

Tour 24 - Passamaquoddy Bay Tour

<p>Distance: 27, 38, and 50 mile loops Terrain: Gentle to moderate grades</p>

This pleasant 27 mile ride takes cyclists from the Pennamaquan Wildlife Management Area in Pembroke to ocean views of Passamaquoddy Bay in Perry. This tour provides scenic views of Boyden Lake, Pennamaquan River, and forest and farmland. This is a great tour for beginning road cyclists because of low traffic, good pavement and moderate grades (although no roads have paved shoulders).

This loop can be extended to a 38 mile loop which adds nice views of Pennamaquan and Round Lakes. This loop can be extended slightly further with a ride down to the Reversing Falls on Leighton Neck in Pembroke. Finally, the ride can be extended further to a 50 mile ride through Calais (all services available) and the Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge (bald eagle nesting and migratory birds). This loop also allows the option of starting the tour in Calais.

Special Features: Scenic, quiet back roads; ocean views; Potential connections to East Coast Greenway/Downeast Trail Route (ECG 4) for extended bicycling in the area and MDOT Bike Tour #5: Washington County (see www.exploremaine.org/bike).

Road Conditions: Generally good; most roads recently paved; however, some broken pavement, short sections of dirt/gravel roads and soft shoulders. Two mile section of Route 1 without shoulders.

Services: For accommodations and services contact the: Calais Regional Chamber of Commerce at 207-454-2308 or www.visitcalais.com; Eastport Area Chamber of Commerce at 207-853-4644 or www.eastport.net; Cobscook Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, www.cobscookbay.com; For general information on the area visit www.quoddyloop.com.

Cautions: Moderate traffic and narrow roads. Short section of Route 1 without shoulders.

Starting Point: This tour originates from 'Putty Island' park in Pembroke just off Route 1. At the intersection of Route 1 and Little

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Please note:

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

!,P,S,R	0.0	The tour originates from 'Putty Island' park on East River Road in Pembroke just off Route 1. At the intersection of Route 1 and Little Falls Road, turn left onto Little Falls Road (the Crossroads Restaurant and Motel is on the corner). In 0.1 miles, turn right onto East River Road and in another 0.1 miles, 'Putty Island' park is on your right. There is a fish ladder, falls and remnants of an old iron foundry here. From the parking lot, turn right onto East River Road. Continue on East River Road for 2.7 miles to Ridge Road.
!	2.7	Turn right onto Ridge Road and continue for 1.7 miles to South Meadow Road.
!,S,	4.4	Turn right onto South Meadow Road and follow for 6.5 miles to Route 1.
!	10.9	Turn left onto Route 1 for 0.3 miles to Shore Road.

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!,R S,P	11.2	Turn right onto Shore Road. The “New Friendly Restaurant” is located on the left of the road at the intersection. Follow Shore Road for 0.3 miles turning right on to Gleason Cove Road, a dirt road on right to Gleason Point. Outstanding views across the Western Passage, the channel between Deer Island, New Brunswick and Passamaquoddy Bay. A great picnicking spot. Backtrack to Shore Road, turn right and follow for 3.2 miles to Gin Cove Road.
!,S,R	14.7	Turn right onto Gin Cove Road. Follow for 2.5 miles to Route 1. Views of Passamaquoddy Bay and St. Andrews, New Brunswick.
<i>Option</i>		ALTERNATE 1: <i>To get to Calais, turn right onto Route 1 and continue for 16.3 miles to downtown Calais where all services are available. Follow Rt. 1 through Calais and turn left at the intersection of Rt. 1 and 9 with the Charlotte Rd. Continue along the Charlotte Rd. to intersection with Station Rd. and rejoin Alternate 2 below at Mile 4.2 for return to Pembroke. Distance from Station Rd. to downtown Calais is 10.5 miles. Caution: Moderate traffic on Route 1. Most sections have paved shoulders over 4’ wide. Initial section from Gin Cove Road has no paved shoulder. Note entrance to Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge along the Charlotte Rd. which has water and restrooms.</i>
!,S	17.2	At Route 1, continue straight across intersection to Lake Road and follow for 3.7 miles to Ridge Road. Views of Boyden Lake on your left. There is a country store, The Strawberry Patch, 200’ to the left of the intersection with Route 1.
!	20.9	Turn left onto Ridge Road and follow for 1.3 miles to South Meadow Road/Long Swamp Road or Pennamaquan Lake Road intersection. The Boyden Lake Boat Launch will be on your left approximately 1.0 mile from Lake Road.
! <i>Option</i>	22.2	At South Meadow Road/Station Road intersection, continue straight for 1.8 miles to Little Falls Road (this is a short section of backtracking). ALTERNATE 2: <i>For extended tour to Pennamaquan and Round Lakes, see options sections below.</i>
!,S	24.0	Turn left on Little Falls Road and follow for 2.6 miles to East River Road. Sign for Pennamaquan Wildlife Management Area.
	26.6	Turn left onto East River Road and continue for 0.1 miles to ‘Putty Island’ park, the start of the tour.
	26.7	End of Tour.

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	Mile	ALTERNATES 2 and 3
Option 2	0.0	Turn right onto Station Road and follow for 4.2 miles to Charlotte Road. No shoulder.
	0.4	Pavement ends, packed gravel/dirt surface.
	0.9	Pavement resumes
	2.5	Cross railroad tracks
!,S	4.2	Turn left onto Charlotte Road and follow for 1.3 miles to Route 214/Ayers Junction Road. Caution: No shoulder and moderate traffic. Views of Round Lake. <i>ALTERNATE 2: Turn right onto Charlotte Road and continue for 10.5 miles to Calais. At 7.4 miles from Station Road/Charlotte Road intersection is entrance to Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge on left (water and restrooms). At intersection of Charlotte Road and Route 1/9, turn right for Calais.</i>
!	5.5	Turn left onto Route 214 and follow for 2.0 miles to Mt. Tom Road. The Charlotte Town Hall and Volunteer Fire Department are located at junction of Route 214 and the Charlotte Rd. No paved shoulders on Route 214 and moderate traffic.
	6.3	Charlotte Elementary School.
! Option 1A S,P	7.5	Turn left onto Mt. Tom Road. No street sign but follow the sign for ‘Baptist Youth Camp’. The sign is in advance of the turn. Caution: There is an initial ascent on Mt. Tom Road then a steep, winding downhill section of roadway. Follow Mt. Tom Road for 3.2 miles to Ridge Road/Little Falls. <i>Alternate 3: For an additional side trip, at mile 7.5 above, continue straight on Route 214 for approximately 5 miles to Route 1. Cross Route 1 and follow to Leighton Neck Road to Leighton Point. The Reversing Falls Town Park is near there with outstanding ocean and island views and picnic sites. Return on Leighton Neck Road and turn right on Route 1. Go approximately 1.0 mile and turn left on Little Falls Road. After 0.1 miles, turn left onto East River Road to get to start of tour at ‘Putty Island’.</i>
	8.4	Cross Railroad tracks
!,S	10.7	At Ridge Road, continue straight across intersection onto Little Falls Road. Sign for Pennamaquan Wildlife Management Area. No shoulder. Rejoin tour at mile 24.0

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