



2026 Spring Newsletter



It's a bit early for daffodils... and the trails!

That warm stretch earlier this month had us dreaming of dirt rides... and then winter snuck back in. But that's the nature of this time of year - one season wrapping up while another gets ready to take over. Here's a quick look back at winter riding, and what to keep in mind as spring conditions arrive.

That's a Wrap on Winter Riding



Alas, the **2025/2026** Winter Loops wrapped up with just a fading ribbon of ice - and plenty of use right to the end.

A huge thank you to:

- Everyone who tramped a good rideable line - super special thanks to volunteer extraordinaire, **Tim Morrison**
- **Von Dehn Homes** whose sponsorship makes the winter loops possible with all our new arrows and reflective stickers
- **John Smith** and his volunteers who put the routes together and got the arrows up for us to follow



Spring is Here... Mud and All



Please help protect the trails! Spring conditions are often soft, and riding in wet conditions can leave lasting ruts.

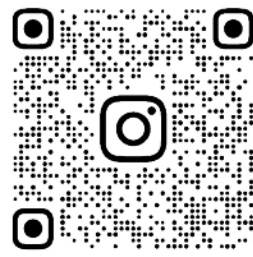
A little patience now goes a long way - and saves our volunteers a lot of extra repair work!

[GORBA Trail Conditions](#)

For trail conditions, check out our Instagram accounts for Guelph Lake @gltrailsgorba and Arkell Spring Grounds @arkelltrailsgorba. Scan or click a QR code below. No Instagram? No problem! Click [here](#) to see them at GORBA.ca



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Get your 2026 GORBA Membership!

Help keep the momentum going!

For less than the price of a single bike tire, you can help keep the trails improving, open and maintained, \$40 cheap! (same as last year). Memberships are for the calendar year from January 1 to December 31.

Don't delay, sign up today!

[2026 Membership](#)

Donations

GORBA added a donation button to the website two years ago which has seen both members and non-members contributing. We are very proud to announce that this has resulted in our ability to purchase a few more specialized tools for trail maintenance. A super special thanks to all those that have added a little extra for the trails we all love! If you are interested, check it out below.

[Donate to the Trails](#)

Turkey Point Camping Weekend



On Friday May 29th through to Sunday May 31st, GORBA members will once again gather at Turkey Point to enjoy some great riding that our [TPMBC](#) friends have to offer. For more details and registration click the button below. Thanks once again to Kevin Alger for organizing!

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.

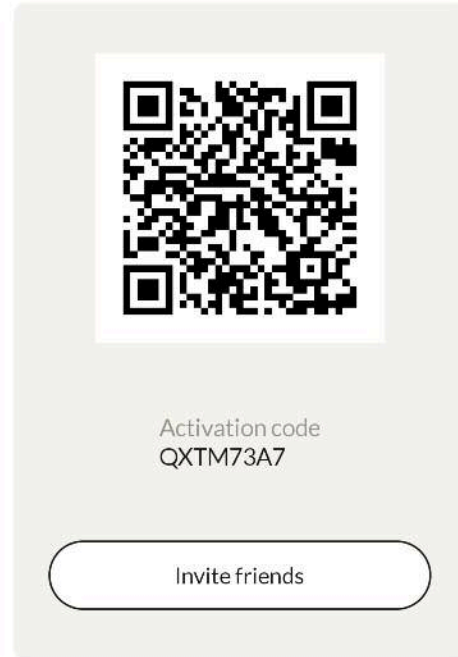
As of Jan 1, 2026 GORBA will be using the CYQL app to sign up for Group Rides.

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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Get the CYQL App

Take Your Bike to Your Local Shop

Now is the time for a spring tune-up, repair or upgrade. Avoid the rush and wait times. There are often discounts for club members too, tell them we sent you! All the local bike shops support your trails. We need to support them back. Let's keep this community vibrant.

These shops support GORBA and your trails. Please support them.



That's it for now, see you on the trails... when they are dry!

These trails don't build or maintain themselves.



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

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