

Tour #23 Penquis Area

This pleasant 55 mile ride (shorter 16, 30, and 46 mile options provided) takes cyclists through portions of three Maine Counties: Penobscot, Piscataquis and Somerset. The tour includes the communities of St. Albans, Dexter, Dover-Foxcroft and Guilford. Access to these communities is easy because of the well maintained highways and rural roads. Recreation is abundant because of the presence of several lakes, streams and vast tracts of wooded land. This bike tour offers terrific views of mountain scenery, scenic lakes and rivers and potato farms.

ALTERNATE #1, a short 16 mile loop provides a gentle introduction to road biking down low-volume roads through rolling farmland with a view of Ripley Pond.

ALTERNATE #2 provides an intermediate 30 mile loop which includes a visit to Dexter and Wassokeag Lake.

ALTERNATE #3 provides a slightly shorter 46 mile tour. **Special features:** Historic and friendly communities of Dexter, Dover-Foxcroft and Guilford; mountain scenery, scenic lakes and rivers and potato farms.

Road conditions: Generally good; some shoulders; however, some broken pavement, dirt and uneven surfaces and soft shoulders.

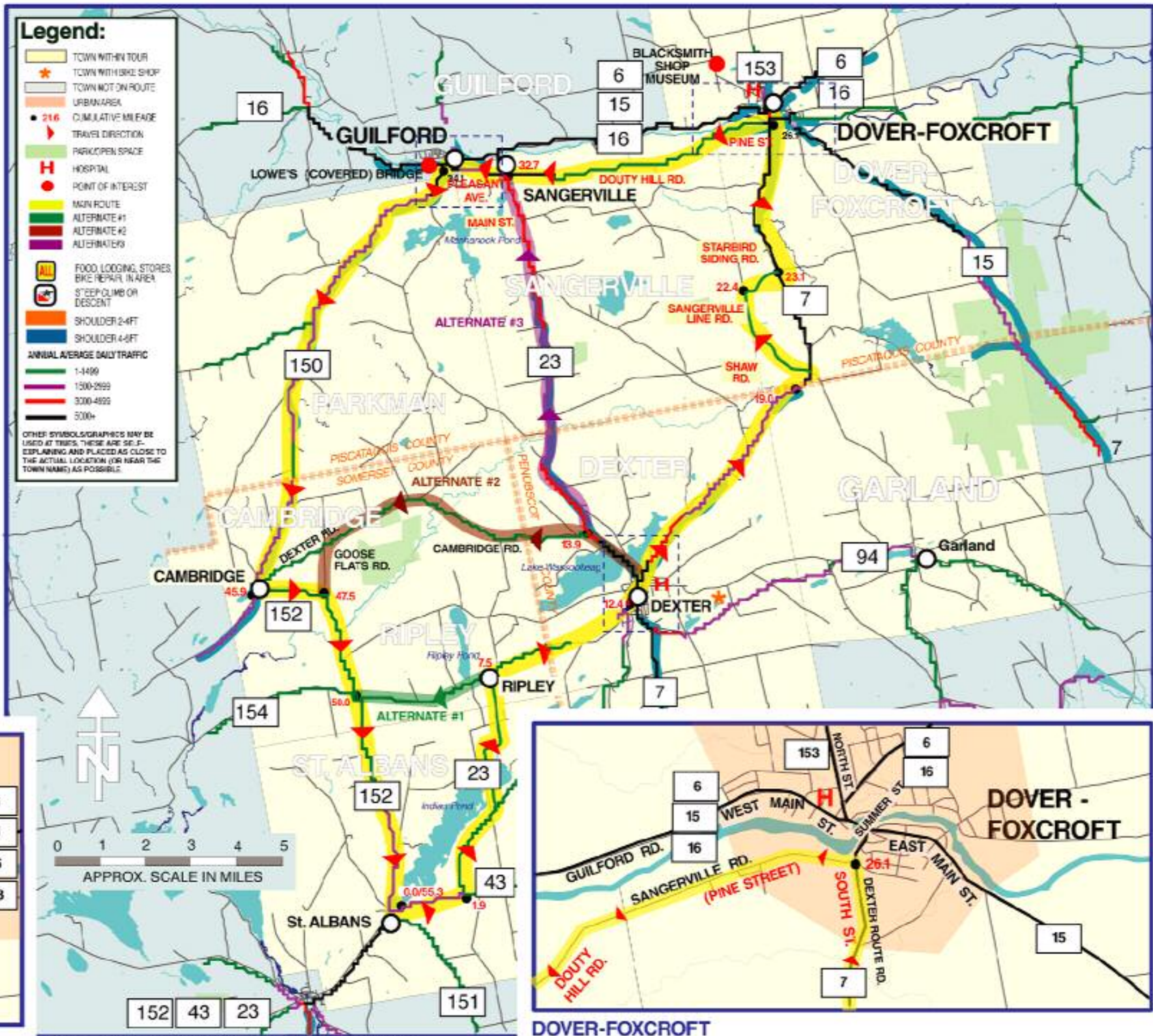
Services: There are NO bike shops located along this route.

For accommodations contact Southern Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce, 100 South Street, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426, telephone: 207-564-7533; Piscataquis County Economic Development Council, 55 High Street, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426, telephone: 1-800-539-0332.

According to the Maine Atlas and Gazetteer, there are no campgrounds within close proximity to the route.

Cautions: Light to moderate traffic.

Starting point: Ride originates at the St. Albans General store in the village of St. Albans, just east of the intersections of ME 152 and ME 43/23. From Interstate 95, take Exit 38 in Pittsfield and follow ME 152 to the start of the tour. The tour makes a giant loop that connects back to the starting point.



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DISTANCE: 16, 30, 46 and 55 Mile loops
TERRAIN: Gently rolling

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