

Anticipate a 20 minute crossing by bike or 45 minutes by foot.

Border processing times are not included in these estimates and may add to the total length of time.

Experience the thrill of cycling between two nations in a single ride across the new Gordie Howe International Bridge. You now have an unprecedented opportunity to travel seamlessly by bike from Detroit to Windsor, no car required, linking two vibrant waterfront cities through one continuous journey.

Design your own cross-border adventure with curated stops in Downtown Detroit and Windsor. Explore riverfront trails with skyline views, world-class museums, dynamic neighborhoods, nearby vineyards, and scenic gravel backroads that stretch into the countryside. Each side of the border offers a distinct cultural perspective, American and Canadian, connected by a single, unforgettable span.

Extend the journey even further with direct connections to the Joe Louis Greenway and the Trans Canada Trail, transforming one bridge crossing into a multi-day international cycling experience.

Allowed

- All pedestrians and pedal bikes
- Electric assist bicycles and class 1 electric assist bikes under 35km/h (20 mph)
- Pausing for selfies is fine, but no loitering

Not Allowed

- No escooter, scooters or skateboards
- No ebikes with a throttle
- No alcohol or THC products
- No assembly on the bridge
- No pets (except service animals)
- No rollerskates or rollerblades

Hours of Operation

- Year round: depending on weather conditions
- Seasonal, daylight hours starting at 8 am

Visit GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com for details

The Detroit Greenways Coalition and Bike Kitchen have led advocacy efforts to get this multi-use pathway included on the Gordie Howe International Bridge. In partnership with government agencies and other organizations on both sides of the border, a US-Canada Greenways Vision Map was created that highlighted the importance of connecting the Detroit and Windsor bike/trail networks. One early supporter was the late Senator Carl Levin who helped us elevate the proposed pathway at the highest levels of government in both countries.



Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority announcing the addition of the bridge pathway in 2017.

Detroit Greenways Coalition

The Detroit Greenways Coalition is a nonprofit advocating for a citywide network of greenways, Complete Streets and bike lanes that connect the entire city of Detroit and the surrounding communities, including Windsor. Since 2009, our work has resulted in hundreds of miles of green, safe, and healthy transportation infrastructure for people walking, biking, and rolling. This includes major projects such as the Joe Louis Greenway and the toll-free Gordie Howe International Bridge pathway.

To help us continue this work, please consider making a donation.
detroitgreenways.org/making-donations/



Bike Kitchen

The Bike Kitchen is Bike Friendly Windsor Essex's social enterprise community bicycle shop, dedicated to making cycling more accessible, affordable, and sustainable. Through bicycle repair services, refurbished bicycle sales, hands-on learning opportunities, and community programming, we help people gain practical skills while providing affordable transportation options. Volunteers, students, and community members work alongside experienced mechanics to learn bicycle maintenance, refurbish donated bicycles, and support initiatives that put more bikes into the community.

To help us continue this work and expand access to cycling across Windsor-Essex, please consider making a donation.
bikewindsor-essex.ca/donate



One Ride. Two Countries. Endless Possibilities.

Cycle the Gordie Howe International Bridge!

Gordie Howe International Bridge

-  Zero Toll
-  Dedicated Path
-  International Documents Required
-  Bucket List Approved



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Border & Customs

- All pathway users must clear customs. You must carry a valid passport, NEXUS card, Enhanced Driver's License or Enhanced State ID.
- Standard border regulations apply. Any "bikepacking" gear, panniers, or backpacks are subject to inspection.
- There is no fee for pedestrians or bicyclists.

Prohibited & Restricted Items

- Fresh fruits, vegetables, and certain meat products are often prohibited.
- It remains illegal to transport cannabis or products containing THC across the international border.
- Self-Defense items like pepper spray or mace may be legal in the US but are considered prohibited weapons in Canada.

Policies

- The pathway is open during daylight hours starting at 8 am with seasonal closing times. Access to the path will end one hour before closing time to allow users to complete their journey within the hours of operation.
- The pathway may close at times due to reasons such as weather.
- Pedestrians, bicycles, cargo bikes, and e-bikes (Class 1) are allowed. E-bikes must have a maximum assisted speed of 35 km/h (20 MPH) and no throttle.
- Scooters, skateboards, roller skates, roller blades and Onewheels are not allowed.
- Pets are not allowed. Service dogs are allowed.
- Alcohol use is not allowed.
- Pausing along the bridge (e.g. for selfies) is fine. Loitering is not.
- Pathway users can turn around at any point on the bridge. However, users must clear customs when returning to their starting Port of Entry.

Detroit Trailheads

Clark Park (1130 Clark Avenue near I-75) along the Joe Louis Greenway is the designated trailhead. It is roughly 2.4 km (1.5 miles) from the bridge. Free on-street parking is available. Larger groups or multi-day users may consider using the Michigan Welcome Center near the Ambassador Bridge. Pedestrians may prefer starting from Fort Wayne or using on-street parking near the US Port of Entry.

Windsor Trailhead

Malden Park (4255 Matchett Road near the 401) along the Windsor Loop is 3.1 km (2 miles) from the bridge. Free off-street vehicle parking is available. The parking lot is open from 5am to 11pm.

Arriving in Detroit

The path exits the US Port of Entry onto the Joe Louis Greenway along W. Jefferson Avenue. When completed, this 47 km (29 mile) greenway loop will make non-motorized connections across Detroit and beyond. Much of the trail is completed today while other segments are under construction.

Arriving in Windsor

The path exits the Canadian Port of Entry onto the Windsor Loop along Sandwich Street. This 50 km (34 mile) path travels the perimeter of Windsor and provides connections with Historic Sandwich Town as well as the Malden Park trailhead.

Detroit Riverfront Conservancy - Photo by Nadir Ali



Online International Bike and Trail Map

We have created and are maintaining an up-to-date online bike and trail map for Southwest Ontario and Metro Detroit. Trails, bike lanes, repair stations, public restrooms, and much more are included, as well as the MoGo public bike share in Detroit. We are no longer printing maps given the costs associated with their maintenance, printing and distribution.

Pathway Design

The pathway is 2.5 km (1.5 miles) in length and rises 46 meters (150 feet) above the Detroit River. It's 3.6 meters (11.8 feet) wide and physically separated from motor vehicle traffic by concrete and steel barriers. The bridge includes tall fencing along its sides to limit access to the Detroit River while maintaining sight lines.

There are dedicated processing areas for pedestrians and bicyclists at both the US and Canadian Ports of Entry.

Emergency call stations are installed at various points along the multi-use path where people can request assistance. The entire pathway is lined with security cameras.

The pathway is designed to be fully ADA (US) and AODA (Canada) compliant, featuring accessible grades for all users. Service dogs are welcome.

