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Toronto Pearson Int'l. Ont.



Broken clouds, light rain

Temperature: 17 °C

Wind: West, 14.8 km/h

Pressure: 1010 hPa

Rel. Humidity: 83%

Visibility: 16.1 kilometers

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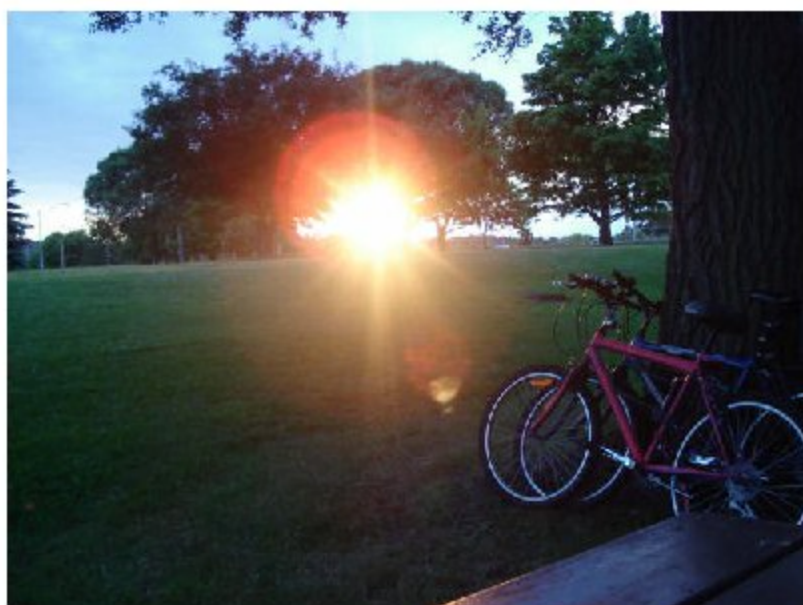
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Our Day Long Bicycle Chronicle

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By Jessica McLaughlin



If you don't have a bicycle, they're easy to come by. But in this city, most of us have a nice two-wheel ride with a basket or milk crate attached to take us on a trip or two around the neighbourhood. We all do a lot of solo riding, but how many times have you taken a side-by-side ride on a date? (Unless of course you're the sporty type – which I am not!) We put the basket on my bicycle to good use and grabbed a cheap bottle of wine to put it in it (not that I'm condoning drinking in public – discretion is advised).

My boyfriend's bicycle is his main source of transportation. I prefer to travel by foot, or the occasional TTC/car ride. So when the idea of taking a bike ride together comes up, I want it to be something we can experience together – not a destination ride.

Our favourite route takes us west on the Lake Shore. There are some great well-paved and scenic trails with great views of Lake Ontario. Last weekend, my boyfriend and I hit Queen's Quay and headed west to where it ends. That takes you into Coronation Park and some wide trails where you can ride side-by-side and actually have a nice conversation. We took the trails all the way to Sunnyside Park (near Lake Shore Blvd. and Parkside Dr.). There are lots of great spots at this park – plenty of picnic tables. But an even better idea is to bring a mat or blanket to lie out on the grass.

After a couple of hours of hanging out, talking, laughing and taking silly pictures in the park, it was getting cool and dark, so it was time to head somewhere else. We left Sunnyside Park and headed east on Queen West toward Cadillac Lounge (1296 Queen St. W., near Dufferin).

Most weekends at [Cadillac Lounge](#) you can expect a live band. And if you get there before 9pm, you can usually avoid the cover. We managed to sneak in before they started to collect. We found a cozy seat near the wall ordered up some calamari and French fries!

It was an exhausting but fun day. It's nice to do something besides the typical dinner-and-a-movie spiel. So get on you bike and head out with your honey!