

## Loop Around the Lake Event Review

On June 12, Judy, Bert, Robert, and Audrey rode around Shoal Lake. We met at Robert's and rode west then south until we reached Burlington Beach at the south end of the lake.

Along the way, we saw this flowering tree and wondered what it was – not a hawthorne, since it had no thorns, but maybe a wild plum?



We saw wild flowers by the roadside, including yellow ladyslippers:



At the south end of the lake, we inspected the dam,



and then stopped for a picnic lunch before heading east and north to close the loop and end up back at Robert's. On the way, we spotted a deer and a fox.

The distance around the lake is about 25 km. It was slightly heavier going because there had been an inch of rain the night before the ride, which made the gravel portion a bit soft. Otherwise, we enjoyed remarkably few challenges, with perfect weather and no headwind. Even the mosquitoes seemed to have taken the day off!