

BICYCLING ON MARTHA'S VINEYARD

More than 44 miles of bike trails and miles of roadways are available for cyclists to enjoy. MA traffic laws and regulations apply to all cyclists.



A West Chop Loop: For a quick, scenic 4-mile ride in Vineyard Haven, take Main Street out past the West Chop Lighthouse and loop back on either Franklin Street or Main Street. No designated bike path.

B East Chop Loop: Since there is no bike path for the 3-mile trip from Vineyard Haven to Oak Bluffs, it's recommended that cyclists take East Chop Drive—which is much less congested and much more scenic. No designated bike path.

C Oak Bluffs to Edgartown: The 6-mile, flat and easy bike path on Beach Road between Oak Bluffs and Edgartown is the island's most popular ride, offering scenic views of Nantucket Sound and Sengstack Pond. Cyclists may loop back using bike paths on Edgartown-Vineyard Haven R. and County Rd.

D Edgartown to Vineyard Haven: The most direct route from Edgartown to Vineyard Haven is via the Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, which is a 7-mile trip along a bike path with light, rolling hills.

E Edgartown to South Beach / South Beach Loop: The 3.5-mile ride from the center of Edgartown to South Beach includes a flat and easy bike path once you get a few blocks out of town, with bike racks just before the entrances to South Beach. Continue on to complete the whole loop for an enjoyable and leisurely 7-mile ride.

F State Forest Loop: Cyclists can enjoy a beautiful loop through roughly 10 miles around the State Forest, and a smaller 3-mile loop as well. Both loops have bike paths and are easily accessible from Oak Bluffs (5 miles away), Vineyard Haven (3 miles away), and Edgartown (4 miles).

G Up-Island Route: The up-island towns of West Tisbury, Chilmark, and Aquinnah do not have designated bike paths, and most of the roads are narrow, winding, and hilly, making this highly scenic route mainly suitable for experienced cyclists.

H West Tisbury to Vineyard Haven: To get from West Tisbury to Vineyard Haven, consider a detour on rolling, twisty Lambert's Cove Road, and then take a left onto West Spring Street to avoid the heavy traffic on Upper State Road. No designated bike path.

I Chappy Ride: The smaller island of Chappaquiddick is accessible for bikes via the On-Time Ferry. While there are no bike paths on Chippy, the island is mostly quiet and rural, and the flat roads are easy to bike. Be sure to check out Myco Japanese Gardens, the Trustees of Reservations, and the 200-acre Wasque Reservation while you're there!