

Newmarket Eagles Gravel Routes 2024

Date	Start Location	Route Name Route Link RWGPS	Difficulty Rating	Distance / Elevation	Distinguishing Route Features	Café on Route
05-May 9:30	Palgrave Park Gather at end of driveway, near the baseball diamond. Washrooms are maintained by the township and are <u>usually</u> open. https://maps.app.goo.gl/AiTd9pdVvylshApw5	The Pace Defines the Pain The Pace Defines the Pain route	  	46 km 309 m	* Short, easy offroad trail section off of Duffy's Lane starts at about 5 km. If expected to be wet, then continue up Duffy's Lane and turn left at Finnerty Sideroad where you'll soon rejoin the route. * Rolling gravel roads in the first half. Long downhill gravel section on Kennedy Road. Last 20 km are on Caledon Rail Trail. * 1.5 km section along Airport Rd (at 14 km) can be busy. Use the wide soft shoulder if it's unsafe to ride on the asphalt.	Four Corners Bakery @ 34 kms
02-Jun 9:30	Palgrave Park Gather at end of driveway, near the baseball diamond. Washrooms are maintained by the township and are <u>usually</u> open. https://maps.app.goo.gl/AiTd9pdVvylshApw5	Off the Rails Off the Rails route	  	67 km 461 m	* Rolling gravel roads lead to about 10 km of rail trail in the first half. * Middle section includes 4 km long gravel climb up Kennedy Road followed soon after by 500 m climb on Willoughby Rd with 10% max gradient on loose surface. * About 1.5 km section along Charleston Sideroad to Caledon Village (at 38 km) can be busy. Use the wide soft shoulder if it's unsafe to ride on the asphalt.	Four Corners Bakery @ 55 kms
30-Jun 9:30	TBD	TBD				
28-Jul 9:30	TBD	TBD				
25-Aug 9:30	TBD	TBD				
15-Sep 10:00	Commuter Parking Lot off Buena Vista Dr Near Hwy 9 & Hwy 10, Orangeville No facilities at the start, but we pass through Island Lake Conservation Area where there are washrooms maintained at the 4 km point before heading out onto the roads. https://maps.app.goo.gl/5LG9jnvASGqkTn1v6	S'mores S'mores route	  	84 km 943 m	* Many sharp climbs and descents take their toll and challenge the riders' endurance. * Most of the route is on gravel roads that have minimal traffic but you need to be alert for horses and hikers, especially near Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. * The route follows a couple easy to navigate forest trails (about 2 km at 22 km point and 2 km at 53 km) but watch out for rocks especially in the second segment which can also be very messy if there has been a lot of recent precipitation. * The route starts and finishes with a few kms on pretty paths and boardwalks around Island Lake Conservation Area.	Hockley General Store @ 48 kms
20-Oct 10:00	Mono Centre Park There is a clean port-a-potty available at the parking lot. <i>This parking location may be closed due to overwhelming number of visitors to see the Fall colours. Nearby roadside parking options are available and will be confirmed closer to the date of the ride.</i> https://maps.app.goo.gl/J1QdBNaQck3qLP4t6	Quadsandsoreass Monolithicus Quadsandsoreass Monolithicus route	  	70 km 1,030 m	* Many sharp climbs and descents take their toll and challenge the riders' endurance. * There is a 4 km stretch of gravel just after the cafe stop down 7th Line that is mostly uphill (about 5% ave gradient for the first 1.5 km). * Most of the route is on gravel roads that have minimal traffic but you need to be alert for horses and hikers (gawking at the Fall colours). * The route follows an easy to navigate forest trail for about 2 km at the 5.5 km point and there's also a 1 km stretch on 5 Line at 26.5 km that is really an unmaintained path that will require all but the most skilled riders to dismount and walk/carry their bike for part of the time. * Riders continue to get tested even in the last 10 kms up 4th Line with a combination of steep long and short sharp climbs that hammer home the final nail.	Hockley General Store @ 47 kms
16-Nov 10:00	TBD	TBD				

Difficulty Rating Legend

Climbing	 Generally flat or gently rolling terrain. If there are a few steeper sections, they are short.	 A small number of severe climbs > 10%, numerous moderate climbs, and/or a few very long climbs.	 Many severe climbs > 10%, numerous moderate climbs, and/or many very long climbs.
	Endurance	 Less than 50 km long, requiring moderate endurance when taken in context with the other measures.	 50 - 75 km long, requiring heightened endurance when taken in context with the other measures.
Off-Road Sections	 Easy to ride off-road section(s). Stable, firm surfaces with very few obstacles.	 Off-road section(s) require attention to avoid limited amount of obstacles such as rocks or roots. Dismounting for limited sections may be necessary.	 Challenging off-road section(s) requiring high-level of skill to avoid rocks, roots, and/or other obstacles. Dismounting for multiple or long sections is likely necessary.

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