



**GUELPH OFF-ROAD BICYCLING ASSOCIATION**

# 2025 Winter Newsletter

## Welcome to Winter!

**Inside this newsletter:** President's Holiday Message & Year End Wrap Up, Winter Loops, Group Rides & New Cyql App, Club Merch, Junction Kiosks, Tree Planting, Your local Bike Shop, Memberships and Annual Meeting.

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## President's Holiday Message & Year End Wrap Up



**Happy Holidays everyone** and welcome to GORBA's last newsletter of 2025! We hope you got to ride your bike a lot this past season and will continue to do so with the Winter Loops at Guelph Lake (Mother Nature willing), see more below.

We got a lot done on the trails this year: trimming, adjustments, maintenance, updated signs and kiosks, trail grooming, etc. We also have new agreements

with our land partners, the GRCA and the City of Guelph, and are working on some exciting new developments, including improved parking at both trail locations. We do all this for you, but we also can't do it without you. We're very glad so many of you chose to be GORBA members in 2025 and we hope you will do so again in 2026. Memberships go on sale in early January for (still) the low, low price of \$40.

From the Board of Directors and all our fantastic and dedicated GORBA volunteers who make it all possible, we wish you the best and look forward to another great riding season ahead. The days are now getting longer (hooray!). See you on the trails soon! Stay safe.

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## Winter Loops



The **2025/2026 Winter Loops** are signed and ready to ride at Guelph Lake! Sponsored by long-time friend of GORBA and the trails, [Von Dehn Homes!](#)

### Quick Tips:

- All loops start and finish at [Farmstead Junction](#).
- The Loops are one way, please ride them in the signed direction only.
- TrailForks Routes can be found at the links below.
- Don't ride if it's warm enough to leave ruts in slushy snow or bare ground.
- For trail conditions on Instagram scan the QR code below [@gltrailsgorba](#)
- No Instagram? No problem! Click [here](#) to see them at GORBA.ca
- Only the Loops will be groomed.
- All other Guelph Lake trails will be open to ride as conditions permit.
- Get outside and ride your bike in beautiful surroundings and have fun with your friends along the way!
- New to winter riding? Chat with our local shops, they'll be glad to get you set up!

### TrailForks Winter Loops Route maps

[Short](#) – 4 km

[Medium](#) – 7 km

**Check the Conditions before you ride!**



[GORBA Trail Conditions](#)

## CYQL Group Ride App

For several months, GORBA has been testing CYQL, a phone & desktop app that keeps you informed of new group rides with cancellations and notifications.

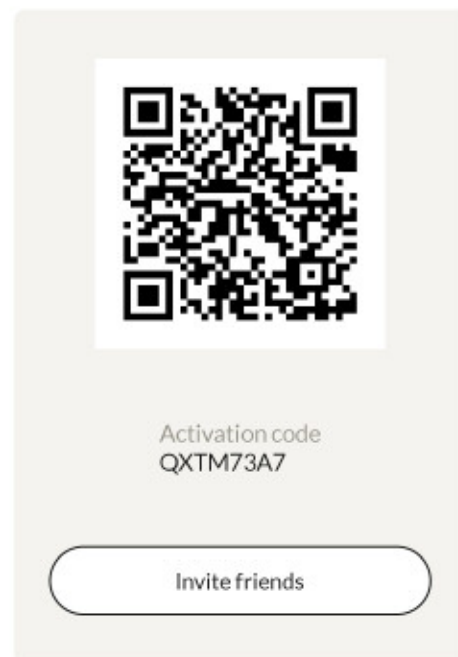
**As of Jan 1, 2026 GORBA will be using the CYQL app to sign up for Group Rides.**

You sign up for rides and pick the speed group. Ride leaders get a count of people coming and you get to see who is riding in which group.

Download and install the CYQL app on your iOS or Android phone by scanning the QR code or click the button below for desktop. Sign up today!



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## GORBA Merchandise





### Love the club? Now you can wear your support!

GORBA's merchandise is handled by DirectSave Canada in Cambridge (they make our Epic shirts too)!

Shipping is under \$12 to Guelph and [local pickup in Cambridge](#) is also available. To view and purchase merchandise click either button below.

[More Info on GORBA Website](#)

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## Junction Kiosk Updates



Perhaps you have noticed our old map kiosks are being replaced with an updated and more robust version. These are being made possible with the generosity of sponsors. If you would like to sponsor a Junction Kiosk please click the button below to contact our sponsorship director.

[Email for more info re Junction Kiosk Sponsorship](#)

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## GORBA Plants Trees at Arkell



**On November 16th twenty GORBA Volunteers planted over 300 trees** and more than 500 tree nuts of oak, hickory and walnut at Arkell Spring Grounds. With a continuing commitment to the community, GORBA's volunteers stepped up to a request from the city to help reforest a portion of Arkell Spring Grounds.





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## Take Your Bike to Your Local Shop

This is the time of year to take your bike in to your local shop for repairs and a tune-up. Avoid the Spring rush and wait times, do it now! There are often discounts for club members too, tell them we sent you. All the bike shops in Guelph, Arkell & Elora support GORBA. We need to support them back. Let's keep this community vibrant.

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## GORBA Memberships Expire Soon

**Reminder:** Annual memberships are for the calendar year only.

The 2026 memberships go on sale in early January (we'll do our best to have them ready for the 1st).

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## GORBA Annual Meeting

**Reminder:** The GORBA Annual Meeting of the members will most likely happen in February. Be sure to renew your membership to receive notice (see details above). We will get notice out to all members as soon as a location and date have been confirmed. Hope to see you there!

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*That's it for now, see you on the trails!*

**These trails don't build or maintain themselves.**



Supporting the trails is the cheapest & most important part of MTB.

[\\$40 GORBA Membership](#)

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