



28-mile: Moderate terrain, hilly, for intermediate cyclists
50-mile: Challenging terrain for experienced cyclists

The wide open spaces and rolling countryside of northern Maine are among the richest, most productive agricultural land in the state. In Maine, they call this “The County,” and here the potato is not just about making french fries; it’s a staple of the region’s economy.

These exhilarating rides take cyclists through the heart of this beautiful, rural landscape with stops along the way to learn about Aroostook County. The 28-mile ride is a popular local ride through farm country north and west of Presque Isle. The 50-mile loop takes in farm and potato country from Washburn to Caribou to Fort Fairfield and back to Presque Isle. Plan your visit to Aroostook County in mid-summer when the potato blossoms are at their peak—beautiful pink and white blossoms as far as the eye can see.

Special features: Aroostook Agricultural Museum in Washburn; Maine State Science Museum in Presque Isle; Fort Fairfield blockhouse; Nylander Museum of Natural History in Caribou

Road conditions: Generally good

Cautions: Heavy traffic in Presque Isle and Caribou. The route in Caribou may be confusing due to traffic patterns; please follow cue sheets carefully.

Starting point: All rides originate from the public parking lot on Riverside Drive near the Courthouse in Presque Isle.

See p. 9 for accommodation information and events in the area.



CUE SHEET LEGEND	
R	RIGHT TURN
L	LEFT TURN
S	CONTINUE STRAIGHT
BR	BEAR RIGHT
BL	BEAR LEFT
QR	QUICK RIGHT
QL	QUICK LEFT

Starting Point: Riverside Dr parking lot in Presque Isle (near Courthouse)

At	Go	Onto	For	Travel Information
		28-mile ride	Aroostook River Ride	
0.0	R	Riverside Dr	0.1	Services including bicycle repair are available in Presque Isle.
0.1	L	State St	0.1	
0.2	L	Mechanic St (ME 163)	2.3	At traffic light
2.5	R	Griffin Ridge Rd	3.1	Bear right at Garland Rd, staying on Griffin Ridge Rd
5.6	L	Pulcifur Rd	3.8	Caution: Sharp curve at bottom of hill
9.4	R	Main St (ME 163)	0.7	Convenience store on corner
10.1	R	Dudley Rd	0.3	
10.4	R	Waddell Rd	3.5	
13.9	R	ME 227 (unmarked)	0.2	
14.1	L	Castle Hill Rd	3.3	
17.4	R	Parsons Rd	9.0	Park on left at intersection. Picnic area/portable toilets on Aroostook River.
26.4	S	Dragon Dr	0.3	Cross ME 163
26.7	BL	Parsons St (ME 227)	0.7	
27.4	L	State St	0.1	At traffic light
27.5	R	Riverside Dr	0.1	
27.6	L	Riverside Dr parking lot		End of Ride
		50-mile ride	Potato Blossoms	
0.0	R	Riverside Dr	0.1	Services including bicycle repair are available in Presque Isle.
0.1	L	State St (ME 227)	0.1	Cross bridge
0.2	R	Parsons St (ME 163/227)	0.7	At traffic light
0.9	BR	Dragon Dr	0.3	
1.2	S	Parsons Rd	9.0	Cross ME 163. No shoulder.
10.2	R	Castle Hill Rd	0.3	Park at intersection, picnic area/portable toilets. Cross Aroostook River.
10.5	L	ME 164	10.5	Services available in Washburn. Mill Pond Recreation Park with picnic tables.
21.0	R	Hatch Dr	0.2	Caribou has services except bicycle repair.
21.2	L	Main St	0.0	At yield sign, get into right lane
21.2	QR	High St	0.3	Grocery store on left
21.5	R	Pleasant St	0.1	
21.6	BL	Elm St	0.1	Cross US 1 to Broadway. Dangerous crossing.
21.7	L	Broadway	0.4	
22.1	BR	Railroad St	1.1	
23.2	R	ME 89	0.7	At flashing red light
23.9	R	Grimes Rd	10.0	Follow signs to Fort Fairfield. No shoulder.
33.9	R	US 1A	0.2	Services available in Fort Fairfield except bicycle repair.
34.1	S	Presque Isle Rd (ME 167)	0.4	
34.5	BR	Currier Rd	3.2	
37.7	R	Marshall Rd	2.5	At stop sign. Merge right.
40.2	L	Parkhurst Siding Rd (ME 205)	4.1	At stop sign. Campground on left.
44.3	R	Fort Rd (ME 163/167)	2.4	At stop sign.
46.7	L	North St (ME 167)	0.4	At silo, cross street at RR crossing on crosswalk to bike path.
47.1	S	Presque Isle Bike/Walkway	3.0	Follow bike/walkway through Presque Isle to Riverside Dr. Caution: Bike/walkway crosses several streets. Watch for pedestrians.
50.1	R	Riverside Dr parking lot		End of Ride