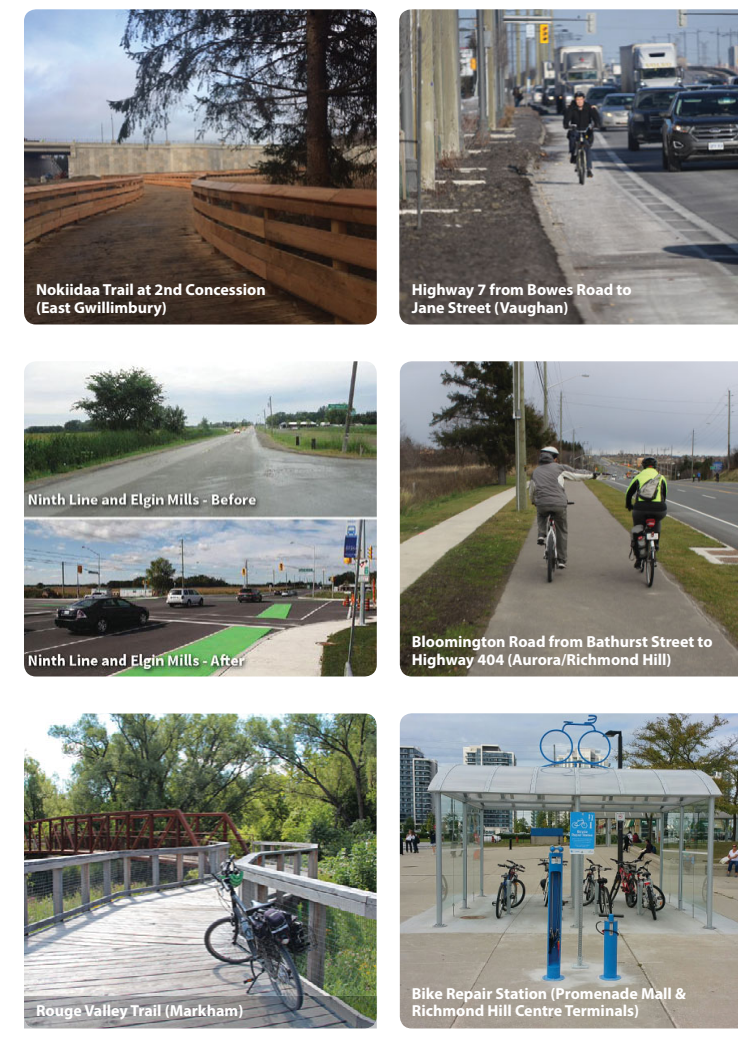


New Additions Since Last Edition



The Regional Municipality of York
Cycling Map
 #BikeYorkRegion
 2017/2018
 York Region

WELCOME TO CYCLING IN YORK REGION

The Regional Municipality of York is pleased to release its fourth edition of the Regional Cycling Map. This map is a resource for residents and visitors of York Region to plan cycling routes to work, school, shopping or to explore the Region. This map shows a network of existing bicycle lanes, paths, trails, paved road shoulders, and bike-friendly routes, including those maintained by local municipalities. It is intended to encourage commuter and recreational cyclists to take up cycling, as well as educate cyclists on their rights and responsibilities.

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 USERS OF THIS MAP ARE FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY

The York Region Cycling Map was created by York Region for personal, non-commercial use to provide assistance to cyclists in planning bicycle trips throughout York Region. The facilities and connections on the map were identified in consultation with York Region's nine local municipalities and other external agencies. Although every attempt has been made to ensure its accuracy, the Regional Municipality of York makes no warranties of any kind concerning the accuracy, reliability or completeness of the York Region Cycling Map including, but not limited to, the designation of a street or facility on the map with a bicycle lane, route, pathway, trail, or paved shoulder. Such a designation does not necessarily guarantee any minimum lane width or pavement condition. Cyclists must use these streets with the same caution they would use when riding on similar streets that have not been so designated. Unsigned routes may not reflect some municipalities' Active Transportation Plans or other approved On-Street and Off-Street Trail Plans. All routes should be evaluated by each individual cyclist based on their respective level of experience, comfort level cycling in traffic, weather conditions, time of day, and any road obstacles, whether temporary or permanent, such as construction or potholes. The Regional Municipality of York is not responsible for any unforeseeable or unreasonable acts or omissions committed by cyclists or third parties, which may cause a hazard or injury to cyclists.

Independent developers have made applications for a variety of platforms using York Region's open data. These are commercial third-party applications available for download. York Region does not sell, license or support these applications, so please read the details and reviews before downloading. York Region cannot guarantee and is not responsible for the function or accuracy of information in third-party applications.

1,000+ kms of Regional and local cycling routes in York Region

53% of York Region residents cycle

- 5% Cycle to work or school
- 18% Cycle to run errands or visit friends
- 30% Cycle for recreation

73% of York Region residents agree more should be invested in cycling facilities so people can get around by bike

28% of school-aged children in York Region WALK or BIKE to school

1. GIS data from 2017 York Region Cycling Map

GET A FREE CYCLING MAP
 Free printed maps are available at The Regional Municipality of York Administration Centre, located at 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket; Road Operations Centre at 90 Bales Drive, Sharon; and South Services Centre at 50 High Tech Road, Richmond Hill and at your respective local municipal offices, chamber of commerce, or bike shop. You can also order maps by calling Access York, 1-877-464-9675 or emailing accessyork@york.ca.

To obtain an electronic copy of this map and other York Region maps, please visit york.ca/cycling

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Cycling Events

York Region and many community partners host a wide variety of cycling events across the Region every year. These include family rides, charity events, races, workshops, and scenic tours for all ages and abilities. York Region hosts a series of Discovery Rides where York Region staff lead fun, family-friendly rides throughout the Region. View the Cycling Calendar at york.ca/cyclingevents for a comprehensive list of the cycling events near you.

You can also keep up to date on upcoming events and projects by signing up for our newsletter at york.ca/cyclingnews

York Region is proud to be a local supporter of Bike Month. Bike Month kicks off with Bike to Work day and continues throughout the month of June with a number of cycling events across York Region. Visit bikemonth.ca/york for more information.

Bicycle Parking

- Always lock your bike when it is left unattended, even if it is for a short period
- Lock both wheels and the frame to a bike rack or immovable object. This also prevents your bicycle from falling over. If you only lock one wheel, your bicycle can be quickly detached and carried away
- Take lights, mirrors and bags with you, along with anything else that is not securely fastened
- Consider using two good locks to further deter potential thieves

Register your bike with York Regional Police online at: online-reporting.yrp.ca/BikeRegistration.html

Sidewalk Cycling

Riding on the sidewalk can seem like a good option, especially on busier roads. The fact is that a lot of collisions occur when a cyclist is using the sidewalk. Motorists crossing intersections or driveways do not usually look for cyclists on the sidewalk. Riding on the sidewalk also puts pedestrians at greater risk.

Is riding on the sidewalk legal? It depends on your local municipality's bylaws. Children are permitted because they ride at a slower speed and lack the skills and judgement to ride on the road. If you choose to ride on the sidewalk, moderate your speed, ride in the same direction as traffic and use extra caution.

E-bikes

Electric bikes, or e-bikes, have a battery that provides a boost to your own pedal power up to 32 km/h, so you can ride further and faster with less effort. You can ride an e-bike where a regular bicycle can go, unlike motor-assisted "scooter-style" bicycles. You must be 16 or older and wear a helmet to ride an e-bike. For more information, visit the Ministry of Transportation page at www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/driver/electric-bicycles-faq.shtml

York Region Cycling Yearbook

In 2016, York Region introduced its first edition of the York Region Cycling Yearbook. It reports on the current state of cycling and speaks of a vision and commitment to a more bike-friendly future. Some recent accomplishments include:

- Integrated walking and cycling into the York Region Transportation Master Plan (YRTPM)
- Added 36 km of cycling facilities on Regional Roads in 2016
- Continued to be a local supporter of Bike Month, which had 57 events in 2016
- Partnered in the launch of the 475 kilometre Greenbelt Route
- A bike count program for evaluating cycling; for example, a counter on the Tom Taylor Trail in Newmarket had a 2016 seasonal daily average of 452 cyclists/day, with a peak day on May 23, 2016 with 1371 cyclists!

Check out the York Region Cycling Yearbook for a practical guide on enjoyable, safe cycling. The Cycling Handbook is available at york.ca/cycling

Bicycle Collisions

Here are some tips should a collision with a motor vehicle occur while cycling:

- Call police/Emergency 911. Non-Emergency 1-866-876-5423
- Obtain any witness information
- Record the driver's name, contact information, insurance company and policy, license plate number and vehicle description
- Offer assistance to the injured until help arrives

Cycling and The Law

A bicycle is a vehicle under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act (HTA). Cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists. It is now the law in Ontario for drivers to leave a minimum of one-metre distance when passing a cyclist

Please visit the Ontario Ministry of Transportation website for more information: ontario.ca/safecycling

Road Watch

ROAD WATCH is a community driven program that provides citizens with a means to report dangerous or unlawful driver behaviour. Instances of speeding, unsafe lane changes, disobeying traffic lights and stop signs are some typical types of behaviors that qualify for a ROAD WATCH submission. york.ca

Trail Etiquette

- Show courtesy to other trail users at all times
- Use the right side of the trail except when otherwise designated
- Always pass on the left
- Cyclists yield to pedestrians
- Give audible warning when passing pedestrians or other cyclists
- Keep to the trail
- Ride at a safe speed. Slow down and form a single file in congested conditions, reduced visibility and other hazardous conditions

Common Cycling Signs and Pavement Markings in York Region

- Bikes yield to motorists
- Reserved bicycle lane ends
- Reserved bicycle lane
- Reserved bicycle trail
- Lanes are only for specific types of vehicles, either all the time or during certain hours. They include buses, taxis, vehicles with three or more people and bicycles
- These lane markings (sharrows) assist cyclists with lateral positioning in shared curb lanes. Note: Sharrows are NOT separated bike lanes
- Please be courteous as pathways is used by cyclists and pedestrians
- Trail Crossing
- Bicycle and pedestrian crossing
- A reminder that motorists and cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities to share the road
- Steep hill ahead
- This road is a designated cycling route
- This road is a designated cycling route
- Greenbelt Route signage

Cyclist Handbook

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Bicycles and Transit

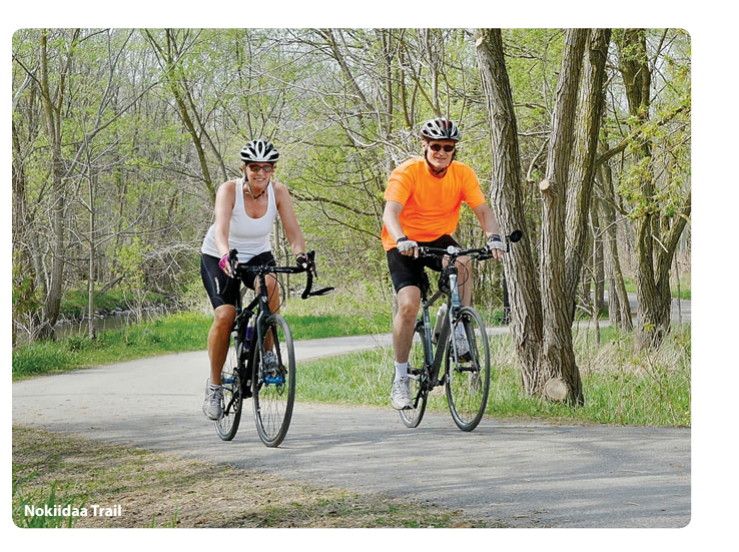
Connect your bicycle trip with York Region Transit/Viva with the Bike 'n' Bus system. You pay your regular fare, but your bike rides for free.

Please visit york.ca/bikenbus for more information.

Bicycle Hand Signals

(Shown from rear)

Stop Left turn Right turn



Wear it RIGHT!

WRONG RIGHT

- Two fingers above your eyebrow to the bottom of your helmet
- "V" shape around the bottom of your ears
- One finger under the chin strap

Map showing cycling routes and infrastructure in York Region, including major roads like Hwy 7, Hwy 404, and Hwy 48, and various municipalities like Aurora, Markham, and Richmond Hill.

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LEGEND

- Protected Bike Lanes
- Off-Road Multi-use Trail
- Shared Pathway (in Boulevard)
- Bike Lane
- Paved Shoulder
- Shared Roadway
- Hiking Trail
- Greenbelt Route
- Lake to Lake Route (existing)
- Lake to Lake Route (proposed)
- Municipal Boundary
- Bike Shop
- Bike Repair Stations
- Ontario By Bike Locations
- Mountain Bike Locations
- Trail Warning
- Steep Slope (arrow points uphill)
- Hospital
- Library
- Police
- Recreation Facilities
- GO Station
- Vivastation
- Major Transit Hub
- Commuter Parking
- Post Secondary School
- High School / Elementary School
- Municipal Building

Scale 1:55,000
 1 km = 3 min. 16 min.

Explore York Region by Bike

York Region has outlined ten suggested cycling routes to explore York Region by bike. See the Cycling Tour Map at york.ca/cycling and download PDF maps or GPS-enabled routes for your smartphone.

- All-Terrain Ride** – 48 km – Moderate
 Start/Finish: Oak Ridges Community Centre, Richmond Hill
- Butter-Tart Ride** – 17 km – Easy
 Start/Finish: Riverwalk Commons, Newmarket
- Group of Seven Trails** – 76 km – Moderate
 Start/Finish: Binderwine Park, Woodbridge
- Main to the Moraine** – 60 km – Moderate
 Start/Finish: Unionville Library, Markham
- Pedal to the Kettle** – 50 km – Moderate
 Start/Finish: Markham Civic Centre, Markham
- Simcoe Beaches** – 69 km – Moderate
 Start/Finish: The ROC, Georgina
- Tour de Holland Trail** – 68 km – Moderate
 Start/Finish: King City Arena, King City
- Markham Town and Trail** – 19 km – Easy
 Start/Finish: Main Street, Markham
- Village Roundabout** – 58 km – Moderate
 Start/Finish: Main Street, Schomberg
- York Century** – 100 km – Advanced
 Start/Finish: East Gwillimbury GO Station, East Gwillimbury

Greenbelt Route

The Greenbelt Route is a 475 kilometre provincial cycling route from Northumberland County to Niagara Region, including 70 kilometres of signed cycling adventures in York Region. It was launched in Summer 2015 and connects local Greenbelt communities and businesses along many places to stop and explore in the beautiful, protected countryside of Ontario's Greenbelt. For more information, please visit Greenbelt.ca/route-regions-york

Lake to Lake Route

The Lake to Lake Route is a 121 kilometre hiking and cycling trail, which will connect Lake Simcoe to Lake Ontario. This will form an important north-south link in York Region's cycling network and connect to major routes such as the Greenbelt Route, the Waterfront Trail, and the PanAm Path. In collaboration with partners two thirds of the Lake to Lake Route have already been completed. For more information, please visit york.ca/laketolake

Mobile Cycling Map

This map is now available on your mobile device with Avenza! Avenza is a free mobile map application that enables you to download maps for offline use (doesn't use data) on your Apple iOS or Android smartphone or tablet. Use your device's built-in GPS to track your location on the map and navigate York Region on the go. You can also plot information about locations, import and export placemarks, measure distance and area, and even plot photos. Download the app today and search for "York Region Cycling" to download this map.

You can also browse an interactive version of this map at yorkmaps.ca on your computer or smartphone.

If you experience any problems like debris on the road, potholes, or broken traffic lights, you can report them with the York Region app.

York Region Trail Guide

The extensive York Region Trail Guide is a new resource which provides maps, photographs, key information, history, sights to see, parking, and instructions for over 50 trails across the nine local municipalities. Take the family on fun, outdoor adventures throughout the trails and forests of York Region and its trail-building partners.

Available at york.ca/trails

Cycling Photo/Video Contest

Participate in York Region's Cycling Photo Contest and Cycling Video Challenge. Winners will receive a bike shop gift card and top photos will be featured in the 2018 York Region Cycling Calendar.

Contest information available at: york.ca/cyclingphotocontest or york.ca/cyclingvideochallenge

Left Turn Bike Boxes

One form of bike box is a two-stage left turn, also known as a "Copenhagen left", which offers bicyclists a safe way to cross multi-lane signalized intersections from a bike lane. York Region has now installed its first two-stage left turn bike boxes in the boulevard at several intersections on Highway 7.

- On green light proceed to the Left Turn Bike Box
- Move your bike to the right side of the bike box
- On green light proceed through the intersection

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