

## TODAY'S RIDE

**Today you may choose one of two cycling experiences, or an off-bike activity.** *Note: Route distances are based on Point Pelee National Park as the departure location.*

### OPTION 1: Wine Trail/Kingsville Loop (90km)

Visit stunning scenic wineries, historical sites with self-guided tours, and beautiful Lake Erie beaches.

### OPTION 2 [LIMITED]: Pelee Island & Kingsville (79km)

For those who were notified they secured a spot, take the ferry from Kingsville to Pelee Island and experience one of Ontario's most unique cycling destinations. Ride the 27km Great Lakes Waterfront Trail/TCT loop on the island, visiting the Pelee Island Heritage Centre, the southernmost point in Canada, scenic Lake Erie beaches, and wineries!

### OPTION 3: Cycle to Point Pelee National Park

Spend the day discovering one of Canada's most spectacular national parks. Show your GWTA wristband at the park entrance for complimentary admission. Refer to [Map 1] and [Map 2] for route from hotels to the Point Pelee National Park.

Distance from Quality Inn: ~12.3 km

Distance from Best Western: ~10 km

Please bring your bike lock.

- Canoe or Kayak the Marsh – Canoe and Kayak rentals are available from Pelee Wings at 11:30am, 1:30pm, & 2:30pm. You must book this in advance. Contact Jaclyn Marn at [jaclyn.marn@pc.gc.ca](mailto:jaclyn.marn@pc.gc.ca), or call 519-322-2365 ext. 0 to reserve your spot (rental fees apply). Walk-ups are allowed space permitting.

- Hiking the Marsh Boardwalk – experience one of Canada's richest birding and wetland habitats.
- Relax at West Beach – swim in Lake Erie or simply enjoy the beach. West Beach is located directly across the road from Camp Henry. Leave your bike securely locked at camp and spend a few relaxing hours by the water.

opportunities, attractive beaches, friendly bicycle tours, and unique gift shops. Sip and savour the day!



**14 km – GWTA Pop Up Water Stop – Seaclyff Park Parking Lot – 8:30am to 9:00am** [Map 2]: 29JV+HW, Leamington, ON N8H 3Z3



**33 km – GWTA Pop Up Water Stop – Chrysler Greenway @ Arner Townline – 9:00am to 9:30am** [Map 2]: 1156 Arner Townline, Kingsville, ON N9Y 2E4



**41 km – Suggested Stop/Early Lunch Stop – Harrow – 10:00am to 10:30am** [Map 4]:

Essex, ON N0R 1G0

Suggested Lunch Stops:

- Godfather Pizza & Subs (Opens @ 11:00am)** – 110 King St W, Harrow, ON N0R 1G0
- Georgie's Local Eatery (Opens @ 11:30am)** – 307 Queen St, Harrow, ON N0R 1G0
- The Bearded Dog Brewing Co. (Opens @ 12:00pm)** – 21 King St E, Harrow, ON N0R 1G0

Other Suggested Stops:

- Colio Estate Winery (Opens @ 10:00am)** – 1 Colio Dr, Harrow, ON N0R 1G0



**49 km – GWTA Pop Up Water Stop & Suggested Rest Stop – Colchester Beach – 12:30pm to 1:00pm** [Map 4]:

100 Jackson Street, Colchester, ON, N0R 1G0

Suggested Stops in Colchester:

- Colchester Schoolhouse Historic Landmark – 195 Bagot St, Harrow, ON N0R 1G0**



**0 km – Camp Henry Refreshments** [Map 1]:

Coffee and fruit will be available in the Camp Henry Mess Hall before departure for those who would like a light refreshment before the 10 km ride to breakfast.



**0 km (Quality Inn Guests) – Breakfast – Quality Inn – 7:00am to 8:00am**

Those staying at the Quality Inn have breakfast included with their accommodations.



**0 km (Best Western Guests) or 10km (Campers) – Breakfast – Best Western – 7:00am to 8:30am** [Map 1]:

566 Bevel Line Rd Rr 1, Leamington, ON N8H 3V7

A buffet breakfast will be served in the Monarch Ballroom for campers and Best Western guests. Quality Inn guests can enjoy the hotel's hot buffet breakfast.



CAA Mechanic Gershom available in the Best Western parking lot (south side) from 7:00am to 9:00am.

## OPTION 1: Wine Trail/Kingsville Loop (90km)

Escape to the Essex Pelee Island Coast for award-winning wineries, sight-seeing

- **JOE. Hot + Cold Coffee (Closes @ 3:00pm)** – 96 County Rd 50 W, Colchester, ON N0R 1G0
- **Colchester Bar & Grill** – 65 County Rd 50 W, Harrow, ON N0R 1G0



CAA Mechanic Gershom available Colchester Beach from 12:30pm to 1:30pm.

**56 km – Suggested Stop – John R Park Homestead – 1:30pm to 2:00pm** [Map 4]: 915 County Rd 50 E, Essex, ON N0R 1G0  
Self-guided, drop-in exploration of historical significance stations, livestock petting area and more. A visit to the John R. Park Homestead Conservation Area will take you back in time to the 1850s. For a breath of fresh air, take a scenic walk on the lakeshore boardwalk. Be sure to check out the gift shop and exhibit area.

Essex Region Conservation Authority will be hosting a rest stop here tomorrow, so you'll have one more chance to visit before leaving the area!

**58 km – Suggested Stop – Meleg's Lakeview Orchard & Cider Mill** [Map 4]: 166 Arner Townline, Kingsville, ON N9Y 2E6  
A 400m detour north onto Arner Townline will bring you to Meleg's Lakeview Orchard & Cider Mill.



**67 km – Rest Stop – Arts Society of Kingsville/ Carnegie Arts & Visitors Centre – 1:00pm to 3:30pm** [Map 2 inset]: 28 Division St S, Kingsville, ON N9Y 1P3  
Hosted by the Kingsville Arts Society, immerse in gallery exhibits, and contribute to a special banner art project, while enjoying snacks, water and shaded seating areas. Inside the gallery, visit exhibits and information on other local businesses.



**67 km – Suggested Lunch Stop – Kingsville – 1:00pm to 3:30pm** [Map 2 inset]:  
Suggested Lunch Stops:

- **Mettawas Station Mediterranean Restaurant** – 169 Lansdowne Ave, Kingsville, ON N9Y 1S4
- **The Grove Brewing Company** – 86 Wigle Ave Unit 1, Kingsville, ON N9Y 2J8



**82 km – GWTA Pop Up Water Stop – Seaciff Park Parking Lot – 3:00pm to 4:30 pm** [Map 2]: 29JV+HW, Leamington, ON N8H 3Z3



CAA Mechanic Gershom available at Seaciff Park from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

*Next stop is your accommodation. See Evening Program section of the itinerary for post-ride activities.*

## OPTION 2: Kingsville & Pelee Island Loop (53km)

**NOTE:** Spots on the ferry were fully booked ahead of time. Those who secured a spot received notification ahead of the Ride.

Whether you choose to visit a winery, explore a historic site, stroll a nature trail, or simply relax by the lake, you'll discover why Canada's southernmost inhabited island is such a memorable destination.

You will have approximately four hours to explore Pelee Island. Be sure to allow enough time to return to the ferry terminal, as all participants must **check in at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure**. There will be no vehicle support on the island, however experienced volunteer ride leaders will be riding with the group

throughout the day, and water will be available at the East Park Campground and Scudders Marina.



**14 km – GWTA Pop Up Water Stop – Seaciff Park Parking Lot – 8:30am to 9:00am** [Map 2]: 29JV+HW, Leamington, ON N8H 3Z3



**26 km – Ferry to Pelee Island Departs – Kingsville Ferry Terminal – 10:00am** [Map 2]: 25 Dock Rd, Kingsville, ON N9Y 1N6  
Arrive by 9:30am for boarding on the MV Pelee Islander II. Arrives at Pelee Island 11:30am.

Passage is included for 45 participants on the 10:00am ferry to the island, and the 4:00pm ferry back to Kingsville.

## Pelee Island Loop (27km)



**0 km – Pelee Island Welcome – Pelee Island Heritage Centre – 11:30am - 12:00pm** [Map 3]: 1073 W Shore Rd, Pelee Island, ON N0R 1M0  
Start your visit to Pelee at the Heritage Centre right next to the ferry terminal, where you can enjoy a brief welcome orientation by **Mayor Cathy Miller**. You'll follow the loop counter-clockwise—begin by heading south.

**4 km – Optional Hike to Canada's Southernmost Point – Fish Point Trail – 12:30pm to 1:30pm** [Map 3]: McCormick Rd, Pelee Island, ON N0R 1M0  
Hike to the point to be the southernmost person in Canada! The hike is an in-and-out that's approx. 1.5km each way. Scan the QR Code on [Map 3] to view the Pelee Island Nature trail map with the route to the Point.

**9 km – Stone Road Alvar Nature Reserve – 12:30pm to 1:00pm** [Map 3]: Stone Rd, Pelee Island, ON N0R 1M0

As you turn north on your island loop, you'll cycle alongside the Stone Road Alvar Nature Reserve, one of Ontario's rarest natural areas. This globally uncommon limestone habitat supports an exceptional diversity of plants, including four species found nowhere else but Pelee Island. It's a reminder that this small island is not only rich in history but also one of Canada's most significant ecological treasures.



**12 km – Water Station & Swimming – Public Beach at East Park Campground – 12:30pm to 1:00pm** [Map 3]:

*Shore Dr & E Shore Rd, Pelee Island, ON N0R 0A1*

GWTA Riders can refill water bottles at the East Park Campground Store by showing their wristband.

The Municipality has graciously opened the Campground facilities to the GWTA. You're welcome to use the showers and washrooms. Just across the road is one of Pelee Island's most beautiful public beaches. If you plan to swim, we recommend locking your bike, as bike racks are not available at the campground or beach.

**18 km – Walk to the Pelee Island Lighthouse c.1833 – Lighthouse Cove – 1:30pm to 2:00pm** [Map 3]:

*57 E Shore Rd, Pelee Island, ON N0R 1M0*

Just 1 km off the route on the northeast corner of the Island, you find the trailhead leading the Lighthouse. This historical landmark is a short 0.5km walk from the end of E Shore Rd through forest and wetlands.



**21 km – Water Station & Public Washrooms – Scudders Marina**

*325 N Shore Rd, Pelee, ON N0R 0A1*

GWTA Riders can refill water bottles at Scudders Marina by showing their wristband.



**Suggested Lunch Stops Near Ferry Terminal**

- **(0.3 km) Stone House 1891** – 1115 W Shore Rd, Pelee Island, ON N0R 1M0
- **(1 km) Pelee Island Winery Pavilion** – 20 East West Rd, Pelee Island, ON N0R 1M0
- **(20.5 km) The Island Shacks** – 331 N Shore Rd, Pelee Island, ON N0R 1M0
- **(22 km) The Dog & Goat Restaurant** – 11 W Shore Rd, Pelee Island, ON N0R 1M0
- **(27 km) Pelee Island Coneheads** (Ice Cream) – 1043 W Shore Rd, Pelee Island, ON N0R 1M0

**Tours and Other Points of Interest:**

- **Art Gallery – Pelee Art Works** [Map 3]: 82 East West Rd, Pelee Island, ON N0R 1M0
- **Pelee Island Pavillion Tour/Wine Tasting and Sandwich Pack – Pelee Island Pavilion** – [Map 3]: 20 East West Rd, Pelee Island, ON Pavilion Tours are available for groups of 6 or more and must be booked in advance. To Book a Tour, call 519-733-6551 Ext. 320  
**Tour:** \$20 per person  
**Tasting:** \$20 per person



**Return Ferry to Kingsville Departs – Pelee Island Ferry Terminal – 4:00pm** [Map 3]:

*Nearest Civic Address: 1073 W Shore Rd, Pelee, ON N0R 1M0*

Arrive at the ferry terminal by 3:30 for boarding.  
Arrive back in Kingsville at 5:30pm.



**Decision Point:** If you plan to participate in the evening program at Point Pelee National Park, we recommend picking up an early takeout dinner before boarding the ferry. The first of two shuttles from the hotels to the park departs at **6:15pm**.



**CAUTION:** If you miss the 4:00pm ferry, you will be responsible for riding or arranging your own transportation to your accommodation.

- Kingsville Taxi **(519) 733-2355**
- Uber service is available in Kingsville



**Shuttle from Kingsville Ferry Terminal to Quality Inn, Best Western and Point Pelee National Park – Departs 5:30pm** [Map 2]:

*25 Dock Rd, Kingsville, ON N9Y 1N6*

A GWTA shuttle will meet the 5:30pm ferry as it arrives in Kingsville. Volunteers will load your bicycle for transport to your accommodation.



**Dinner – On Your Own**

Dinner is your own this evening.

Restaurants Near Best Western Leamington

- **Pelee Bistro** – 566 Bevel Line Rd Rr 1, Leamington, ON N8H 3V4. Located in the Best Western Hotel.
- **Freddy's Restaurant (Open 11:30am to 8:30pm)** – 655 Point Pelee Dr, Leamington, ON

Restaurants Near Camp Henry

- **Ship Ahoy Restaurant (12:00pm to 6:00pm)** – 1115 Point Pelee Dr, Leamington, ON. 6.7 km from Camp Henry.
- **Order In Domino's Pizza** – Phone Number: (519) 322-2844

Restaurants Near Quality Inn

- **Salsa-Caliente (11:00am to 8:00pm)** – 275 Erie St S, Leamington, ON N8H 3C4
- **Eddie's Sports Bar (11:00am to 2:00am)** – 319 Erie St S, Leamington, ON N8H 3C8

**Evening Program: A Night in Point Pelee National Park → See Reverse**

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Shuttles to the Point Pelee National Park Visitor Centre begin from the Quality Inn at 6:15pm. They will stop at the Best Western before dropping off at the Visitor Centre. The shuttle will then return to the Quality Inn to begin a second run.

### First Shuttle

- **Shuttle to Point Pelee National Park Visitor Centre from Quality Inn – Departs 6:15pm**
- **Shuttle to Point Pelee National Park Visitor Centre from Best Western Plus – Departs ~6:30pm**

### Second Shuttle

- **Shuttle to Point Pelee National Park Visitor Centre from Quality Inn – Departs ~7:15pm**
- **Shuttle to Point Pelee National Park Visitor Centre from Best Western Plus – Departs ~7:30pm**

### Campers

Campers will walk (or ride) the ~0.6 km from Camp Henry to the Visitor Centre.

Spend the evening exploring Point Pelee National Park at your own pace. Choose one activity or enjoy them all as you discover the park after dark.

### Point Pelee National Park Night Activities:

- **Night Sights and Sounds, Visitor Centre (7:15pm & 8:15pm)**  
Join Parks Canada interpreter to discover the fascinating wildlife and

natural sounds that come alive after sunset. Approx. 20 min.

- **Tip and Tower Tram (7:00pm to 8:40pm)**  
Travel by Park Tram to the famous Tip of Point Pelee. Parks Canada still will be on hand to share why this remarkable place is one of Canada's premier migration hotspots. Take in the spectacular view of the sunset from the **Tip Tower**.

**Tram departs from Visitor Centre every 20 minutes, starting at 7:00pm. Last Tram to the Tip for GWT A riders will be 8:40pm.**

- **Campfire Conversations with Caldwell First Nation**, Visitor Centre firepit (7:00pm to 9:00pm) Join Carrie Ann, Caldwell First Nation's Culture & Language Coordinator, for an informal fireside gathering exploring Anishinaabe culture, language and the stories of Caldwell's Ancestors' journey on Turtle Island.



**Return Shuttles to Best Western Plus and Quality Inn from Visitor Centre – Departs 9:30pm**

Campers can also walk the ~0.6 km back to Camp Henry from the Visitor Centre.

### 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!

Campers may pick up their maps and itineraries at the Mess Hall located in Camp Henry.

### Taxis

Leamington Turbo Taxi: (519) 324-2686

Amigo Taxi: (519) 326-9012

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