

Ride 7 - Deer Isle-Stonington Tour

Distance: 31 mile loop with optional sidetrips to 46 miles

Terrain: Flat to rolling with three short climbs outside Stonington

There is so much to see on this 31-mile loop through downeast Maine, you may want to leave the whole weekend to complete it -- the fishing villages, beaches and coves along the way beg additional exploration. The centerpiece of the ride is the working fishing village of Stonington that in earlier times was home to several granite quarries. The optional 10-mile out-and-back sidetrip to scenic Sunshine should not be missed, especially in early June when the lupines are in bloom. With the initial out-and-back warm-up on the Eggmoggin Rd., this tour can be extended to 46 miles.

Special features: Views of East Penobscot Bay, Eggmoggin Reach and the Camden Hills; the Deer Isle Granite Museum; the scenic fishing villages of Deer Isle, Stonington and Sunset; beaches; scenic sidetrip to the Sunshine peninsula.

Road conditions: Generally fair with no shoulders; there are 0.5 miles of dirt road on this route (Greenlaw District Road). *Wider road bike tires are recommended for this ride.*

Services: No bike shops; other basic services available. For accommodations, contact Deer Isle-Stonington Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 459, Stonington, ME 04681-0459; (207) 348-6124.

Cautions: Traffic is heavy on ME 15; roads are narrow and there are no shoulders.

Starting point: To reach the starting point of the ride, follow ME 15 to Deer Isle. The tourist information center is on the right just after Deer Isle Bridge. Park out of the way on the grass.

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Mileage readings may vary. We recommend you carry a detailed map of the area with you. All roads on this ride can be found in the Maine Atlas and Gazetteer from DeLorme Mapping Co. (www.delorme.com)

OPTION !	0.0	Optional warm -up ride: Start at the Deer-Isle Stonington Chamber of Commerce information center. Turn right on Eggmoggin Road. Saunders Memorial Congregational church is on the left. Continue straight heading up the hill.
I	2.3	Gray's Hill Cemetery is on the left.
S	2.8	<i>Scenic spot - Views of the lighthouse on "Punkin' Island," as it is known locally, and Eggmoggin Reach.</i>
!	2.8	Retrace route back to the tourist information center.
!	0.0	Starting at the Chamber of Commerce tourist information center, turn right on Route 15 and go 5.4 miles to Deer Isle village. Caution: Rt. 15 has moderate to heavy traffic and no shoulders.
CS	0.3	Convenience store is on the right.
!, S	0.4	Cross the causeway to Deer Isle. <i>The beach is a great place for a walk.</i>
CS	3.8	The Galley Supermarket is on the right.
I, A	4.8	Enter Deer Isle-Stonington village. The Haskell House Bed and Breakfast is on the right.
I	5.2	Shakespeare School Museum is on the right.
!	5.4	Bear right on Pressy Village Road, cross the causeway, and go 2.0 miles to Dunham Point Road.
!	5.9	Turn right on top of hill (unmarked).
S	7.1	Views of Eggmoggin Reach.
!	7.4	Continue straight, passing Edgewood Farm. Go 2.6 miles to Sunset. The road becomes Dunham Point Road at this point.
P, S	8.9	<i>The public dock is a great lunch spot with an outstanding view to the west.</i>
!	9.5	Bear right on unmarked road. Perez Cross Road merges from the left.
!, S	10.0	Turn left on an unmarked road, and at the stop sign, turn right on the West Stonington Road. Go 3.4 miles to Burnt Cove. <i>Views of Camden Hills.</i>

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HX	10.6	Deer Isle-Stonington Historical Society is on the left.
	12.0	Cross Deer Isle-Stonington town line.
!, CS	13.4	Bear right on Sand Beach Road (unmarked) and go 1.9 miles. Burnt Cove Market (Mobil) and Island Pharmacy is on the left.
!	13.8	Bear left, going up hill, staying on Sand Beach Road.
S	14.6	<i>View of Burnt Cove on the right.</i>
!, I	14.9	Bear left, continuing on Sand Beach Road. Lobster pound on the right.
!, S	15.3	At stop sign, turn right on Main Street and go 1.1 miles. <i>Views of Stonington Harbor.</i>
!	15.8	After passing the post office and commercial fish pier, continue straight at stop sign into downtown Stonington. Stonington has all services except bicycle repair.
I	16.2	Deer Isle Granite Museum.
!	16.4	After Bartlett's Market bear left on Route 15, and go 4.8 miles to the Greenlaw District Road. Caution: ME 15 is narrow with short, steep hills and moderate to heavy traffic.
	18.7	Cross bridge at Inner Harbor.
R	19.5	The sign in front says Maggie's Clamdigger Restaurant offers "Lousy food and warm beer."
!	21.2	Turn right past cemetery on Greenlaw District Road and go 4.1 miles to the Reach Road.
!	22.6	Stay straight at this intersection. Sunshine Road forks to the right.
OPTION	22.6	Optional Sunshine Route (4.9 miles each way, 9.8 miles out-and-back):
!	0.0	Turn right on Sunshine Road.
I	1.5	Nervous Nellies Jams and Jellies on the left.
S	2.3	<i>There is a turnout across from the beach.</i>
S	2.7	Start of Sunshine causeway. <i>Views of Eggemoggin Reach and Penobscot Bay.</i>
!	4.0	Bear right after Eaton's Pier.
C	4.4	Sunshine Campground is on right.
	4.7	Continue straight on Fire Road 579, which changes to dirt.
!	4.9	<i>Have a picnic on the large flat rock. There are great views of the harbor here.</i> Retrace your route and bear right on the Greenlaw District Road at mile 22.6.
!	24.2	Bear right, staying on paved road. Fish Creek Road is on the left.
	24.8	The road changes to dirt.

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!,S	25.3	Turn left on the Reach Road (<i>Optional: turn right for scenic beach and Oak Point</i>) and go 3.7 miles to ME 15. Pavement resumes.
I	25.8	William Mor Stoneware and Rugs on the left.
!	29.0	Turn right on ME 15 at stop sign and go 2.0 miles to tourist information center.
!	31.0	Ride ends at tourist information center.

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