



## CYCLING IN THE GREATER PETERBOROUGH AREA

Peterborough County is a simply fabulous destination for cyclists of all levels. The roads offer varied surfaces and terrain with views ranging from huge open vistas to tree-shaded lanes. Peterborough itself has many great restaurants, accommodations and services while the surrounding communities have all that a cyclist needs on a day out. Whether you are looking for a casual weekend destination or somewhere to stage your next team training camp, Peterborough has everything cyclists need.

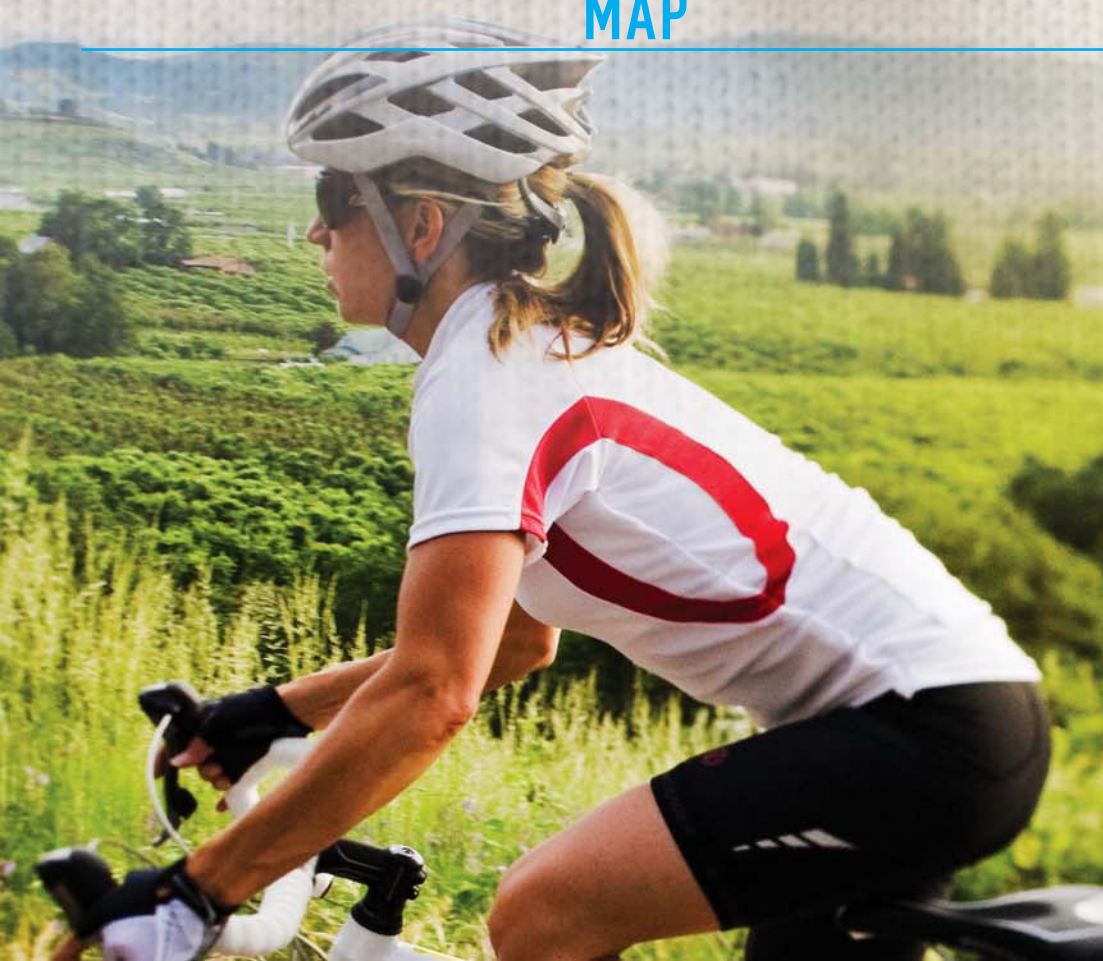
The Peterborough area is unique in that one can plan a huge loop around the city. It's possible to ride a loop of over 200km that never takes a cyclist more than 25km-45km from town. Thus it's easy for people to drop out of the group and make their way safely home at any point during a ride.

To the North the roads are primarily flat with occasional glimpses of the cottage lakes for which the region is so renowned. Lakefield is a bustling community with full services including charming cafés, while the villages of Warsaw, Douro, Youngs Point and Burleigh Falls have the basics any cyclist will need to get through a longer ride.

Hilly gravel roads define the area Southeast of Peterborough. Although it is a quick jaunt from town, this area feels remote. Big vistas and beautiful, rolling farmland make this a great place to put some miles under your tires. Visits to the Lang Pioneer Village or the historic Hope Mill are well worth the time off the saddle.

The roads to the South and Southwest offer the most challenging hills — but the greatest rewards. Riders are treated to fabulous views of the surrounding area. Challenging climbing, great views and refreshing stops in Millbrook or Bethany make the routes in this area favourites for local riders.

## GREATER PETERBOROUGH ROAD CYCLIST MAP



### USING THIS MAP

The three recommended routes on this map take in features that all cyclists love: quiet roads and great scenery. The purpose of this map, however, is to open a cyclist's mind to the huge potential of the riding in and around Peterborough County. To that end, the roads are ranked in terms of their suitability for good cycling so that you can plan your own routes. Open your mind and go exploring!

This map features lettered icons on many roads surrounding Peterborough. These icons mark the routes which are most commonly used by cyclists when leaving the city. The roads are reasonably quiet and/or lead directly out of town.

The best way to plan your ride is to start by choosing a route or area that you would like to explore on the Peterborough County side of the map.

Make sure your chosen route leaves and returns by one or two roads featuring the lettered icons. By locating and matching the lettered icons on the Peterborough County and Peterborough City maps, you will be able to orient yourself and plan a direct route to and/or from your starting point.

### A WORD ON GRAVEL

Many cyclists shy away from gravel roads. In the Peterborough area, the avid riders flock to them! The local gravel roads spend most of the season packed hard and flat. They are fast, beautiful and fun to ride.

Many of the gravel roads offer the best scenery in the county. These roads are almost free of traffic so you can relax and take in the great views. A ride in the Peterborough area is not complete without venturing onto the gravel roads. Caution must be taken when the roads are freshly graded, which happens a few times each year.

### SUGGESTED ROUTES

#### 1 Route 1: Taking in Lakefield, Bridgenorth and the Trent-Severn 45km

This route takes in River Road as it winds along the Trent-Severn waterway, the cafés of Lakefield, and some great views of Chemong Lake above Bridgenorth.

#### 2 Route 2: Southern Rollers and Millbrook 60km

The rolling hills around Millbrook offer some of the best views in the county.

Enjoy quiet roads, great scenery, and stop for a bite to eat in historic Millbrook.

#### 3 Route 3: Introducing the Charms of Kawartha Gravel 65km

Enjoy some of the classic, rural roads that wind through the Kawartha countryside. Rolling farmland and picturesque country roads that are virtually traffic-free make this route a superb introduction to riding in Peterborough County.

Please visit the Peterborough Cycling Club at [www.peterboroughcyclingclub.com](http://www.peterboroughcyclingclub.com) for more information on specific routes. The "routes" section of the site has many of the area's best routes mapped out. Together with this map, you can plan an unforgettable day of cycling in the Peterborough area.

If you prefer to join a group the PCC also has a schedule of group rides on the website.



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