

Ride 12 – Lake Auburn Tour

Distance:	11 and 35 mile loops
Terrain:	Rolling

This fun 35-mile loop takes riders over undulating terrain west of Auburn. This is a great tour if you only have a few hours to ride. Bicyclists meander through wooded countryside, passing small ponds and streams along the way. The route passes over constantly changing terrain, with short, steep hills and narrow winding roads that are reminiscent of southern New England. Approaching Buckfield, the route climbs up to exposed ridges permitting views of Streaked Mountain and the Oxford Hills. The last leg hugs the shore of Lake Auburn, with a parade of scenic vistas from the many pullouts along Lakeshore Drive. A short 11-mile option is available which takes the bicyclist around the perimeter of Lake Auburn - a popular local ride.

This ride is a favorite of the folks at Rainbow Cycles in Auburn and was suggested by them.

Special features: Fun variety of terrain; excellent views of Oxford Hills and Lake Auburn; old farmland pastures with old stone walls; Hebron Academy.

Road conditions: Generally fair; broken pavement on ME 117 from Buckfield to Turner.

Services: Bike shop on route (Rainbow Bicycle, Auburn, 800-244-7576); bike shops off route in Auburn (Pedal Power, 207-783-0622; Ski Service 207-784-0103) in Lewiston (Moe's Bicycle, 207-783-2641; Roy's Bicycle Shop, 207-783-9090) and in Buckfield (Agape Acres 207-336-2710); basic services and camping available on route. For accommodation information, contact Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 59, 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, Maine 04243-0059, 207-783-2249.

Cautions: Lots of narrow, winding roads with blind hills and blind intersections; moderate traffic on narrow roads outside of Auburn.

Starting point: Ride originates from Boat Launch Facility on ME 4 in Auburn. To get there, head north in Auburn on ME 4 toward Jay. Just after leaving the built-up area, look for the boat launch facility and Lake Auburn on your left. Rainbow Cycles will be on the right 0.1-mile before the turn.

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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).

		Start at boat landing on ME 4 in Auburn.
!	0.0	Turn right on ME 4 in Auburn from boat landing and immediately bear right on Turner Street. Go 1.2 miles.
I	0.7	Central Maine Technical College is on the right.
!	1.2	Turn right on Gracelawn Road and go 0.9 mile to Mount Auburn Avenue.
!	2.1	Turn right at stop sign on Mt. Auburn Avenue and go 0.4 mile to Summer Street.
!	2.5	Bear right at yield sign on Summer Street and go 2.2 miles to Perkins Ridge Road.
! <i>OPTION</i>	3.2	Bear left at fork and road becomes Youngs Corner Rd. <i>ALTERNATE 1: For a shorter 11-mile option, continue straight for 0.3 mile. Turn right at the intersection and in 0.4 mile bear left at the fork on West Auburn Rd. Continue for 1.6 miles to North Auburn Rd. Turn right at intersection and follow for 1.4 miles to Lake Shore Dr. Bear right following the lake and rejoin tour at Mile 31.5.</i>
	3.5	Continue straight at flashing red light on Summer Street.
I	4.0	Lost Valley Ski Area entrance is on the right.
!	4.7	Continue straight at intersection with the Perkins Ridge Road. The road name changes to the Jackson Hill Road at this point. Go 1.8 miles to the Center Minot Road.

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!	6.5	Turn right at stop sign on Center Minot Road and go 2.7 miles to ME 119. <i>Great views from this intersection of the surrounding hills.</i>
I, S	9.0	The former West Minot railroad station is on the left.
!	9.2	Turn right at stop sign on ME 119 and go 4.4 miles to Hebron.
!, CS	10.5	Bear left in West Minot Village staying on ME 119. There is a convenience store on the left. Warning: Do not turn on ME 124 which turns sharply to the left.
!, I	13.6	Bear right on Buckfield Road at fork in Hebron village (the Hebron Academy Sargent Memorial Gymnasium, is located between the roads that fork) and go 4.9 miles to ME 124. <i>If you have time, explore the attractive Hebron Academy Campus.</i>
!	15.4	Bear left on the Buckfield Road at a sharp corner. An unmarked road forks to the right.
CS	18.0	There is a convenience store on the right.
!	18.5	Turn left at stop sign on ME 124 and go 3.2 miles to ME 117.
S	19.1	<i>Views of Streaked and Singepole Mountains.</i>
!	20.6	Turn left at stop sign on South Hill Road, and immediately turn right, staying on ME 124.
!	21.7	Turn right at stop sign on ME 117 (Turner Street) and go 3.9 miles to Turner.
C	23.7	Mountain Stream Campsites is on the left.
!	25.6	Turn right at flashing red light on ME 4 and go 1.1 miles to the County Road. Caution: Heavy, high-speed traffic on ME 4 but it has wide paved shoulders.
CS	26.1	Convenience store on left.
CS	26.2	Convenience store on right.
!	26.7	Turn right on County Road which is the second paved road on the right after turning on ME 4. Go 3.2 miles to Skillings Corner Road.
!	29.9	Continue straight at 4-way stop sign (the Road becomes Skillings Corner Road at this point) and go 1.6 miles to Lake Shore Drive.
	31.4	Johnson Road merges from left.
!, CS	31.5	Turn left on Lake Shore Drive (unmarked -- turn is opposite North Auburn Market -- you will immediately cross a small concrete bridge) and go 2.8 miles.
S	32.3	<i>Views of Lake Auburn.</i> <i>The pullouts along Lake Shore Drive are great picnic spots. Do not swim in the lake - it is a public water supply. Swimming allowed at 'the outlet' near start of tour on opposite side of Route 4 at city park.</i>
!	34.3	Turn right at stop sign on ME 4 and return to the boat landing.
	35.2	Turn right at boat launch facility. This is the end of the ride. <i>Swimming available at city park on opposite side of Route 4.</i>

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