



16-, 17-, and 21-mile: Moderate terrain, hilly, for intermediate cyclists

The Boothbay Harbor region attracts visitors seeking natural beauty and a more relaxed pace than they find at home. The village of Boothbay Harbor retains all the charm and rich heritage of maritime New England, with traditional white clapboard homes. One of Maine's most beautiful harbors, it is equally as breathtaking when viewed from the historic footbridge at sunrise, or from the deck of a friendship sloop as it rounds Tumbler Island. The scenery is simply spectacular.

All three rides start at the Boothbay Region YMCA in Boothbay Harbor. Restrooms are available during regular business hours. The 16-mile ride goes to gorgeous Ocean Point in East Boothbay on a narrow road along the ocean. The 17-mile ride circles around Southport Island, passes a beach, picnic area, and hiking trails with a view of Hendricks Head Light. The 21-mile ride goes to Barters Island by way of a swing bridge over the Back River and passes by the Oven's Mouth Preserve, a 146-acre preserve with beautiful hiking trails.

Special features: Marine Resources Aquarium; Hendricks Head Light; Oven's Mouth Preserve; Barters Island; swing bridge over Back River; Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens; Boothbay Railway Village

Road conditions: Generally good

Cautions: Some roads are narrow and some roads have no shoulders. Heavy traffic in summer.

Starting point: Boothbay Region YMCA, 261 Townsend Ave (ME 27) in Boothbay Harbor. ME 27 is the main route to Boothbay Harbor; the Y is on the left just after the Boothbay Harbor town line.

See p. 11 for accommodation information and events in the area.



Starting Point:
Boothbay Region YMCA,
261 Townsend Ave (ME 27)
in Boothbay Harbor

CUE SHEET LEGEND	
R	RIGHT TURN
L	LEFT TURN
S	CONTINUE STRAIGHT
BR	BEAR RIGHT
BL	BEAR LEFT
QR	QUICK RIGHT
QL	QUICK LEFT

At	Go	Onto	For	Travel Information
16-mile ride			Ocean Point and Back	
0.0	L	ME 27 South (Townsend Ave)	0.3	
0.3	L	Ocean Point Rd (ME 96)	4.7	At traffic light. Grocery store on right with restrooms. No shoulder. Heavy traffic in summer on ME 96.
5.0	R	Van Horn Rd	0.7	
5.7	L	Shore Rd	2.0	Narrow road
7.7	L	Ocean Point Rd (ME 96)	1.6	
9.3	R	King Phillip Trail	0.3	
9.6	R	Samoset Trail (changes to King Phillip Trail)	2.2	Unusual art gallery on right
11.8	R	Ocean Point Rd (ME 96)	4.2	
16.0	R	ME 27 North (Townsend Ave)	0.3	
16.3	R	Boothbay Region YMCA		End of Ride
17-mile ride			Southport Island Loop	
0.0	L	ME 27 South (Townsend Ave)	0.5	
0.5	BR	Oak St	0.8	One-way street south
1.3	R	West St	0.1	West St changes to Western Ave.
1.4	R	West St (ME 27)	1.7	Walk bicycles across Southport Bridge (drawbridge) on sidewalk.
3.1	S	ME 27	0.2	To junction of ME 27 and ME 238
3.3	R	ME 27 (Hendricks Hill Rd)	2.2	
5.5	BR	Dogfish Head Rd	0.5	At monument. Convenience store on corner.
6.0	BL	Salt Pond Rd/Beach Rd	0.7	Beach, picnic area, hiking trails, and Hendricks Head Light
6.7	BR	ME 27	2.8	At monument
9.5	R	Town Landing Rd	0.2	Great views from Town Landing
9.7	Retrace Route	Town Landing Rd	0.2	
9.9	R	ME 238 (Cape Newagen Rd)	3.6	
13.5	R	ME 27 (Western Ave)	0.2	To drawbridge, walk bicycles across on sidewalk
13.7	S	ME 27	0.3	
14.0	L	Lakeside Dr	1.9	
15.9	BL	Corey Ln	0.4	Stay right at intersection with Barters Island Rd
16.3	R	ME 27 South (Townsend Ave)	1.0	
17.3	L	Boothbay Region YMCA		End of Ride
21-mile ride			Barters Island and Back River Loop	
0.0	L	ME 27 South (Townsend Ave)	0.5	
0.5	BR	Oak St	0.8	One-way street south
1.3	R	West St	0.1	West St changes to Western Ave.
1.4	R	West St (ME 27)	1.4	
2.8	L	McKown Point Rd	0.9	To Marine Resources Aquarium and picnic spot
3.7	Retrace Route	McKown Point Rd	0.9	
4.6	S	Lakeside Dr	0.7	Cross ME 27
5.3	L	Samoset Rd	2.5	Rough sections, no shoulder
7.8	L	Barters Island Rd	0.4	Cross swing bridge over Back River
8.2	R	East Side Rd (unmarked)	2.0	
10.2	L	West Side Rd (unmarked)	2.3	West Side Rd changes to Barters Island Rd
12.5	S	Barters Island Rd	0.5	Cross swing bridge over Back River
13.0	L	Knickerbocker Rd	1.3	
14.3	L	Back River Rd	1.6	
15.9	R	Dover Cross Rd	0.6	Oven's Mouth Preserve on left, hiking trails
16.5	BR	Dover Rd	2.0	
18.5	R	Adams Pond Rd	1.3	
19.8	R	ME 27 South (Townsend Ave)	1.3	
21.1	L	Boothbay Region YMCA		End of Ride