

Chaffey's-Westport-Perth Loop

(127 kilometres)

The following are directions for a self-guided bicycle tour. This particular loop will take you along the [Cataraqi Trail](#), so it is best to use a mountain bike or hybrid. There is a shorter 75 km loop that will take you from Chaffey's to Perth Road Village to Westport, to Newboro, to Forfar and back along the Cataraqi Trail. The longer 127 km loop takes you from Chaffey's to Perth Road Village, to Westport, to Perth, to Rideau Ferry, to Lombardy and back along the Cataraqi Trail to Chaffey's. Sights include the locks at Chaffey's, Bedford Mills, Foley Mountain and lots of lovely natural and rural scenery.

Depending on your skill (stamina) as a bicyclist, for the average bicyclist, this is a day ride. Please note that the kilometre distances are only approximate, they have been measured off a map. The road portions are on paved roads and most are lower traffic back roads.

If you see any errors in this information, please email me.

Symbol Legend



Route Arrow - continue along main route



Right or Left Turn Arrow







Side Loop - a side trip off the main route
















Stop of Interest



Bicycle Route - where this route intersects another bicycle route

Chaffey's-Westport-Perth Loop Directions			
	Km	Location	Description
	0	Chaffey's Locks	Although the description starts at Chaffey's, you can start at any point on the loop. You may park your vehicle at the trail access point located 1 km west of the lock at the junction of Indian Lake and Opinicon Roads. Before you start, you may wish to tour Chaffey's - take in the locks, the beautiful grounds of the Opinicon Resort Hotel, visit the Chaffey's Lockmasters House Museum . Take time out for a tour of Opinicon Lake aboard "Chuckles", a lovely 1940s cruiser (Rideau Canal Boat Tours).
	0	Cataraqi Trail	From Chaffey's, head west along the Cataraqi Trail to its intersection with County Road 10, near Perth Road Village.
	16	Herm Johnson Rd	The first road that crosses the trail is Herm Johnson Road . As of this writing, there is loose slag on the trail starting about a kilometre from this point (you might have to walk your bike). Turn south (left) off the trail onto Herm Johnson Road and follow it just a short distance to Opinicon Road.
	16	Opinicon	Turn west onto Opinicon Road and follow it to County Road

		Road	10.
	17	Cty. Rd. 10	Turn north on County Road 10 and go to Bedford Mills.
	33	Bedford Mills Side Trip (2 km)	This is short (2 km) side loop. Exit west off County Road 10 at the southern entrance to Bedford Mills . Stop at the historic white clapboard church. Continue on to the beautiful old mill, now a private home. Continue on the loop back to County Road 10.
	33	County Road 10	Continue along County Road 10 to its intersection with County Road 42
	42	County Road 42	Turn northwest onto County Road 42 and take it to Westport
	43	Westport	Westport offers full services including restaurants and shopping.
	--	Newboro Alternate Route	An alternative shorter route is to head back on County Road 42, through Newboro to Forfar and pick up the Cataraqui Trail there to head back to Chaffeys. This is detailed at the end of the main loop description.
	43	County Road 10	From Westport, head north on County Road 10 towards Perth. NOTE: It is a tough hill climb up Foley Mountain
	44	Foley Mountain	Foley Mountain Conservation Area provides a bird's eye view of Westport and Upper Rideau Lake. A small day fee applies.
	44	County Road 10	Continue along County Road 10 to its intersection with County Road 1
	72	County Road 1	Turn north onto County Road 1 and take it into Perth.
	73	Perth	Perth is a full service community with lots to do and see. Restaurants and shopping.
	73	County Road 1	From Perth, follow County Road 1 , southeast to Rideau Ferry
	85	Rideau Ferry	If you're up for a swim, pull into the Rideau Ferry Yacht Club Conservation Area (a small day fee applies).
	85	County Road 1	From Rideau Ferry, continue southeast along County Road 1 , to Lombardy
	90	County Road 1	From Lombardy, cross Highway 15 to pick up County Road 1 on the other side (you'll have to jog slightly to the north on Highway 15). Follow County Road 1 to its intersection with

			the Cataraqui Trail.
	92	Cataraqui Trail	Turn southwest on the Cataraqui Trail to Portland
	108	Portland	You can exit the Cataraqui Trail at Portland Station Road and take it into Portland . Once you've "done" Portland, you can return this way, or return to the trail via Harlem Road which is located at the south end of town (across from the gas station).
	108	Cataraqui Trail	Continue on the Cataraqui Trail from Portland Station Road to County Road 42
	113	Forfar Side Trip (2 km)	A short 1 km jaunt to the west down County Road 42 will bring you to ForFar , home of the Forfar Cheese Factory. Pick up a variety of delicious cheeses, including fresh (squeaky) curd cheese.
	113	Cataraqui Trail	Continue along the Cataraqui Trail from County Road 42 to Chaffeys Lock
	127	Chaffeys Lock	Our journey has ended.
Newboro Alternate Loop Directions			
	43	County Road 42	From Westport, take County Road 42 south to Newboro
	51	Newboro	Newboro offers some shopping opportunities. Also visit the Newboro Lockstation , picnic tables and washrooms.
	51	County Road 42	Continue south on County Road 42 , to Crosby, then cross Highway 15 and continue on County Road 42 to Forfar
	60	Forfar	ForFar is home to the Forfar Cheese Factory. Pick up a variety of delicious cheeses, including freshly made (squeaky) curd cheese.
	60	County Road 42	Continue south on County Road 42 to its intersection with the Cataraqui Trail
	61	Cataraqui Trail	Turn west on the Cataraqui Trail and take it back to Chaffeys.
	75	Chaffeys Lock	Our journey has ended.