

AN ONTARIO'S SOUTHWEST CYCLING ITINERARY



Windsor Kingsville Essex Tour:

Pedal into the Heart of
Southern Ontario's Wine Country



Total Distance:
130 km



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and Touring Itinerary:**
3 days, 2 nights
(extended suggestions available)



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Daily Ride Distance Average: 43 km

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Route Surface: Paved roads and paved/unpaved trails.

Route Map Link: www.ridewithgps.com/routes/6641835

Vehicle Parking/Transportation: Park at booked accommodation in Windsor or the municipal parking lot or garage. Multiday parking passes are available. Bike transportation is available on VIA Rail trains with baggage service. Bike rentals are available in Windsor at City Cyclery or [Wine Trail Rides/Windsor Eats](#).



Starting point: Windsor

End Point: Kingsville

Total distance: 55 km

Interesting stops along the day's route:

- Art Gallery of Windsor
- Canadian Club Heritage Centre
- Caesar's Casino
- Muscedere Vineyards
- Winery tours at Colio Estate Wines, Cooper's Hawk Vineyards & Black Bear Farms of Ontario Estate Winery.
- Jack Miner Bird Sanctuary, Canadian Transportation Museum and Historic Village
- Pelee Island Winery
- Essex County Wineries

For detailed turn-by-turn directions,
please refer to the route map at:

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Day 1: Leg 1 of 3

Windsor to Chrysler Canada Greenway - 17 km

Area services along the route: Accommodations, cafés, restaurants, grocery stores, shopping, banking, bike shops, attractions and trails.

- From downtown Windsor, ride along the paved, multi-use Roy A. Battagello River Walk/Waterfront Trail near Ouellette Avenue in the central waterfront area.
- Take city streets and bike lanes south off the trail along Parent Avenue.
- Stop on Erie Street in Little Italy for a pre-ride espresso. Refreshments or picnic supplies can be picked up here or nearby in Walkerville on Ottawa Street. Continue on Parent Avenue.
- Use a map or follow the suggested route with an online map for the remainder of the route. There are many twists and turns, taking multi-use urban neighbourhood pathways, roads and bike lanes to the southwest end of city and the Chrysler Canada Greenway trailhead.

Day 1: Leg 2 of 3

Chrysler Canada Greenway to Harrow - 23 km

Area services along the route: Services are limited until you arrive in Harrow. Take extra water and other refreshments as needed. Restaurants, grocery stores, shopping, banking, wineries and trails are available in Harrow.

- Pedal with ease along the flat and straight Chrysler Canada Greenway rail trail. Cyclists must cross country roads to continue (intersections are well-marked).
- Enjoy sweeping views, natural scenery, wetlands and creeks, trees, shrubs, farmlands and rural homes along the way.
- Stop in Harrow for lunch or a refreshment at an area restaurant, or ride north 6 km just off the trail to Muscedere Vineyards for a wine tasting and wood-oven pizza.
- Visit the landmark grain silo and trailside antique shop, and discover the rich history of the agricultural industry during your stop at this small town crossway.

Optional Route Extension for this Leg

Cyclists wanting to do a riding-wine tour can easily visit wineries in Harrow and close to the trail from this point forward, including: Colio Estate Wines, Cooper's Hawk Vineyards and Black Bear Farms of Ontario Estate Winery.



Day 1: Leg 3 of 3

Chrysler Canada Greenway to Kingsville - 15 km

Area services along the route: Accommodations, cafés, restaurants, grocery stores, shopping, banking, bike shops, attractions, wineries and trails.

- Continue on Chrysler Canada Greenway until your ride for the day ends in Kingsville, the southernmost downtown in Canada. Enjoy the area's rich agricultural history and Victorian-era architecture.
- The Woodridge House or Sycamore House Bed & Breakfast both welcome cyclists and additional accommodations options are available.
- Bring your binoculars for birding at Jack Miner Bird Sanctuary.
- Explore the town's transportation history at the Canadian Transportation Museum and Historic Village, or visit the park-like setting of the old rail station.
- For unique dining, try Mettawas Italian Mediterranean Grill, located in a charming heritage rail station.
- Pelee Island Winery and Essex County Wineries located in town are a can't-miss for wine lovers.

Optional route extension for Day 1

Extend your journey an extra day or two and spend time exploring the area's rich nature:

- Ride 14 km from Kingsville to Leamington.
- From Leamington, ride 19 km to Point Pelee National Park.
- Take a 1.5 hour-long ferry from Leamington to Pelee Island and enjoy a guided tour of wineries and local areas by bike with Wine Trail Rides or Farm Dog Cycle. (The Island is a 28-km circuit of signed quiet roads that is part of the Waterfront Trail).
- Reverse the route to return to the original itinerary.



Starting point: Kingsville

End Point: Amherstburg

Total distance: 43 km

Interesting stops along the day's route:

- Serenity Lavender Farms
- Colchester Beach
- Viewpointe Estate Winery
- Sprucewood Shores Estate Winery
- Ministry of Natural Resources Migrant Bird Lookout
- Holiday Beach Conservation Area, Big Creek Conservation Area, White Sand Conservation Area
- Fort Malden National Historic Site
- North American Black Historical Museum

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Day 2: Leg 1 of 2

Kingsville to Colchester - 19 km

Area services along the route: Accommodations, restaurants and attractions.

- Follow Heritage Drive, also signed as the Waterfront Trail (road cycling).
- The scenic route is dotted with wineries, open and ready for tours and tastings, and rich farmlands running parallel to the shores of Lake Erie with numerous beach access points.
- Once in Colchester, stop for a lunch or refreshment break, or cool down at Colchester Beach, where you'll find concession stand offerings and public washrooms.
- For lunch with a view, enjoy wine pairings with your meal on Viewpointe Estate Winery's patio overlooking Lake Erie.
- Alternate lunch stops are available on Leg 2 of the route.

Day 2: Leg 2 of 2

Colchester to Amherstburg - 25 km

Area services along the route: Accommodations, cafés, restaurants, grocery stores, shopping, banking and attractions.

- Continue to follow Heritage Drive, also signed as the Waterfront Trail (road cycling).
- Stop at Sprucewood Shores Estate Winery for wine tastings and picnic lunches provided by the winery to enjoy in a garden setting.
- Lake Erie beaches are easy to access along route.
- The Ministry of Natural Resources Migrant Bird Lookout offers a scenic resting stop, as do Holiday Beach Conservation Area, Big Creek Conservation Area and White Sand Conservation Area.
- Follow the route northward at the 20 km mark along the shoreline of the Detroit River and continue to Amherstburg, your final destination for the day. This historic town on the banks of the Detroit River boasts unique, century-old buildings and a quaint waterfront setting.
- Can't-miss historic sites include Fort Malden National Historic and Parks Canada Site, a fortress that's seen War of 1812 battles, and the North American Black Historical Museum, which showcases the history of the Underground Railroad and freedom for Black Africans escaping slavery in America.
- For home-cooked gourmet European style foods, dine at Dalhousie Bistro and Bakery and enjoy their garden and patio.



Starting point: Amherstburg
End Point: Windsor
Total distance: 32 km

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Day 3: Leg 1 of 2

Amherstburg to LaSalle - 19 km

Area services along the route: Accommodations, cafés, restaurants, grocery stores, shopping and banking are available in LaSalle.

- Follow the recommended road routing and signs for the Waterfront Trail. Go along Thomas Street /2nd Concession for a quieter ride.
- Stop for a refreshment in LaSalle to gear up for the last leg of the trip.

Day 3: Leg 2 of 2

LaSalle to Windsor - 13 km

Area services along the route: Accommodations, cafés, restaurants, grocery stores, shopping and banking.

- Continue to follow recommended routing and signs for the Waterfront Trail.
- From the Ambassador Bridge, ride along the paved, multi-use Roy A. Battagello River Walk/Waterfront Trail to downtown, near Ouellette Avenue in the central waterfront area of your final destination, Windsor.



Ride a little longer...

Extend your journey an extra day or two and spend time exploring the area's rich nature and heritage:

- Visit the Art Gallery of Windsor, take a tour at the Canadian Club Heritage Centre, once world headquarters for the Hiram Walker Distillery, or try your luck at Caesar's Casino in Windsor.
- Cycle around Walkerville and explore the old neighbourhood's unique shops along Ottawa Street then pedal along Devonshire Road and visit Windsor's grandest mansion, the Devonshire Lodge.
- Visit Little Italy for a lively mix of boulevard cafés, bars, restaurants and shopping centred along Erie Street, between Howard Avenue and Parent Avenue.
- Keep riding along the Waterfront Trail's signed route. It continues mostly on-road along the shores of Lake St. Clair.

Additional Resources and Visitor Information

- www.OntariosSouthwest.com
- www.visitwindsorsex.com
- www.townofharrow.ca
- www.kingsvilletourism.ca
- www.winecountryontario.ca
- www.epicwineries.com
- www.amherstburg.ca/visitors
- www.waterfronttrail.org
- www.ontariobybike.ca/windsorsexpelee