

North Bay Area, Haliburton Highlands and Ottawa Valley Self-Guided Ontario Tours

North Bay – Mattawa Area Recommended Rides

North Bay – Mattawa Ride One: Approx. 200 km + distance to staging lodging. Ride counter clockwise starting near Astorville on TOP D south, then TOP A101D & A east. Turn north on TOP A112A to Mattawa for food & fuel. Continue on A112A to turn south on BF 201 for food (& lodging), then proceed south on TOP A to TOP A102D west at Bonfield to cross Lake Nosbonsing via stake line for fuel & food. Turn north on TOP D back to starting point.

North Bay – Mattawa Ride Two: Approx. 236 km + distance to staging lodging. Ride clockwise starting on TOP D north at SSR 710 turning left on TOP A/D before heading east on TOP A102Q. Turn south on NB 308 and follow it to TOP A112A east to Mattawa for food and fuel (165 km from TOP D with no fuel, so start with full tanks!) Take TOP A west then turn north on BF 203 and north again on TOP A to TOP A1 west following Trout Lake stake line to TOP D and back to starting point.

Fast Facts

Key Towns: Bonfield, Mattawa, North Bay

Distance from GTA: 300 km (North Bay)

Trailer Access from GTA: Highway 11

Staging Lodging for GTA Riders: Clarion Resort Pinewood Park, North Bay, 1-800-461-9592 or clarionresortpinewoodpark.com On-site restaurant & bar, indoor/outdoor pool, hot tub, ample trailer parking, secure sled parking. Located on trail SSR 703.

Distance from Ottawa: 270 km (Mattawa)

Trailer Access from Ottawa: Highway 17

Staging Lodging for Ottawa Riders: Mattawa Golf & Ski Resort, 1-800-762-2339 or www.golfnski.com (on TOP A, east of Mattawa). Housekeeping chalets, on site restaurant, ample trailer parking.

Trailside Lodging: Cedar Gables Lodge, Bonfield, (705) 776-2335 or www.cedargableslodge.com (on BF 201). Newly renovated inn with hearty breakfast provided.

Other Activities: Downhill skiing at Mattawa Golf & Ski; ice fishing on Lake Nipissing, shopping and entertainment in North Bay.

Contacts: Near North Trails Association – www.nnta.ca, Mattawa Voyageur Country - www.visitmattawa.travel, North Bay Tourism - www.cityofnorthbay.ca/visiting

Maps Needed: OFSC District 11

Ottawa Valley Recommended Rides

Ottawa Valley Ride One: Approx. 270 km in District 6. Ride counter clockwise starting on TOP A west to Petawawa (fuel). Take Club Trail 127 west (turn off TOP A at sign for Keetna Club House) to TOP B west. Go south on TOP B102 to Sands on Golden Lake Motel for lunch (fuel). Follow

stake line across lake to TOP B101A east through Eganville (fuel) to TOP A east and back to hotel.

Ottawa Valley Ride Two: Approx. 240 km in Districts 1 & 6. TOP A east through Arnprior (fuel) to Club Trail W12 west and 306 to Clayton (fuel). Follow Club Trail 12 across staked lake and to TOP E104 A west to Snow Road Club House for lunch. Continue on trail to TOP E north to Calabogie (fuel) and then TOP E105A north back to TOP A and turn right back to hotel.

Fast Facts

Key Towns: Barry's Bay, Pembroke, Petawawa, Renfrew

Distance from GTA: 373 km (Renfrew)

Trailer Access from GTA: 401 east to 41 north to 132 east

Distance from Ottawa: 84 km (Renfrew)

Trailer Access from Ottawa: Highway 17

Staging Lodging: Best Western Renfrew Inn & Conference Centre, bestwesternontario.com/renfrew-hotels or 613/432-8109. Located at the Intersection of Highways 17 & 60 and accessible by marked local trail from TOP A, this hotel offers an on-site restaurant, indoor pool, fitness centre, plenty of parking and a secure sled compound. Gas next door at Canadian Tire.

Recommended Restaurant: Rocky Mountain House, Renfrew

Other Activities: Sightseeing or shopping in Ottawa (less than hour's drive), skiing at Calabogie Peaks (40 min. drive).

Contacts: Ottawa Valley Tourism - www.ottawavalley.travel, Snow Country District 6 - www.snowcountryscsa.ca, District 1 - www.district1ofsc.ca

Maps Needed: OFSC Districts 1 & 6

Haliburton Highlands Recommended Rides

Haliburton Highlands Ride One: Approx. 270 km in Districts 6 & 7. Club trail 7 north from Pinestone to TOP B103 north to TOP B west to Club trail 16 north to Club Trail 64 west to TOP D101B north to Club Trail 74 (fuel at Oxtongue Lake) to Club Trail 77 west to Dwight (lunch). Then Club Trail 77 west to Club Trail 78 north to TOP D101B south to Club Trail 61 to Raven Lake stake line to Club Trail 64 west to 16 south to TOP B east (fuel & food) to TOP B103 south to Club Trail 7 south back to Pinestone.

Haliburton Highlands Ride Two: Approx. 333 km in Districts 2 & 6. Club Trail 7 north from Pinestone to TOP B103 north to TOP B east to Whitney (fuel & food). TOP B106E south to TOP E109 south to TOP E south to Harcourt (lunch & fuel). TOP E south to TOP E108 west to TOP B103 north to Club Trail 7 west back to Pinestone.

Other Shorter Ride Options:

1. Around Haliburton loop – TOP B103/TOP B112/4/TOP B (77 km).
2. TOP B103 south to Fenelon Falls for lunch and back (132 km).
3. Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve (300 km of private trails).

Fast Facts

Key Towns: Haliburton, Minden

Distance from GTA: 182 km (Minden)

Trailer Access from GTA: 401 east to 35 north

Staging Lodging: Pinestone Resort, www.pinestone-resort.com or (705) 457-1800. Located on Trail 7 at County Road 121, this premier facility offers a choice of motel units of villas, plus on-site restaurant and lounge, indoor pool, ample parking for trucks & trailers and a secure sled compound. Fuel and sled rentals also available on-site.

Other Activities: explore Village of Haliburton, skiing at Sir Sam's (30 min. drive), skating at Pinestone, Winterdance dogsled rides, Haliburton Forest Reserve Wolf Centre.

Contact Info: Haliburton Highlands Tourism - www.haliburtonholidays.ca, Haliburton County Snowmobile Association - www.hcsa.on.ca, Snow Country District 6 - www.snowcountryscsa.ca

Maps Needed: OFSC Districts 2, 6, 7 and Haliburton County Snowmobile Association