

Bridging the Estuaries

Ride Description

This day starts with a loop around many of the bays surrounding the west side of the Boothbay Peninsula and leading upstream along the Back and Cross Rivers. Although we must ride a few miles on busy Route 27, we soon are back on quiet roads with stunning views of the Sheepscot River, none lovelier than those seen from Fort Edgecomb, our morning rest stop. We retrace our route around The Eddy, make a short jog south on Route 27, then head north on country roads to Sheepscot. We head west through rural Lincoln County until coming to the east side of the Kennebec River across from Richmond. We follow the river south, stopping in Dresden for lunch at Goranson Farm, and continuing on to Bath with great views of the river and Merrymeeting Bay along the way.

Ride Turn-by-turn*

Turn right out of school area onto ME-27S	0
Bear right onto Oak St in Boothbay Harbor Village	0.7
Turn right onto West St	0.9
Turn right, then left to stay on West St	1.1
Turn right onto Lakeside Dr	2.4
Turn left onto Samoset Rd	3.1
Turn right at stop onto unnamed road (West Barter's Island Rd)	5.7
Or turn left for scenic sideroute to view at drawbridge (< 0.1 mi)	
Turn left at stop onto Corey Ln	7.5
At second stop sign, bear left onto ME-27N/Wiscasset Road	7.8
Turn left onto Mill Rd	14.0
Turn right onto Cross Point Rd	16.5
Turn left onto Eddy Rd	20.0
Take slight left onto Fort Rd	20.9
Rest Stop, Fort Edgecomb State Historic Site	21.2
Leave Fort and turn right onto Old Fort Rd	
Take slight right onto Eddy Rd	21.5
Take slight left to stay on Eddy Rd	22.4
Turn right onto ME-27S	22.8
Turn left onto Middle Rd	23.8
At stop sign turn right onto unnamed road (Dodge Rd)	25.9
Continue straight crossing US-1 onto Lewis Hill Rd	28.3
At stop sign turn left onto unnamed road (Sheepscot Rd)	29.4
Turn left to stay on Sheepscot Rd	31.8
Historic Sheepscot Village; left onto The Kings Highway to visit	31.9

^{*}Mileage may vary from your odometer.

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Bear right onto Cross Rd	32.5
At stop, cross Alna Rd/ME-218; RR Museum on right	32.9
Wiscasset, Waterville, and Farmington Railway Museum	33.0
At stop sign, turn left onto West Alna Rd	34.2
Turn right onto Fowle Hill Rd	36.8
Turn left onto Huntoon Hill Rd	37.3
Turn left onto ME-27S (Gardiner Rd)	37.8
Turn right onto Foye Rd; becomes Old Dresden Rd, Calls Hill Rd	38.1
At stop sign take slight left onto Orchard Hill Rd	42.7
Turn right onto unnamed road (ME-127N)	43.7
Turn left onto ME-197W	44.1
Turn left onto River Rd/ME-128S	45.6
Lunch Stop, Goranson Farm, Dresden	46.6
Turn right onto Middle Rd/ME-127S	57.1
Turn right onto US-1, continue on bridge over Kennebec River	58.9
Take first right exit off bridge to Downtown Bath	59.7
Turn right at stop sign on exit ramp onto Front St	59.9
Turn left onto Oak St	60.2
Cross Lincoln St onto Sheridan Rd and BikeMaine Village	60.9

Ride Extension Turn-by-turn*

Turn right onto Lincoln St	0.1
Turn left onto Centre St	0.5
Turn right onto High St/ME-209S	0.5
Bear left, staying on ME-209S (Bridge Street)	3.1
Turn right onto Stoney Brook Rd	6.6
Turn right onto Meadowbrook Rd, becomes Campbell Pond Rd	8.3
Turn left onto Berrys Mill Rd	10.6
Bear right at stop onto unnamed road (Witch Spring/State Rds)	14.1
Go 3/4 of way through roundabout taking Congress Ave north	14.4
Turn right onto Lincoln St	15.5
Turn right onto Sheridan Rd and BikeMaine Village	15.7

Kennebec Estuary and Rare Species in Maine

Maine's estuaries provide an ecological bridge between freshwater drainages and the saltwater of the sea. Because estuaries are sheltered from oceanic extremes, these shallower, less salty habitats are able to foster a wide variety of plant and animal species; bald eagles, spotted turtles, Atlantic salmon, piping plovers and arctic terns are simply a few of the myriad important species that reside within the Kennebec Estuary. This area is perhaps most well known as New England's most important waterfowl area, made possible by the brackish waters and strong tidal current of the Kennebec River which prevent its waters from freezing solid in the winter and provide an important wintering habitat for waterfowl. The Nature Conservancy continues to work to protect this crucial wildlife area from encroaching threats, which range from development and pollution to the spread of invasive plants.



Verify turns by checking route markings, street names, and odometer.