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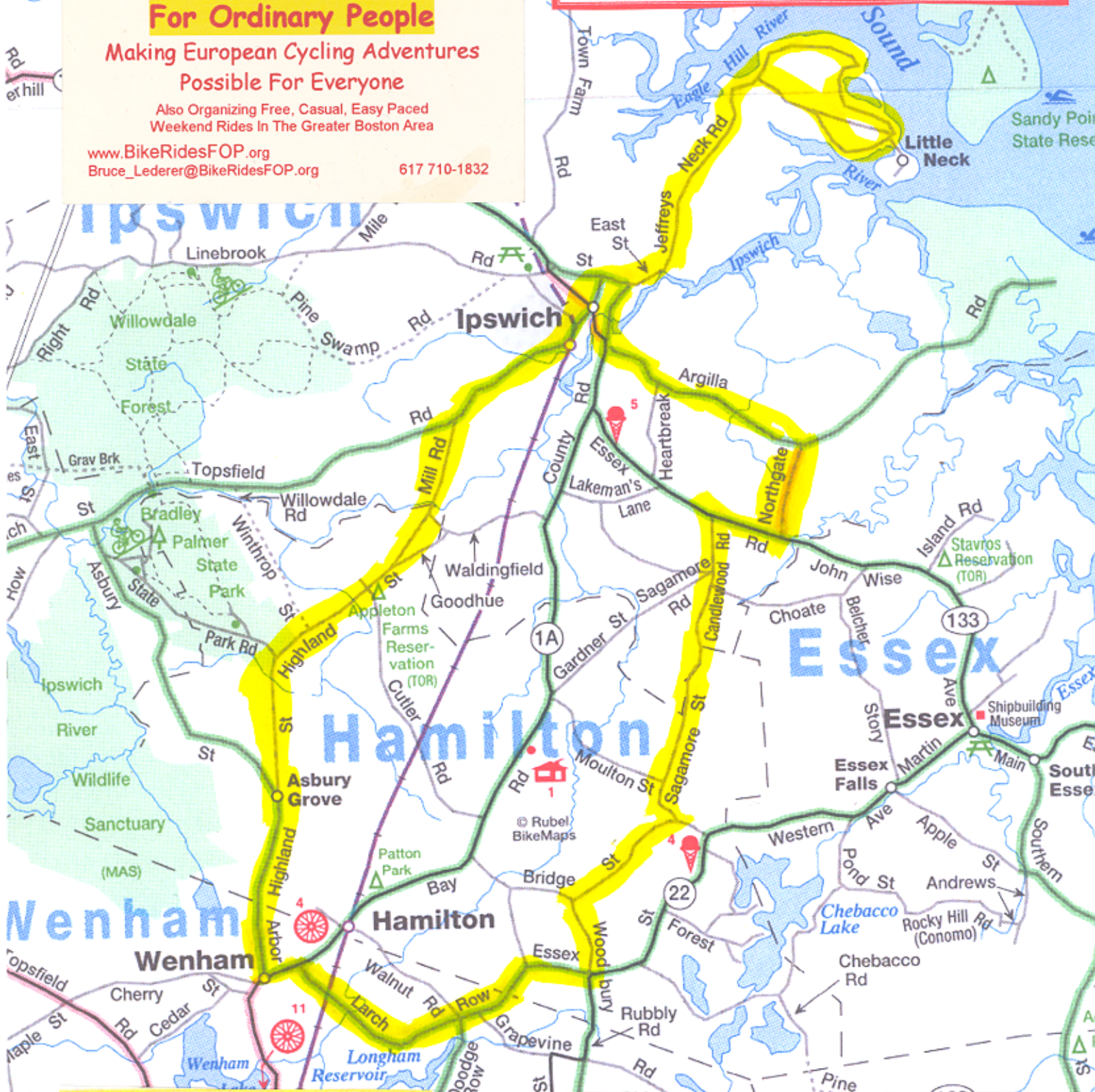
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The Ride to Great Island

1. From Wenham Church, take LEFT on Route 1A for 0.3 miles
2. Turn RIGHT on Larch Road, which becomes Essex Road
3. At an intersection with sign for Route 22, turn LEFT on Woodbury Road (no street sign)
4. Turn RIGHT on Bridge Street after short descent
5. Turn LEFT on Sagamore Street
6. At the end of Sagamore Street (golf course is on LEFT), turn RIGHT on Route 133
7. Half a mile down Route 133, turn LEFT on Northgate Road. (THIS IS A DANGEROUS INTERSECTION; STOP ON THE ROAD SHOULDER TO CHECK TRAFFIC BEFORE TURNING)
8. At next intersection, turn LEFT on Argilla Road. Less than a mile later is the small Hamlin Reservation on the RIGHT. This is a nice place for a rest stop or short walk in the nearby Great Marsh. (Or we can turn RIGHT on Argilla and detour to the farm stand for cider donuts, fresh fruit and other supplies for picnicking at Great Island.)
9. At the stop sign, turn RIGHT and go straight on Jeffreys Moore Road.
10. Continue STRAIGHT until you reach Great Island, which is actually a narrow peninsula in the marshes ending in a large hill; stay on the RIGHT until you reach the beach (obvious parking lot in front of you). The road ends a few yards on the right at a private housing community. The beach slopes down to the Essex River opening out to the ocean with great views of Crane Beach on the other side of the bay.
11. From the beach, take RIGHT on Bayview Road and always stay close to the water; at a fork, take RIGHT down and cross a short valley under a large rectangular building on top of a hill.
12. You will soon reach Jeffreys Moore Road again. Ride back the way you came towards Ipswich; before reaching the town center, turn RIGHT on East Street after a short climb - a large tree and small wooden garage shack mark this intersection. Take an immediate LEFT on North Main Road.
13. At the main intersection in Ipswich, go STRAIGHT on Topsfield Road.
14. Turn LEFT on Mill Street (large traffic sign). The ride from now on is very shady. You will also ride past Appleton Grass Rides (on the left, sign and parking lot).
15. Stay on Mill Street until you reach Wenham Church.