



Ocean and Valley Tour

Annapolis Royal to Liverpool

116 kilometres / 73 miles

You can ride all the way from Annapolis Royal to Liverpool on a single road, Route 8, the Kejimkujik Scenic Drive. Even the most directionally challenged cyclist should not get lost.

Though designated a scenic drive, much of Route 8 is in the woods, and long sections, especially in the second half, pass through uninhabited areas. Kejimkujik National Park is almost half way to Liverpool. Some Nova Scotians look forward to spending every summer vacation canoeing, fishing and swimming in “Keji.” However, the lake and the first campground are over 9 kilometres into the park. We suggest going into Keji only if you have time to stay for a day or more to enjoy it.

Food and Lodging

We list stores and restaurants along the way, but they are few and far between, so pack lunch and snacks.

Although 115 kilometres (72 miles) is a longish distance for touring, many cyclists can do this ride in a day. You won't lose much time at stops along the way because there are so few of them! Alternatively, you can stop at the Mersey River Chalets (43.6), the Whitman Inn (52.4), or at Aunt Nellie's B&B in Caledonia (65.3). As always, be sure to call ahead.



Wally heading for Liverpool

Terrain

In the first half of the ride there are some long hills, but not steep ones. Towards the end, cycling is much easier.

Directions

Directions start at the Annapolis Royal VIC, at the Tidal Power Generating Plant.

← **0.0 Turn left leaving the VIC onto Route 1** and cross the bridge to Annapolis Royal. Continue straight, following signs to Fort Anne and the Historic Gardens.

← **1.3 Turn left** at a stop light onto St. George Street (Route 8.) Soon pass the Historic Gardens on the right.

2.8 Continue straight at a blinker, staying on Route 8 Liverpool. (The Port Royal Loop turns left here.)

3.7 ● Lequille Coutry Store on the right has picnic supplies.

7.1 Continue straight on Route 8 at the junction with Route 101.

24.2 ▲ Virginia Road on the right, toward Clementsvale and Bear River, goes to Raven Haven Family Park, an attractive campground with a canteen. It is on the shore of Sandy Bottom Lake, 2 kilometres from Route 8.

24.9 ↗ ● Milford House on the left has lakeshore cabins and a restaurant.

43.6 ↗ ● Mersey River Chalets, with a restaurant, are 1.8 down a gravel lane to the left.



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Cues

0.0 Left, south on Rte 1 from VIC
 1.3 Left onto Saint George, Rte 8
 65.3 Left to stay on Rte 8
 116.0 Liverpool, End of Ride

48.3 🍷🍴 MW Restaurant with a variety store is on the left.

48.8 🏕️ Kejimikujik National Park entrance is to the right. It is about 9 kilometres each way to the closest campground.

52.4 🍷🍴 Whitman Inn and Restaurant is on the right.

53.5 🍷 A convenience store is on the left

62.5 📍 A VIC is on the left.

64.0 🍷 Lakeview Dairy Bar is on the right before Caledonia.

🔵 **65.3** 📍🍷🍴 **Turn left** in Caledonia to stay on Route 8. Here in the village are a supermarket, pharmacy, liquor store, restaurant, and B&B.

76.0 🏕️ A campground run by the Nova Scotia Guides Association is one kilometre down Hibernia Road on the right. Continuing along Route 8, there are many trees but no services for over 30 kilometres.

110.2 🍷📍 A convenience store is on the right, followed in one kilometre by Left Bank B&B.

112.0 🍷📍 Milton Falls Restaurant is to the right in Milton; Courtin House B&B is a kilometre farther on Route 8.

114.0 Continue straight past the ramps for Route 103, and enter Liverpool.

116.0 🍷📍🍷 **Route 8 ends** at a stop sign and T intersection with Route 3. Liverpool center is just to the right.

END OF RIDE

