

Cycle Route No. 13 from the Township of Rideau Lakes

Newboro – Parham Cycle Route

A Loop Route of about 104 km. Hard surface, some limited shoulders, some steep topography.

Distances are approximate and will vary with vehicle. GPS co-ordinates are in Latitude and Longitude.

This route may be peddled at “Tour de France” speed, early Sunday Morning in 4 hours or at Leisure speed over a full day. This route will invite you to come back with fishing boat or cruiser, backpack or golf clubs, for Art Festivals, Christmas shopping and a host of other attractions.

Km. 0.0 (44°39.113'N. 76°19.058'W.)

Start at Newboro Community Hall, 15 Drummond Street (County Rd. 42). Park along Drummond Street or side streets. A variety of shops and accommodations are available. Washrooms during Rideau Canal season at Parks Canada's Newboro Lock Station

Head west on County Road 42 toward Westport.

Km. 0.5 (44°38.981'N. 76°19.396'W.)

Bridge over Historic Rideau Canal. Historic Grave Site of Royal Sappers and Miners.

This is the Isthmus Cut of the Historic Rideau Canal connecting the Rideau River System to the north toward Ottawa and the Cataraqui River System to the south toward Kingston.

Parallel the old embankments of the Brockville and Westport Railway along historic “Stone Road.” Pass beautiful stone farm houses. Pause to view the vista across Upper Rideau Lake and on to the village of Westport.

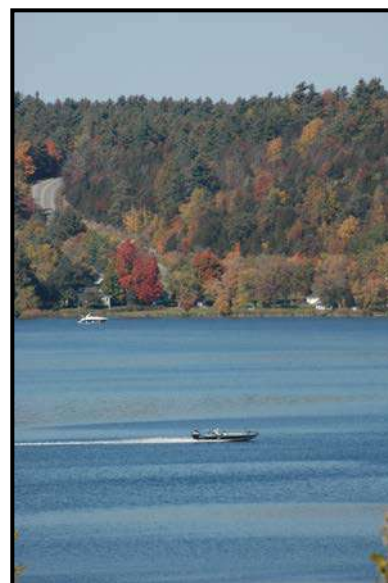
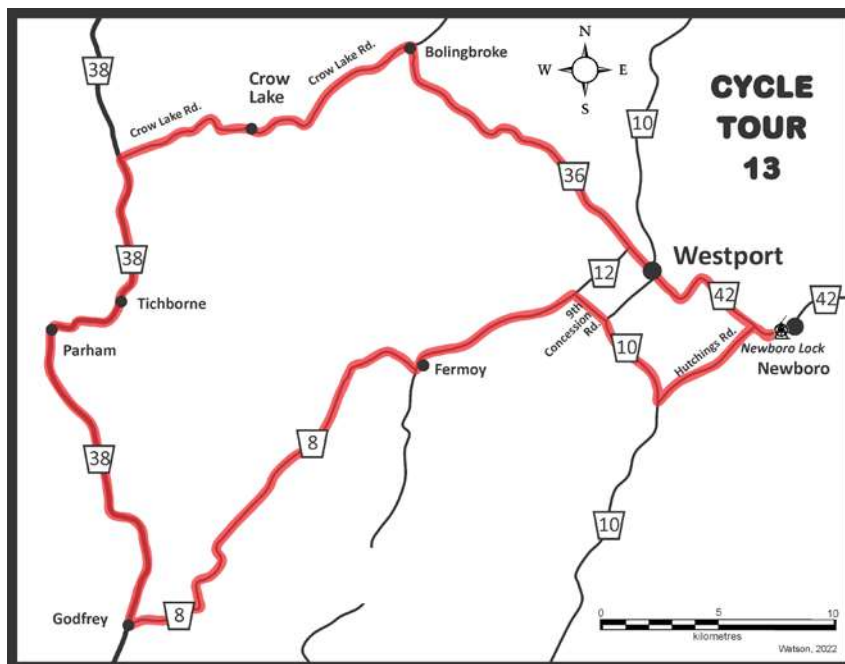
Option: Explore Westport to find a wide variety of services and shops (including a bakery), several churches, an arena and seasonal art and music festivals.

Km. 9.0 (44°40.787'N. 76°24.229'W.) **At the STOP sign, turn Left (west) onto Bedford St.**

Km. 9.2 (44°40.816'N. 76°24.353'W.) **Turn Right (north) onto County Rd. #36 toward Bolingbroke**

You've had an easy peddle to this point. Forget about flat land and straight roads for the next 80 Km. Leave the St. Lawrence Plain and peddle up a long, steep hill onto the rugged granite landscape of the Canadian Shield. The scattered farms of some Irish settlers persist on pockets of rich soil. Much of the land that once was cleared is now being reclaimed by native forest of pine and maple and fauna such as white-tailed deer, red-tailed hawks and even the occasional black bear.

Cross from Leeds County into Lanark County and the community of Bolingbroke



Upper Rideau Lake and Westport Mountain, the Front of the Shield and the Rideau Fault Line.

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Km. 23.0 (44°45.535'N. 76°31.142'W.) Turn **Left (Westerly) onto Crow Lake Rd.** and into Frontenac County. Pass lakes blue and sparkling in sunlight and ponds yellow and green with water lilies.

Follow the narrow lane through the cottage community of Crow Lake. Cross railroad at Km.33.1 and proceed to County Road 38.

Km. 38.1 (44°43.246'N. 76°40.541'W.) **Turn Left (Southerly) onto County Road 38** through Tichborne at Km. 44.7 (cross railroad), Parham (variety of village services) and proceed toward Godfrey. Catch your breath at Central Frontenac Rest Area at Km. 61 on left side of Cty Rd. 38.

Km. 63.0 (44°32.558'N. 76°40.728'W.) **Turn Left (Easterly) onto Frontenac County Rd. 8 (Westport Rd.)** through beautiful mixed forest thriving on a very fascinating and complex Shield geology and soils.

At Km. 82.3, wheel through the tiny community of Fermoy, then down and around the spectacular shore of Wolfe Lake and back onto the plains of Leeds County Rd. 12, toward, but not to, Westport.

Km. 90.0 (44°40.002'N. 76°26.077'W.), **turn Right (southerly) onto 9th Concession Rd.** (across from a beautiful sandstone school house). This road is part of the Rideau Hiking Trail from Kingston to Ottawa. Plan to return with back pack for some serious hiking, especially among the vivid colors of autumn.

Km. 92.0 (44°39.171'N. 76°25.249'W.) **At the STOP sign, proceed straight (southerly) onto County Rd. 10,** toward, but not to, Bedford Mills (unless you want to).

Km. 96.2 (44° 37.260'N. 76°23.682'W.) Before you get to Bedford Mills, **turn left (easterly) onto Hutchings Rd.** toward Newboro



*The road clings to the cliffs
along the shore of Wolfe Lake*

Option: Proceed along County Rd. #10 another couple of kilometers to explore the scenic heritage mill town of Bedford Mills, a Mecca for painters and photographers.

Km. 101.8 (44°39.070'N. 76°20.518'W.) **At Stop Sign at “T”, turn Right onto County Rd. 42.** Proceed under the power lines and on to Newboro.

Km. 104 (44°39.113'N. 76°19.058'W.) **Back to Newboro Community Hall.** Take time to savor historic Newboro with our Newboro Walking Tour in hand. Come back another day to shop or to explore Newboro Lake with fishing boat and the Rideau Canal with canoe or cruiser.

Other tours of interest: Newboro Walking Tour, Morton to Crosby Driving Tour, Crosby to Salem Driving Tour and Portland Walking Tour – available at branches of Rideau Lakes Library or on-line at www.rideaulakes.ca

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