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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

CAA Mechanic Gershom will be available outside Alumni Hall from 2:00pm to 4:30pm.

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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

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TUESDAY AUGUST 11

Parkway Trail 77km or Binational Visit to Detroit & Belle Isle 55km

Day 02

Today you may choose one of two cycling experiences:

OPTION 1: Parkway Trail (81km)

Ride the Herb Gray Parkway Trail and Chrysler Greenway to the Town of Essex. The trail runs alongside the Hwy 401 and Hwy 3 extensions, incorporating 11 tunnel tops, and connects to the Chrysler Canada Greenway and LaSalle Trail System for wider exploration across Essex County. It includes a scenic, multi-use 17-kilometre trail set within over 120 hectares of green space, offering pedestrians and cyclists a safe and enjoyable recreational experience.

OPTION 2: Binational Visit to Detroit & Belle Isle (55km)

Note: Riders visiting Detroit must head to the Border Processing Centre in groups of 10 staggered by ~20-minute gaps to facilitate efficient bridge crossing. **Meet with event organizers outside Vanier Hall in the Vanier Circle beginning at 8:30am** to prepare for bridge crossing. A valid passport is required for crossing!

Visit some of Detroit's most eclectic neighbourhoods, including Mexican Town, the historic downtown arts and entertainment district, and the stunning Belle Isle. Interpreters will greet you at the Belle Isle Conservancy and Ralph C. Wilson Park to share more of the history of the area.



Breakfast – University of Windsor Vanier Hall – 7:00am to 8:30am [Map 1]:
Vanier Hall, Wyandotte St W @ Huron Church Rd



CAA Mechanic Gershom available outside Vanier Hall from 7:00am to 8:30am.



8:00am Join us for a ribbon cutting and group photo celebrating the launch of Canada's first binational cycle tourism destination!

OPTION 1: Parkway Trail (81km)

Note: The Parkway Trail primarily follows off-road greenways, meaning staff support is limited for much of the ride. Please carry 2 water bottles, snacks, and basic bike repair tools. Volunteers will be available to assist you on the Trail.



15.6 km – GWTA Pop Up Water Stop – Howard Commuter Parking Lot – 9:00am to 10:00am

[Map 2]:
42.226749, -82.995158. Nearest Civic Address:
2551 Howard Ave Diversion, Windsor, ON N9H 1C9



32.5 km – GWTA Pop Up Water Stop – Edgar Side Rd – 9:30 am to 11:00am

[Map 2]:
Cypher Systems Group Greenway @ Edgar Side Rd. Nearest intersection Edgar Rd & King St.



42 km – Town of Essex Railway Station & Spitfire War Memorial – Welcome Stop & Suggested Lunch Stop 10:30am to 1:00pm

[Map 2]:
77 Talbot St N.
Explore one of Essex County's historic landmarks, the restored 1907 Railway Station and nearby Spitfire Memorial.



Leave your bike in the bike corral and stroll Talbot St with its bakeries, restaurants and ice cream shops. The Town has added extra picnic tables if you'd like to enjoy lunch outdoors.

- **Wood Craft Pizza Bar** – 47 Talbot St N, Essex, ON N8M 1A3
- **Cancunito La Taqueria** – 51 Talbot St N, Essex, ON N8M 1A3
- **Acorn & Oak Coffee Company** – 23 Victoria Ave, Essex, ON N8M 1M4
- **Little House of Cupcakes** – 108 Talbot St N, Essex, ON N8M 2C4

- **Ice Cool Treats** – 65 Talbot St S, Essex, ON N8M 2S8

Note: We recommend taking advantage of this stop, as food options are very limited until you reach Sandwich Town (78 km).



CAA Mechanic Gershom available Town of Essex Railway Station & Spitfire War Memorial from 11:00am



56 km – GWTA Pop Up Water Stop – Chrysler Greenway @ South Talbot Road – 12:00pm to 2:30pm

[Map 2]:
3162 South Talbot Rd, Oldcastle ON, N0R1L0

64 km – Suggested Stop – Vollmer Culture & Recreation Centre Complex

[Map 2]:
2121 Laurier Pkwy, Windsor, ON N9J 0B4
If you need a washroom, you can stop at the to use its facilities including restrooms, bike repair station.



71km – GWTA Pop Up Water Stop – Malden Park West Parking Lot – 1:00pm to 3:30pm

[Map 2]:
4200 Malden Rd, Windsor, ON N9C 3R1



75km – Suggested Stop – Sandwich Street Restaurants

[Map 2]:
Looking for a drink or a bite to eat after your ride? There are lots of excellent options on Sandwich Street:

- **Sandwich Brewing Co.** – 3232 Sandwich St., Windsor, ON N9C 1A8
- **Rock Bottom Bar and Grill** – 3236 Sandwich St, Windsor, ON N9C 1A6

77 km – Finish – University of Windsor, Alumni Hall



CAA Mechanic Gershom available Alumni Hall from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

OPTION 2: Binational Visit to Detroit & Belle Isle (55km)

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Riders visiting Detroit will have their departure staggered in groups of 10 to arrive at bridge in 20-minute intervals, allowing for efficient processing by the border agencies. **Meet with event organizers outside Vanier Hall in the Vanier Circle beginning at 8:30am if you plan on crossing today. A valid passport is required!**
- **E-Bikes** of any kind are **NOT currently permitted** on the Gordie Howe Intl. Bridge.
- The multi-use path across the bridge closes 60 minutes before sunset so please plan your return time accordingly. **Keep in mind that you must allow time for processing at the border in addition to the time it takes to cross the bridge.**
- GWT A cycling volunteers will be riding the route in Detroit today, but there is no vehicle support from our team in the USA. **Event signage will not be present; riders are expected to use Ride with GPS and printed map materials to navigate.**
- While we will not be hosting any pop-up water stops Stateside, the route takes you through an urban centre with plenty of opportunities to find food, water, or restrooms. We recommend you carry 2 water bottles, snacks, and basic bike repair tools so volunteers can assist you.

5 km – Cross the Gordie Howe International Bridge to the USA – 9:00am to 10:00am

[Map 3]:

4389 Sandwich Street, Windsor, ON

Riders can access the Gordie Howe International Bridge multi-use path in Windsor, Ontario right next to 4389 Sandwich Street. When returning, the multi-use path entrance is located at approximately 6366 West Jefferson Avenue in Detroit.

11 km – Suggested Stop – Mexicantown Bakery [Map 3]:

4300 Vernor Hwy, Detroit, MI 48209, United States

Clark Park is a lively neighborhood park in the heart of Southwest Detroit. Pair it with a stop at the nearby bakery for fresh pan dulce and coffee before getting back in the saddle. You'll be passing through Mexicantown again on the way back, so if it's too early to stop, you'll have a second opportunity to take a break near Clark Park.

13 km – Suggested Stop – Michigan Central Station & Corktown [Map 3]:

2001 15th St Suite 101, Detroit, MI 48216

The beautifully restored Michigan Central Station anchors Corktown, Detroit's oldest neighborhood, now buzzing with cafés, murals, and bike-friendly streets worth exploring. As with MexicanTown, you will pass through Corktown again on the return trip if you want to save it for later.



18 km – Suggested Lunch Stop – Eastern Market [Map 4]:

There are many food options to choose from in Eastern Market, making it a good choice for an early lunch. Food options are more limited on the way back, so you may want to pick something up for later. Public washrooms available.

24 km – Belle Isle – 2:00pm to 3:00pm [Map 4]:

To maintain pace, we suggest you aim to arrive no later than 2:00pm. A scenic island park in the Detroit River with scenic paths and water views—ideal for a relaxing, low-stress ride. There are many points of interest available to explore on the Isle:

- **Dossin Great Lakes Museum** – 100 The Strand, Detroit, MI 48207, United States
This small museum highlights Great Lakes maritime history
- **Oudolf Garden** – Loiter Way &, Picnic Way, Detroit, MI 48207, United States
A beautifully designed naturalistic garden, offering a peaceful, visually striking stop filled with seasonal plantings.
- **Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory** – 4 Inselruhe Ave, Detroit, MI 48207, United States
A historic greenhouse featuring lush tropical and desert plants.
- **Belle Isle Aquarium** – 3 Inselruhe Ave, Detroit, MI 48207, United States
The oldest continually operating aquarium in the U.S.
- **Belle Isle Nature Center** – 176 Lakeside Dr, Detroit, MI 48207, United States
On your way to the nature centre, enjoy the two Belle Isle habitat restorations: Blue Heron Lagoon and Lake Okonoka.

During your stop, look for venue interpreters who will share some of the stories of these historical locations.

34 km – Detroit Riverwalk [Map 4]:

Consistently ranked among the best riverfronts in the country, this paved path offers stunning skyline and water views with easy, car-free riding.



36 km – Suggested Lunch Stops Off the Riverwalk – Jos Campau Ave Detour [Map 4]:

There are few food options on route until you reach Mexicantown again. If you haven't yet eaten, we recommend briefly turning right off the route at Jos Campau for a couple of restaurants within 300m of the Riverwalk:

- **Andrews on the Corner** –
201 Joseph Campau Ave, Detroit, MI 48207
- **Atwater Brewery & Tap House** –
237 Jos Campau, Detroit, MI 48207, United States
- **Chene Square Plaza** –
E Jefferson Ave, Detroit, MI 48207, United States
Continue an additional 400m further north to Jefferson Ave and turn left for a small plaza with fast food options including a Domino's Pizza, and a grocery store.

39 km – Historic Site – Gateway to Freedom Monument [Map 4]:

Detroit Riverwalk, Detroit, MI 48226, United States

A powerful tribute to Detroit's role in the Underground Railroad, located right along the river where many freedom seekers crossed into Canada.

41 km – Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Centennial Park & SW Greenway – 3:30 to 4:00 pm [Map 4]:

Detroit, MI 48226, United States

To maintain pace, we suggest you arrive no later than 4:00pm. Currently under development, Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Centennial Park represents continued development of cycling infrastructure in

Detroit. This new riverfront park is being designed with cyclists and families in mind, featuring rest areas, water access, and scenic river views. You'll pick up the Southwest Greenway, a multi-use path connecting neighborhoods and green spaces in Southwest Detroit, just off the site of the park.

During your stop, look for venue interpreters who will share some of the stories of these historical locations.

42 km – Suggested Stop – Corktown Again

[Map 3]:

You'll exit the SW Greenway onto Corktown's Bagley St. If you skipped exploring earlier, you may want to find a café and enjoy a short rest.



44 km – Suggested Stop – Return to Mexicantown [Map 3]:

Once again, you'll be passing through Mexicantown. If you need a bite to eat, there's plenty of places nearby to choose from; ice cream from La Tapatia Neveria is only a 350m detour away!

- **La Tapatia Neveria – Ice Cream**
4029 Vernor Hwy, Detroit, MI 48209



Dinner – On Your Own

Dinner is your own this evening. Walk, ride, drive, or order in!

Restaurants Near UoW Campus

The nearby Sandwich Street has lots of sit-down restaurants. There are some fast food locations closer to campus as well.

- **Sandwich Brewing Co.** – 3232 Sandwich St., Windsor, ON N9C 1A8
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- **MD's Sports Bar & Smoke House** –
380 Mill St., Windsor, ON N9C 2R4

Restaurants Near Best Western

The Best Western Plus is in Downtown Windsor, so there's plenty of restaurants within walking distance. If you're staying on Campus and looking to get downtown you can take your car, or if you aren't too tired, ride the pleasant, off-road Riverfront Trail to the city centre.

- **The Bistro At The River** – 78 Riverside Dr W, Windsor, ON N9A 7C5
- **The Loose Goose RestoPub & Lounge** – 126 Ouellette Ave, Windsor, ON N9A 1A2
- **Sundried Tomato Bistro** – 122 Chatham St W, Windsor, ON N8X 1V3
- **River Room Restaurant** – 277 Riverside Dr, Toronto, ON M6S 4B1
- **The Keg Steakhouse** – 1 Riverside Dr W Ste 101, Windsor, ON N9A 5K3

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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12

Windsor to Leamington & Point Pelee 97km

Day 03

TODAY'S RIDE

Today's route follows the Lake St. Clair shoreline through the charming towns of Tecumseh, Lakeshore & Comber, then along the Lakeshore-Leamington TCT Rail Trail and into downtown Leamington.

Those camping at Point Pelee National Park will cycle an additional 10km south of the Best Western Plus through the beautiful Point Pelee National Park to Camp Henry.



Luggage Load Up:

Before grabbing breakfast, bring your luggage to volunteers at the luggage truck parked at the back door of Alumni Hall, next to the long-term parking lot.

Follow volunteer directions—luggage will be sorted based on where you will be staying tonight.

Please hand in your room keys to GWTA staff before departing for the ride.



Long Term Parking

Ensure your vehicle is parked in the Alumni Hall Parking Lot (accessed via Union Street) with the Parking Pass included in your registration kit displayed.

If you are staying at the Best Western Windsor, you must move your car to the Alumni Hall parking lot for long term parking before commencing with the ride.



Breakfast – University of Windsor Alumni Hall & Conference Centre – 7:00am to 8:00am [Map 1]:

750 Sunset Ave, Windsor, ON N9B 3B7

Those coming from the Best Western can access the breakfast room via the patio at Alumni Hall (see Map 1).



CAA Mechanic Gershom available outside Alumni Hall from 7:00am to 9:00am.



20 km – Tecumseh Community Rest Stop – Lakewood Park South – 8:30am to 10:30am

[Map 3]:

13451 Riverside Dr E Windsor, ON N8N 2M8

Stop at Lakewood Park South's welcome tent, enjoy live music, the 'Misting Forest' water feature and a disc golf demonstration, plus food vendors, coffee kiosk and walking trails. Dip your toes into Lake St. Clair at Lakewood Beach. Amenities also include restrooms, bottle filling station and photo ops.

The Mayor of Tecumseh will greet riders along with staff, and the Deputy Mayor will ride with participants today!



36.5 km – Lakeshore Community Rest Stop – Lakeview Park West Beach – 9:00am to 11:30am [Map 5]:

River Street, Belle River, ON N0R 1A0

Restrooms available. The Municipality of Lakeshore welcomes you to its rest stop located at one of its most popular waterfront parks. Enjoy one of the largest beaches on Lake St. Clair, cool your feet in the water, relax beneath the pavilions, or stroll along the pier.



37 km – Suggested Lunch Stops – Lakeshore [Map 5]:

We recommend riders get lunch in Lakeshore. The next community on route, Comber, has few food options. While there is a planned pop-up water stop, there are no other amenities on route south of Comber until downtown Leamington. Suggested Restaurants in Lakeshore:

- **Outfield Diner (Closes @ 2:00pm) – 601 Centre St #3 Belle River, ON N8L 1K8**



! CAUTION ! | At the 57 km mark, you will cross over the Hwy 401 overpass. This short stretch is busy with truck and vehicle traffic and has wide paved shoulders.



57.5 km – GWTA Pop Up Water and Suggested Stop – Comber – Linda McKinlay Square – 12:30pm to 1:30pm [Map 6]:

6311 Main St, Comber, ON N0P 1J0

This is your last stop before a +20km stretch on the rail trail to Leamington without amenities. We recommend using restroom facilities, stocking up on snacks and refilling water before departing Comber.

Suggested Stops:

- **Iron Kettle Commissary – 6305 Main St, Comber, ON N0P 1J0**
- **Comber Variety – 6323 Main St, Comber, ON N0P 1J0, Canada**



CAA Mechanic Gershom available at McKinlay Square from Noon to 1:30 pm.



76km – GWTA Pop Up Water Stop – Trans Canada Trail @ Mersea Rd 5 – 2:00pm to 3:00pm [Map 7]:

602 Mersea Road 5, Staples, ON N8H 3V6

No public washroom available.

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82km – Quality Inn & Shuttle Point – 2:00pm to 3:00pm [Map 7]:

279 Erie St S, Leamington, ON N8H 3C4

If you're staying at the Quality Inn tonight, you should look to navigate there from the ~82km mark on the route. This marks the end of today's ride for you. Please note: Gershom will be stationed at Best Western Plus (87km mark) if you need his assistance.



Shuttle: A shuttle to the Best Western and Point Pelee National Park will depart from the Quality Inn at **3:00pm**.

Volunteers will load your bicycle for transport and unload it at your accommodation. **Please be ready to collect your bicycle as it is unloaded, as bikes cannot be left unattended.**



88km – Best Western Plus & Comfort Stop – 3:00pm to 3:30 pm [Map 7]:

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



Turn north (left) as you hit Bevel Line Rd to reach the Best Western. If you are staying at Point Pelee National Park, you can continue on route, or pull in for a quick rest, washroom break, and water refill for the final 10 km stretch.



Staying at the Best Western

Pick up your luggage from the Monarch Ballroom (Left from the front desk, at the end of the hall). Bikes can be stored in your rooms, or in the Monarch Ballroom. Pick up tomorrow's maps and itinerary from the front desk.



CAA Mechanic Gershom available in the Best Western parking lot (south side) from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm.



97km – Camp Henry at Point Pelee National Park – 3:30pm to 4:30pm [Map 8]:

Point Pelee National Park, Point Pelee Dr, Leamington, ON

IMPORTANT NOTE: To enter Point Pelee National Park, stop at the gate and show your GWTA wristband to park staff, who will wave you through.

Camp Henry is our base camp in Point Pelee. It's located 6.5km from the front gate and will be on your left as you ride in along Point Pelee Drive.

Visit the info desk in the Mess Hall for site information including where you can pitch your tent, and park maps. Tents must be placed according to Park staff to protect Eastern Mole molehills!

If you reserved an OTENTik, go to the campground office in Camp Henry (building in the parking lot) to check in, sign your rental agreement and receive your keys.



CAA Mechanic Gershom available at Camp Henry parking lot from 4:00pm to 5:00pm.



Evening Program

Shuttle to Roma Club Group Dinner from Point Pelee Visitor Centre – Departs 5:30pm

Point Pelee Dr, Wheatley, ON N8H 3V4

The shuttle to dinner will leave from the Visitor Centre parking lot at **5:30pm**. The Visitor Centre is 0.5km walk from camp [See Map 8].



Shuttle to Roma Club Group Dinner from Best Western Plus Lobby – Departs ~5:45pm



Shuttle to Roma Club Group Dinner from Quality Inn Lobby – Departs ~5:55pm



Group Dinner at Roma Club – 6:00pm to 8:00pm [Map 7]:

19 Seaciff Dr E, Leamington, ON N8H 2L3

Join us for an Italian themed buffet dinner at the Roma Club of Leamington. Doors open at 6:00pm, and dinner is served at 7:00pm.

Cash Bar Available.



DECISION POINT

Shuttle from Roma Club to Quality Inn, Best Western Plus, and Point Pelee National Park – Departs 8:00pm

OR

Evening Activities – Seaciff Beach & Waterfront Market Plaza – 8:00pm to 9:30pm

[Map 7]:

500 Erie St S, Leamington, ON N8H 3E1

Following dinner, enjoy a leisurely 1 km walk to Seaciff Beach on the shores of Lake Erie to take in a beautiful sunset and community entertainment, and treat yourself to an ice cream from Burgess's.



Shuttle from Seaciff Beach to Best Western and Pelee National Park Departs – 9:30pm

[Map 7]:

500 Erie St S, Leamington, ON N8H 3E1

At the Pelee Island Ferry Terminal parking lot.

Guests staying at the Quality Inn will take a short walk (approximately 800 m) along Erie St. to their 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!

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

Taxis

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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, 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

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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.

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FRIDAY AUGUST 14

Leamington to Windsor 97km

Day 05

TODAY'S RIDE

Today's route follows the Northwestern shore of Lake Erie through Kingsville, Colchester, Amherstburg and LaSalle, before the final 13km through Sandwich Town and back to the University of Windsor.

Breezy lake views, farm fresh produce, quaint communities and historical landmarks dot the route as we return to Windsor on our final day.



Luggage Load Up:

Campers — Bring your bags to the luggage truck at camp by 7:00am before going to breakfast.

Best Western & Quality Inn Guests — Bring your bag outside to GWTA Volunteers by 7:30am for loading onto the truck.

Note: **All bags will be delivered to Alumni Hall** at the University of Windsor.



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

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



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

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

A buffet breakfast will be served at the Best Western in the Monarch Ballroom for campers and Best Western guests. Morning coffee and fruit will be available to campers in the Mess Hall to fuel the 10 km ride to the hotel.



CAA Mechanic Gershom available in the Best Western parking lot (south side) from 7:00am to 8:00am.

RIDE: Leamington to Windsor (98km)



14km – GWTA Pop Up Water Stop – Seaciff Park Parking Lot – 8:30am to 9:30am [Map 2]:
West Park Lane, Leamington, ON N8H 3Z3



26km – GWTA Pop Up Water Stop – Kingsville, Chrysler Canada Greenway at Heritage Road – 9:00am to 10:00am [Map 2]:
Nearest Civic Address: 163 Heritage Rd, Kingsville, ON N9Y 2C7

35km – Suggested Stop – Meleg's Lakeview Orchard & Cider Mill [Map 2]:
166 Arner Townline, Kingsville, ON N9Y 2E6
A 400m detour north onto Arner Townline will bring you to Meleg's Lakeview Orchard & Cider Mill.



37km – Community Hosted Rest Stop – John R. Park Homestead (ERCA) – 9:30am to 11:00am [Map 3]:

915 County Rd 50 E, Essex, ON N0R 1G0 Step back in time at the **John R. Park Homestead Conservation Area**, where costumed interpreters bring this beautifully restored 1842 homestead to life. Sample treats prepared over the open hearth, meet the heritage sheep that spend their summers on the property, and watch the sawyer at work in the historic sawmill.

Be sure to sample a variety of pure maple syrups in the modern Conservation Centre, which also features washrooms, a water bottle filling station, and a gift shop showcasing locally made products.

Take a stroll along the lakeshore boardwalk and enjoy sweeping views of Lake Erie before continuing your ride.



44.5km – GWTA Pop Up Rest Stop/Suggested Early Lunch Stop – Colchester Beach – 10:30am to 11:30am [Map 3]:

100 Jackson Street, Harrow, ON N0R 1G0



Suggested Stops in Colchester:

- **Colchester Schoolhouse Historic Landmark** – 195 Bagot St, Harrow, ON N0R 1G0
- **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
- **Garfield's** - 1 County Rd 50 W, Harrow, ON N0R 1G0
- **The Wreck at Colchester Harbour** – 220 Jackson St. Harrow, ON N0R 1G0
- **North 42 Degrees Estate Winery** – 130 Essex County Rd 50, Harrow, ON N0R 1G0
- **Colchester Ridge Estate Winery** – 108 Essex County Rd 50, Harrow, ON N0R 1G0
- **Viewpointe Estate Winery** – 151 County Rd. 50 E, Harrow, ON N0R 1G0

55km – Suggested Rest Stop – Holiday Beach [Map 3]:

6952 50 Cr, Amherstburg, ON N0R 1G0

Take a break at **Holiday Beach Conservation Area**, one of North America's premier fall raptor migration sites. Climb the three-storey Hawk Tower for sweeping views, cool off with a swim at the groomed Lake Erie beach, or enjoy a treat from the Gatehouse. Change rooms are available. **GWTA participants receive complimentary admission to Holiday Beach Conservation Area.**

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Day 05



68km – Community Hosted Rest Stop – Amherstburg – 1:00pm to 3:00pm [Map 4]:
268 Dalhousie St., Amherstburg, ON N9V 1W7
Be welcomed by the Town Crier before taking part in the town's famous ceremonial head dunking in the fountain or cooling off under the misting stations. Tourism staff will be on hand to help you discover local shops, cafés, restaurants and other nearby attractions

Suggested Stops in Amherstburg:

- **Fort Malden National Historic Site –** 100 Laird Ave S, Amherstburg, ON N9V 2Z2
- **Belle Vue National Historic Site –** 525 Dalhousie St, Amherstburg, ON N9V 2M2
- **Amherstburg Freedom Museum –** 277 King St, Amherstburg, ON N9V 2C7
- **Downtown Espresso Cafe –** 249 Dalhousie St, Amherstburg, ON N9V 1W8



80km – Essex County Hosted Rest Stop & Shuttle Point – River Canard Bridge – 2:00pm to 4:00pm [Map 4]:

S Riverview St & North Townline Rd
The County of Essex will host a water and snack rest stop, as the last supported stop before reaching the finish at the University of Windsor.

A SAG Shuttle will depart from this location at 4:00pm for the finish at Windsor University.

84km – Optional Stop – Vollmer Recreation Centre in LaSalle [Map 4]:
2121 Laurier Parkway, LaSalle, ON N9J 0B4
If you need a washroom or bottle top off, visit Vollmer Recreation Centre. Amenities include restrooms, bottle filling, and a bike repair station. GWTA support will not be stationed here.



97km – Finish! Congratulations! – University of Windsor Alumni Hall – 3:00pm to 4:30pm [Map 5]:
750 Sunset Avenue, Windsor, Ontario, N9B 3P4
Congratulations! Get a selfie shot celebrating over 400km of cycling during the past 5 days!



Luggage Pick Up – Alumni Hall

All luggage (hotel and residence) will be delivered to Alumni Hall for you to pick up.



Alumni Hall Room Check In – McPherson Lounge – 3:30pm to 5:00pm

You can retrieve your room keys from University staff from **3:30pm to 5:00pm** in the McPherson Lounge.



Evening Program

Celebration Dinner – University of Windsor Assumption Hall/ Freed-Orman Banquet Centre – 6:30pm to 9:00pm [Map 6]:
400 Huron Church Rd, Windsor, ON N9C 2J9

A wrap up celebration dinner will take place at The University of Windsor in Assumption Hall (aka the Freed-Orman Banquet Centre), with a Greek menu theme. There'll be photo ops, a closing celebration slide show, and more. Dinner will be served at **7:00pm**.

Public Parking

408 Huron Church Rd, Windsor, ON, N9C 2J9
Paid public parking is available just outside the Celebration Dinner if you'd rather drive over.

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