That Girl Taxi Services: (519) 238-1080

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Luggage Load Up:

Campers — Bring your bags to the luggage truck parked at Basecamp before going to breakfast.

Blue Water Motel, Amber Hotel, and Pine Dale Motor Inn — Bring your luggage to the truck at the Pine Dale Motor Inn before heading to breakfast.

Other Hotels — Before heading to breakfast, leave your luggage at an accessible location such as the front desk or front porch for pick up by GWTA Team members between 7:00am and 8:00am.



0km (Campers) or 14km (Hotels) – Breakfast - Attawandaron Scout Camp – 7:00am to 8:30am [Map 1]:

8916 Lakeshore Rd, Port Franks, ON N0M 1T0
The group will eat breakfast together at the Attawandaron Scout Camp (GWTA Basecamp) before heading East on country roads towards London.



CAA Mechanic Gershom available from 7:00am to 8:00am.

If you're coming from a hotel and prefer to eat something before getting on your bike, then you can grab something to eat in Grand Bend.

- **Tim Hortons** – 39 Ontario St N, Grand Bend, ON N0M 1T0

NOTE: After leaving breakfast take care turning left onto HW21 – use the newly paved shoulders of Highway 21 before turning right onto Greenway Road.

15km/29km – Hicks General Store – 9:30am to 10:00am [Map 1]:
36406 Mt Carmel Dr, Parkhill, ON N0M 1N0



15km/29km – GWTA Rest Stop – Corbett Community Centre – 9:30am to 10:00am [Map 1]:
35914 Corbett Rd, Parkhill, ON N0M 1N0
GWTA rest stop at Corbett Community Centre.



44km/58km – Caution - Denfield [Map 1]:
Busy road—take care.



49km/63km – GWTA Rest Stop – Denfield Park – 11:00am to 12:00pm [Map 1]:
GWTA rest stop. Washrooms available.



CAA Mechanic Gershom available from 11:00am.



58km/72km – Recommended Lunch Stop & Shuttle Point – Ilderton Community Centre – 12:00pm to 2:00pm [Map 1]:



13168 Ilderton Road, Ilderton
A Shuttle will leave at 2:00pm from the Community Centre to Elgin Hall, Western University.

Lunch options in Ilderton:

- **Tim Hortons** – 13349 Ilderton Rd, Ilderton, ON N0M 2A0
- **King Edward Restaurant and Pub** – 13239 Ilderton Rd, Ilderton, ON N0M 2A0
- **Grill 23 Mexican Restaurant** – 13229 Ilderton Rd Unit #102, Ilderton, ON N0M 2A0
- **Subway** – 13187 Ilderton Rd, Ilderton, ON N0M 2A0
- **4 Pizza Sake** – 13235 Ilderton Rd, Ilderton, ON N0M 2A0
- **New Orleans Pizza** – 13229 Ilderton Rd, Ilderton, ON N0M 2A0



74km/88km – Caution - Old River Rd – 1:00pm to 2:30pm [Map 1]:
A steep little road that leads to the busy Oxford Rd. Take extreme care turning left from Old River

Rd onto Oxford Rd; the first section has no bike lanes.

82km/96km – Wayfinding – Sanitorium Rd onto the Thames Valley Parkway – 1:30pm to 3:00pm [Map 2]:

Leave Sanitorium Road to access the Thames Valley Parkway. The Thames Valley Parkway is 35km of connected off road pathways and the backbone of commuter cycling in London. We'll follow it all the way to our overnight accommodations in Elgin Hall.

Be aware of other trail users and don't forget to use your bell or call out when passing.



94km/108km – Overnight Accommodations - Elgin Hall – 2:30pm to 4:30pm [Map 2]:



1151 Richmond St, London, ON N6A 5B9
Visit the Info tent before registering. Bikes are to be stored in your rooms.



CAA Mechanic Gershom available from 2:30pm to 4:30pm.



Dinner — On Your Own

You can either go out to the River District to eat or dine in using Uber Eats.

Some recommended restaurant options in the River District include:

- **The London Bicycle Café** – 320 Thames St Unit 101, London, ON N6A 0E1 — There is a GWTA special menu available, with limited numbers. Reservations are required. Book through the link in GWTA newsletter which you can access through the GWTA FAQs on waterfronttrail.org.
- **Pizzeria Madre** – 320 Thames St #106, London, ON N6A 5N8 — No reservations. Dine in and take out. (519) 432-4333.

Use our social media tags to share your experience: #GWTA25 #waterfronttrail

Instagram: @Waterfront_RT @Ldnontbikecafe

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

Grand Bend to London: approx. 96–108 km

Day 05

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- **Pho Ngon Vietnamese Restaurant – 45**
King St, London, ON N6A 1B8 —
(519) 672-9789



Shuttle to the River District from Elgin Hall – Starting 5:15pm

A shuttle will leave from the Elgin Hall Parking Lot at **5:15pm** for the River District. Alternatively, you can ride your bike back along the Thames Valley Parkway (~4km each way).

Return Shuttle to Elgin Hall – Starting 7:45pm

The returning shuttle to Elgin Hall from the River District will pick up from where you were dropped off from 7:45pm on Thames Street.

Taxis

Green Taxi: (519) 777-8888

London Taxi: (519) 657-1111

Your Taxi Link: (519) 432-2222

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Today's Ride

Today is a much shorter day on the bike. There will be plenty of time to hit the beach in Port Stanley this afternoon, so don't forget to bring your bathing suit and towel along for today's ride—or get some retail therapy at the shops.



Luggage Load Up:

Please deliver your luggage to our volunteers at the luggage truck before heading to breakfast.

Please advise luggage volunteers whether you will be staying overnight in St. Thomas or Port Stanley.



Breakfast – Elgin Hall – 7:00am to 8:30am [Map 1]:

The group will eat breakfast together at Elgin Hall (Western University). Today you can take your time over breakfast. We'll take a moment to thank our Tour Director and our fantastic GWTA volunteers.



CAA Mechanic Gershom will be available from 7:00am to 9:30am.

After leaving Elgin Hall by bike, rejoin the Thames Valley Parkway and follow it down to the river. At the river, you will join the bike lanes heading south on Ridout Street for a safe route out of London. This route is mainly quieter country roads towards St. Thomas.

NOTE: Please take care as some of the roads do not have bike lanes and have 90km speed limits.

35km – Rest Stop and Overnight – St. Thomas – 10:30 to 11:00am [Map 2]:

Visit one of the many coffee shops for a quick break or explore the St. Thomas Elevated Trail—Canada's only elevated park and part of the Trans Canada Trail. It has stood at the western edge of the city since 1929, a recognized engineering marvel of its era which, at its peak, carried some 50 trains each day, both freight and passenger.

Today it is a 4 km non-motorized trail with spectacular views over Kettle Creek Valley. Enter at the intersection of King and Centre St. in St. Thomas. (Highlighted in RWGPS).

Many of you are staying at the Holiday Inn in St. Thomas. Check in isn't until 3:00pm. We recommend riding 12km to Port Stanley for lunch and then heading back to St. Thomas to check in at the Holiday Inn.

Suggested rest stops in St. Thomas:

- **Streamliners Espresso Bar** – 767 Talbot St, St Thomas, ON N5P 1E3
- **Zesty Dessert Café** – 831 Talbot St, St Thomas, ON N5P 1E4
- **Las Chicas Del Café** – Parking lot, Canada Southern Railway Station, Parking lot, 750 Talbot St, St Thomas, ON N5P 1E2
- **Why Not Cookies Café** – 373 Talbot St, St Thomas, ON N5P 1B7
- **Ruby Blues Bakery and Café** – 571 Talbot St, St Thomas, ON N5P 1C5
- **The Perk** – 417 Wellington St, St Thomas, ON N5R 5J5



35km – Holiday Inn Express & Suites –

Check in at 3:00pm [Map 2]:

275 Highview Dr, St Thomas, ON N5R 5Y5
Check in from 3:00pm. Hotel has a pool and a fitness centre.

47km – Port Stanley Beach – 11:00am –

12:30pm [Map 2]:

Check out the stunning Port Stanley Beach on Lake Erie.

There are plenty of places to grab lunch, a snack, a beverage or an ice cream, and plenty of time to take a dip before checking into your hotel or heading to the GWTA Basecamp.



48.9km – GWTA Basecamp – Port Stanley Arena and Kettle Creek School – Opens

2:00pm [Map 2]:

350 Carlow Rd, Port Stanley, ON N5L 1B6
Campground opens at 2:00pm. Bikes are stored in the arena, which is locked at 9 pm. There will be a porta-potty with sink to accommodate people overnight. Arena opens at 6:30a.m.



CAA Mechanic Gershom will be available from 2:00pm.



Included Beach Dinner Celebration

Celebrate our arrival to Lake Erie, our third Great Lake of the trip, with a beachside dinner!



Dinner Shuttles

Shuttle from Holiday Inn St. Thomas to Dinner in Port Stanley

Shuttle leaves from the Holiday Inn at **5:00pm**.

NOTE: There will only be one shuttle heading to Port Stanley. There is plenty of room for everyone, but if you miss the bus you will need to take an Uber or taxi (Local taxi numbers included at end of itinerary).

Shuttles from GWTA Basecamp to Dinner in Port Stanley – 5:20pm & 5:35pm

You can either take the pleasant 1.5km/20 min walk from the campground to dinner at GT's on the Beach (Map 3) or wait for the shuttle.

The shuttle running from St. Thomas will stop at the Port Stanley Area at **5:20pm** and, space allowing, take passengers up to capacity. It will then drop off at dinner, before returning to camp empty for a final **5:35pm** pick up.



Beachside Dinner at GT's

350 Edith Cavell Blvd, Port Stanley, N5L 1E2
Please pick up your wristband from a GWTA staff member or volunteer. Staff will direct you to a table – we have reserved a large section of the patio.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

London to Port Stanley: approx. 49 km

Day 06

Choose from the extensive set menu which caters for gluten free, vegetarian and vegan diets.

Alcoholic drinks are not included in your meal and must be purchased separately.

If it happens to rain, and we need to be moved from the patio to a covered meal area, our group will have to break into 75 people at 5:30pm and 75 people at 6:30pm. The 5:30 seating will prioritize participants coming from St. Thomas and the arena on the 5 pm shuttle. The 5:30pm group will be on a 1 hour time limit. If weather is good, everyone can arrive at 5:30pm (or whatever time is best for you).

Take a post-dinner walk along the beach or through the town or enjoy Port Stanley's nightlife.



Post-Dinner Shuttles – Departing from Port Stanley Visitor Centre – 7:30pm and 8:30pm

199 Carlow Rd, Port Stanley, ON N5L 1B6

Shuttle 1 — 7:30pm – Port Stanley Arena & St. Thomas Holiday Inn

Shuttle 2 — 8:30pm – Port Stanley Arena & St. Thomas Holiday Inn

Taxis

Dockside Cabs (519) 782-3855

Town and Country Taxi: (519) 631-1800

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Today's Ride

Today's route follows quiet country roads with some hills later in the day. Make sure to take time to explore the port towns—they're the best place for connecting with Lake Erie, as well as for finding washrooms, food options, and unexpected gems!



Luggage Load Up:

Campers —

Please deliver your luggage to the luggage truck by 8:00am, before going to breakfast.

Hotels —

St. Thomas Holiday Inn:

Please leave your luggage with a volunteer or staff member in the lobby of the hotel before heading to breakfast at the hotel.

Port Stanley Hotels and B&Bs:

Before heading to breakfast, leave your luggage at an accessible location such as the front desk or front porch for pick up by GWTA Team members between 7:00am and 8:00am. Preferably the same location where you picked up your bags yesterday.



Breakfast – Port Stanley Arena – 7:00am to 8:30am [Map 1]:

332 Carlow Rd, Port Stanley, ON N5L 1B6
Breakfast will be served upstairs in the Arena for campers and those whose hotels either do not provide breakfast or do not provide an early enough breakfast.



CAA Mechanic Gershom available from 7:00am.

Breakfast – St. Thomas Holiday Inn – 7:00am to 8:30am [Map 1]:

Your breakfast is included at your hotel. Follow RWGPS routing to connect to the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail as you start your ride.

20km – Suggested Rest Stop – Port Bruce Provincial Park – 9:00am to 9:45am [Map 1]:

3360 Imperial Rd, Aylmer, ON N5H 2R2



Visit the beautiful beach at Port Bruce Provincial Park. Washrooms are available at the parking lot.

- **M&D Taco Shack** – 3143 Colin St, Port Bruce, ON N5H 2R2
- **Corner View Cafe** – 3159 Colin St, Aylmer, ON N5H 2R2

CAA Mechanic Gershom will be available from 9:00am.

40km – Suggested Stop – Port Burwell and Museum of Naval History – 10:00am to 11:00am [Map 2]:

3 Pitt St, Port Burwell, ON N0J 1T0

Consider checking out the Museum of Naval History, located across the street from the historic lighthouse (Lake Erie's oldest) built in 1840.

Port Burwell has plenty of restaurant options if you're looking for an early lunch or a bite to eat:

- **Simply Scoops** – 38 Robinson St, Port Burwell, ON N0J 1T0
- **Straiko's by the Lake** – 33 Robinson St, Port Burwell, ON N0J 1T0
- **Izzy's Schooners Restaurant & Patio Lookout** – 35 Robinson St, Port Burwell, ON N0J 1T0
- **Driftwood Café** – 39 Robinson St, Port Burwell, ON N0J 1T0



70km – GWTA Pop-Up Water Stop – Lee Brown Waterfowl Management Area – 12:00pm to 1:00pm [Map 3]:

2575 Norfolk 42, Port Rowan, ON N0E 1M0
GWTA pop-up rest stop and port-apotty.



76km – Suggested Lunch Stop – Port Rowan – 12:15pm – 1:15pm [Map 3]:

13 Front Rd, Port Rowan, ON N0E 1M0
Port Rowan is a beautiful little harbour village. Make sure to check out the famous Twins Ice cream parlor. Suggested Restaurants:

- **Boathouse Restaurant** – 10 Sea Queen Rd, Port Rowan, ON N0E 1M0
- **Twins Ice Cream Parlor** – 1028 Bay St, Port Rowan, ON N0E 1M0
- **Chef Stan's Saloon** – 1029 Bay St, Port Rowan, ON N0E 1M0
- **Country Folk** – 1048 Bay St, Port Rowan, ON N0E 1M0
- **Foodland (Grocery)** – 1031 Bay St, Port Rowan, ON N0E 1M0

90km – Shuttle Point and Suggested Stop– Burning Kiln Winery– 1:00pm to 3:00pm [Map 3]:

1709 Front Rd, St Williams, ON N0E 1P0
Burning Kiln Winery is a winery and dining destination featuring the Back Kitchen restaurant.



CAA Mechanic Gershom will be available from 2:00pm.



Shuttle to Simcoe Comfort Inn and Port Dover Arena/GWTA Basecamp – 3:00pm

A shuttle will pick up from the Burning Kiln Winery parking lot at 3:00pm. It will stop in Simcoe at the Simcoe Comfort Inn, and then at the GWTA Basecamp in Port Dover.

100km – Port Ryerse – 2:00pm to 3:30pm [Map 3]



102km – Overnight Location Decision Point – 2:00pm to 3:30pm [Map 4]:

Just north of Port Ryerse at the intersection of Woolley Rd and Port Ryerse Rd is the decision point for your overnight accommodations:

Staying in Simcoe

Comfort Inn and Best Western Simcoe guests will leave the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail, continuing North on Ryerse Road towards Simcoe. Please use RWGPS and paper maps for directions to the Simcoe Comfort Inn.



112km – Overnight Accommodation – Comfort Inn Simcoe – 3:30pm to 5:00pm [Map 4]:
85 Queensway East, Simcoe, ON N3Y 4M5
Queensway East is a busy urban road. For your safety, we recommend walking your bike along the sidewalk from Hendry Street to your accommodations: the **Comfort Inn** is approximately 500 m east of Hendry St., and the **Best Western Little River Inn** is about 900 m.

Staying in Port Dover

If you are camping or staying in a Port Dover hotel, continue East on the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail towards Port Dover.



110km – GWTA Basecamp – Port Dover Arena – 2:30pm to 4:00pm [Map 4]:
809 St George St, Port Dover, ON N0A 1N0



GWTA Basecamp opens at 2:00pm.
The arena is under construction so bikes will be stored in the front entrance way, and if necessary we will designate a change room for bikes as well. Washrooms and showers in the arena. The arena will be locked at 9:00 pm. A port-apotty and sink will be available for overnight use.



CAA Mechanic Gershom will be available from 3:30pm.

If you are staying in a hotel, ride directly to your Port Dover accommodations.



Dinner – On Your Own

Dinner is your own this evening. After tonight we leave Lake Erie behind. If you haven't tried the perch—now is the time to do so.

- **Erie Beach Hotel** – 19 Walker Street
Port Dover, ON N0A 1N. (519) 583-1391
Monday to Friday, 5:00pm to 8:00pm.
- **Beach House** – 2 Walker St. Port Dover ON
N0A 1N0. (519) 583-0880. 11:00am to 9:00pm.

- **David's Restaurant** – 168 New Lakeshore Rd. Port Dover, ON N0A 1N3. (519) 583-0706. 5:00pm to 9:00pm.
- **Schofields** – 243 Main Street, Port Dover ON N0A 1N0. (519) 583-3400. 11:00am to 8:00pm.
- **Family Shed Pizzeria** (Offers Delivery) – 301 Main St, Port Dover, ON N0A 1N0. (519) 583-1881. 11:00am to 9:00pm. One of Port Dover's favourites.
- **Southside Louie's** (Offers Delivery) – 201 Main St, Port Dover, ON N0A 1N0. (519) 583-0920.

Simcoe Restaurants

There are several restaurant chains located near Comfort Inn, including Swiss Chalet, McDonald's, and Wild Wing.

- **Swiss Chalet** – 101 Queensway East, Simcoe (next door to the Comfort Inn). 11:00am to 10:00pm
- **Tim Hortons** and **McDonald's** are just to the east of the hotel.
- **Indulge Ice Cream** – 45 Queensway East, Simcoe, ON N3Y 5E7. Closes at 9:30pm. Just a 7-minute walk from the hotel. A sweet way to wrap up the day. Bonus: the Trail picks up right behind the shop and marks the official Simcoe start for tomorrow's ride.
- **Gardener's Cottage Restaurant**, located in the Best Western Little River Inn, 203 Queensway W, Simcoe. 5:00pm to 9:00pm.



Shuttle from Simcoe to Port Dover for Dinner –

If you'd prefer to enjoy a lakeside dinner, there will be shuttles running from **Simcoe Comfort Inn** (1.3 km walk from the Best Western) to Port Dover.

5:15pm – Shuttle leaves Comfort Inn

5:55pm – Shuttle leaves Comfort Inn

Return Shuttle from Port Dover Dinner to Simcoe Comfort Inn –

Pick up for return trip at same location you were dropped off at.

8:00pm – Shuttle leaves Port Dover for Comfort Inn

8:30pm – Shuttle leaves Port Dover for Comfort Inn

Taxis

HNT Taxi: (519) 427-3417

Why Wait Taxi Norfolk Inc.: (519) 428-9999

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DAY 8 – FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025

**Port Dover or Simcoe to Hamilton 100/88KM. No shuttles.
Watch for the Trail switch at the 41KM mark.**

Today's Ride – Port Dover or Simcoe to Hamilton

Congratulations, you have made it to the final day of the tour! Today we ride scenic rail trails from Port Dover to Hamilton, with highlights including Waterford's Black Bridge, the City of Brantford, Mohawk Chapel and Hearts Content Organic Farmstead. The route is entirely rail trail featuring a variety of surfaces from hard paved to crushed gravel.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Since we will be riding entirely on rail trail today it is not possible to offer the same level of mechanical support as previous days. There will be no formal shuttles operating.

For any mechanical issues, the CAA Mobile Bike Assist will be stationed at certain rest stops. However, we recommend using the volunteers to assist you with minor mechanical issues on the trail, as it can be difficult for our vehicles to locate you.

Please ensure that you are carrying a charged cellphone, and at the very least you are carrying a spare inner tube with you today. Please use our cycling volunteers to help you should you have any issues.

STARTING IN PORT DOVER



Luggage Load Up:

truck parked at the Arena before you heading to the neighbouring community centre for breakfast. All luggage should be loaded by 8 AM.

Hotels – Before heading to breakfast at the Community Centre, leave your luggage at an accessible location such as the front lobby or where we dropped off the luggage the day before. Luggage picked up by GWTA Team members.



Port Dover Breakfast – Port Dover Community Centre – 7:00am to 8:30am [Map 1]:
801 St George St, Port Dover, ON N0A 1N0 (next door to the campsite).



CAA Mechanic Gershom will be available at the Community Centre from 7:00am to 8:00am.

STARTING IN SIMCOE



Simcoe Comfort Inn – Please leave your luggage in the reception area of the hotel with our volunteer on duty before heading to breakfast.

Breakfast – Simcoe Comfort Inn – 7:00am to 8:00am [Map 1]:
The Comfort Inn breakfast area is quite small, and it will not be possible for everyone to eat there at the same time – you may prefer to eat in your room or grab breakfast at the Tim Hortons or McDonalds down the street which is located close to the trail entrance (behind the Indulge Ice Cream Double Decker bus Ice Cream spot).

The Best Western – please bring your bags to our volunteer at the front desk at 7:00am. The Best Western offers an à la carte breakfast at 7:00am.

Port Dover / Simcoe to Hamilton via Brock's Route

Travelling along the trail from Hamilton to Brantford to Port Dover, Brock's Route follows the Trans Canada Trail, Hamilton to Brantford Rail Trail, City of Brantford Trails and the TH&B Rail Trail within Brantford and Brant County to trace the route that Isaac Brock took during the War of 1812. Trail markers along the route commemorate 200 years of peace.

1km Silver Lakes Lion's Park [Map 1]:
320 St Patrick St, Port Dover, ON N0A 1N0

Cyclists leaving from **Port Dover** will join the Lynn Valley Trail at Silver Lake Lion's Park. This is a quick 5-minute ride from the campground.

12.6km/1km – Suggested Stop – Simcoe Lion's Park [Map 1]:
75 Davis Street East Simcoe
Simcoe Lion's Park can be accessed directly from the Trail and will be open for riders to use the washrooms and refill water bottles. The Trail becomes the **Norfolk Sunrise Trail** as it travels through Simcoe.

20km/10km – Waterford – 8:30am to 10:00am [Map 1]:
The Trail into Waterford is named the [Waterford Heritage Trail](#)

The highlight of this section of the trail is the **Waterford Black Bridge**, an old rail bridge that has been converted into a pedestrian bridge as part of the Waterford Heritage Trail. This section of the trail in Waterford goes over Waterford ponds and has beautiful views and lookout points.

Take some time to visit the town of Waterford via the lower trail which travels under the bridge.

41km/30km – Wayfinding – Trail Split at Burtch Road [Map 2]:



IMPORTANT NOTE: The trail you are riding splits between the LE&N trail to your right, and the TH&B Trail to your left just before crossing Burtch Rd. Our route continues along the **LE&N Trail**, so **keep right**. Watch for signs to alert you.



41/30km – Suggested Early Lunch or Coffee Stop – Windmill Country Market – 10:00am to 11:00am [Map: 2]
701 Mt Pleasant Rd, Mount Pleasant, ON N0E 1K0

Leave the trail at Burtch Road for a 500m side trip to visit the famous [Windmill Country Market](#) - a



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local favourite for breakfasts, lunches, bakery and deli products.

51/40km – Washrooms are available at the Civic Centre, 79 Market St. South, Brantford. [Map 2]



55km/44km – Greenbelt Rest Stop – Mohawk Chapel – 11:00am to 1:00pm [Map 2]:

301 Mohawk St, Brantford, ON N3T 5LN

H.M Royal Chapel of the Mohawks is one of the oldest buildings in Canada. The chapel is located along the bank of the Grand River on Six Nations land. Built in 1785, Her Majesty's Royal Chapel of the Mohawks is the last remaining building of the original Mohawk Village and is now the oldest surviving Church in Ontario.

The Mohawk Chapel is a beautiful historical site with so much to offer. Take a walk around the grounds to view plaques unveiled by Her Majesty the Queen, memorials of Joseph Brant, Pauline Johnson, Susan Hardie and more. Staff and the Chapel Warden will be available to facilitate self-guided tours and conversations.

There will be light snacks and Strawberry Juice, a traditional indigenous beverage.

Discover Brantford. Be sure to top off your water bottles at the Discover Brantford welcome booth and water station behind the Mohawk Chapel near the Trail.

CAA Bike Mechanic Gershom will be available from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Mohawk Chapel in the parking lot.



67km/56km – Included Lunch/Greenbelt Rest Stop – Heart's Content Organic Farmstead – 11:00am to 1:30pm [Map 2]:
27 Ronald Rd., RR #8 Brantford, ON N3T 5M1



Celebrate the Greenbelt's 20th Anniversary with a special stop at [Hearts Content Organic Farmstead](#). Enjoy a chef-prepared fresh wrap and one of Richard Tunstall's famous organic cookies. Hosts Ella and Richard are passionate stewards of the land and longtime Greenbelt advocates. Though just outside the Greenbelt boundary, they've expressed a strong wish to be part of it. Their eco-farmstead, located along the Trans Canada Trail, also offers fabulous farmstead experiences and guided medicinal plant walks.

84km/73km – Suggested Rest Stop – Dundas Valley Conservation Area Visitor Centre – 12:30pm to 2:30pm [Map 3]:

5E3 Ancaster, Lower Spring Creek Trail, Dundas, ON L9E 5E3

Don't miss the Dundas Valley Trail Centre, a replica of a Victorian train station, and the hub of the valley's trail network. Summer weekdays the centre is open 8:30am to 3:00pm.

The Centre has a food concession, interpretive displays, brochures and maps detailing the Dundas Valley. **Note that Support Vehicles cannot access this site.**

99km/88km – Mohawk College – 2:00pm to 4:00pm [Map 3]:

135 Fennell Ave W, Hamilton, ON L9C 1E9



You did it! Welcome to the Finish Line!

You've conquered the 3-Great Lakes in 8 Days—what an achievement!

Cellar Bar | Cash Bar | 2:00pm to 5:00pm [Map 3]:

It's time to celebrate like the legend you are! Pick up your **Finisher Medal**, strike your **hero pose** at our photo station, and toast your incredible

journey with fellow riders. You've earned every sip, smile, and cheer.

Showers Before Heading Home

We have two rooms reserved at Mohawk College Residences for those of you who would like a quick shower before heading home. Please use your own towels and toiletries – towels and toiletries not provided by the residences.

Thank you for launching the Three Great Lakes in Eight Days Adventure and for supporting the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail. This was no ordinary ride—it was a challenging, beautiful, and unforgettable journey, and a fitting way to celebrate the Trail's 30th anniversary.

Riders like you have been instrumental in the Trail's growth. You've raised awareness, built community, and helped secure vital support.

We're especially grateful to those who donated or dedicated their ride to raising funds—you are helping to secure the future of this legacy initiative.

As we look to the next 30 years, we're focused on closing gaps, completing our northern expansions, enhancing signage, and supporting regeneration along the entire waterfront.

Your support goes far beyond today's ride. You are helping build a Trail that future generations will walk, ride, and cherish—connecting communities, nature, and each other for decades to come.

Thank you to all of [our partners and supporters](#) for their support of the GWTA 2025

Be sure to complete the GWTA Participant Survey that you will receive at the end of the ride.