

BEYOND THE BASIN BIKING:

Whether you prefer a road or mountain bike, use our suggestions to help you choose your perfect ride from Basin Harbor Club.

Road Rides:

A variety of routes available on both sides of Lake Champlain, there are four lake crossings within 50 miles of Basin Harbor. For more information visit:

<http://www.champlainbikeways.org/>, they have done all the legwork and provide a very robust directory for bikers.

Here are some of our personal favorites from the site.

Rebel's Retreat - 42.5 miles - Vergennes & Addison

The loop offers a continuous panorama of fields and mountains while traveling Vermont's "west coast" along Lake Champlain. Take in unspoiled lake views while meandering an area rich in history and characterized as flat to slightly rolling farmland; prime for gentle riding. A majority of the route follows average-to-good paved roads, with some intermittent sections of unpaved surface.

Otter Creek Wandering - 28.5 miles - Vergennes & Middlebury

With sweeping views of thriving farms, neighboring hillsides, and the distant Adirondack Mountains, the route follows the course of Vermont's longest river. It extends between the picturesque historic city of Vergennes and the bustling college town of Middlebury while passing through some of the state's finest agricultural lands. Although there are no or minimal shoulders, traffic volume is low through most sections. Terrain varies from flat to rolling, and hills exist in some areas. A majority of the route follows paved roads, with the exception of a 5.9 mile stretch along Hopkins and East Roads to Route 17. There also exist a few other intermittent stretches of unpaved road indicated on the map and in the directions. A good start/end point is in either downtown Vergennes or Middlebury, where food, lodging, and parking are available. There is also a middle segment that transects the loop, making for shorter (or longer) trip options.

Fort to Fort - 17 miles - Ticonderoga & Crown Point

This flat, all-paved tour follows the Champlain Bikeway between Crown Point State Historic Site at the bridge to Vermont and Fort Ticonderoga in Ticonderoga. Traffic is generally minimal. A recommended start/end point is at the Lake Champlain Visitors Center at the bridge. At either end, plan on touring these world renowned Revolutionary War historic sites. Food, lodging, and parking are available in both Ticonderoga and Crown Point.

Off Road Rides:

Hinesburg Town Forest: This is a network about 15 miles in length. A trail Kiosk is at the parking area with a description of trails. There is a small selection of easy trails but most are quite steep and technically challenging. Trailhead located at end of Hayden Hill West Road, Hinesburg, VT.

Carse Hill, Hinesburg: Big climbs and miles of epic single track on 1000 acres of land contiguous to the Hinesburg Town Forest. Challenge yourself and plan a big ride out here soon. Trailhead located on Hollow Road, Hinesburg, VT. 22 miles from BHC.

Mud Pond, Williston: This a 3 mile loop, with an additional extension 1.5 mile loop on the southern side that was added during the 2003 season. The lower half of the Mud Pond loop is a great place for beginning mountain bikers to get accustomed to single-track. The upper half of the loop is intermediate with some more challenging sections. Trailhead is located on Mud Pond Road, Williston, VT. 29 miles from BHC.

Pine Hill Park, Rutland: This 16 mile trail network consists of flowy single track through difficult and rocky terrain. Located at 1 Deer St, Rutland, VT. 52 miles from BHC but a really nicely maintained course and can be combined with other sightseeing adventures.

Call us at 800-622-4000 or email us at info@basinharbor.com with other questions. We would love to help you plan your Vermont vacation.