



Spring Trip
Oxford Rural Road Ride
Tues – Wed – Thu June 18, 19, 20

Our spring trip for **2024** will be a looped ride route from Woodstock to Ingersoll return. First night accommodation (Tuesday) is in Woodstock at the Quality Hotel and Suites. We will meet at the hotel and head for dinner. Wednesday morning, we will start the first leg of our journey. Members can join the group Wednesday morning if they wish (early start). Parking available at the hotel. Wednesday evening, we will stay at the Comfort Inn and Suites Ingersoll and meet for dinner. On Thursday we will return to the Quality Hotel in Woodstock.

This was an Ontario by Bike featured event. Check out their [Check out the Ontario By Bike Itinerary here 2019 Ride Itinerary - Oxford Rural Road Ride.pdf \(ontariobybike.ca\)](https://ontariobybike.ca/2019-Ride-Itinerary-Oxford-Rural-Road-Ride.pdf)

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Total Distance: 159 km

The Ride: Oxford County, located in southwest Ontario, isn't just the Dairy Capital of Canada, the county is also gaining a reputation as one of the best destinations in Ontario for road cycling. Experience it for yourself, by joining this two-day recreational road tour and loop around Oxford County. Flat, quiet and well-paved roads will take cyclists past rural landscapes and working farms, which are broken up only by quaint and distinct small towns and villages. Home to the [Cheese Trail](#), this tour will showcase the unique heritage and natural attractions of Oxford County the best way we know how, by the seat of a bike!

Experience Level and Ride Guide: Moderate. This route is almost entirely on paved roads. Roads selected are designated bike routes, primarily on quiet rural roadways with limited paved shoulders. Participants should be comfortable riding on roads with traffic, however, traffic volumes are low on most of the roads. Suitable for road bikes of all kinds, hybrid or gravel bikes plus e-bikes.

View digital route of tour – [RideWithGPS.com](#)

Day 1: Woodstock to Ingersoll – 86km

Depart from The Quality Inn and Suites, Woodstock heading north and quickly entering the rural heartland of Ontario's southwest. Cycle past horse farms and across small creeks and rivers before arriving in Tavistock with a chance to stop in this cute town. Pop into Quehl's for some famous baked goods, before riding on! Take a deep breath as we roll south along more smooth and quiet rural roads with an endless horizon of farmlands. Tree-lined stretches of the route will make this afternoon ride in late fall picturesque as you pedal into the town of Ingersoll. Stop in town with a visit to [Ingersoll's Cheese & Agricultural Museum](#) or enjoy shops and places to get a post-ride bite or drink. Overnight accommodation is the certified bicycle-friendly [Comfort Inn & Suites Ingersoll](#).

Day 2: Ingersoll to Woodstock – 73km

Take time to explore more of Ingersoll before setting off on day 2 and the southern half of this looped route. Riding south towards Tillsonburg, be sure to make the most of this ride by stopping off at [country markets](#) and [unique country stores](#) before heading into Tillsonburg for a mid-day break and lunch. This farming town is filled with unique attractions, bakeries and other fun places to visit. The afternoon offers opportunities to explore flower farms and the villages of Otterville, Norwich and Burgessville just off the route. The final stretch north brings participants back into Woodstock and past Roth Park and Pittock Conservation Area with more trails (unpaved) and spots to take in this stunning natural attraction less than 1km from the start/end location of this tour.



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Hotels: - When booking indicate you're with the Kawartha Cycling Club

You can take your bikes into your room.

Tuesday night June 18, 2024:

Quality Hotel & Suites, 580 Bruin Blvd, Woodstock, Phone (519) 537-5586. Room rate \$129 + tax / night. Block of 10 rooms held until May 20, 2024

Wednesday night June 19, 2024:

Comfort Inn, 20 Samnah Crescent, Ingersoll. (519) 425-1100. Room rate \$145 + tax / night. Block of 10 rooms held until May 20, 2024.

Once booked please e-mail Art to let him know arthurhornibrook@outlook.com

Dining and Lunch Options (suggestions supplied by Emily van Staten, Tourism Officer, county of Oxford)

We will be starting in Woodstock and would like recommendations for dinner the first night before we head out Wednesday morning. Our group size is not known at present but should be between 8 and 16 riders.

[Brickhouse Brewpub](#) is a favourite of mine – craft beer and waffle nachos, could it get better?

[Charles Dickens Pub](#) – another option with cozy pub vibes and comfort food

On the route Wednesday we will be stopping for lunch in Tavistock. Any suggestions you have would be great for a light lunch or takeout to enjoy in a local park.

[Quehl's Restaurant & Catering](#) – great option for lunch as they offer carry-out options as well.

On Wednesday evening we will be staying in Ingersoll and would like suggestions for dinner that evening.

[Louie's Pizza and Pasta](#) – laid back atmosphere and deep fried cheese curds!!!

[Joker's Crown](#) – a local pub in Ingersoll

On Thursday we will be heading back to Woodstock with a stop for lunch in Tillsonburg. Lunch suggestions?

[The Mill Eatery](#) – resides in a restored 1878 grist mill, locally inspired menu