



# Bike Routes on Cape Breton Island

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**Northside Loop**

Area: **CBRM**

**15.8 kms**

Rating:

Traffic:

Type of Bicycle: **Road or Hybrid**

Maximum Climb: **5 m.**

Total Climb: **30m.**



Cue Sheet		
0.0	Boardwalk Left on Commercial St.	15.8
0.3	Right on Peppett St. At Church	15.0
1.3	Right on Baird St.	14.5
1.4	Left on King St.	14.4
1.8	King St. becomes Johnson Rd.	14.0
3.3	R. on Church Rd.	12.5
4.8	Crossing TCH 5, on Alder Point Road	11.0
5.0	R. on Hwy 305, to Florence	10.8
7.2	Intersection R. on Little Pond Rd./Hwy 305	
9.4	L. on Main St.	8.6
10.2	At light, side tour to Swivel Point 5.0k return.	5.6
11.5	R. on Shore Rd.	4.3
15.4	Walk straight across Ferry terminal parking lot.	0.4
15.8	End of ride.	0.0

**Adjacent Routes: #4 Little Bras D'Or / Alder Point Loop**  
**#80 Boularderie Loop**

### Start/Finish Area



### Comments:

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 Travel this loop and you will crisscross and discover five unique communities collectively known as the Northside.

The route starts in the heart of downtown North Sydney and then turns onto a residential street. The landscape becomes decidedly rural after crossing over highway 125 and even more so as you make your way along the edge of the Bras D'Or Lakes.

You will soon find yourself in the community of Bras D'Or, home to an active lobster and crab fishery. Think about taking the side trip to the Florence beach (4K return) along the Shore RD. You will be rewarded with a 2kms white sand beach and a spectacular view.

Back on the route and into Sydney Mines. Along the way you will pass a group of row housing known as company houses part of our industrial history. Consider a side trip and short hike to Swivel Point the site of WW2 gun emplacements part of a complex built to defend Sydney Harbour. Another interesting stop is at the Fossil Centre located .5k down Leggato St. next to the old railway station and historical museum.

The last leg of the route follows Shore Road past stately homes built by merchants and ship building families— take note of Gowrie House Inn a fine example of 19th century architecture. The route loops around the marine terminal. The comings and goings of the huge ferries to Newfoundland reminds you of the harbour's place in maritime trade. This loop would appeal to both tourists and residents. It's the perfect meandering day trip with friends or family. Plan to stop for hearty homemade lunch at one the restaurants indicated on the map, go for swim and/or hike or stop at the fossil centre. You're guaranteed to discover new places and have a good bike ride to boot.

**Emergencies: dial 911**

**Pit Stops:**

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