



EyeRide 2026 Aims to Raise \$150,000 to Empower GTA's Vision Loss Community

The annual cycling event returns June 20 to fund recreation and mental health programs for people who are blind or partially-sighted.



Toronto, June 15, 2026 – On **Saturday, June 20**, more than 75 athletes and avid cyclists will be gearing up and riding together from Vaughan to Alliston and Collingwood, ON for [EyeRide 2026](#). The third-annual cycling event raises vital funds for three small-but-mighty organizations: **TRAILBLAZERS Tandem Cycling Club**, **BALANCE for Blind Adults** and **Blind Sailing Association of Canada**, with a **goal of raising \$150,000** for recreation and mental health programs benefitting the vision loss community in Ontario.

[EyeRide was founded in 2024](#) with a mission to make positive change in the lives of those who are blind or partially-sighted. With ride distance options ranging from 65km to 130km, EyeRide empowers individuals with vision loss, helping them to build connections and relationships forged by training and cycling together or alongside sighted participants. Whether cycling tandem – a bike made for two riders – or solo, participants ride with passion and purpose.

“Last year’s EyeRide raised over \$100,000 for programs that help promote mental and physical well-being for individuals with vision loss, while breaking down barriers by forging connections between the vision loss community and sighted individuals,” said Laura Feltz, Chair, EyeRide 2026. “EyeRide creates a stigma-free world where members of the blind and partially-sighted community thrive as active participants in Canadian society and achieve their full potential.”



Participants can [register for EyeRide via RaceRoster](#), with a flat fee of \$75.00 for the Toronto to Alliston or Toronto to Collingwood rides. Riders will receive an official EyeRide cycling jersey, snacks throughout the route, a catered lunch and more. There is also a virtual option for those who wish to complete their own activity throughout the month of June.

Cycle. Connect. Change Lives: Together, we can make a difference for people living with vision loss.

Date and Time: Saturday, June 20, 2026, 7:00 a.m.

Start Line: Hwy. 407 TTC Station Parking Lot, 7332 Jane St., Vaughan.

Finish Lines: PPG Park, 31 Tupper St. W., Alliston, and 10 Sandford Fleming Dr., Collingwood

Choice of distances: 65km or 130km

Register, or sign-up to volunteer at eyeride.ca!

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About the organizations EyeRide supports:

TRAILBLAZERS Tandem Cycling Club is a community-based recreational cycling club with a twist: it offers the opportunity for individuals with vision loss to cycle with sighted volunteers on tandem (two-person) bicycles that are provided by the organization. Funds raised via EyeRide 2026 will help rejuvenate its fleet of older tandem bicycles so they can continue to support the mental and physical health of our community.

BALANCE for Blind Adults offers programs and services to support the whole person including Orientation & Mobility, community engagement, adaptive daily living skills, group leisure programming, technology training – including their Assistive Technology Apprenticeship Program and mental health supports. Funds raised by EyeRide 2026 will help support mental health and well-being programs, and in-person group programs, led by counsellors with lived experience of blindness.

Blind Sailing Association of Canada (BSAC) has been empowering blind and visually impaired sailors since 2002, offering everything from beginner lessons to competitive racing on the waters of Lake Ontario. BSAC members don't just come along for the ride – they actively helm boats, adjust sails with the guidance of sighted volunteers and build incredible friendships in the process, making sailing an accessible and unforgettable experience. EyeRide 2026 will support repairs and upgrades to BSAC's two sailboats, improving safety and accessibility.

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