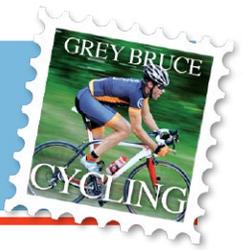


# Thornbury Heathcote Long Loop

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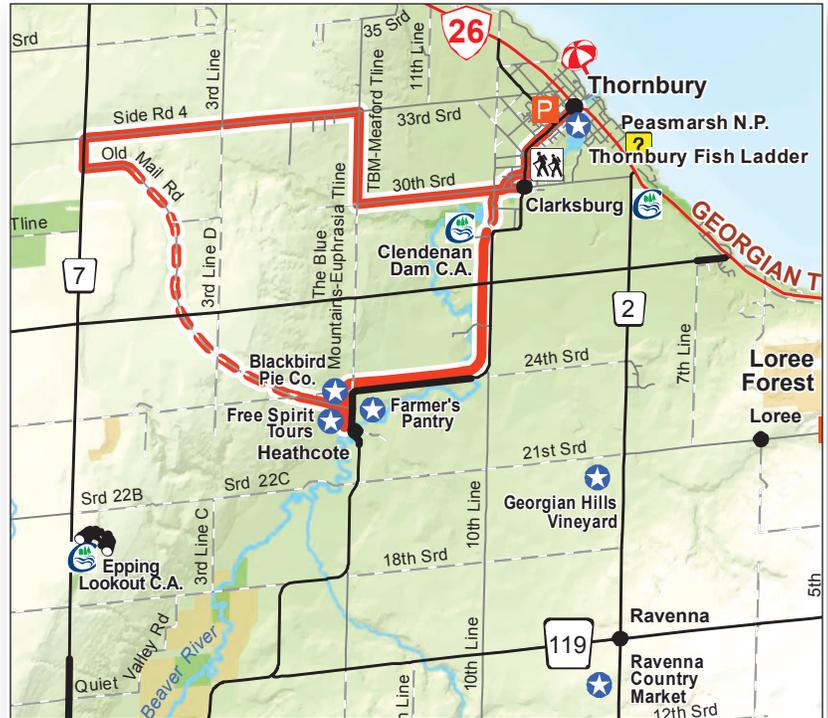
**Distance:** 32km    **Experience Rating:** Experienced Leisure Ride

## Description:

Challenge yourself on this loop with hill climbs and descents as you transport back into another time or enjoy a smaller loop through welcoming communities filled with tasty food stops, galleries and opportunities to further explore the Beaver River. This route features quiet back roads, farmers markets, orchards, peddle and paddle excursions and small town history, like the Old Mail Road which used to be the primary route for travellers via slow moving stage coaches in the bygone era, 1800's.

## Note to Riders:

Some paved and unpaved roads. Caution on Grey Rd 7, Grey Rd 13 and roads through Clarksburg and Thornbury, limited paved shoulders, high speed traffic. Some steep hills to climb and descend, take shorter loop to avoid more challenging. Old Mail Road unpaved with some loose gravel, but very scenic, historic and quiet.



## Directions:

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| <b>0 km</b>     | Start from Thornbury town centre, head south on Bruce St S, towards Clarksburg                             | <b>25.25 km</b> | Farmer's Pantry  |
| <b>1.75 km</b>  | Turn right onto Hillcrest Dr   | <b>28 km</b>    | Continue straight onto 10th Line, near Clarksburg  |
| <b>2.5 km</b>   | Turn right onto Clark St / Side Rd 30  | <b>28.5 km</b>  | Clendenan Conservation Area, cross Beaver River on pedestrian/cyclist bridge, explore multi-use trails before returning to 10th Line |
| <b>5.25 km</b>  | Turn right onto The Blue Mountains Meaford Townline Rd   | <b>29 km</b>    | Turn right on Clark St   |
| <b>7 km</b>     | Turn left onto Side Rd 4 / Frogs Hollow Rd - Hill  | <b>29.5 km</b>  | Turn left on Marsh St  |
| <b>12.5 km</b>  | Turn left onto Grey Rd 7 – Hill  | <b>29.5 km</b>  | Clarksburg village<br>Continue north on Marsh St, continuing onto Bruce St S   |
| <b>13.5 km</b>  | Turn left onto Old Mail Rd   | <b>32 km</b>    | Finish - Thornbury town centre   |
| <b>20 km</b>    | Old Mail Road historic plaque  |                 |  |
| <b>21.75 km</b> | Turn right onto Grey Rd 13   |                 |  |
| <b>22 km</b>    | Heathcote village, Blue Mountain Bakery and paddle rentals at Free Spirit Tours Return north on Grey Rd 13 |                 |  |

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## Start / Finish:

Thornbury town centre, Municipal Parking lot in town centre, located at Arthur & Bruce Street.

## Things to See:

Thornbury Fish Ladder	Free Spirit Tours
Art Galleries in Clarksburg	Blackbird Pie Company
Clendenan Dam CA	Farmer's Pantry
Old Mail Road	Thornbury Restaurants

## Bike Rentals:

Bikeface Cycling, Owen Sound  
Ride on Bikes, Meaford  
Blue Surf, The Blue Mountains  
Squire John's, The Blue Mountains  
Cranberry Resort, Collingwood



*Free Spirit Tours, Heathcote*



*Old Mail Road*

## Information Links:

Thornbury Heathcote Long Loop map: <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/4047743>

Grey County Tourism: [www.visitgrey.ca/cycling](http://www.visitgrey.ca/cycling)

Bruce Grey Simcoe Tourism: [www.brucegreysimcoe.com](http://www.brucegreysimcoe.com)

Ontario By Bike: [www.ontariobybike.ca](http://www.ontariobybike.ca)

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