

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergency: 9-1-1

Pathway Maintenance: 519-724-2931

Township Information: 519-724-2931

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DISCLAIMER

This map was prepared by the Township of Pelee as an aid to cyclists and walkers. The Township of Pelee assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of this map or for the safe condition of the trails and warns both cyclists and walkers that the various types of trails shown require different skill levels. Cyclists and walkers are urged to use only those trails that are suitable for their individual skills. Users are solely responsible for any risks encountered in the use of the trails and for their own safety and for any loss, costs or expenses incurred by the Township as a result of user's acts or omissions.

Note: routes and facilities are subject to change without notice.

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BICYCLE LAWS

IMPORTANT: Bicycles are classified as vehicles under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act. Traffic law and traffic signals apply to you!

- **Reflective Tape:** you must have white reflective tape on the front forks and red reflective tape on the rear forks of your bicycle.
- **Brakes:** your bicycle must have at least one working brake system on the rear wheel.
- **A Bell:** A bell or horn in good working condition must be installed on your bicycle.
- **Lights:** Your bicycle must have a white front light and a red rear light or reflector if you ride between ½ hour before sunset and ½ hour after sunrise.

WEAR YOUR HELMET!

IN ONTARIO, ALL PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST WEAR A CSA, CPSC, Snell, CEN, AS, BS, or ASTM APPROVED BICYCLE HELMET WHEN RIDING THEIR BIKE.

BICYCLE SAFETY

You must obey the rules of the road set out by the Highway Traffic Act and use common sense.

ALWAYS REMEMBER:

- Bicycles must travel with the traffic and keep to the right lane.
- Share the road
- Use proper hand signals for lane changes and turns
- Make full stops at all stop signs
- Have reflectors and mirrors and use them
- Obey the traffic signs
- Yield the right-of-way
- Ride in a straight line.
- Keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle or bike ahead of you
- Watch for turning vehicles
- Bicycling after dark is not recommended, but if you do install and use a headlight, wear white or reflective clothing and use reflective tape
- Keep your bike in good working order
- Use caution on unpaved roads
- Be very careful on winding roads and at intersections
- Watch for cracks and potholes

STAY ALERT AND ALWAYS BE SAFE

MORE TIPS:

- WARM UP
- STRETCH
- COOL DOWN
- DRINK PLENTY OF WATER
- PROTECT YOURSELF FROM INSECTS AND POISONOUS PLANTS

Pelee Island Ecological Trail System



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Explore

“Canada’s Best Kept
by Bicycle or Foot

Experience the tranquility of Pelee

PELEE ISLAND ECOLOGICAL TRAIL SYSTEM

We invite you to enjoy the first stages of the Pelee Trail System. The trail system is designed to attract important natural and cultural destinations. They are linked through a network of off-road and on-road beautiful and serene Pelee Island trails.

The Township of Pelee is leading a stewardship program to protect and enhance the natural habitat for multiple Species at Risk on Pelee Island. The Pelee Trail System is a component of this strategy. The system are to enable low impact transportation to reduce the threat of herpetile road mortality and simultaneous and appreciation of Species at Risk and their habitats.

We welcome you to experience Pelee Island from a different perspective.

~ NATURALLY ~ PURELY ~ SIMPLY ~
AND ALWAYS SAFETY FIRS

Pelee Island is home to many environmentally significant animals. Please respect the natural areas of the island as you found them. We all need to be responsible in protecting Pelee Island's unique natural environment.

Pelee Island Ecological Trail System

Pelee Island is situated in the Western Basin of Lake Erie, Canada's southernmost lake. Just above the Canadian-American border at latitude of 41 degrees, Pelee Island is located 800km south of Vancouver, BC. The climate of the Lake Erie Islands Archipelago boasts the highest heat units in the country, and the longest frost-free season in Ontario.

Many factors make the islands a place of

wildlife diversity, a place which became home to a myriad of species rare to Canada. Almost one third of the vascular plant diversity of all of Ontario is represented on Middle and Pelee Island. Carolinian Canada at its richest is found here. Rare insects, snails, mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians have come to comprise a neighbourhood of outstanding natural heritage. Glaciation left a variety of habitats for

wildlife: wetlands, sand dunes, alvars (areas of limestone with a shallow overburden), and deep soils suitable to the trees of the Eastern Deciduous Forest zone. The shallow waters of Lake Erie reach relatively high temperatures in the summer months, giving the islands a micro-climate typical of more southern locations, and a two-week longer growing season than the adjacent mainland.

The Island sits on a bed of limestone, which is still quarried today. Not only was this used to build the first homesteads, but shipped out to construct the Welland Canal and pave the sidewalks in cities, like Toronto.




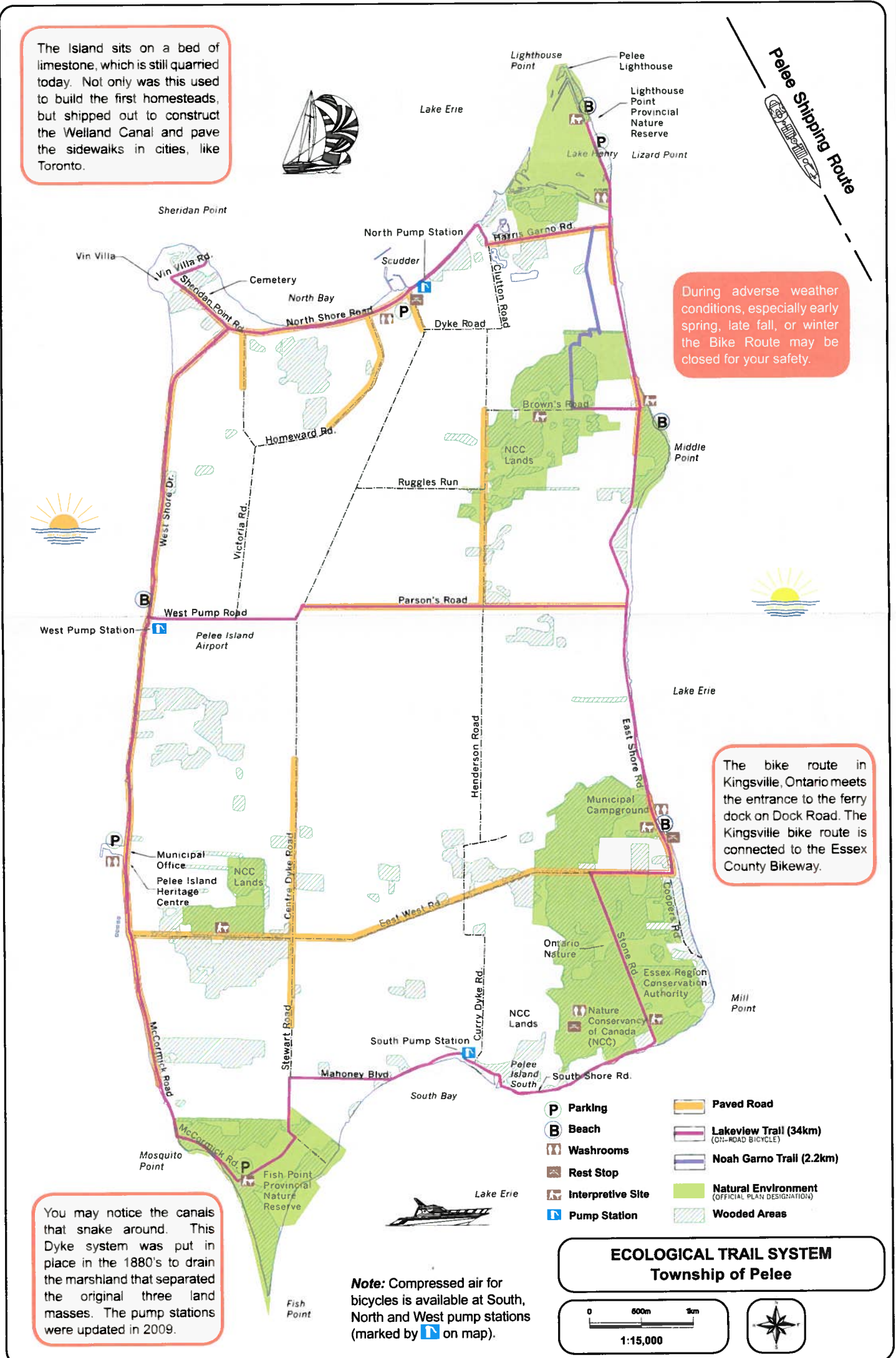
Pelee Shipping Route

During adverse weather conditions, especially early spring, late fall, or winter the Bike Route may be closed for your safety.

The bike route in Kingsville, Ontario meets the entrance to the ferry dock on Dock Road. The Kingsville bike route is connected to the Essex County Bikeway.

You may notice the canals that snake around. This Dyke system was put in place in the 1880's to drain the marshland that separated the original three land masses. The pump stations were updated in 2009.

Note: Compressed air for bicycles is available at South, North and West pump stations (marked by  on map).



ECOLOGICAL TRAIL SYSTEM
Township of Pelee

