

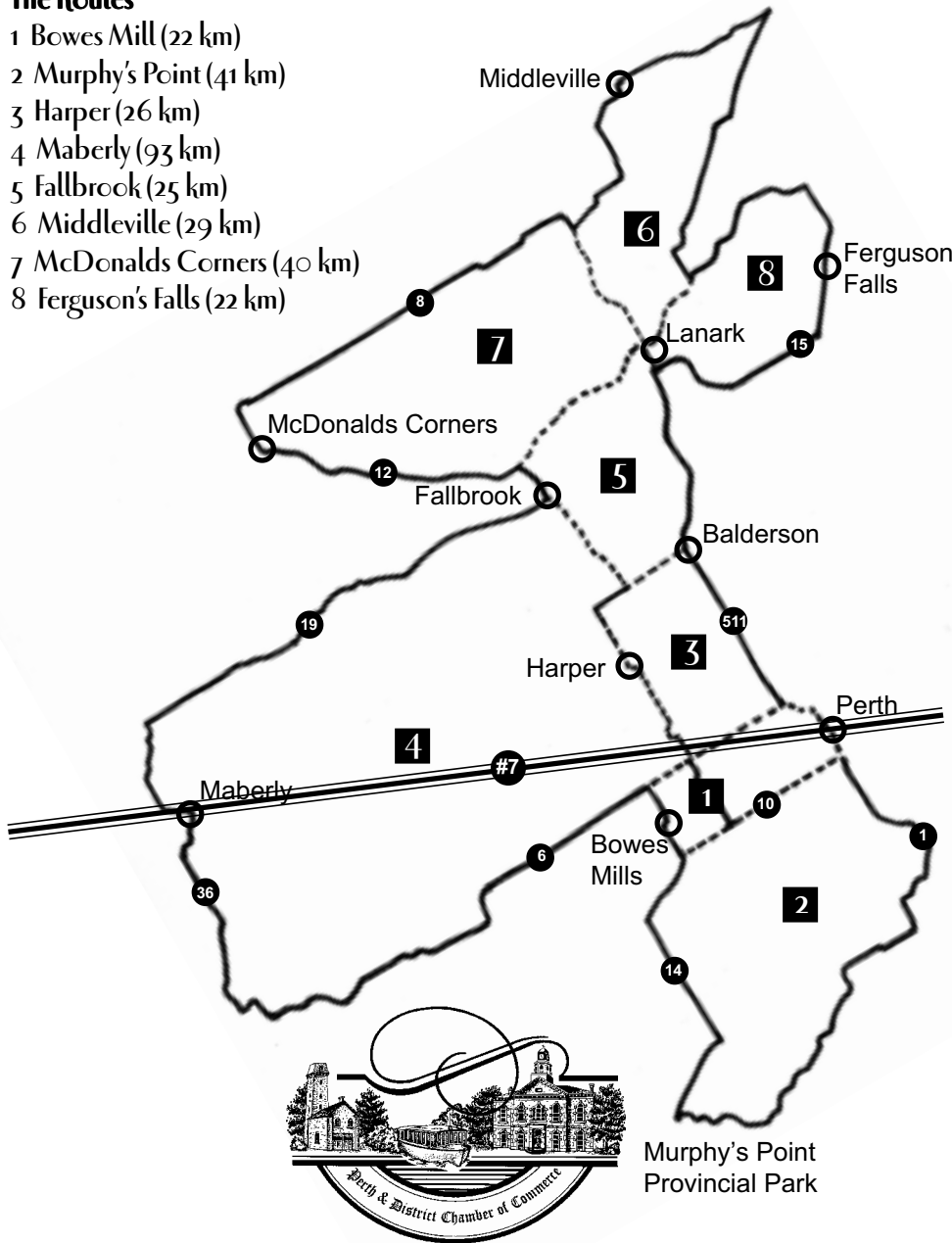
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Perth is surrounded by some of the most scenic backroads and byways anywhere. The best way to experience them is by bicycle. It's the perfect pace to explore this part of the country. Here are eight cycling routes, ranging from 22 to 93 kilometers. Each has its own attractions, and special sights, sounds and tastes just waiting for you to discover.

The Routes

- 1 Bowes Mill (22 km)
- 2 Murphy's Point (41 km)
- 3 Harper (26 km)
- 4 Maberly (93 km)
- 5 Fallbrook (25 km)
- 6 Middleville (29 km)
- 7 McDonalds Corners (40 km)
- 8 Ferguson's Falls (22 km)



Perth-Based

starting at the Tay Basin

1 Bowes Mill (22 km)

This pleasant beginner jaunt takes you out on Cristie Lake Road, down a scenic gravel backroad past the historic Bowes Mill, and back via the picturesque Glen Tay Sideroad.

2 Murphy's Point (41 km)

This medium length ride can easily become a full day trip if you include a side trip at the beautiful Murphy's Point Provincial Park for a hike or swim (bikes get in free!). It starts off on County Rd 10, which can be a little busy, but most of it is on quiet backroads, including a few kilometers of gravel.

3 Harper (26 km)

This route heads out on the Christie Lake Road, passes through the quiet community of Harper, on to Balderson (a great place to stop for icecream) and then back on the somewhat busier 511. Take care at the end, as you have to go a few hundred yards on Highway 7.

4 Maberly (93 km)

Here's a challenging full day ride that is well worth the effort, as it includes some of the prettiest roads in the County. Perhaps as importantly, it includes a number of great places to stop along the way and top up your tank with food, drink and icecream.

Lanark-Based

starting at the Municipal Office

5 Fallbrook (25 km)

This shorter ride through rolling (OK - hilly) terrain takes you over the Clyde and Mississippi Rivers, and through the communities of Balderson, Bell's Corners, Fallbrook and Playfairville.

6 Middleville (29 km)

Heading northwesterly from Lanark, this tour takes you through rolling terrain and historic communities, including Herron's Mills, Middleville and Rosetta. It makes a pleasant half day ride, with plenty of nature stops along the way.

7 McDonalds Corners (40 km)

A slightly longer ride, this route takes you around Dalhousie Lake, including a steep climb to McDonalds Corners about two-thirds of the way through, where you can stop for a well-earned icecream, drink or snack.

8 Ferguson's Falls (22 km)

This enjoyable loop takes you through the wonderful country east of Lanark Village. Head northeast on County Road 12 and then south along the Ferguson Falls Road. You will travel over the Mississippi a few times, through Ferguson's Falls and past Mal's Campground, arriving back in Lanark for some great food and shopping.