

# “Cape Vincent - Clayton” Cyclist Loop (33 Miles) Cape Vincent, N.Y.



This is a 33 mile round trip ride from Cape Vincent to Clayton. The route to Clayton takes you on a laid-back ride through the countryside on County Route 4 which is just a few miles south of Cape Vincent off of Route 12E. The return trip from Clayton to Cape Vincent is entirely on Route 12E which is a designated Seaway Trail Bike Route.

The roads used in the tour have no special provisions for bicycles so the cyclists have to share the road way with motor vehicle traffic. Most of this route uses roads that are lightly travelled or is a NYS Seaway Trail Bike Route. Cyclists have to observe the rules of the road along with caution to ensure a safe ride.

Those involved with the development and publication of the brochure in no way warrant the safety of the roads recommended to bicyclists for shared bicycle/motor vehicle use. Bicyclists using this brochure assume the responsibilities and risks for their own safety when cycling on this route.

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Cape Vincent and Clayton are two historic villages on the banks of the St. Lawrence River. Much of the land in this area was purchased in the 1790's by French land speculators which explains the French Heritage of the area.

This route begins in the village of Cape Vincent at the Chamber of Commerce Office (N. James St.) where you can see the car ferry from Canada landing, enjoy activities on the village green, and view boats tied up to the public dock. Head west on Broadway and then south on Route 12 E. until you intersect with Cr-4 on the left.

The Cr-4 road to Clayton is a lightly traveled road through the country so you can pedal at a laid-back pace and enjoy the fresh outdoors. The shoulders are dirt so road travel is advised. The return trip from Clayton to Cape Vincent is on Rte 12E, a designated Seaway Trail Bike Route. For the most part, the shoulders on Rte 12E are wide but they narrow for a few miles south of the intersection with Cr-4 and again in the 45 mph zone north of the village of Cape Vincent.

This loop is a pleasant, mostly level ride that allows you to enjoy rural landscapes, beautiful views of the St. Lawrence River and maybe even catch sight of a large ship in the Seaway. Timed correctly you could even have a beautiful sunrise or sunset to start or end your day.

On this route you pass the following points of interest: Thousand Island Goat Farm – a 1000 Island Agricultural Tour Site, French Creek Wildlife Management Area, Frontenac Crystal Springs, Zenda Farm Preserve – a 400 acre farm managed by the Thousand Island Land Trust, and Cedar Point and Burnham Point State Parks.

Rest rooms, drinking water and parking are available at the Cape Vincent Chamber of Commerce Office where the tour loop begins and ends. Picnic tables, benches, and bike racks are located around the village for visitor use. Clayton has rest room facilities near the public docks.