## A 73 KM RIDE FROM WOODSTOCK TO PLATTSVILLE, BRIGHT AND WOLVERTON

# BIG BAD WOLVE



### **EXPERIENCE LEVEL**

Moderae to Difficult. Experienced.

### **ROUTE SURFACE**

Primarily gravel roads, some paved segments. Gravel, cyclocross, hybrid or mountain bike recommended.

### **ROUTE DESCRIPTION**

Set out on this true Oxford gravel grinding adventure from Roth Park, Woodstock. Quickly skirt the dam and head off-road via the rough ready and tree lined Hickson Trail for an early 7.5km. Bail on the trail on Braemar Road, a quiet country tree lined gravel road that dips and drops over babbling brooks and the occasional wetland. Connecting from Township

Road 9, roll onto some of the most scenic gravel roads in Oxford County; Hubbard, King and Wolverton. If the timing is right, take a detour to one of the half way stops to refuel at Bright Cheese or Trails Edge Tavern in Plattsville. For a longer stop book ahead for an afternoon matinee at Walters Theatre, a truly unique country barn performance experience.

If energy abounds, you have the right bike, and have created a membership in advance, rock onto the mountain bike trails at the Pines, before returning to the start via the delightful trail and last couple of kilometres alongside the Pittock Reservoir.

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### **ROUTE NOTES:**

Hickson Trail is a multi-use trail, give way to hikers/pedestrians. Caution crossing at busier intersections of north south roadways and also short segment on Oxford Road 29 with Highway 401 exit ramps and crossing. Slow down for passing traffic and agricultural vehicles. Be aware that gravel roadways are maintained at various times throughout year, and while generally in good condition, may be in varied states of repair which can include fresh grading. As on all cycling routes, exercise caution at all times.



### **START/FINISH POINT:**

Roth Park, 680 Highland Dr. Woodstock, ON.

### **STOPS EN ROUTE:**

- Hickson Trail: South Part of Hickson Trail off of Pittock Road www.hicksontrail.ca/about-the-trail-
- Walters Dinner Theatre- 836074 Hubbar Rd. Bright, ON. www.walterstheatre.com
- Bright Cheese & Butter- 816503 County Rd. 22, Bright ON. www.brightcheeseandbutter.ca
- Trails Edge Tavern- 46 Albert St. Plattsville, ON. (View Map), www.trailsedgetavern.ca
- The Pines Mountain Bike Trails- 745751 Township Rd. 4 Woodstock, ON. www.woodstockcyclingclub.ca/trail\_map
- Pittock Conservation Area- 221 Pittock Park Rd. Woodstock, ON www.pittockconservationarea.ca

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & RESOURCES

- Tourism Oxford- www.TourismOxford.ca
- Ontario By Bike- www.OntarioByBike.ca/southwestontario
  - Find locations of certified bicycle-friendly businesses in Oxford County

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