

RIDE AMONG THE HURONS

Route Description:

Experience the life of early settlers on this ride in the heart of beautiful Georgian Bay. Cycle along waterfront trails with stunning views and quiet back country roads. Start your journey at Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons, a significant historic sight and attraction to learn more about the Huron Wendat First Nation, the first European settlement in Ontario and Samuel Champlain's connection to the trade routes and missionary established here. Cycle out north towards Midland along the Waterfront Rotary Trail enjoying a fresh breeze over Midland Bay. Keep following the trail connecting onto quiet county roads making your way towards Penetanguishene for a stop at the Rotary Champlaine Wendat Park, where Samuel Champlain first landed. Make your way back south, exploring downtown Midland with its colourful murals, before heading back to the start. If you are keen a longer ride, extend the route south along the Trans-Canada Trail with a visit to Port McNicoll and the famous steamboat SS Keewatin.

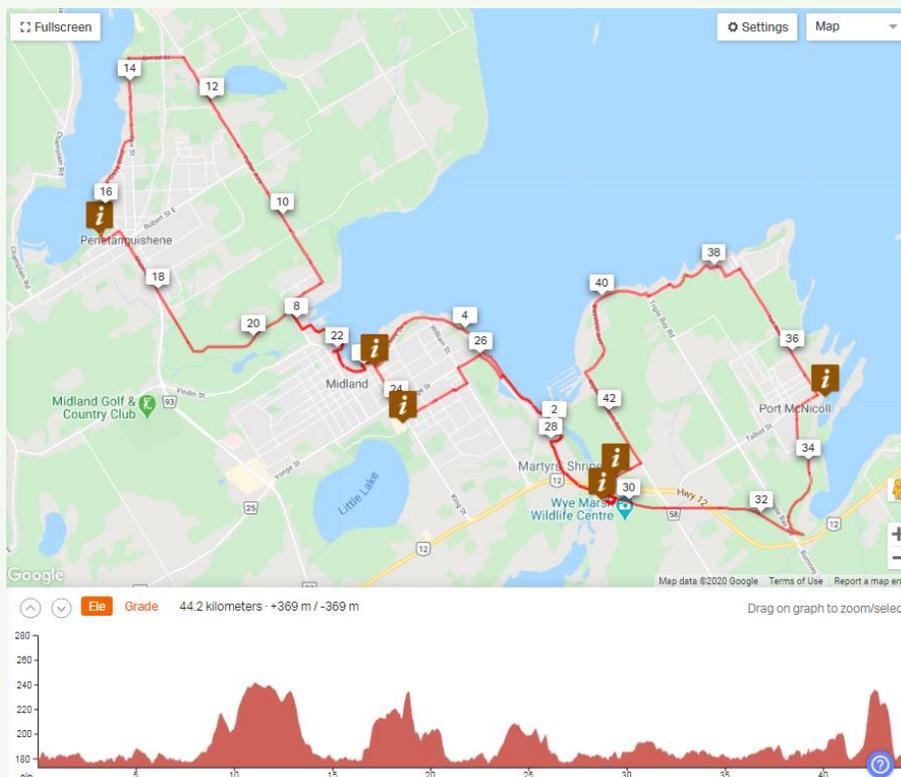
Total Distance: Short tour, 30km; Full tour, 44km

Experience Level: Beginner/Easy; Intermediate/Moderate

Route Surface: This route is almost entirely on paved roads and paved trails. Most roads are designated bike routes, primarily on quiet rural roadways with limited paved shoulders. Suitable for road bikes of all kinds, hybrid as well as cross or gravel bikes.

Staging Area / Parking: Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons, 16164, Highway 12 East, Midland. Day parking available, as well as bike rentals.

Link to Route Map: www.ridewithgps.com/routes/31622033



BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES AND FRANCOPHONE/BILINGUAL ATTRACTIONS

			Level of Services in French Available	Alternate activity accessible by car
Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons				
Martyr's Shrine				
Huronian Museum				
La Clé Permanent Exhibit				
SS Keewatin				
Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre				
Comfort Inn Midland				
Kings Inn Midland				
Quality Inn Midland				
Little Ed's Ski and Bike Shop				
Grounded Coffee Company				
Flynn's Traditional Irish Pub				
Awenda Provincial Park				



French services at anytime



French services upon request



Promotional items and/or documentation available in French

Additional Points of Interest:

-  Midland Murals and Rotary Champlain Wendat Park (Statues: The Astrolabe and The Meeting)
-  Discovery Harbour

VISITOR INFORMATION

www.ontariobybike.ca/simcoecounty
www.experience.simcoe.ca

www.cyclesimcoe.ca/heart-of-georgian-bay-routes
www.brucegreysimcoe.com

NOTES TO RIDERS

The length of the ride can be shortened to fit comfortable ride levels by either excluding the northern loop to Penetanguishene or the southern loop to Port McNicoll. Riders need to be comfortable riding on roads with some traffic and limited paved shoulders. Trail sections are multi-use, and shared with pedestrians.

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