

WELCOME TO SOUTH GEORGIAN BAY

South Georgian Bay, located only 90 minutes north of Toronto, is considered one of Ontario's most diverse regions. The southern shores of Georgian Bay give rise to the highest point of the Niagara Escarpment, a UNESCO biosphere reserve and a haven for four-season outdoor adventure.

Experience Historic Downtown Collingwood and the quaint communities of the Blue Mountains, Meaford, Creemore, Thornbury and others which lie on the edge of world-class resorts, forested trails and picturesque farmland

Take a ride around town or in the scenic countryside. Visit a vineyard, orchard or tour one of the many local breweries. Taste the local bounty. Ride along the longest freshwater beach in the world, located in Wasaga Beach. Discover the beauty as you ride the winding roads and enjoy the vistas from the extensive rail trail network.

Home to one of the most extensive multi-use trail networks and some of the most scenic road cycling climbs in the province, South Georgian Bay offers a challenge for riders of all abilities and styles. Whether touring with friends or enjoying the fresh air with your family, we have a route for you.

If you would like more information on the cycling routes and trail networks, visit www.cyclesimcoe.ca.



TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

The Heather Pathway

Difficulty: Easy
Length: 18 km
Start: Sunset Point Park

The Heather Pathway is a series of Town trails linked together that creates a loop around the Town of Collingwood. Millennium Park and Hen & Chickens boardwalk provide scenic views of Georgian Bay. Along the Heather Pathway you will find interpretive signs that describe the rich history of both the trail and the Town of Collingwood. For a break, stop at Sunset Point park; both food and washrooms available in season.

The Georgian Trail

Difficulty: Easy
Length: 34 km (each way)
Start: 3 Birch Street, Collingwood or Craighleith Depot - 113 Lakeshore Road
From Collingwood to Meaford, the trail runs near Highway 26 West with numerous access points along the way. If you are looking for the most scenic waterfront trail in the area, the Georgian Trail has it. Running along the south shore of beautiful Georgian Bay, the Georgian Trail has ample opportunity to stop, rest and swim during the summer months. The Georgian trail is a fantastic way to commute around South Georgian Bay and is safe, accessible and fun for the whole family.

Barrie-Collingwood Rail Trail

Difficulty: Easy
Length: 34 km (each way)
Start: Station Park, Stayner; Station Museum, Collingwood; Recreation Park, New Lowell; Angus

Discover a revitalized piece of local history. This 34-kilometre trail follows the former Barrie-Collingwood Railway, once a vital transportation route through Simcoe County. Reimagined by the County of Simcoe as a multi-use active transportation corridor, it now connects the communities of Angus, Stayner, and Collingwood, offering a safe and scenic route for walking, cycling and other non-motorized travel. This trail connects to 2km of the Collingwood Trail network at Poplar Sideroad.

Carley Patterson Memorial Trail

Difficulty: Easy
Length: 11 km (each way)
Start: Wasaga Beach RecPlex

The Carley Patterson Memorial Trail meanders along Trillium Creek through a mosaic of swamp and upland forests. Snow melt in the spring creates woodland pools that support breeding habitat for migrating waterfowl. Several woodpecker species forage and nest along the creek corridor. White-tailed Deer and wild turkeys can be seen along the trail. Trillium Creek provides habitat for a handful of small fish species as well as amphibians even though flows can be very low or even intermittent during spring and early fall. **Please note:** Trail is a combination of quiet roads and stone-dusted trail. A hybrid bike is recommended.

North Simcoe Rail Trail

Difficulty: Easy
Length: 31.5 km (each way)
Start: Pinegrove Road near Highway 90 or Phepston roadside parking

The North Simcoe Rail Trail follows the route of the North Simcoe Railway, which was built in 1878 and primarily served lumber business on Georgian Bay. The trail now offers stunning views over the Minessing Swamp and the Mayer's Marsh, both excellent birding spots, or check historic Fort Willow and its Nine Mile Portage Heritage Festival every September. The trail connects to the Tiny Trail in the north and with the Ganaraska Hiking Trail in the south.

BICYCLE REPAIR SHOPS

Collingwood, ON

Kamikaze Bikes (705) 446-1234
Little Ed's Ski & Bike Shop (705) 444-5488
Skiis and Biikes (877) 405-7547
Summit Social House Coffee & Bikes (705) 888-0707

LOCAL BIKE RENTALS

Blue Mountain Resort (877) 445-0231
Kamikaze Bikes (705) 446-1234
Harbourview Rentals (705) 444-5488

LOCAL CLUBS

Collingwood Cycling Club
www.collingwoodcyclingclub.ca
Collingwood Off-Road Club
www.collingwoodoffroadcycling.com

CYCLING SAFETY AND ETIQUETTE

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Trail Etiquette

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

Collingwood Wasaga Connection

Difficulty: Easy
Length: 13 km (each way)
Start: Wasaga Beach RecPlex

Both Collingwood and Wasaga Beach are exciting towns to be in during the summer months. From waterfront events to concerts and festivals, you are guaranteed fun every time you visit. For those looking to travel between each Town via bicycle, two routes are recommended; for a longer, more challenging on-road route, take the Wasaga Collingwood link to the Escarpment based routes. If you and your family are looking for a flatter, less challenging ride, take the route that follows quiet streets until it reaches the Heather Pathway. **Please Note:** Riders looking to only cycle one direction can take the Wasaga Collingwood bus link, as it can transport bikes.

Lake Eugenia Loop (clockwise)

Difficulty: Advanced
Length: 90 km
Start: Fisher Fields Park, Collingwood

For experienced road riders looking to test their fitness, the Lake Eugenia Loop is the right choice. The Lake Eugenia Loop guides you along beautiful landscape and up epic climbs, such as the Pretty River Valley. Stop off at the Rob Roy Museum or the Feversham Gorge for a break or carry on to the Village of Eugenia to refuel with a quick coffee. One of the most picturesque sections of the ride is the return back in to Collingwood, as it is characterized by a series of climbs that takes you to the top of the escarpment, overlooking Georgian Bay, followed by a quick blast downhill into the Town of Collingwood.

Wasaga Dunes Loop

Difficulty: Easy
Length: 15 km
Start: 30 Lewis Street, Wasaga Beach

This bicycle loop follows 12 kilometres of roads in the Town of Wasaga Beach, using paved shoulders and designated bicycle lanes. Circling the 800 hectare "Dunes" area of the Wasaga Beach Provincial Park, the Community Bike Loop contains a large system of parabolic dunes, forested with mature oak and pine, which create a mosaic of wetland and upland forest habitats. The height of the dunes can be seen from Klondike Park Road, particularly at its intersection with Powerline Road at the south end of the bicycle loop.

7 Beaches Route

Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 31 km (each way)
Start: Wasaga Beach RecPlex

Starting in Wasaga Beach and carrying on to Historic Balm Beach, this relatively flat route travels up the shore of Georgian Bay, passing beach after beach, including the world's longest fresh water beach in Wasaga Beach. Bring your bathing suit along, because this route lives up to it's name, "7 Beaches Route". Take a swim in the clear blue waters of Georgian Bay at any point along the way or at the halfway point in Balm Beach. Grab a quick bite to eat and fill up your water bottles before you return via the same way back to Wasaga Beach where you can have a refreshing après ride swim!

Please Note: This route sees high volumes of traffic in the peak summer season. If you want to avoid the crowds and have the beach to yourself, do this ride early in the morning.

Creemore Loop (counterclockwise)

Difficulty: Moderate/Advanced
Length: 59 km
Start: Fisher Fields Park, Collingwood

Heading counterclockwise out of the Town of Collingwood and into Clearview Township, the first portion that passes the Regional Airport is relatively flat and a perfect warm-up. Crossing County Road 91, you enter more challenging rolling terrain. The challenge is worth it, as you have multiple opportunities to view the beautiful Mad River along the way and discover the rural charm of Clearview. For an opportunity to stop and soak up the culture, be sure to take a break in the Village of Creemore, known for it's mouthwatering restaurants, coffee shops, art galleries, shopping and more! On your way back in to Collingwood, be sure your legs are ready for the Fairgrounds Road climb, which is a difficult but short climb to a fantastic view of Georgian Bay.

Badjeros Loop (clockwise)

Difficulty: Advanced
Length: 73 km
Start: Fisher Fields Park, Collingwood

Known for it's challenging climbs and scenic landscape, the Badjeros Loop was designed for the advanced rider looking for a test. The start is flat until you cross County Road 91, after which you have a series of rolling climbs to the top with a great view over Georgian Bay and then a steep drop into Creemore, a very pretty town with great cafés, restaurants and galleries. Riders then pass through the quaint town of Dunedin before taking the long and challenging climb up to Maple Valley and Highway 124. Enjoy the view of Mennonite country, riding through Mennonite farms and churches, before you head down Pretty River Valley Road and back to Collingwood.

Please Note: There is a slight jog to cross Highway 124 - be careful since the cars do travel at higher speeds on that road. Also, Pretty River Valley Road is one of the most fun descents in the area with lots of twists and turns down this undulating road.

Great Lakes Waterfront Trail

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

Stretching more than 3,600km from Sault Ste. Marie to the Quebec border on the St. Lawrence River, the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail is a signed route of interconnected roads and trails linking more than 150 communities and First Nations along the Canadian shores of the Great Lakes. The Simcoe County portion of the trail (25.5km) follows roads and trails drifting through rural Simcoe County and parts of Muskoka. You can hit all the great beaches, visit numerous Provincial Parks and historic sites through 15 communities, famous for their history, scenery, and amazing butter tarts.

Elmvale Extension

Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 38 km
Start: Wasaga Beach RecPlex

If you have a sweet tooth, Elmvalle is the place - home to the second largest Maple syrup festival in Ontario and a fabulous bakery downtown. This route extends the Iron Bridge route through moderately flat terrain and small valleys, which take you to downtown Elmvalle. Just outside of town, fill up your water bottles from a fresh water spring. Please use caution on the stretch of road leaving the spring, as this can be a busy 500 metre section of highway until you turn off on Flos Road 11 West. This route also connects to the North Lake Simcoe cycling routes if you would like to explore other areas of Simcoe County. With a full belly and full bottle of spring water, it's just rolling hills, farm fields and views of the Niagara Escarpment back to Wasaga Beach for your après ride swim!



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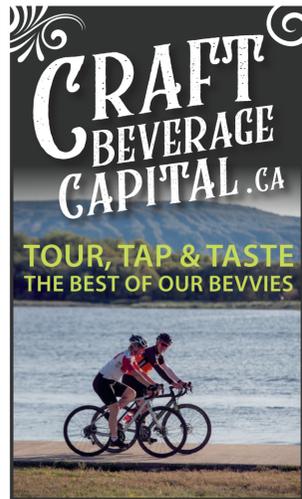
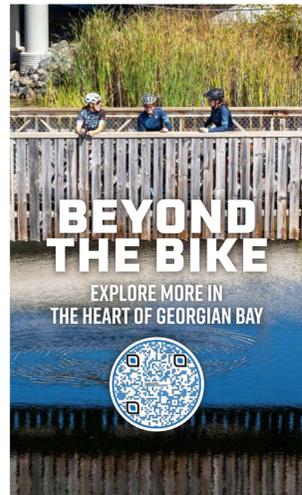


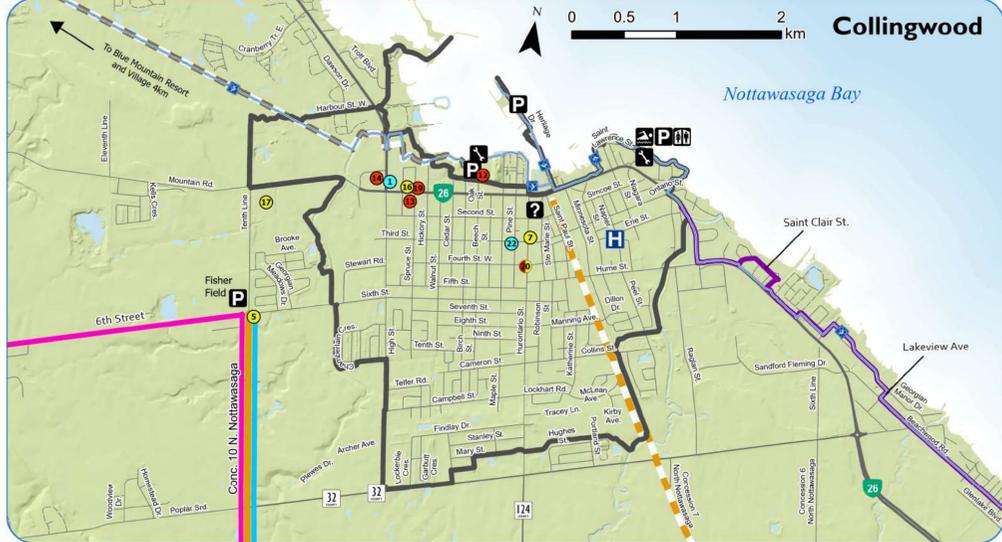
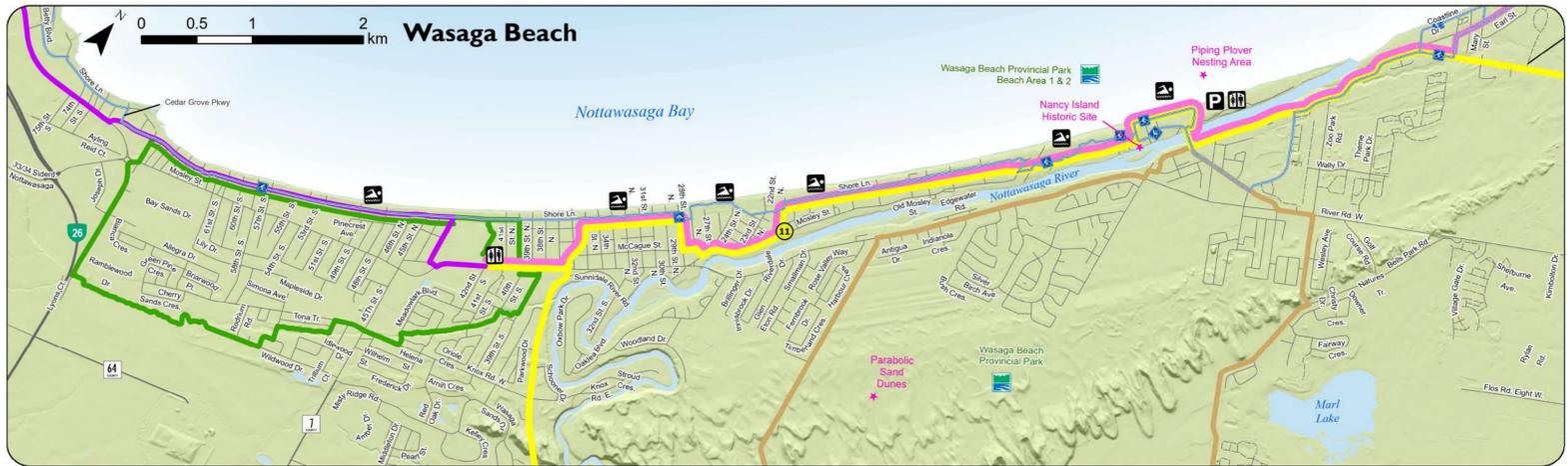
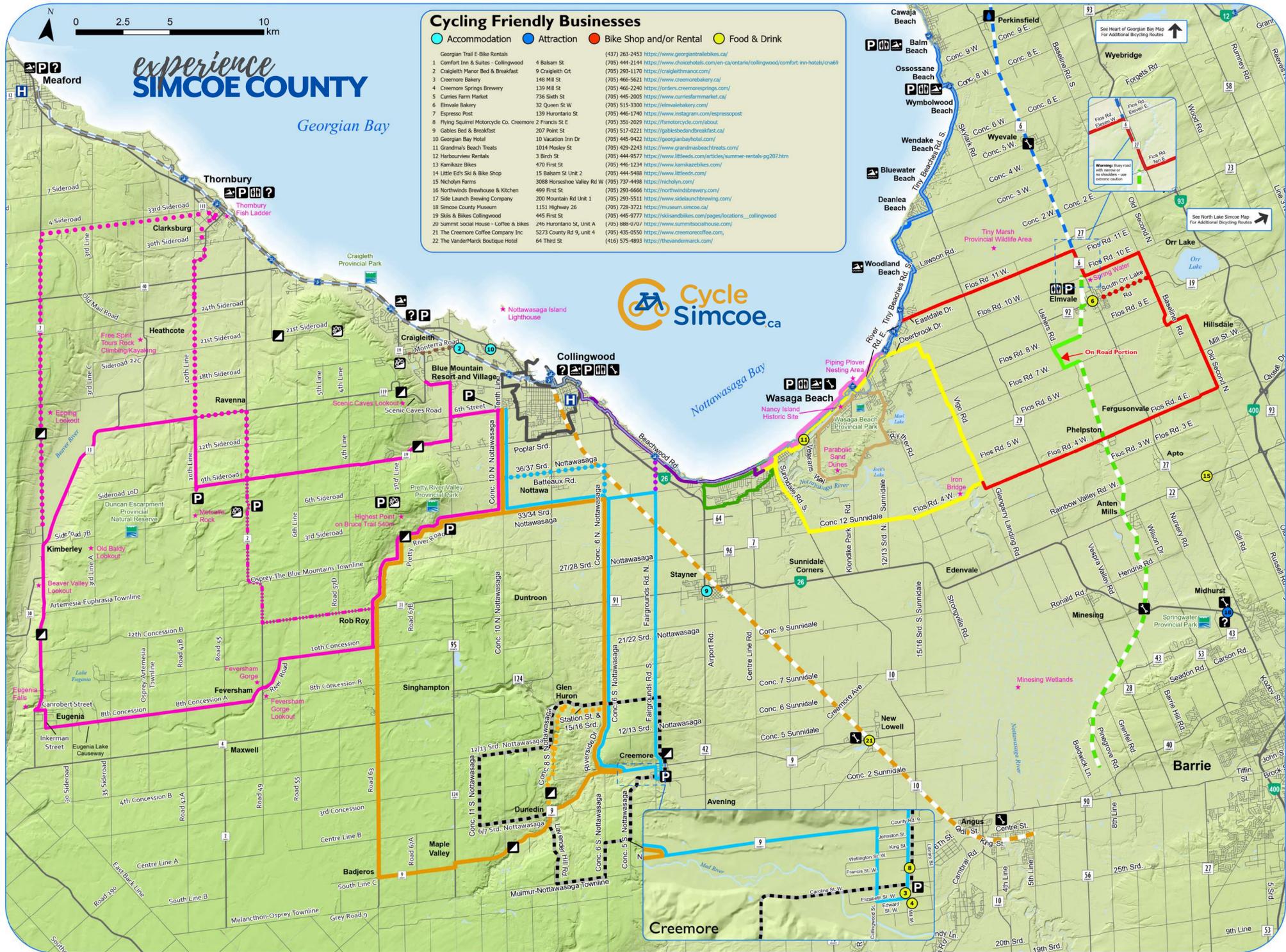
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An Ode to Creemore's Turas Mór

Difficulty: Moderate/Advanced
Length: 38 km
Start: Creemore, ON

Test ride the Creemore Springs Turas Mór event route! A truly unique bike event takes place in the Village of Creemore on a Saturday in late May. Inspired by the vintage rides of Europe, Turas Mór - meaning "Great Journey" in Gaelic - is a cycling journey on gravel and non-gravel roads (a gravel, cyclocross, or hybrid bike is recommended for these roads) through the challenging, yet beautiful, rolling hills of Creemore in the heart of Clearview Township. For seasoned riders to first-timers, there's something for everyone! Creemore Springs offers three distances: 20k, 40k and 60k. Registration includes a fabulous day of cycling, local food and drink, live music, a gift from Creemore Springs Brewery, and small town hospitality from start to finish. To register for the event, please visit www.creemorespringsturasmor.com.





Road Routes	Trails
Wasaga Dunes Loop (15km)	Barrie-Collingwood Rail Trail (36km)*
Badjeros Loop (73km)	Carly Patterson Memorial Trail (11km)
Hilly Option for Badjeros or Creemore Loops (8km)	Georgian Trail (34km)*
Collingwood Wasaga Connection (13km)*	Heather Pathway (18km)
Link to Creemore Loop (2km)	Short Cut to Blue Mountain Resort (3km)
Creemore Loop (59km)	North Simcoe Rail Trail (31.5km)*
Creemore Loop Alternate (7km)	Tiny Trail (19.4km)*
Elmvale Extension (38km)	Great Lakes Water Front Trail
Route to Elmvalle (3km)	E-Bike Charging Station
Iron Bridge Route (36km)	Bike Repair Station
7 Beaches Route (31km)*	Climb/Descent
Lake Eugenia Loop (90km)	Hospital
Lake Eugenia Shortcut (14km)	Mountain Biking
Lake Eugenia Loop Thornbury Alternate (44km)	Provincial Park
An Ode to Creemore's Turas More (38km - gravel)	Public Beach
	Public Parking
	Public Washroom
	Tourist Attraction
	Visitor Information
	Water Refill Station

* Distance shown for a one-way trip