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MONDAY AUGUST 10

Windsor Loop 54km or Sandwich Town Loop 18.5km

Day 01



Ride Registration – University of Windsor Alumni Hall & Conference Centre – 9:00am to 11:00am & 3:00pm to 5:00pm [Map 1]:
750 Sunset Ave, Windsor, ON N9B 3B7
Event registration will be open from 9:00am to 11:00am; and again from 3:00pm to 5:00pm during Alumni Hall Room Check-In.

Enter Alumni Hall from the rear parking lot area and proceed onto the patio adjacent to McPherson Lounge. There is some construction planned, which may require that you use the front entrance. There will be signage to direct you.



CAA Mechanic Gershom will be available outside Alumni Hall from 9:00am to 10:30am.



ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATIONS

Alumni Campus room check in, when you can pick up keys is from 3 to 5 pm at the front desk.

- Please keep your luggage in your vehicle until check in.
- Bikes are to be stored in your room.
- Riders will have access to the fitness facilities and the pool at **Toldo Lancer Centre** [Map 1] using their room key.



LONG-TERM PARKING

Parking will be available at the UoW Campus in the Alumni Hall Parking Lot. Enter via Union Street. This will serve as our long-term parking for the Tour—when we leave Windsor on Wednesday, riders staying in the hotel will move their vehicles to the Alumni Hall Parking Lot.

If Staying in Hotel:

If you are staying at the Best Western Plus Waterfront Hotel tonight, consider the following while planning the rest of your day:

- The Best Western is an approx. 12-minute bike ride from registration at Alumni Hall on campus, primarily following the scenic, off-road Riverfront

Trail. You may wish to travel between campus and your hotel via bike.

- You may either park for the day in the Alumni Hall parking lot (also our long-term parking for the tour), or at your hotel.
- All routing materials (maps, RWGPS) for our rides while we are staying in Windsor depart from Alumni Hall.

0 km – Today's Ride – 10:00am

After registering, you can head out for today's ride. Cycling volunteers will be out on the route starting from 10:00am.

OPTION 1: The Windsor Loop (54km)

Departing from the University of Windsor Campus, enjoy a scenic circuit along the Detroit River connecting some of Windsor's best cycling infrastructure including the Riverfront Trail, Ganatchio Trail, Little River Corridor, Herb Gray Parkway, and Malden Park Trail. Cycle through rural and urban parts of the city with views of Belle Isle, The Detroit Skyline, the new Gordie Howe International Bridge and more. Widely regarded as one of the most bike-friendly routes in Windsor and developed in collaboration with Share the Road Essex.

You may have to take minor detours from the dedicated trail to visit suggested business locations.



17.4 km – TWEPI Water Stop – Little River Corridor Park Parking Lot – 10:30am to 12:00pm

 [Map 3]:

Tourism Windsor Essex and Pelee Island welcome riders in the public parking lot by the Ganatchio Trailhead as you turn into Little River Corridor Park.

Washrooms are available across the road at Sandpoint Beach (10300 Riverside Dr E, Windsor, ON, N8N 2L9)

18.8 km – Public Washroom – Little River Corridor Pump Track

The Little River Corridor Pump Track has a public washroom. This is just off the designated route if you take a right at 18.8km.



Suggested Rest Stops:

- **23.5km | Tim Hortons** – 3585 Forest Glade Dr, Windsor, ON N8T 0A3
- **28.5km | Subway** – 3200 Deziel Dr Suite 218, Windsor, ON N8W 5K8



31.5 km – Pop Up Water Stop – Walker Homesite Park – 11:00am to 1:00pm [Map 3]:
1900 Sydney Ave, Windsor, ON N8W 3T8
Public washrooms available by the baseball diamonds.



CAA Mechanic Gershom available at Walker Homesite Park at 11:30 am.



42 km – Suggested Lunch Stops – Windsor Crossing Outlets

 [Map 3]:

1555 Talbot Rd, LaSalle, ON N9H 2N2.
Located on the other side of the Herb Gray Parkway Trail, requiring a minor detour at 41.3km.

- Church's Chicken
- Dominos Pizza
- Leonidas Cafe

47 km – Detour – Malden Park Visitor Centre

 [Map 2]:

4200 Malden Rd Windsor, ON N9C 2G2
Malden Park is an expansive park with many features. To see most of it, you may want to begin at the eastern entrance by taking a short detour off the formal route.

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To reach the visitor's centre, instead of turning into the park at the 47km mark, continue ~400m north on Malden Road and turn left into the park's main entrance. The Visitor's Centre is just off the parking lot. Public washrooms available.



48.5 km – Pop Up Water Stop – Malden Park West Parking Lot – 12:30pm to 2:30pm [Map 3]:
4200 Malden Rd, Windsor, ON N9C 3R1
Malden Park is home to the Gordie Howe International Bridge Observation Area, where you get a spectacular view of the bridge and surrounding landscape. This is the highest hill in Essex County. Lovely spot for a selfie and break.

50 km – Suggested Rest Stop – Mic Mac Park [Map 2]:
1125 Prince Rd, Windsor, ON N9C 1Z2
Public washrooms available near the Father Cullen baseball stadium, the concession building, and the splash pad area.

54 km – Finish – University of Windsor Alumni Hall – 1:00 pm to 3:00pm
[Map 1]:
750 Sunset Ave, Windsor, ON N9B 3B7

OPTION 2: Self-Guided Sandwich Town Loop & Bridge Sight-Seeing (15.5 - 18.5km)

For those arrive later Monday or prefer a shorter ride, we recommend you take a **self-guided tour** of the Sandwich Town Loop in the trendy southwest of the downtown district. The Sandwich Town BIA offers a vibrant community of heritage, shops, parks, dining, craft beer, events, culture and more.

Note: The Sandwich Town Loop is 15.5km. Including a visit to the Gordie Howe International Bridge's midpoint adds ~3 km. As this is a self-

guided experience, times are not indicated unless the GWTA support team is staffing a location.

2.2 km – Suggested Stop – Mary E. Bib Park [Map 2]:
3261 Sandwich St., Windsor, ON N9C 1A9
Honouring Underground Railroad leader Mary E. Bibb, who co-founded *The Voice of the Fugitive*, Canada's first successful Black newspaper, and established a school for children escaping enslavement.

4.3 km – Suggested Rest Stop – Mic Mac Park [Map 2]:
1125 Prince Rd, Windsor, ON
Public washrooms available near the Father Cullen baseball stadium, the concession building, and the splash pad area.



6 km – Pop Up Water Stop – Malden Park – West Parking Lot – 12:30pm to 2:30pm [Map 2]:
4200 Malden Rd, Windsor, ON N9C 3R1
Restrooms and bottle filling station available. Public restrooms are available next to the soccer field.

Malden Park is home to the Gordie Howe International Bridge Observation Area, where you get a spectacular view of the bridge and surrounding landscape. This is the highest hill in Essex County. Lovely spot for a selfie and break.

7.8 km – Suggested Stop – Ojibway Park [Map 2]:
On Broadway, you'll ride past the Ojibway Prairie Complex, a 260-hectare network of six protected natural areas featuring rare pin oak forests, savannah and tallgrass prairie. This remarkable landscape is planned to become part of Canada's next national urban park.



If you'd like to explore, you can reach the trailhead and washrooms by continuing on Matchett Rd another 600m and turning into the park on your right.

10 km – Decision Point – Canadian Port of Entry for the Gordie Howe International Bridge
Bring your passport for the chance to experience this spectacular new binational crossing, linking the Trans Canada Trail and Great Lakes Waterfront Trail with Michigan's Great Lakes Way and Iron Belle Trail. **Important Note: No E-Bikes are permitted on the bridge at this time.**

After clearing Canadian border processing, you may ride 1.25 km up a 5% grade to the bridge midpoint for a memorable selfie before returning to Canada.

Make a Joyful Noise

This striking sculpture commemorates the freedom-seekers who journeyed the Underground Railroad to Canada.

13.2 km – Suggested Stop – Bezhigoyaak Pier in Queen's Dock Park [Map 2]:
Take in sweeping views of the Detroit River from this new waterfront lookout, featuring a suspension pier, landscaped green space, First Nations interpretation, benches and pedestrian pathways. It's also a favourite fishing spot for locals.

14 km – Finish – University of Windsor Alumni Hall [Map 1]:
750 Sunset Ave, Windsor, ON N9B 3B7

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Afternoon & Evening Program



2nd Event Registration & Room Check In – University of Windsor Alumni Hall & Conference Centre – 3:00pm to 5:00pm [Map 1]:
750 Sunset Ave, Windsor, ON N9B 3B7
Pick up your keys from the university staff at the front desk, and your registration kit from the volunteers at the GWTA table if you haven't already.

Note: If you arrive **after 5:00pm**, you will pick up your key from Campus Police (see Map 1), and your registration kit at breakfast Tuesday morning in Vanier Hall.



Shuttle to the Evening Reception from University of Windsor Alumni Hall – Departs 5:30pm & 5:45pm [Map 1]:
A school bus shuttle will leave from the front of Alumni Hall at **5:30pm** and **5:45pm**.

If you are staying in a hotel, you may securely store your bike in McPherson Hall to take the shuttle to and from the opening reception or park your car in the Alumni Parking Lot.

Prefer to ride or drive? Sandwich Brewing is just **1.2 km** from Alumni Hall along Sandwich Street. There are no bike racks, but you can bring your bike around back to our seats on the patio.

If driving, you will find street parking along Mill St., Sandwich St and limited parking in a lot located beside the Dollarama.



Evening Reception – Sandwich Town Brewing – 6:00pm to 7:30pm [Map 1]:
3232 Sandwich St., Windsor, ON N9C 1A8
Join fellow riders, volunteers and partners for a relaxed evening of conversation and celebration.

Your first beverage and light refreshments are complimentary. Please note that dinner will not be provided, so you're welcome to enjoy an early meal before the reception or dine afterwards.



Dinner – On Your Own

Dinner is your own this evening. Sandwich Town Brewing (our Reception venue) has a small menu available, and there are several other restaurants on Sandwich Street to choose from as well.

Restaurants Near Sandwich Street:

- **Sandwich Brewing Co.** – 3232 Sandwich St., Windsor, ON N9C 1A8
- **Rock Bottom Bar and Grill** – 3236 Sandwich St, Windsor, ON N9C 1A6
- **Roti Sabzii** – 3214 Sandwich St., Windsor, ON N9C 1A7
- **Jake's Olde Towne Tavern** – 3206 Sandwich St, Windsor, ON N9C 1A8
- **MD's Sports Bar & Smoke House** – 380 Mill St., Windsor, ON N9C 2R4

Restaurants Near Best Western:

- **The Bistro At The River** – 78 Riverside Dr W, Windsor, ON N9A 7C5
- **River Room Restaurant** – 277 Riverside Dr, Toronto, ON M6S 4B1
- **The Keg Steakhouse** – 1 Riverside Dr W Ste 101, Windsor, ON N9A 5K3



Return Shuttle to Alumni Hall – Departs 8:30pm & 8:45pm

Shuttle departs from Sandwich Brewing for Alumni Hall at **8:30pm** and **8:45pm**. If you plan to stay later, you'll need to arrange your own transportation back to campus.

Note: Participants staying at hotels are responsible for their own transportation from Alumni Hall back to the hotel.

Tomorrow's Maps and Itinerary

Tomorrow's maps and itinerary will be available at the front desk of your accommodations for the night. Make sure to grab a copy and give tomorrow's itinerary a once over!

Taxis

Vets Cab: (519) 256-2621
Windsor Shuttle Service: (519) 977-0000

GWTA 2026 Route Available on Ride with GPS



We consider Ride with GPS an essential navigation tool for the Ride. If you haven't already, 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. Further support from Ride with GPS is available by emailing 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](#)

Download the GWTA 2026 route! Keyword GWTA26 Visit www.ridewithgps.com