

Newmarket Eagles Gravel Routes 2024

Date	Start Time	Start Location	Route Name Link to downloadable map	Recommended Rider Level	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. Palgrave Park location	The Pace Defines the Pain The Pace Defines the Pain route	Beginner (challenging overall duration and long gravel descent) Novice Sport Expert	Low / Med	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. Palgrave Park location	Off the Rails Off the Rails route	Beginner- Novice (challenging overall duration and climbs) Sport Expert	Med	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 500m 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		TBD - ride for all levels	TBD - ride for all levels	Beginner Novice Sport Expert	Low / Med				
28-Jul		TBD - ride for all levels	TBD - ride for all levels	Beginner Novice Sport Expert	Low / Med				
25-Aug		TBD - ride for all levels	TBD - ride for all levels	Beginner Novice Sport Expert	Low / Med				
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. Buena Vista Commuter Parking Lot location	S'mores S'mores route	Beginner- Novice (not recommended due to overall duration and severity of some climbs) Sport Expert	Med / Hard	84 km	943 m	* Many sharp climbs and descents on this route 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 (to be updated)) 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 along picturesque 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>Fall colours bring many visitors to this area and this parking location may not be available. There are other parking options available nearby so this will be confirmed closer to the date of the ride.</i> Mono Centre Park location	Quadsandsoreass Monolithicus Quadsandsoreass Monolithicus route	Beginner- Novice (not recommended due to overall duration and severity of some climbs) Sport Expert	Hard	70 km	1,030 m	* Many sharp climbs and descents on this route 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, who are drawn to the area to catch 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							