

# RIDE THE ALMAGUIN SPIN



Quaint and vibrant villages nestled amongst rolling hills, lush forests, freshwater lakes and traditional farmlands; cycling through these landscapes has never been more peaceful.

## Cycling Route Overview

Additional details including amenities, road conditions and elevation are available on the map pages found at [discoveryroutes.ca/experiences/Almaguin-Spin](https://discoveryroutes.ca/experiences/Almaguin-Spin)



Almaguin in Motion (AIM) is a dedicated group of cyclists who advocate for cycling in the region. From the free bike share program in Magnetawan to loads of bicycle friendly businesses, outdoor water pumps for filling water bottles and the local hardware store stocking bicycle parts, their efforts have created a welcoming environment for cyclists across the Almaguin Highlands.

### ROUTE BASICS

<b>COMMUNITIES</b>	Magnetawan, Sundridge, Burk's Falls, South River
<b>ROUTE TYPE</b>	road
<b>DISTANCE</b>	40-100 km
<b>DIFFICULTY</b>	moderate
<b>ROAD/TRAIL CONDITIONS</b>	paved roads, secondary highway
<b>SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT</b>	road bike

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## PLANNING YOUR TRIP

The **AIM Triangle** connects three distinct Almaguin villages with quality pavement and rolling hills for cyclists of varying skills and endurance levels. Riders may encounter moderate traffic on Hwy 520 especially in the summer. Some sections have limited or no paved shoulder but sight lines are generally good. Hwy 124 has wide paved shoulders and moderate to low traffic.

Add the 53km Eagle Lake extension to make it a metric century ride. As a standalone ride, the 32km **Eagle Lake Loop** can be short and quick or broken up into sections over a day with stops along the way.

For extra elevation challenge, explore the country backroads around Ahmic Lake following the 40km **Ahmic Lake Cycling Route**. Riders will appreciate the rolling hills and winding road, but stay alert as it isn't unusual to encounter fast moving vehicles on Ahmic Lake Road and there are a few steep grinds.



Locally-famous Cornball Store on the Nipissing Road in a must-stop when cycling the Ahmic Lake Loop.



Fill up your water bottle at the hand pump in Magnetawan or artesian well in Sundridge.



Several bicycle-friendly restaurants along the routes.



Public washrooms in Magnetawan, Sundridge and Burk's Falls.



Cell service may be intermittent in rural areas



Outdoor bike stands with basic tools in Magnetawan, Burk's Falls and Sundridge. Bike Repair Shop in Sundridge.



Autumn in the Almaguin Highlands is spectacular!

## POINTS OF INTEREST

- **Magnetawan Locks & Dam** - Built in 1883, the historic hand operated dam and locks on the Magnetawan River are a great stop for a swim, picnic lunch and to discover a little bit of the history of the area.
- **Crystal Cave** - You'll need time to explore the mineral exhibit, crystal shop, gallery, learning centre and artisan village on Hwy 124.
- **South River Brewing** - Stop for an after-ride brew. Small batch craft beer utilizing locally foraged ingredients. The retail store sells local arts & crafts and is a repository of information about tourism and events in the community.
- **Heritage River Walk** - Explore the history of the Magnetawan River from a covered foot bridge and walking trail in the village of Burk's Falls.
- **Cornball Store** - A must stop location to have ice cream, or homemade baked goods. Gluten free options available. Water filling and washrooms available during business hours.
- **Eagle Lake Narrows** - Grab something to eat at the country store, and rest on the beach across the road. Picnic area, and washrooms with a view of Eagle Lake.

## DIGITAL MAPS AVAILABLE

Map My Ride	AIM Triangle; Ahmic Lake Cycling Loop; Eagle Lake Loop		
Ride With GPS	Almaguin Spin	Google Maps	Almaguin Spin



Almaguin in Motion host group rides and events throughout the season