



Barry's Bay Fall Colour Tour 2020

Sept 21-23, 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**PLEASE READ, PRINT AND TAKE
WITH YOU ON THE TOUR**

This is a 3 day drive around some of the best backroads in Ontario. Barry's Bay is just south of Algonquin Park and about 50 Km NE of Bancroft. The surrounding areas are lightly populated, with old established roads that follow the layout of the land, which is typically hilly with an extensive network of rivers and lakes. It's a great area, well known to motorcyclists, but is really lightly travelled on weekdays which makes it the perfect destination for a group of MX-5 owners.

Our accommodations will be at the Ash Grove Inn in Barry's Bay. It's a small Inn with about 20 rooms in a beautiful location at the edge of Kamaniskeg Lake. (Check <https://www.ashgroveinn.com/Motel/>).

The Tour will include a full 3 days of driving and will feature a common meeting/ending location in Orillia to accommodate Trillium Members both east and west of the GTA.

The 3 day format will consist of Day 1 driving from Orillia to Barry's Bay via Haliburton. Day 2 will be a full day experiencing the Fall Colours along the best twisty roads in E. Ontario. Day 3 will also be driving on great roads, returning to Orillia in time to allow for the extra drive home from there. There will be Bail Points marked on the Route on the return journey for those not wanting to return via Orillia.

Itinerary

Day 1 - Driving distance 329 Km:

- Meet at Tim Hortons, 298 Memorial Ave, Orillia at 10am and top-up gas at adjacent station.
- Depart Tim Hortons at 10:15am.
- Bio-break at Tim Horton's in Minden at 11:30am.
- Stop in Dorset at McKeek's for lunch at 1:00pm.
- Depart at 2:00pm.
- Stop at Skyline Park scenic overlook.
- Bio-break at Forsters Lake at 3:15pm.
- Arrive at Ash Grove Inn, Barry's Bay and Check-in at 4:30pm.
- Meet for dinner at 6:30pm at Wilno Tavern - 10mins east of hotel on Hwy 60.

Day 2 - Driving Distance 386 Km:

- Ensure you and your car are prepared for departure from the Ash Grove Inn at 9:15am.
- Bio-break at Forsters Lake at 10:30am
- Brief stop at Kamaniskeg Lake Overlook.
- Stop at Spectacle Lake Lodge for Lunch at 12:00pm. Depart at 1:15pm.
- Drive around Madawaska Highlands
- Brief stop at Foymount.
- Bio-Break at Griffith at 2:45pm
- Stop at Crooked Slide Park
- Return to Ash Grove Inn at 4:30pm.
- Meet for dinner at 6:00pm in the Dining Room at our motel.

Day 3 - Driving Distance 336Km:

- Check out from accommodation, refuel car, and be prepared to depart at 9:15am.
- Bio-break at Tim Hortons in Bancroft at 10:20am
- Arrive at Zachary's in Dorset at 12:00pm for lunch on patio overlooking Lake of Bays.
- Bail Option at Hwy 35 south at 1:35pm
- Bio-Break/Bail Option at Tim Hortons, Gravenhurst/Hwy 11 at 3:00pm.
- Return to Tim Hortons, Orillia at 4:00pm.

Routes

The routes are in the file Barrys Bay Fall Colour 2021.gpx (released close to departure date). Refer to your GPS Owners Manual if you need help transferring the routes to your GPS. The routes were prepared in Garmin BaseCamp with the Route Options set to: **Fastest, No Unpaved Roads, Other Highway Speed 85kph**. The Map used was City Navigator 2022.1. You may get a different result if your equipment is set different. The routes use Shaping Points which may not work correctly in older GPS. The **Tracklogs** in the GPX file show how the route should calculate.

A turn-by-turn listing for each day's route in is available On Request.

Contact Numbers

In case of emergency during our tour, here's a list of our cell phone numbers.

Bob & Sandy Morpew	905 464-3115
Gary Kornstein & Grace Correia	519 573-1241
Michael Cole	647 865-7125
Alan Johnston	905 294-1997
Rick Vender	647 893-3822

Please set up these phone numbers as a Group in your Messages Contact List so we can easily have group texts if the need arises

Group Driving Instructions

We will be driving in a single group with a leader using a GPS to navigate the routes. We will NOT be using CB Radio to broadcast every turn off or stop. At EVERY turnoff (left or right at a 4 way intersection, left or right at a 3 way or a T-off) each driver MUST safely delay turning until the following car is plainly in sight AND has acknowledged the upcoming turn using the indicator light. NO EXCEPTIONS. If you reach a 4 way intersection and no one is waiting, proceed straight ahead.

This procedure will guarantee the group stays together. We will not be relying on each driver using a GPS unless we verify BEFORE the tour starts that each GPS is displaying the EXACT same route.

If the group does get split - e.g. a following car not arriving at a turn off in a reasonable time - the stopped driver should phone the group leader and we will stop the tour and resolve the problem.

If it is not possible to continue as a group we will arrange to meet at the next designated STOP on the route.

Driving speed may vary up to a maximum of 13 Kph over the posted limit. If this is a problem, please discuss with the Lead Driver.

Weather

The weather is obviously unpredictable and this trip will go rain or shine. I prefer top-down driving and just dress accordingly.

CAA Membership

I recommend that each driver has CAA PLUS membership as this is a remote area and a breakdown could be traumatic!