



Bike Routes on Cape Breton Island

#60

Lake Ainslie Loop

Area: **Inverness County**

70.0 kms

Rating: ♥♥♥

Traffic: 🚗🚗

Type of Bicycle: **Road or Hybrid**

Maximum Climb: **m.**

Total Climb: **m.**

Cue Sheet fm: Inverness	
0.0	Tourist Information Bureau West on Rte 19
4.0	Left uphill on W. Lake Ainslie Rd
5.9	Left to Scottsville
16.8	SW Margaree Bridge, Jct 395, Right on 395 to Whycomomagh
19.8	Kirkwood Art Gallery
23.1	MacDonald House Museum
28.5	Prov. Day park and Beach
29.1	East Lake Ainslie Campground
35.3	Ainslieview mini-grocery
36.6	Right on W. Lake Ainslie Rd. (to Whycomomagh 8.0 km)
40.2	Rough pavement, Superb view.
41.8	Church on left, picnic tables.
45.7	Tulloch Inn
48.0	Brook Village Jct. Nice Church.
54.6	MacCormack Corner (Hay's River Jct, to Smithville).
55.4	Crossing old railroad bed., right to Inverness, left to Mabou.
58.3	End of road. Left to Inverness
60.2	Right on Rte 19 to Inverness
64.2	End of ride.



Adjacent Routes: #

Cue Sheet fm: Whycomomagh	
0.0	TCH 5/Rte 395, Whycomomagh
8.0	Left on W. Lake Ainslie Road
12.5	Rough pavement, Superb view.
13.2	Church on left, picnic tables.
18.0	Tulloch Inn
20.3	Brook Village Jct. Nice Church.
22.6	MacCormack Corner (Hay's River Jct, to Smithville).
23.3	Crossing old railroad bed., right to Inverness, left to Mabou.
30.6	End of road. Right to Scottville. (Left to Inverness 5.9 km)
41.4	SW Margaree Bridge, Jct 395, Right on 395 to Whycomomagh
44.5	Kirkwood Art Gallery
47.8	MacDonald House Museum
52.6	Prov. Day park and Beach
53.0	East Lake Ainslie Campground
59.1	Ainslieview mini-grocery
60.3	W. Lake Ainslie Rd. Straight to Whycomomagh.
70.0	End of Ride. Whycomomagh

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Nestled in the heart of Cape Breton, Lake Ainslie is off the beaten track for motorists much to the delight of cyclists. The lake, the largest freshwater body in the province lies in a valley surrounded by gentle hills cloaked in hardwoods and green fields. This landscape was shaped by Scottish settlers 150 yrs ago and remains authentic to this day.

Added to pastoral quality of this valley are great opportunities to see and hear owls, eagles, osprey, loons and herons. There are numerous places to picnic and swim– the easiest is the Provincial Day Park and Beach on the east side of the lake.

Plan to stop at the MacDonald House Museum–for the panoramic view at least. The house was built by Charles MacDonald. His father, a weaver, immigrated from the Isle of Mull Scotland, in 1823. Today the museum has displays of farm implements, a schoolroom, a post office and the home furnished to the 1850's. Also plan to visit to the Scottsville School of Crafts a hub of activity for the local weavers guild.

This a must do route for Cape Breton and if you can only do one side of the lake we'd recommend the east side.

Emergencies: dial 911

Pit Stops: Ainslieview grocery (59.1km or 35.3km)

Scottsville Conv. Store (41.4 km or 16.8 km)

Whycomomagh: Farmer' Daughter,

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