

10-Lakes Loop

DRIVE-AND-RIDE SELF-GUIDED ITINERARY

This cottage country ride begins and ends at the gateway to the 30,000 Islands in Parry Sound on beautiful Georgian Bay. Travel rolling wooded hills with scenic views onto 10 beautiful lakes to visit Hayes Corners and the historic village of MacTier. There you'll swim, or visit the surprising Chef Henrie Bistro for a taste straight from Austria. Completing a loop around MacTier, you'll return to Parry Sound for any number of local delights: sights, sounds, local food and drink, or just taking in the view.

EXPERIENCE LEVEL

Best suited for experienced cycle tourists comfortable riding with traffic. Some of the route follows Lake Joseph Road, a secondary road that served as the former Highway 69 and includes substantial paved shoulders.

TERRAIN

This route is hilly in sections. All roads on the route are paved. In Parry Sound, part of the GLWT follows the Rotary and Algonquin Regiment Fitness Trail near and along Georgian Bay, which can be ridden on a road bike.

TIPS

There's about 22–25 km of riding before your first amenity after Parry Sound. Carry extra water and snacks and allocate extra time to accommodate the terrain. E-bikes help with hills. Some businesses close for the season starting in September. We recommend calling the businesses you hope to visit in advance. Cycling is with traffic on Rankin Lake Road, where curves can impact sight lines—use caution.

START LOCATION

Park at the Waubuno Beach Parking Lot at the terminus of Prospect St in Parry Sound.

Disclaimer: This route is a suggested route only. The route incorporates onroad 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.

87 km

TOTAL DISTANCE (LOLLIPOP LOOP)

6-8 hrs

SUGGESTED RIDE TIME

ROUTE MAPS

Ride with GPS

(87 km, +/- 800 m elevation)

Great Lakes
Waterfront Trail
PDF maps

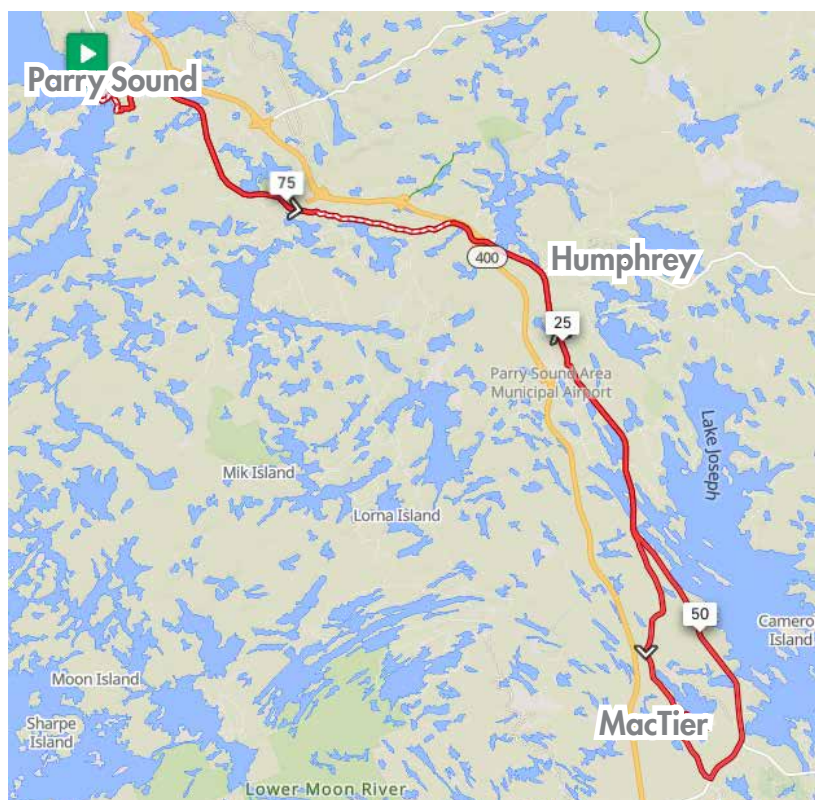


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THE RIDE

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RIDE HIGHLIGHTS:

Beaches: Waubuno Beach (start/finish location), Foley Matheson Park and Beach (Rankin Lake Road), MacTier Public Beach (Stewart St, MacTier)

Bakery & Market: Loretta's (1297 Lake Joseph Rd)

Chef Henrie Bistro: Authentic Austrian Food! (339 High St, MacTier)

Scenery: Opportunities to visit and view windows onto 10 beautiful lakes

Lookout: Scenic lookout tower in Parry Sound (19 George St. Parry Sound)

Craft Brewery/Spirits: Trestle Brewing Co (9 Great North Rd, Parry Sound), Legend Spirits Co. (7 Great North Rd, Parry Sound)

0 km – Waubuno Beach (Prospect St terminus)

Welcome to the Gateway to the 30,000 Islands. Waubuno Beach is an award-winning Blue Flag, soft sand beach with beautiful views onto Georgian Bay including Parry Island and nearby Killbear Provincial Park. There is plenty of parking on site as well as public washrooms. When you start your journey, keep the water on your right. On your way out of town, you'll pass Downtown Parry Sound, which has plenty of unique experiences and resources.

14 km – Foley Matheson Beach Park

(Rankin Lake Road)

Picturesque beach park. Great for a quick dip in the water. Public washroom is on site. Note, entering and exiting the park requires navigating a steep hill.

25 km – Loretta's *(1297 Lake Joseph Rd)*

Bakery and Market including fresh fruit located right along the route!

41 km – MacTier Public Beach

Public beach, perfect for a pre-lunch swim in Stewart Lake.

41.5 km – MacTier

Historic village with historic railway. Shops and eatery located on High and Front Streets.

42 km – Recommended Lunch – Chef Henrie Bistro & Cafe *(339 High St. MacTier)*

Locally owned restaurant and café with delicious, authentic Austrian Food. Try the Almdudler!

63km, 65km – Alternate Late Lunch Stops

Blake's Memories of Muskoka is located at 63km. Muskoka Haus Pizza is located near the intersection of Hwy 141 at 65km.

76km – Oastler Lake Provincial Park

Located right on Oastler Lake, the provincial park has a beach and offers canoe rentals. Entrance fees will apply.

77.5 km – Rose Point Trail

At Cargill Dr you can choose to complete the loop via the Rose Point Trail. The Trail is beautiful and best suited to hybrid and mountain bikes as the gravel can be rugged. The trail includes several bridges with decking (and the gaps between) parallel to your direction of travel. For added safety, dismount to cross the bridges. Finishing this route also requires travel on Rose Point Road, which can be very busy at rush hour and includes a distance without paved shoulders.

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84km – Tower Hill (*19 George St, Parry Sound*)

Exit the Route at George St to visit the scenic lookout at Tower Hill for a beautiful view of Georgian Bay and the Town of Parry Sound itself.

85km – Trestle Brewing Co & Legend Spirits Co (*7 & 9 Great North Rd, Parry Sound*)

Riverside local craft brewery & local spirits located right next to one another. Each offers food. Great for a post-ride celebration.

85–86 km – Bay St / James St

In addition to a number of eateries close to or at waterside, Bay St in Parry Sound has the Charles W. Stockey Centre & Bobby Orr Hall of Fame, exceptional off-bike activities including cruises and float plane tours, and the unique, must-visit used bookstore Bearly Used Books to enjoy after your ride. Further up the road at James St, you'll find a number of shops and eateries.

87km – Waubuno Beach

Finish your ride where you began, along and on the beautiful shores of Georgian Bay. Enjoy a post-ride swim to celebrate. Visit the "Drive" section below for suggestions on additional off-bike activities.

Special Note: Festival of the Sound

If completing your ride in July or August, consider finishing your ride with a concert at **Festival of the Sound**. The Festival of the Sound, is an annual, internationally acclaimed summer classical music festival held on the shores of Georgian Bay in Parry Sound. Most performances are hosted at the Stockey Centre right along the route, with some events occurring at satellite locations in the surrounding area. Check listings and book your tickets in advance.

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THE DRIVE

The Drive section of the itinerary provides suggestions for experiences to add on to your trip once your bikes are stowed and you are back in the car. Many experiences are not directly on the itinerary route but are nearby, ideal for travelling by car.

Cruise on the 30,000 Island Cruise Lines (Island Queen Cruise)

30,000 Islands Cruise Lines (9 Bay St, Parry Sound) offers large and small boat tours exploring Georgian Bay, departing right from the harbour on Bay St.

See the 30,000 Islands from the Air!

Georgian Bay Airways offers sightseeing tours, fly and dine tours by float plane (11a Bay St, Parry Sound)

Lake Country Airways offers sightseeing tours, operating out of nearby Parry Sound Airport (97 Airport Rd, Seguin)

Hike the Northshore Rugged Trail *(Trailhead located near Salt Dock Rd terminus, Parry Sound)*

A 6km rugged hiking trail with excellent views of Georgian Bay.

Extend your stay and take a local ride:

Parry Sound has a number of **local cycling routes**. **Parry Sound Bikes** also has their own broader map of cycling routes for you to enjoy.

Visit Tower Hill *(19 George St, Parry Sound)*

If you missed it during your ride, Tower Hill is a must-see location in Parry Sound with a stunning view of the surrounding area.

Take in the Natural Beauty at Killbear Provincial Park

Killbear is a gem of a provincial park located ~½ hour drive from Parry Sound (35 Killbear Park Rd, Nobel) with stunning beaches, a selection of shorter hiking trails, and an iconic lighthouse point that offers an incredible sunset.

Paddle Oastler Lake

(380 Oastler Park Dr, Parry Sound)

Oastler Lake Provincial Park is a provincial park offering boating access to Oastler Lake and overnight camping. The Park offers canoe rentals for those that want to spend a few hours exploring the lake.

OR Rent a Canoe, Kayak or SUP from White Squall and explore *(19 James St, Parry Sound)*

White Squall Outdoor Store is a long operating outfitter with locations in Parry Sound and nearby Nobel. They request 2-day minimum rentals, so restrictions apply. Killbear can be a great place to stage for a paddle, but if paddling Georgian Bay, be aware that weather conditions can change very quickly. Use caution. Plan a trip with White Squall in advance.

A Short Drive Away...

Pointe au Baril, (~35min north), Grundy Lake Provincial Park (~1hr north), and French River Provincial Park and the French River Trading Post (~1hr 5min north) are all located a short drive up Highway 69. Each offers memorable experiences, whether a hike, a view over the French River, or a trip on a lake. Prepare to be surprised by the scenery of Pointe au Baril—you will not regret a visit.

Similarly, a visit to Rosseau for some lakeside pizza or funnel cake is roughly a half hour away. The drive options on the Muskoka itineraries in Port Carling and Bala are within 40–50 minutes.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

There are numerous roofed accommodations and cottage rental locations located throughout Parry Sound and district. Discover Parry Sound Tourism maintains a **valuable website listing accommodations.** including locally owned establishments. We've listed a roofed accommodations located on or near the Loop:

Under the Sheets:

Best Western Plus Parry Sound

(2 Pine Dr, Parry Sound)

Comfort Inn Parry Sound

(120 Bowes St, Parry Sound)

Parry Sound Inn and Suites

(292 Louisa St, Parry Sound)

Bayside Inn (10 Gibson St. Parry Sound)

Outside of town there are a number of cottage rental locations. One alternate lakeside accommodation that includes potential for hotel booking is **Grand Tappattoo Resort** (30 Tappattoo Trail, Seguin.)

Under the Stars:

Killbear Provincial Park: (35 Killbear Park Rd, Nobel) Killbear offers overnight camping at 7 campgrounds and a small number of roofed accommodations.

Oastler Lake Provincial Park: (380 Oastler Lake Park Drive, Seguin) Oastler Lake offers overnight camping at 5 campgrounds.

Parry Sound KOA Holiday: (276 Rankin Lake Rd, Seguin)