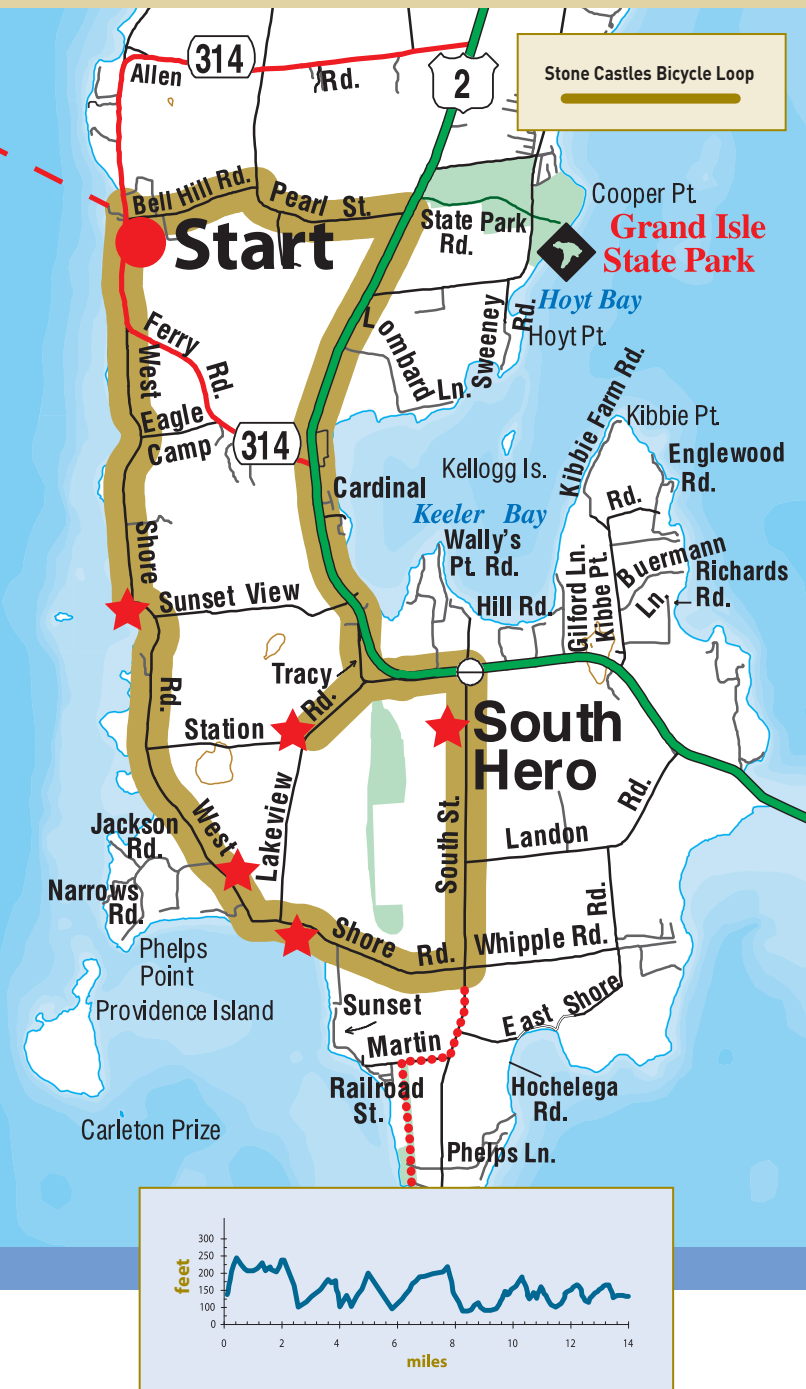


Stone Castles Bicycle Loop

An easy 15.0-mile route through Grand Isle, VT.



Start at Grand Isle Ferry Dock.

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- 0.0** ● Grand Isle Ferry Dock.
- 0.0** Straight on Bell Hill Rd. past entrance to fish hatchery.
- 0.9** R on Pearl St.
- 1.9** R on US Route 2
- 4.8** R on Tracy Rd.
- 5.2** R on Station Rd.
- 5.7** Stone castle on right - turn around at intersection.
- 6.4** R on US Route 2.
- 6.9** R on South St.
- 7.5** Stone castle on right opposite school.
- 8.8** R on West Shore Rd. - Majority is unpaved.
- 10.3** Stone castle on left near water.
- 10.5** Stone castle on left.
- 14.4** S onto Route 314 - watch for traffic.
- 15.0** L to Grand Isle Ferry Dock.

When cycling, please follow these guidelines:

1. WEAR A HELMET and cycling gloves.
2. Ride with the flow of traffic.
3. When using travel lanes, follow motor vehicle laws. Obey all traffic signs and signals. Do not cut corners.
4. Use clear hand signals when making turns or stopping.
5. Ride in a straight line at least 3 feet from parked cars or curbs.
6. If you must ride at night, use lights and reflectors.
7. Ride defensively! Be aware of motorists' actions.
8. Be aware of train tracks and other road conditions.
9. Ride single file.
10. Carry items in panniers or a handle-bar pack.

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Route Description

For over thirty years, gardener Harry Barber found a unique way to blend his native country of Switzerland with his new home in Vermont. He created miniature buildings from local Vermont field stone. Five castles, three houses, and several garden structures remain in the Islands. They vary in complexity. Some castles feature glazed windows, interior fireplaces, or dungeons. Others were wired for electricity and had the capability of running water in the moat.

Stone Castles leads you through the South Hero countryside, where you can see examples of Barber's craftsmanship. All his creations are privately owned, and public access is not permitted. Stone Castles also passes through three large orchards, with a spring profusion of blossoms, luscious summer fruit, and a fall harvest celebration. For a short side trip, turn right on South Street (caution narrow road) and follow the red-dotted line to the Allen Point Fishing Access.

Safety Guidelines

Motorists and bicyclists share scenic roads. Use caution on narrow, winding or unpaved roadway. Follow traffic laws and ride safely. Bicycles are vehicles by law and have the right to use public roads. You are responsible for operating your bicycle under all conditions.



Aerial of Keeler Bay/Shirley Chevalier

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