

PIE ON THE BEACH WEEKEND GETAWAY FROM BOSTON

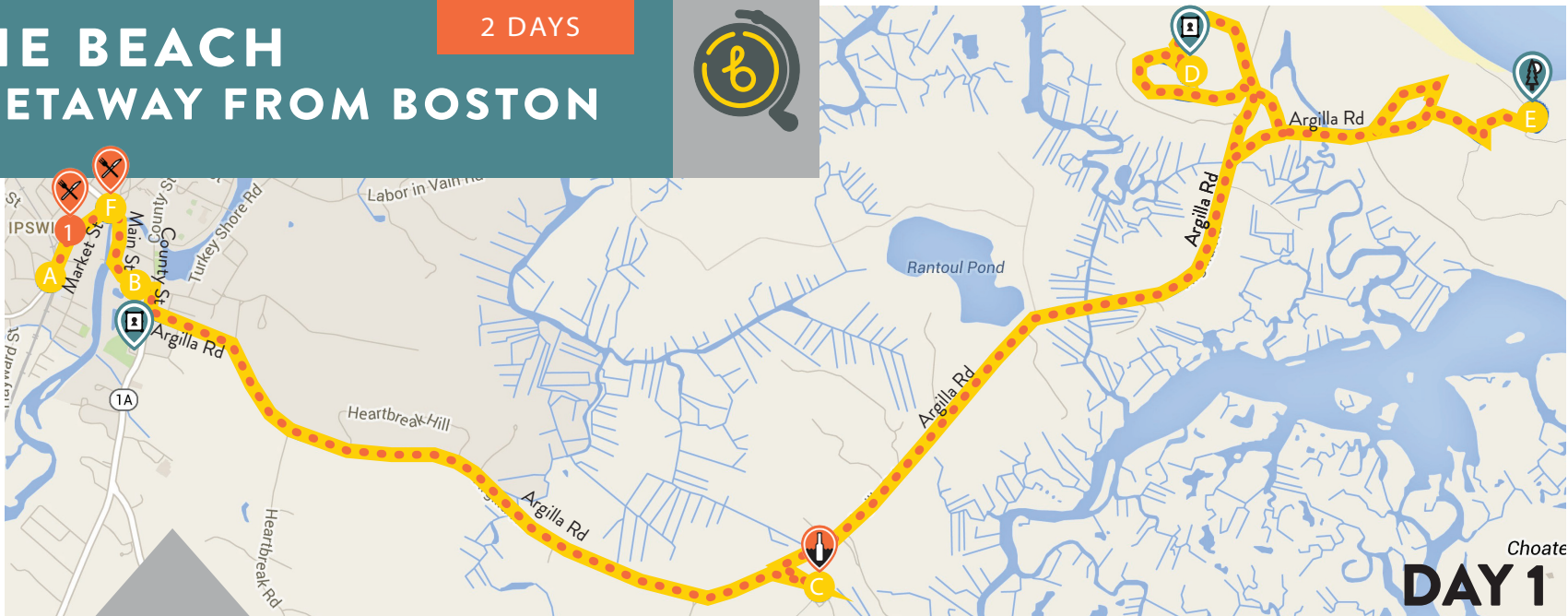
2 DAYS



HIGHLIGHTS

DAY 1

- A** Ipswich Commuter Train Station
- B** Ipswich Museum
54 S Main St
- C** Russell Orchards
143 Argilla Road
- D** Crane Estate
290 Argilla Road
- E** Crane Beach
310 Argilla Road
- F** Choate Bridge Pub
3 Main St



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DAY 1

KEY

BIKE LANE / STREET

BIKE PATH



FARM & BOTTLE SHOP



FOOD



OUTDOOR & LEISURE



ART & CULTURE



BEER



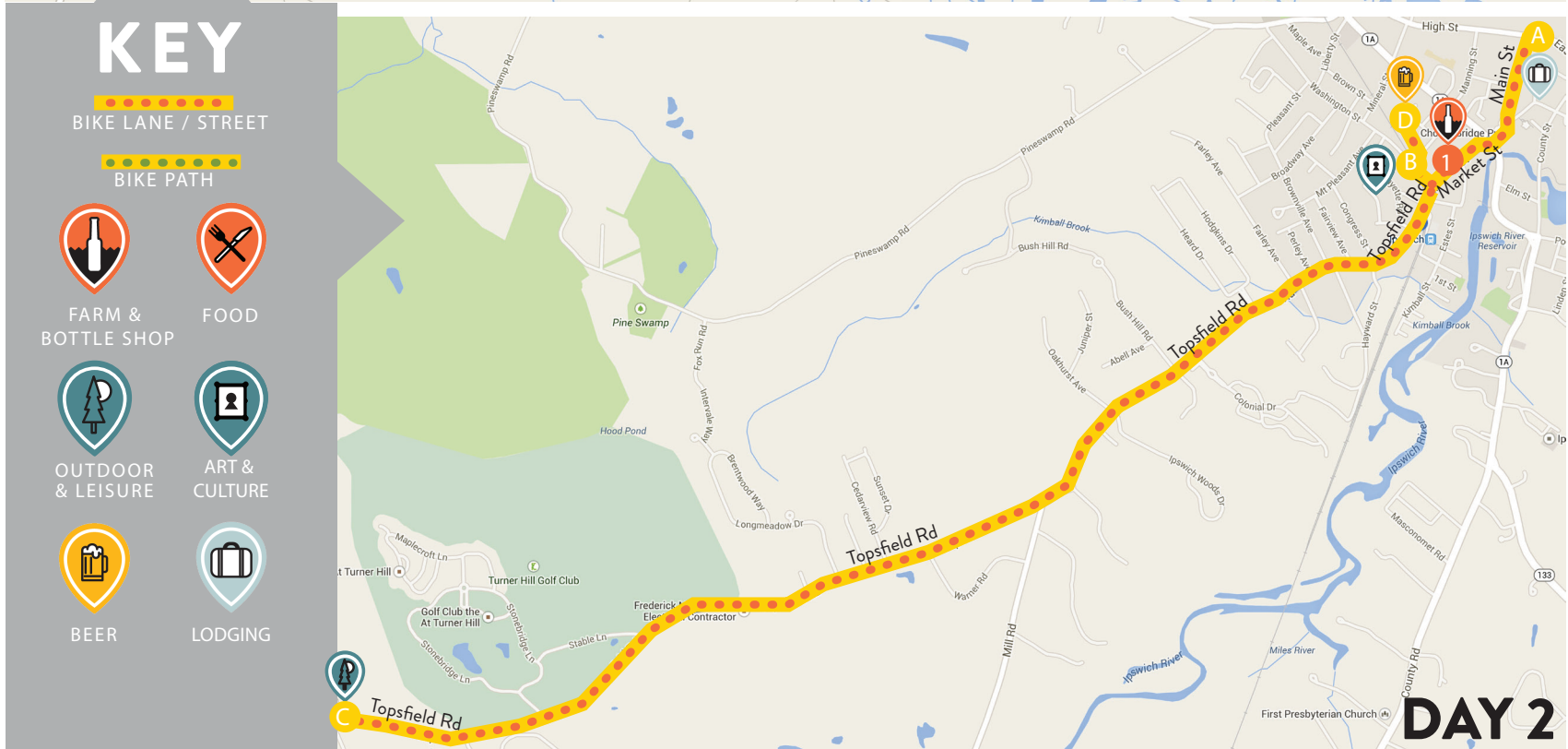
LODGING

DAY 2

- A** Ipswich Inn
5 East St
- B** Ipswich "First Period"
Home Tour
- C** Foote Brother Canoe &
Kayak
230 Topsfield Road
- D** Ipswich Ale Brewery
2 Brewery Place

EXTRAS

- 1** Coastal Grocer
51 Market St



DAY 2

PROMOTING TWO-WHEELED TOURISM IN CITIES ACROSS NORTH AMERICA

HIGHLIGHTS

DAY 1

- A Ipswich Commuter Train Station**, 4 Topsfield Rd - Start your biking adventure!
- B Ipswich Museum, 54 S Main St** - Dive into 400 years of history at the Ipswich Museum. The two locations, a house dating to 1677 and another dating to 1800, are both a quick walk from the town center. The collections range from historical objects to decorative arts to fine art from the 17th through 20th centuries.
- C Russell Orchards**, 143 Argilla Rd - Russell Orchards is a gem. Any day of the week from May through Thanksgiving you can stop in for the farmstand, scrumptious baked good (pies and cider donuts are to die for), and their huge selection of delicious and unusual (and not too sweet!) fruit wines. Depending on the season, there's pick-your-own strawberries, blueberries, apples and more, and there are several festivals throughout the summer. Bring the kids to check out the farm animals, and don't leave without grabbing a pie and a bottle or two of wine to enjoy on the beach!
- D Crane Estate**, 290 Argilla Rd - Toilet magnate Richard Crane Jr.'s sprawling estate sits atop Castle Hill overlooking Crane Beach. Pop it into granny gear and crank your way up the hill for a stroll around the sprawling grounds, spectacular views included. Join a guided tour of the Great House or come on a summer Thursday for a free public concert on the "Grand Allee."
- E Crane Beach**, 310 Argilla Rd, Hands down one of the most amazing beaches in America. Take a hike through the dunes, watch the beach triple in size the the receding tide, and stay for the sunset.
- F Choate Bridge Pub**, 3 S Main St - Fried clams and scallops just about as fresh as they could be. Ipswich is the birthplace of the fried clam, and the Choate Bridge Pub is a fun place to hang out with the locals and enjoy a few Ipswich Ales. It's cash only though, so come prepared!

DAY 2

- A Ipswich Inn**, 2 East St - Ipswich makes for a wonderful weekend getaway, and the Ipswich Inn is a complete joy. All of the rooms in the historic home are charming, and the owner, Ray, is super friendly and quite a character. A full breakfast at the Inn's restaurant is included, and comes with a view of the beautiful backyard and the flock of wild turkeys that are the de facto pets of the Inn.
- B Ipswich "First Period" Homes**, downtown Ipswich - Be sure to save time on your trip to Ipswich to bike round the residential streets near the town center. Ipswich has a remarkable number of still-inhabited houses built during the "First Period," 1625-1725. www.historicipswich.org/1st-period-houses
- C Foote Brothers Canoe & Kayak Rentals**, 230 Topsfield Rd - If you turn your Ipswich trip into a weekend getaway, complement your biking with a little upper body workout and a paddle up the Ipswich River! Foote Brothers Canoe and Kayak is located only a 3 mile ride from downtown Ipswich. Boats are available to rent for the day, or you can rent a canoe and paddle upriver to camp on one of the islands in the middle of the wildlife preserve.
- D The Ipswich Ale Brewery**, 2 Brewery Pl - Nothing complements your fried clams like Ipswich Ale or IPA, but so far there's been no public access to the brewery for tours or tastings. All that is about to change, however, with a restaurant and tasting room slated to open in Fall 2014.

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