

## WELCOME TO NORTH LAKE SIMCOE



Simcoe County is excited to highlight the following cycling routes within the region of North Lake Simcoe. From flat and family-friendly routes, to a challenging and hill filled 92k, we've got a lot to offer!

North Lake Simcoe, located just one hour north of Toronto, is one of Ontario's most picturesque regions and is filled with beautiful lakes, rolling hills, clean waters, and fascinating waterways. In this region, major resorts offer premier four season recreation and getaway experiences. The world class Casino Rama Resort and Entertainment Centre is just around the corner from the charming City of Orillia, where visitors can discover shops, enjoy showcase theatre, superb dining, and historical sites. You can enjoy country road routes that incorporate quaint villages including great shopping and refreshments. Encompassing the five municipalities of Orillia, Oro-Medonte, Rama, Ramara and Severn, the region is a year round tourism destination paradise.

Explore North Lake Simcoe where you will find something for everyone, including outdoor adventures and pursuits, historic sites, fishing, trails, festivals and events, arts and culture, winter sports, golf, resort experiences, gaming, sports competitions, agri-culinary and eco-tourism and so much more.

Reclaim your sense of adventure, capture wonderful family memories, or relax and rejuvenate. Whether you enjoy a short getaway package, a family vacation, weekend retreat, romantic getaway or casual day trip, you are guaranteed to have fun in North Lake Simcoe.

For tourism information including cycling packages, visit [OrilliaLakeCountry.ca](http://OrilliaLakeCountry.ca) or [RamaraExperience.com](http://RamaraExperience.com). Visit [cyclesimcoe.ca](http://cyclesimcoe.ca) for more information on cycling in Simcoe County.

## TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

### Ramara Trail

**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Length:** 7.5 km (each way)  
**Start:** Airport Rd. or Atherley

The trail starts in the south at the historic fish weirs that were built by the Mnjikaning First Nation people. "Mnjikaning" is an Ojibwe word meaning "the place of the fish fence". The trail follows the abandoned CN rail line through pastoral countryside, crossing the Rama Road/Monck Road intersection, along Monck Road to the trail sign and north to the boundary of Casino Rama. A trail extension was completed from the North boundary of Casino Rama to Airport Rd. If you are coming from the City of Orillia, stop at Casino Rama for some fun and excitement. If you are staying at the Casino, be sure to take the trail into Orillia and explore the beautiful downtown.

### Orillia Millennium Trail

**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Length:** 8.2 km (each way)  
**Start:** Couchiching Beach Park or Barnfield Point Recreation Centre

This 8.2 km trail is a system of paved and gravel trails, with a waterfront view of Lake Couchiching, in the City of Orillia. The paved portion, known as the Millennium Trail, is part of the Trans Canada Trail system and connects the Ramara Trail to the Uthhoff Trail in Severn Township.

### Oro-Medonte Rail Trail

**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Length:** 30.5 km (each way)  
**Start:** Woodland Drive (northern boundary of the trail, near Orillia) or Line 1 South off of Ridge Road (this marks the southern boundary of this trail, near Barrie).

Embrace the outdoors, this trail has something for those looking to connect with nature. From active osprey nests to busy beavers in their pond, quiet wetlands to great blue herons, this flat and crushed gravel route, links the cities of Barrie and Orillia. For those needing to cool off, take a quick detour to the beach at Bayview Memorial Park and enjoy some of the cleanest waterfronts on Lake Simcoe.

### Uthhoff Trail

**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Length:** 30 km  
**Start:** Wilson Point Road, Division Road, Burnside Line, Coldwater Curling Club, Sturgeon Bay Road

The Uthhoff Trail is part of the Trans Canada Trail. The Uthhoff Trail begins at the link to the Millennium Trail of Orillia at Wilson Point Road. The trail follows an old CPR railway line through the rural landscape of Severn Township with many scenic views along the way. The community of Coldwater provides a rest before joining up with the Tay Shore Trail at the Highway 400 overpass to Waubausene. The trail is predominantly a gravel trail and an easy ride for the whole family!

## LOCAL BICYCLE REPAIR SHOPS



### Barrie, ON

**Bikeland** (705) 726-7372  
**Trek Bicycle Store** (705) 733-0027  
**Pedal to the Power** (705) 309-2629  
**Bike Zone** (705) 725-0892  
**Giant Barrie** (705) 734-2999  
**MEC** (705) 792-4675

### Orillia, ON

**Velocity Bike Werx** (705) 329-0367  
**The Bike Stop** (705) 325-2453  
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**Hardwood Ski & Bike** (705) 487-3775  
**Horseshoe Resort** (705) 835-2790

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## LOCAL CLUBS



**Barrie Cycling Club** [www.barriecycling.com](http://www.barriecycling.com)  
**Simcoe County Mountain Bike Club** [www.scmcbc.ca](http://www.scmcbc.ca)

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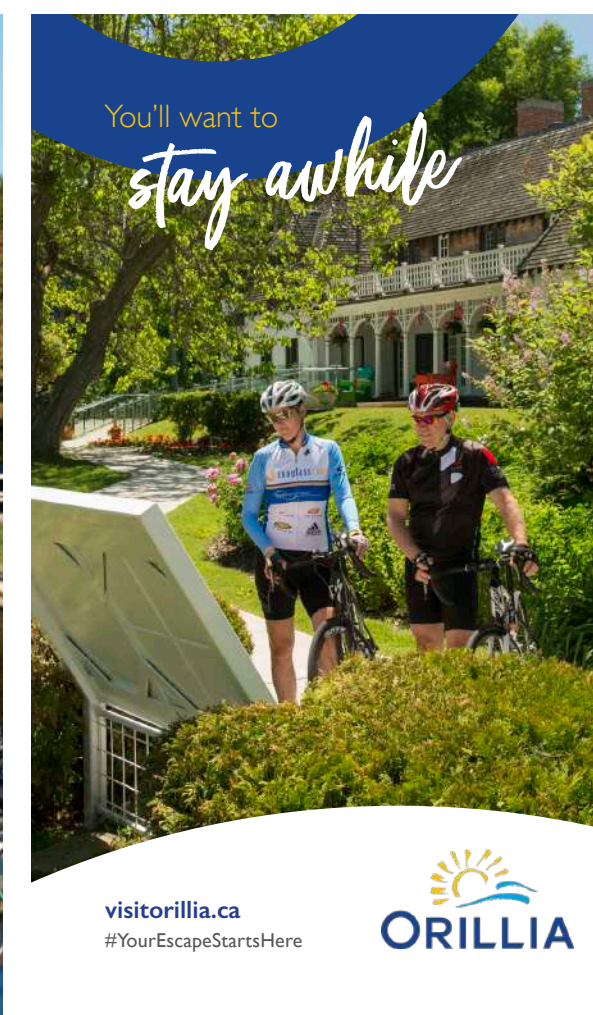
Trails are a wonderful way to spend an enjoyable day, relaxing and taking in the scenery. There are spectacular views and natural areas as you travel Simcoe County's trails. Trail etiquette is important so that everyone will have a safe and enjoyable outdoor experience and trails will be preserved for future generations.

### Code of Conduct:

- Show courtesy to all trail users
- Stay on the trail - preserve the natural vegetation and private property
- Stay to the right - obey all posted signs and warnings
- If you stop, do not block the trail
- "Wheels yield to heels" - pedestrians always have the right of way
- Cyclists - ride defensively and in control
- Pass on the left when overtaking others and sound a warning by bell or voice
- Do not litter - take out what you bring in.
- A properly fitting helmet is the best protection against injury (required by law for cyclists under 18 years old).
- Obey all traffic laws as any other legal vehicle under the HTA.
- When riding on the road, group cyclists ride in tight and controlled formations and as close to the right side of the road as possible. This allows drivers approaching from behind to see the road ahead.



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## ROAD DESCRIPTIONS

### Coldwater Course

**Difficulty:** Moderate/Advanced  
**Length:** 50 km  
**Start:** ODAS Park/Fairgrounds

The Coldwater Course is perfect for those riders looking for rolling terrain and challenging climbs, with plenty of stops along the way. Ride beside Bass Lake and enjoy the view of the water before passing through Marchmont en route to Coldwater. Stop for a bite to eat in Coldwater or learn about Coldwater's history at the Heritage Museum or Historic Mill before setting out to return to the Fairgrounds. Please Note: Highway 12 receives high volumes of traffic. Please use caution when crossing.

### Carlyon Loop

**Difficulty:** Easy/Moderate  
**Length:** 52 km  
**Start:** Centennial Park, Washago

Starting in the village of Washago, Carlyon Loop offers rolling terrain for the intermediate and advanced rider. Follow the route through rural agricultural land and back to the beautiful Washago Centennial Park, where you can swim, play or picnic. The park also features a boat launch with access to Lake Couchiching. On your way out, be sure to stop in the village of Washago for a delicious treat from a local café or bakery.

### Bass Lake Beauty

**Difficulty:** Moderate  
**Length:** 41 km  
**Start:** Line 4 North and Bass Lake Side Road

Starting on Bass Lake Side Road and continuing on Line 8, it's no surprise where the name "Bass Lake Beauty" came from. Taking you through the canopied section of Bass Lake Sideroad, enjoy the scenic, winding roads and test yourself with the 5k grind up Line 2 on this tour of central Oro-Medonte.

### Lagoon City to Brock Twp.

**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Length:** 13.5 km (each way)  
**Start:** Thorah Centennial Park or Brechin Community Centre Park

The trail is approximately 13.5 km in length and follows along quiet asphalt roads. The trail passes by Lagoon City and ends at Thorah Centennial Park in Brock Township.

### Atherley to Lagoon City

**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Length:** 18.3 km (each way)  
**Start:** Atherley Trail Head

The trail is approximately 18 km in length and follows along quiet asphalt roads with some gravel areas. The trail passes through a mix of agricultural lands, lakefront communities and cottage country.

### Great Lakes Waterfront Trail

**Difficulty:** Intermediate  
**Length:** 255 km  
**Start:** Collingwood or Orillia

Stretching more than 3,600km from South Ste. Marie to the Quebec border on the St. Lawrence River, the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail links more than 150 communities and First Nations along the Canadian shores of the Great Lakes. The Simcoe County portion of the trail (255 km) drifts through rural parts of the County and parts of Muskoka. The route includes the Thunder Beach and Big Chute trails and joins with the Simcoe County Loop Trail, giving you plenty of options.

### Canopy Cruising

**Difficulty:** Easy/Moderate  
**Length:** 35 km  
**Start:** Line 4 North and Bass Lake Side Road

This fun and scenic route is great for cyclists of all abilities. Enjoy one of the most scenic routes in the entire County! Riders start on the tree canopied Bass Lake Side Road and are faced with a couple challenging climbs, such as the first right turn on to Line 8 and rolling terrain on Line 4 heading back towards Horseshoe Valley Resort. The Canopy Cruising route is perfect for cyclists looking for challenging climbs with beautiful scenery along the way.

### Upper Big Chute Loop

**Difficulty:** Moderate/Advanced  
**Length:** 58 km  
**Start:** Severn Falls

For one of the most scenic routes in the County, try the Upper Big Chute Loop. Follow Upper Big Chute Road/County Road 17, north into Muskoka as it winds its way around rocky landscape and multiple lakes. Upper Big Chute Road eventually turns into Whites Falls Road and then into Honey Harbour Road before crossing Highway 400 into Port Severn. Follow Saint Amant Road out of Port Severn to return to Severn Falls via Upper Big Chute Road.

### Hills of Oro-Medonte

**Difficulty:** Advanced  
**Length:** 100 km  
**Start:** Line 4 North and Bass Lake Side Road

This tour through Oro-Medonte is both challenging and beautiful. This route begins on the quiet Bass Lake Side Road, but don't get comfortable, because once you turn left on Line 7, the hills begin. Riders can test themselves against some of our largest and longest climbs, including the Eady Stairs! For a rest, stop in the town of Moonstone for a quick snack before descending Moonstone Road, towards Line 10. Hills of Oro-Medonte is designed for recreational and avid cyclists looking to test their abilities, with challenging hills and long descents throughout the entire route.

## MOUNTAIN BIKING



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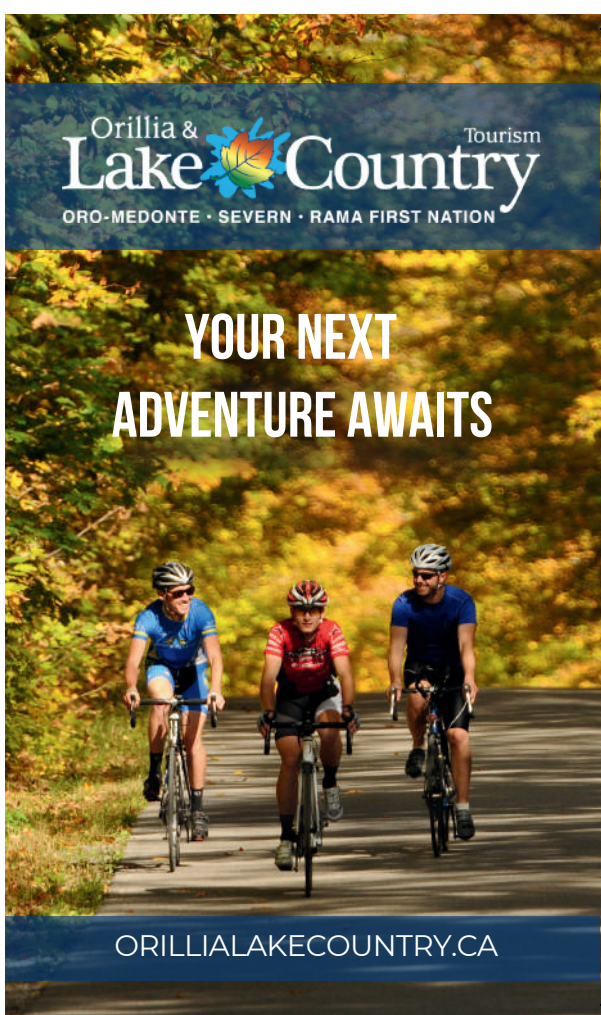
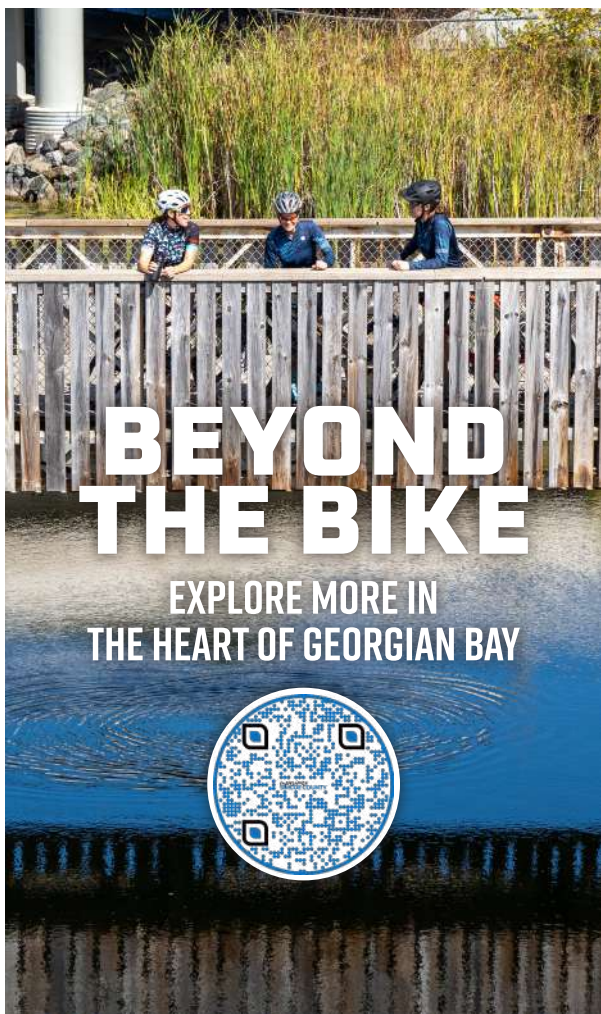
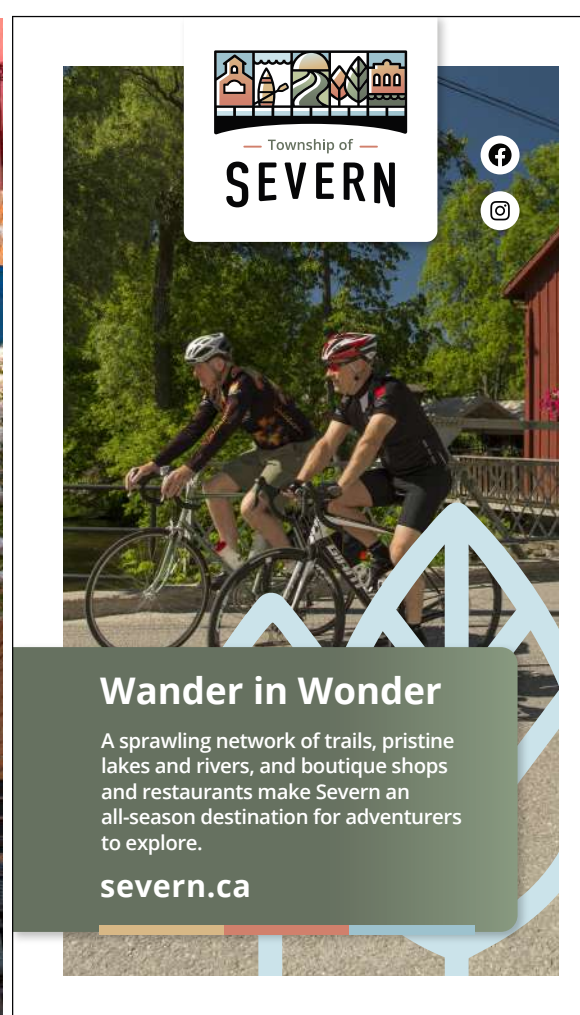
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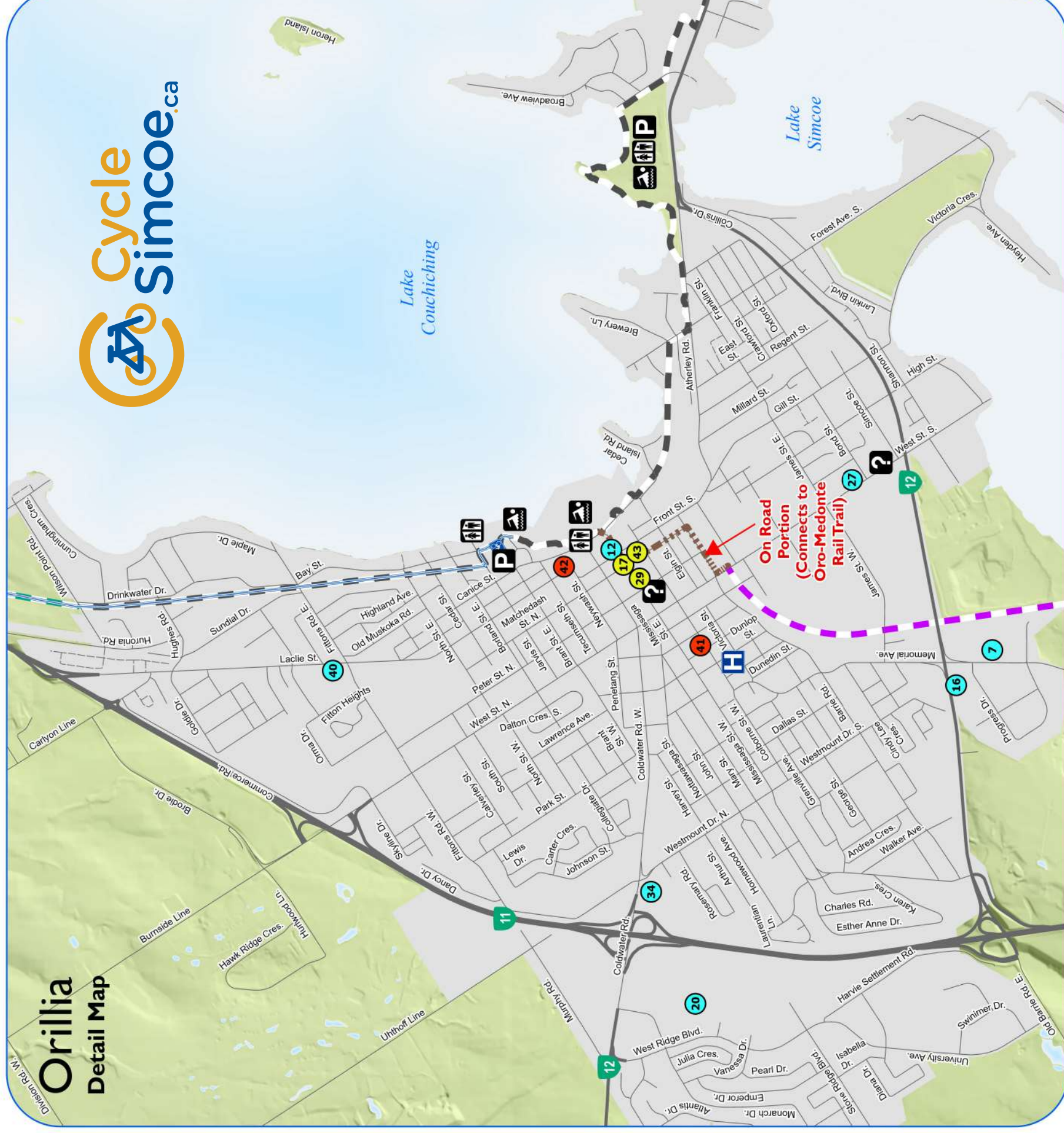
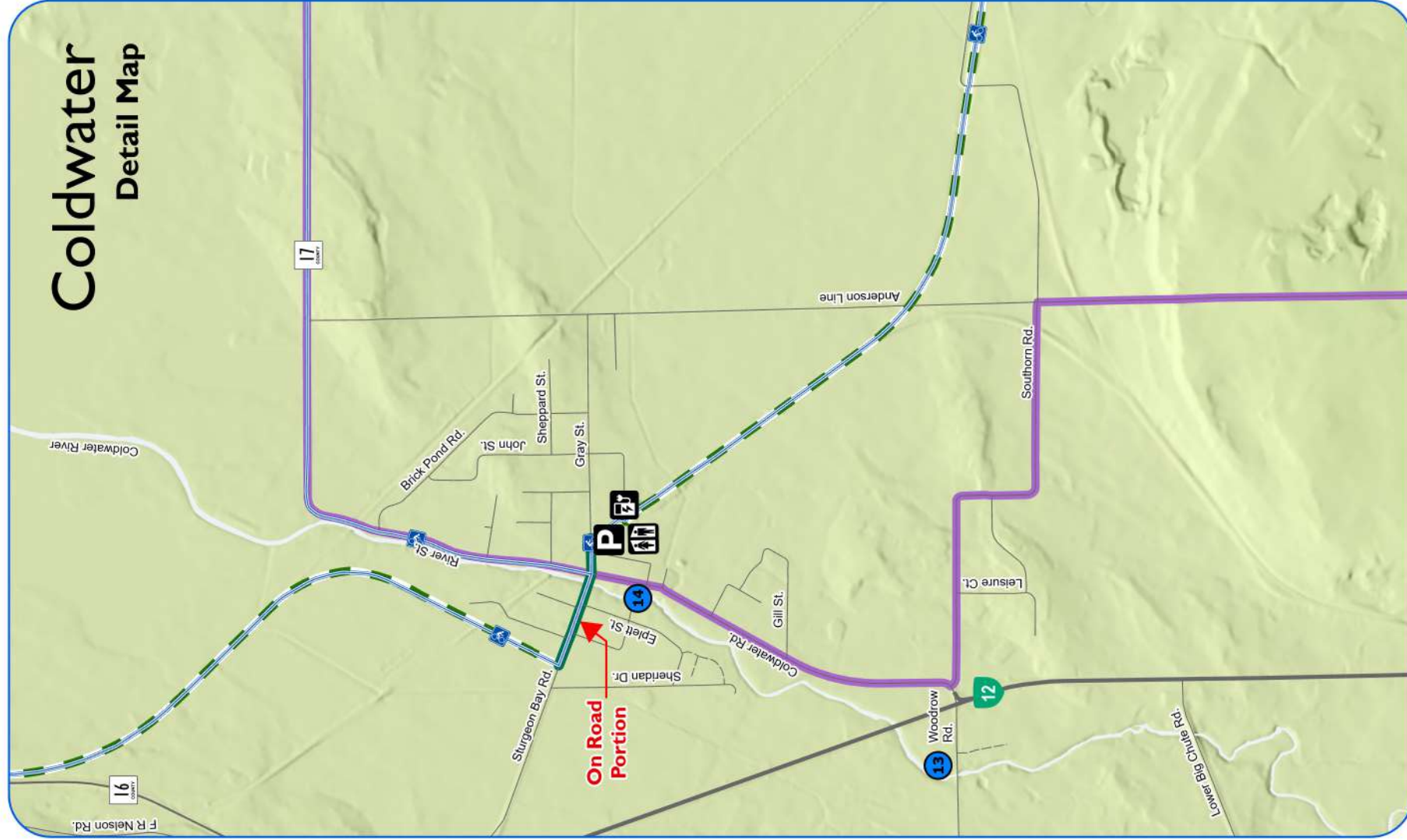
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## TOUR GUIDES

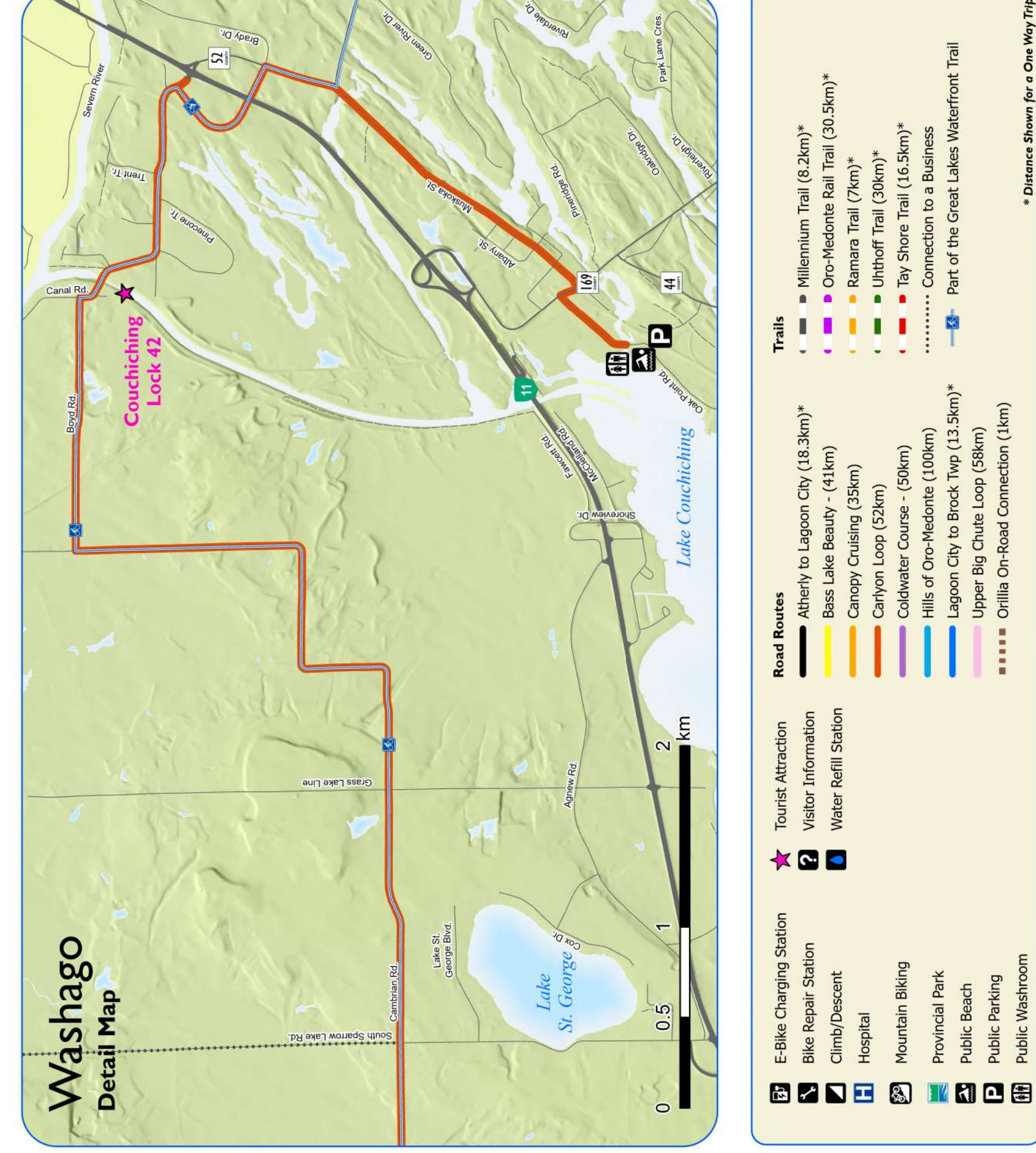
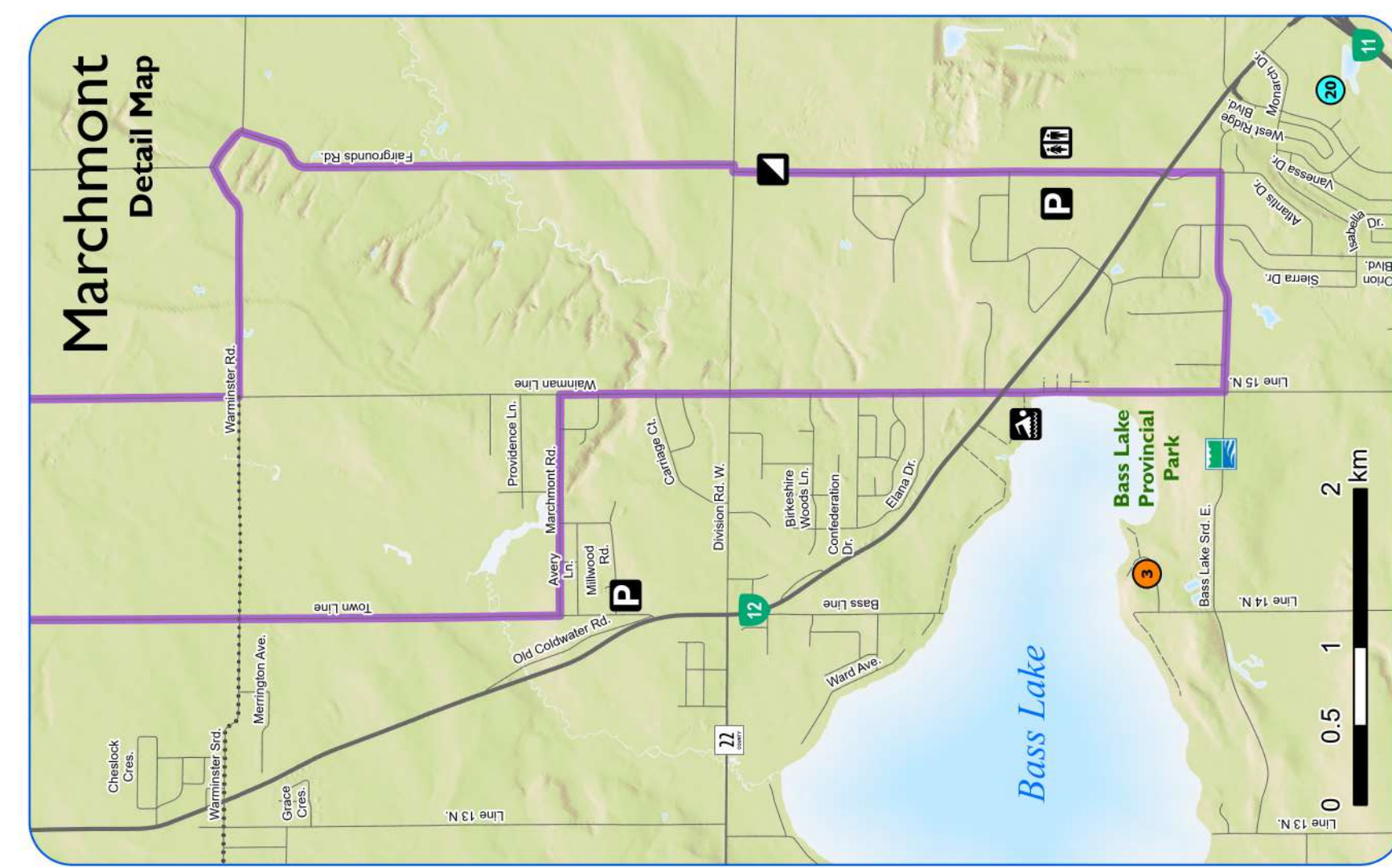
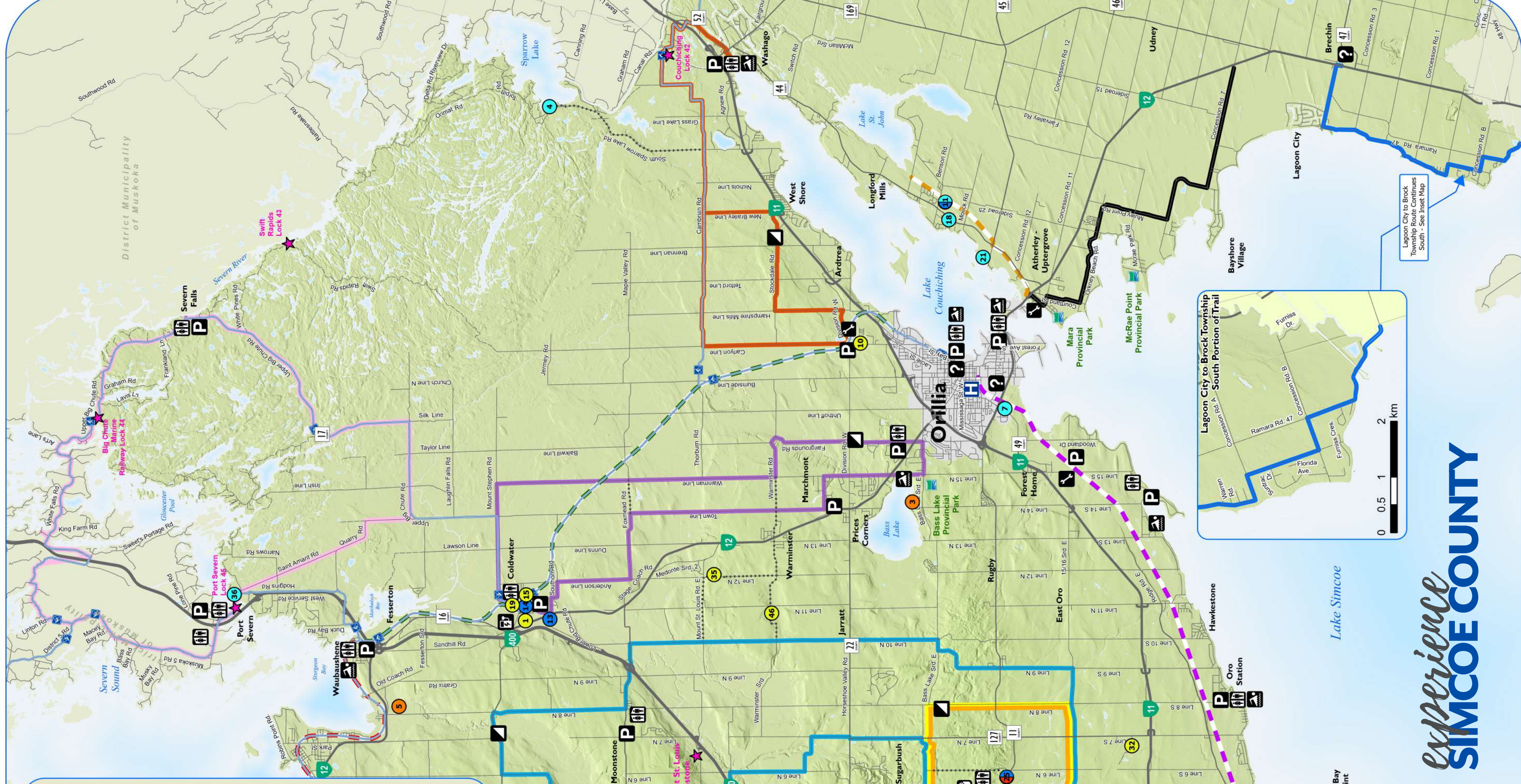
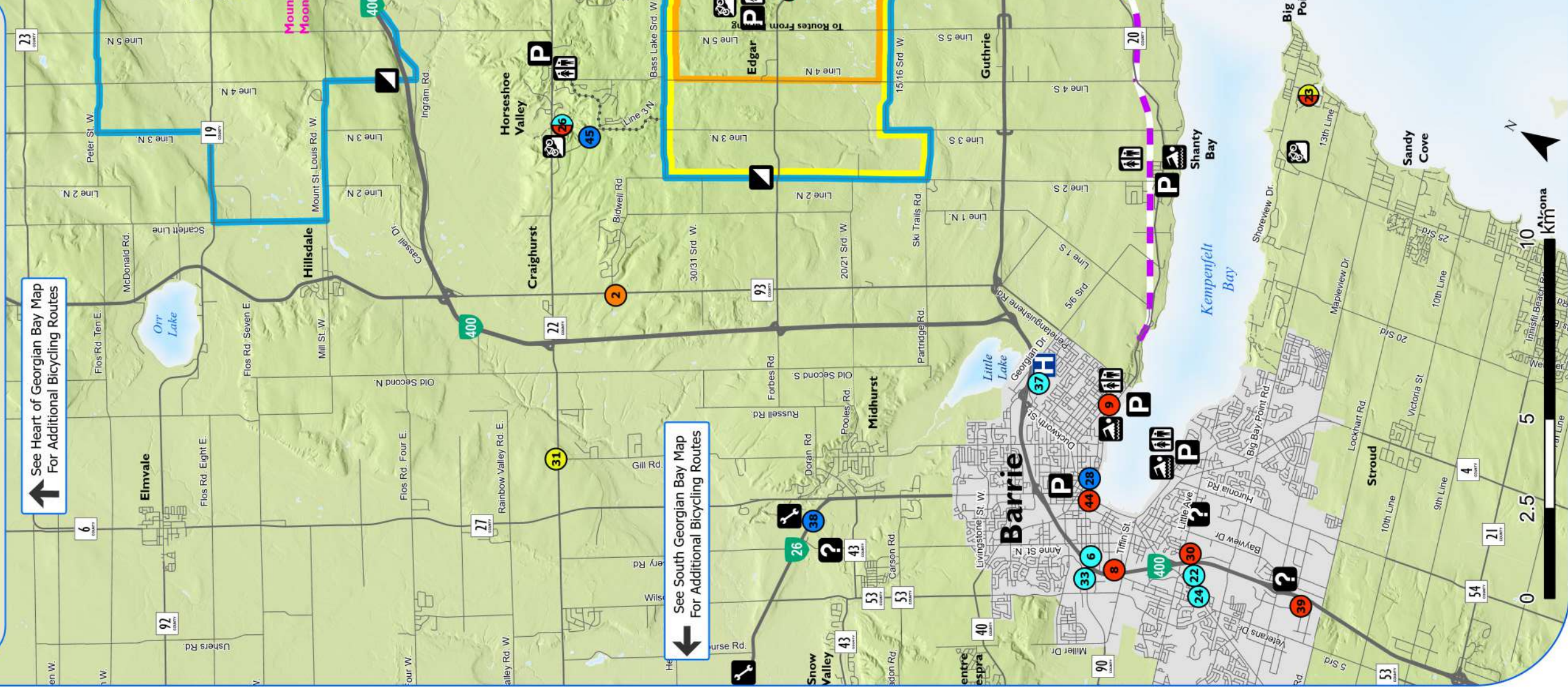


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  - Bike Shop and/or Rental** (Orange circle)
  - Campground** (Yellow circle)
  - Food & Drink** (Green circle)
1. Valley Bikes Multi-Bike Repair (705) 626-2512 <https://www.valleybikes.com/>
  2. The Bike Barn (705) 686-4242 <https://www.thebikebarn.com/>
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