



# Ottawa Voyageurs Walking Club Club de marche Voyageurs d'Ottawa



**OTTAWA – University, Rideau River & Canal – PT # 268**

**Distance: 6 km-8 km-10 km, 3-Season Route - Difficulty: 1B**

**Start/Finish:** Public Parking Lot, Somerset St E at Range Rd, Ottawa

**CVF Special Programs:** Capital Cities

*Washrooms available at the Rideau Sports Complex across the pedestrian bridge from the start point.*

1. Exit the Parking Lot to the street. **Left** on Range Rd to the end of the street.
2. **Veer left** to follow the service road and Rideau River Western Pathway keeping the Rideau River on your left. Stay **left** at any splits. Watch for cyclists!
3. Pass a wading pool and park (Dutchie's Hole) and some homes on your right. Stay on the path beside the river. Pass under Hwy 417 then pass the uOttawa Gee-Gees Sports Field on the right.
4. At the transit tracks, **left** at the stop sign to go down the stairs or take the ramp then go **through** the underpass under the transitway.
5. Pass a large park and a basketball court on the right where the path splits.

**5K Route:** Immediately turn **right** at the split on the path to the corner of Brunswick St and Springhurst Ave. Keep **straight** on Springhurst Ave to Main St.

**Right** on Main St to the lights at Lees Ave & Graham Ave. **Left** to **cross** Main St at the lights. **Straight** on Graham Ave to Echo Dr.

**Right** on Echo Dr to Hawthorne Ave. Continue at instruction #14. Distance: 5.6 km

6. **8 & 10K:** Stay **left** at the split following the paved bicycle path along Scholastic Dr.
7. Pass Brantwood Park (ball diamonds, tennis court, wading pool) following Brantwood Dr for a short distance to the corner of Brantwood Dr & Centennial Blvd (street under the hydro towers).

**8K Route:** **Right** on Centennial Blvd to Main St.

**Right** on Main St a short distance to the traffic lights at Riverdale Ave.

**Cross** Riverdale Ave and Main St.

Go **straight** a few steps on Riverdale Ave then immediately **right** on the short path to the dead-end street (Muchmore Rd). Follow Muchmore Rd to Echo Dr.

Continue at instruction #12.

Final Distance: 7.8 km

8. **10K:** Rejoin the path along the river. The path will connect with Rideau Garden Drive for a short distance then pass under another bridge (Smyth/Main St). Stay on the dirt path which eventually connects with Rideau River Dr S.
9. Just before the white posts and yellow & black barrier across the street, **right** on Belmont St and follow it to Riverdale Ave.
10. **Right** on Riverdale Ave to the traffic lights. **Cross** Riverdale and continue **straight** on Belmont Ave to Bank St.



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11. **Right** on Bank St (**Washrooms** at Sunnyside Library, 1049 Bank St) Follow Bank St to Echo Dr, just before the Bank Street bridge (construction fences).
12. **Right** on Echo Dr to Clegg St.
13. **Carefully cross** Clegg St and follow Echo Dr to Hawthorne Ave.
14. **Cross** Hawthorne Ave. At the lights, **left** to **cross** Colonel By Dr then **right** on the Rideau Canal Eastern Pathway (canal on left).
15. Pass the path toward Main St (*In the distance on the right is uOttawa*). At the next split, **right** on the path. **Cross** Colonel By Dr toward the red "O" sign. Go through the tunnel and **right** to go up the stairs (pedestrians sign). At the top of the stairs, **left** to follow the brick sidewalk toward the "Info" sign on the left. From the "Info" sign, keep **straight** and take the **right-hand** sidewalk along the street - Marie-Curie Priv. (30 Marie-Curie on building on the right)
16. Stay on Marie-Curie Priv to King Edward Ave. **Cross** King Edward Ave at the traffic lights and stay **straight** on Somerset St E to return to the start point. Distance: **10 km**

