

## Ride 6 - Schoodic Peninsula

**Distance:** 13 and 29 mile loops

**Terrain:** Mostly flat with some rolling hills

Both loops take cyclists through the easternmost reaches of Acadia National Park at beautiful Schoodic Point, as well as through picturesque fishing villages and along a dramatic stretch of Maine's rocky coast. Pack a picnic lunch to enjoy at the point and enjoy spectacular views of Mount Desert Island and Frenchman Bay along the way.

Try the side trip to the pretty fishing village of Corea. It's only 6 miles out and back and well worth the trip. Other potential side trips include a shorter side trip to Lighthouse Point which is just 0.4 miles off the main ride or the side trip to Grindstone Neck just before entering Winter Harbor.

Note that the shorter 13-mile loop begins in Winter Harbor instead of West Gouldsboro. This is an excellent beginner's loop for road cycling as it's almost exclusively on the low-speed roads of Acadia National Park except for the final two miles on Rt. 186.

**Special features:** Easternmost section of Acadia National Park; coastal views; picturesque fishing villages of Winter Harbor and Corea; wildlife.

**Road conditions:** Generally good.

**Services:** Winter Harbor 5 & 10 will do minor repairs (207-963-7927); bike shops off route on Mt. Desert Island (Acadia Bike & Canoe, 207-288-9605) or in Ellsworth (Bar Harbor Bicycle Shop, 207-667-6886); other basic services available on route. Camping and lodging information, contact Schoodic Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 381, Winter Harbor, ME 04693, telephone (800) 231-3008.

**Cautions:** Narrow roads; state highways with paved shoulders only on US 1; traffic may be heavy in summer. Use extra caution on Rt. 186.

**Starting point:** 29-mile loop begins at the Schoodic Area Chamber of Commerce kiosk on US 1. To get there go 6.8 miles east of Hancock-Sullivan Bridge. Kiosk is opposite Young's Market and Mobil Station in West Gouldsboro.  
13-mile loop begins in Winter Harbor. Ask at the Winter Harbor 5 & 10 where to park your vehicle.

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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](http://www.delorme.com)).

!	0.0	<b>From the Schoodic Peninsula Chamber of Commerce information kiosk in West Gouldsboro head east on US 1 and go 1.1 miles.</b>
!	1.1	<b>Turn right on ME 186 (South Gouldsboro Road) and go 4 miles.</b>
!,A	1.7	<b>Bear right at the Sunset House Bed and Breakfast.</b>
A	3.8	The Bluff House Bed and Breakfast is on the right.
!, S	5.1	<b>Turn right on Summer Harbor Road and go 3.8 miles.</b> <i>Periodic views of Frenchman Bay from Summer Harbor Road.</i>
!,CS,AT M,R,I  OPTION	8.5	Enter the village of Winter Harbor. Winter Harbor has all services including minor bicycle repairs. <i>Bear left to continue the tour toward center of village or bear right for optional side trip to/from Grindstone Neck with scenic views and picnic area.</i>
!	8.9	<b>ME 186 merges from the left, go straight 0.6 miles.</b>
!	9.5	<b>Turn right on Moore Rd. and go 4.6 miles, following signs to Acadia National Park.</b>
P,I,S	10.9	After crossing a bridge, you enter Acadia National Park. Frazer Point picnic area is on your right immediately after crossing bridge (Toilets, Water).
S	10.9	Road becomes one way at this point. <i>There are gorgeous views of Frenchman Bay along this section of road.</i>
!	14.1	<b>Bear right and go 0.5-mile to Schoodic Point.</b>
I	14.3	<i>Schoodic Education and Research Center on right.</i>

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P: Picnic site. BS: Bicycle Shop. *OPTION*: Optional side trip.

P,I,S	14.6	<b>Schoodic Point.</b> <i>Great spot for a picnic. Allow plenty of time to explore the rocks and tidal pools. The waves pound the granite during storms.</i> <b>Retrace route and go 0.6-mile.</b>
!	15.2	<b>Stay right at intersection and go 4.7 miles to ME 186.</b>
H,S	15.7	Alder Trail trailhead on right. <i>There are scenic views from the turnout.</i>
H	16.0	Anvil Trail trailhead on left.
H	16.9	East Trail trailhead on left.
!	18.0	Leave Acadia National Park. Road becomes the East Schoodic Road.
C,R	19.3	Oceanwood Campground. Restaurant here in the summer.
!,CS  OPTION	19.9	<b>Turn right at stop sign on ME 186, and go 2.1 miles.</b> <i>There is a convenience store (Chipman's Market) located at the corner.</i> <b>ALTERNATE 1: For a shorter 13-mile loop turn left here on Rt. 186 to return to starting point in Winter Harbor.</b> <b>Caution: Rt. 186 has no shoulders and moderate seasonal traffic.</b>
I	21.8	Enter the village of Prospect Harbor. <i>The large industrial building on the right is the Stinson Packing Company, a sardine cannery.</i>
!,R  OPTION I,S	22.0	<b>Turn left on ME 195 (Pond Road) and go 4.9 miles. .</b> There is a deli located at this intersection. <i>Side Trip: If you have time, a visit to the picturesque fishing village of Corea is an interesting side trip. The ride is a 3.1-miles each way, 6.2-miles total, out-and-back. To reach Corea, stay straight at this intersection and turn right on ME 195, following it to the end. A shorter, equally interesting side trip is to ride 0.4 miles to Lighthouse Point. Follow the directions as though you were going to Corea but turn right on the first road on your right after turning on ME 195. The road is marked Lighthouse Point Road.</i>
!	26.9	<b>At stop sign turn left on US 1 and it is 2.5 miles to return to the starting point.</b>
!	29.4	<b>End of ride.</b>

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