

Context

In Quebec there are more regular cyclist than in the United States. The statistics clearly indicate that cycling is a popular activity, which is enjoyed in several countries and its popularity continues to grow. In fact, the number of cycling enthusiasts has doubled in Quebec over the past 25 years.

Ontario must offer cycling paths that will accommodate both beginner and experienced cyclist.

Recommendations

1. Penetanguishene Cycling trails

The town loop

Begins at the parking lot of the Municipal Museum (13 Burke Street)
Penetanguishene Rotary Park – using an existing bicycle path
St. Anne's Church

To do:

- Establish a link with the Municipal Museum administration
- Obtain the number of kilometres that make up the cycling path of the Penetanguishene Rotary Park
- Verify with the town if this path can be extended
- Research the history of St. Anne's Church
- Find out the availability of guided tours of St. Anne's Church

2. Wasaga Beach Cycling trails

The popularity of Wasaga Beach with Quebecois travellers has made it their first choice destination. This information combined with the popularity of cycling in Quebec makes it all the more important to develop a cycling trail. Suggestion: A path that follows the beach would be an added asset.

To do:

- Follow up with the Wasaga Beach Chamber of Commerce regarding a map of an existing bicycling path. (Publication of the map?)
- Create parking for cyclist
- Calculate the number of kilometres of existing trails
- Explore the possibilities of establishing a link with Blueberry Plains Nature Reserve

3. Sauble Beach Cycling Trails

A cycling trail needs to be developed in this region. The path could include 11 kilometres of beach trails.

To do:

- Verify with the Sauble Beach Chamber of Commerce if a trail already exists.

4. **Ancient land of the Huron (Huron) Cycling Trails**

It would prove interesting and pertinent to create a themed New-France cycling trail; around the history of the first French settlement in Huronia.

Suggestion:

Begin at Sainte-Marie among the Huron's

Use the cycling trail that crosses the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre

(Route 12 is too dangerous for cyclists)

Finish at the Saint Louis and Saint Ignace II historical sites

To do:

- Verify the accessibility of the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre cycling path
- Verify if this path can be extended

5. **Orillia Cycling Trail**

It's possible that a trail already exist in the city of Orillia. It would suffice to offer a loop.

To do:

- Explore the area to identify and discover the attractions accessible from the cycling trail. .

6. **Manitoulin Island Cycling Trails**

In the document that follows there are details for two trails. Suggestions will be submitted at the next meeting.

7. **Cycling on The Lighthouse Trails**

The Lighthouse Trails are a marvellous way to discover the magnificent escarpments and the beautiful islands of the Bruce Peninsula

In the document that follows there are details for two trails. Suggestions will be submitted at the next meeting. The themes for the two identified tours are:

- i. The Big Tub Lighthouse
- ii. The Cabot Head Lighthouse

Furthermore, it would be interesting to outline a cycling trail at Lion's Head Village (and surroundings). Isthmus Bay is magnificent, particularly where you catch a glimpse of the cliffs of the Niagara escarpment at the Lion's Head Natural Reserve.

To do:

Identify the lighthouses that are open to the public

E.g.: The restored Chantry Island Lighthouse

Establish a partnership with The Bruce County Museum and Archives

- Research historical lighthouses and shipwrecks

8. Amish Country Cycling Trails

There are no Amish communities in Quebec. Their lifestyle has piqued the curiosity of the Quebecois. It would meet their requirements if we created cycling trails in each of the following Amish communities: Keady, Scone and Chelsey.

Conclusion

More than twenty cycling trails would need to be created to cover the identified areas during our tour. Ontario has everything it needs to delight and fulfill the needs of traveling cyclists as well as entice visitors to leave the highway and discover the countless features of the province. The development of bicycle touring in Ontario is undoubtedly essential!