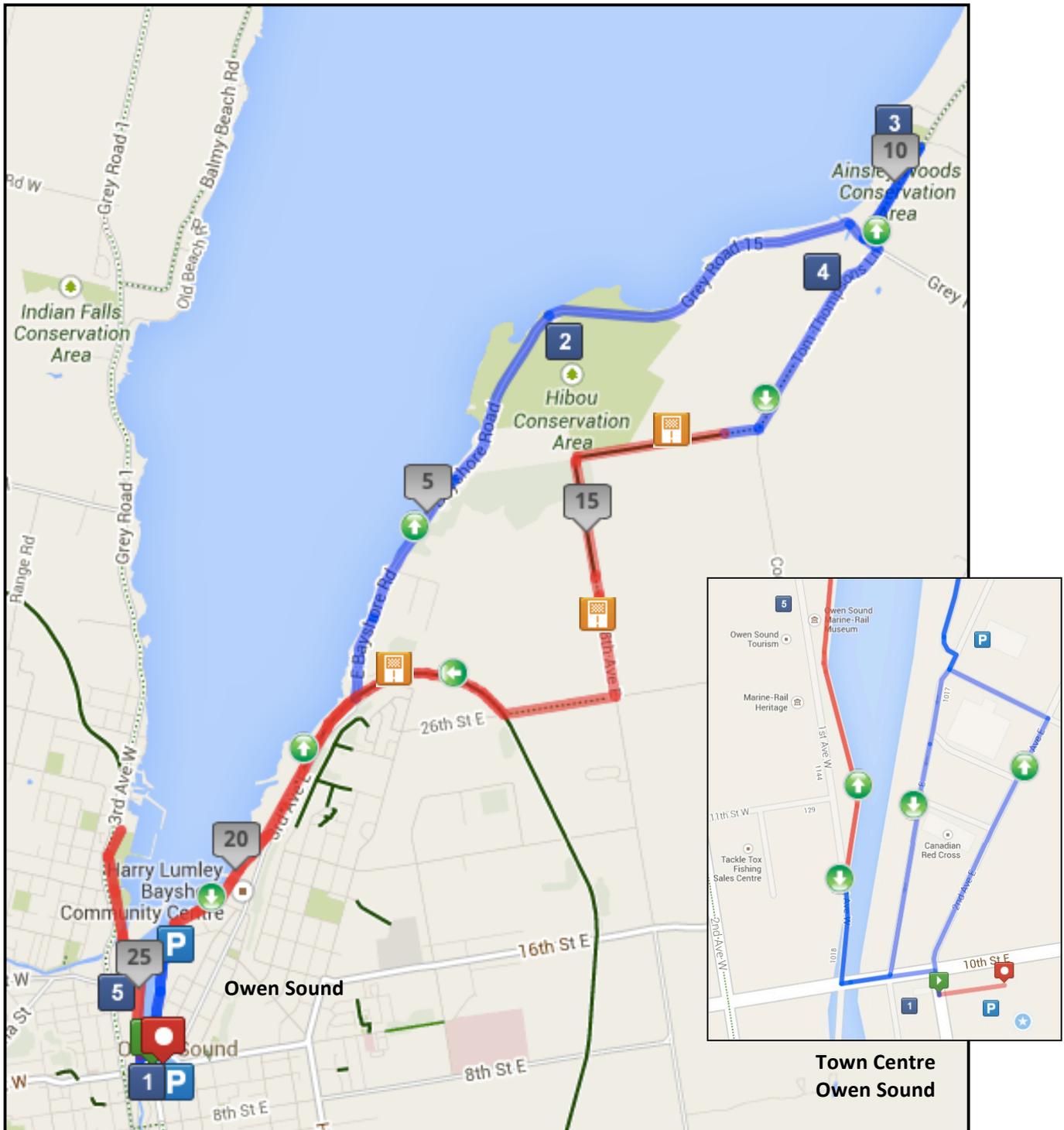


Owen Sound East & Town Centre Loop

Distance: 26km (or 21.5km with out west waterfront ride)

Experience rating: Easy, leisure - recreational ride



Legend: Grey = Kilometre count; Blue = Attractions & stops; Green = Recommended ride direction; Orange = Unpaved roads

Starting from one of several park and ride locations, either in the town centre or closer to the trailhead, follow the east bay shoreline out from Owen Sound. Enjoy waterviews across the inlet, once an important commercial shipping port for the region, now a hub for recreational boaters. Take a break from the quiet waterside ride to explore the 2 km beach or wetlands located in the spectacular Hibou Conservation Area, along the southern shoreline of Georgian Bay. Cyclists can access washrooms and other facilities without charge. At the pretty hamlet of Leith, turn left onto Princes St, in less than 1km turn into Ainsley Woods for a relaxing break at this most beautiful bayside and naturalized conservation area. Ride back towards Leith and make a quick left and right to cross over Grey Rd 15. Don't miss Group of Seven painter, Tom Thomson's memorial site located in the small cemetery, behind the Leith Church that is also renowned for pleasant acoustics and seasonal concert series. Follow the road past horse farms and green pastures, turning right at the trailhead marker and Side Rd 24, which quickly becomes the off-road Tom Thomson Trail. Peddle across the top of fields, through wetlands and forests for 2km, before a brief ride on a gravel roadway, only to rejoin the trail again 1.5km further on. Enjoy the scenery on this relatively flat ride as it returns you along the waterfront to Owen Sound. Take a jaunt up the west side waterfront trail, an extra 2km, before returning to town and the largest centre in Grey County, with plenty of attractions, accommodations, eating and shopping options.

* Bike rentals available at [Bikeface](#), 269 10th St E, Owen Sound



Notes to riders: Mix of quieter paved town roads and a few unpaved roads. Some paved shoulders. Tom Thomson Trail mix of hard packed dirt and limestone. West waterfront trail paved. All trails are multi-use, non motorized.

Start / Finish:

Municipal Parking lot behind town centre and close to Bikeface store. Parking also available at trailhead, approximately 2km north and just off 3rd Ave East.

Information Links:

Owen Sound East & Town Centre Loop map:

www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/318717917

Grey County Tourism: www.visitgrey.ca

Bruce Grey Simcoe Tourism: www.brucegreysimcoe.com

Owen Sound Tourism: www.owensoundtourism.com

Welcome Cyclists Network: www.welcomecyclists.ca/greycounty



Directions:

0km  Start from Owen Sound Town Centre. Head north on 2nd Ave E

0.25km  Turn left on 11th St E, turn right on 17th St E

1km  Continue onto waterfront trail

2km  Continue onto Tom Thomson Trail

3.5km  Turn left off trail and onto E Bayshore Rd/Grey Road 15

6km  Hibou Conservation Area

Continue on E Bayshore Rd/Grey Road 15

9.5km  Turn right onto Princes St at hamlet of Leith

9.5km  Turn left on Bayshore Road/Grey Road 15

10.5km  Ainsley Woods Conservation Area

Return to Leith on Bayshore Road/Grey Road 15

11.5km  Turn left onto Princess St

11.5km  Turn right onto Tom Thompsons Lane

11.75km  Church and Tom Thomson Memorial / Grave

Continue on Tom Thomson Lane

13km  Turn right onto Side Rd 24, follow Tom Thomson Trail signs

15.25km  Trail turns to unpaved road, continue onto 26th Ave E

16.25  Turn right, continue on 26th Ave E

19.5km  Continue onto waterfront trail

20.75km  Continue onto 17th St E

21.25km  Continue onto 1st Ave E

21.5km  Turn right onto 10th St E, cross bridge.
Alternate end, Owen Sound Town Centre, or continue on an additional 4.5km to explore west waterfront along trail.

21.75km  Turn right onto west waterfront trail

22km  Owen Sound Marine and Rail Museum & Visitor Information Centre

Continue on waterfront trail

23.75km Trail ends, return using west waterfront trail

26km  Finish, Owen Sound town centre, parking