



Mike's View: Electric Bikes and the Niagara Escarpment



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There are a variety of good hybrid bicycles available that are primarily bicycles with an electric assist motors. They will get one up the Escarpment but do require active participation. You are correct that eBikes run the full gamut of quality and it really is the Wild West out there. A lot of early dealers sold them for six months and then disappeared. Parts are a big problem especially when it comes to electric engines and controllers as there are few standards in the industry. Enjoyed your article and the Views magazine. Cheers and safe cycling.

Patrick (Bear) Maloney, President, Grimsby Active Transportation Committee, Grimsby

I just wanted to thank you for keeping me engaged with the Niagara Escarpment. After spending 25 years in Georgetown and often walking on the Escarpment alone or with friends, I miss it. However, the Peterborough area has its own charm which I am falling in love with too.. This latest issue has many lovely photos taken by Mike and his article on the e-bike was especially interesting. I remember I bought one in the early days when I was coordinator for Willow Park Ecology Centre and wanted to ride there with sustainable transportation. I never actually got there that way but eventually bought a Smart Car. Your articles, too, are a wonderful read and I know that the magazine is the realization of a lifetime dream. Please keep the great articles coming; I will visit soon.

Ruth Kuchinad, Keene

Got the Views. Very informative, beautiful pics. Great article on bikes.

Marek Jakubczyk, Woodbridge

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Websters Falls & Tews Falls are in Dundas! Great magazine.

Jane Kappel, Dundas

Hi I went to Owen Sound Foodland and they did not have any free copies of your magazine, I would really like to get one, do you know when they will have them in stock?

Dorothy Mercier, via Facebook



Reading Judith Jones letter and Editor response in Winter 2013-14 issue, and checking the locations shown on back cover, this is obviously still a work in progress. I refer you to <http://www.canmaps.com/topo/nts50/topomap/041g16.htm> There is a series of maps covering Manitoulin available, this is the one for Kagawong and West Bay area. If you refer to the map and move the cursor over it, you can see by the elevation lines where the bluffs

run on the north shore of Manitoulin. For example, you show no bluffs along the shore of West Bay, which has prominent bluffs continuing south on past the bottom on both shores. Conversely, you show bluffs on Barrie Island, which is quite low and flat, while the west shore of Bayfield Sound and Cape Roberts are quite high. I am looking to see if I can find a topographic map that shows complete elevation and contour lines of Manitoulin, and will refer or send it to you if I find it. For now, find attached a view from my deck across West Bay showing the Escarpment in the background, which I am fond of referring to as my "million dollar view." We really enjoyed the issues of the magazine we found in Foodland in Mindemoya.

Bill Elliott, M'Chigeeng



Editor's note: Not everyone on Manitoulin Island enjoys the magazine:

Please take us off of your mailing list! At a meeting in Little Current a few years back, your representative referred to us Island residents as "the ignorant masses." That was rude and ignorant. We do not want to read something published by someone who has no respect for those of us who live on the most beautiful Island in the world. Maybe he is just jealous because he is stuck in the city! TAKE US OFF YOUR LIST!

Glen and Rochel Totman

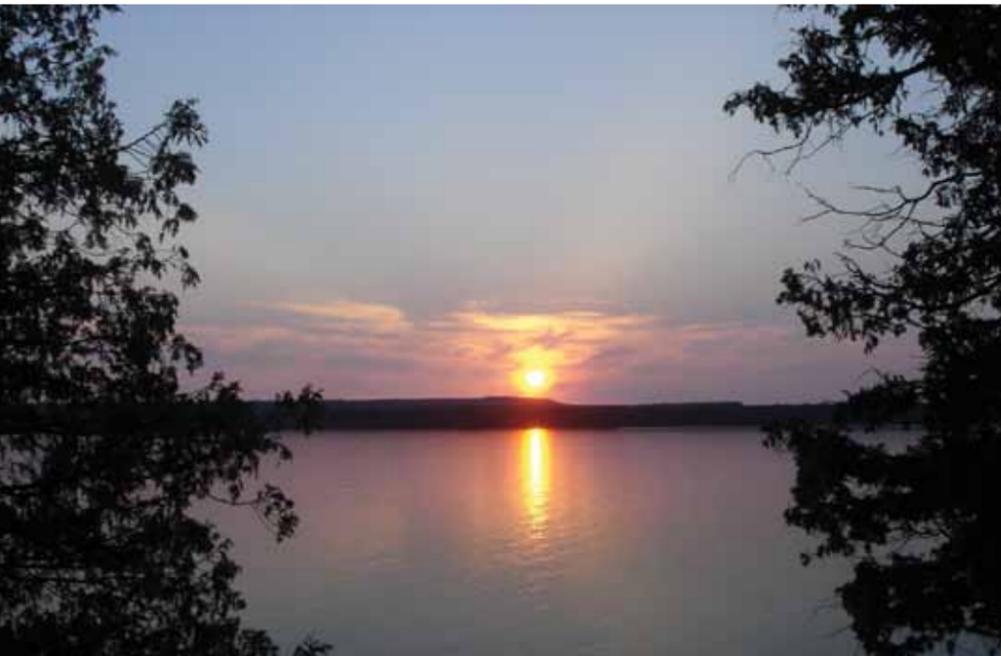
Editor's note: We did not have a representative at a meeting in Little Current. We also have no C.E.O. The founders, owners and independent publishers of this publication are Mike Davis and Gloria Hildebrandt. We do respect those who live on Manitoulin and do not tell them how to care for it. We did, however, remove this writer from our mailing list as requested.

and
Please remove us from your mailing list as we are among the "people" that your C.E.O. stated that you were trying to save our land from. Generations of us farmers/landowners (people) are the reason that the Manitoulin is so pristine and healthy. WE love our land and do not need your type telling us how to care for it.

Glen Totman, Sheguiandah



Editor's note: With permission, Dianne Miller of Georgetown painted the photo by Helen Powers that was published in Spring 2013. Here are both the painting and the photo as it appeared in Niagara Escarpment Views.



Our family are very excited about all the places we will visit this coming year after collecting a plethora of free magazines from *Niagara Escarpment Views*! Thank you for the deal yesterday on our two-year subscription.

Lori Ryan, St. Catharines, via Facebook

Stories from the Kitchen Garden at Dundurn Castle



Authentic Restoration
The garden at Dundurn Castle was just one of the many projects to restore the historic site. The garden is a great example of how to restore a historic garden. The garden is a great example of how to restore a historic garden. The garden is a great example of how to restore a historic garden.

This is Helen's response: Diane did a lovely job! I enjoy the different perception she gives to the scene - showing that the view from the camera lens is only a starting point of how to see the garden.

I recently came across your magazine for the first time at the Eco Fair in Welland in the Fall of 2013. I thought you may be interested in this photo taken from Red Lodge Resort on Lake Manitou of the sun setting over Cup & Saucer.

Chris Spence, St.Catharines

