



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



**CVF 277 - Tribute to the Canadian Forces  
Thematic Walk National Capital Region  
Route 1 Distance: 12 Km Route Difficulty 1A  
Champagne Fitness Centre, 321 King Edward Ave., Ottawa ON K1N 7M6**

**(Three loops)**

**Loop #1: (3.75 KM, but register 4 KM for IVV Credits)**

- Leave the Start Point and turn left on King Edward Ave
- At corner of King Edward Ave and Rideau St., turn right then cross King Edward Ave and carry on straight on Rideau St. (going West)
- Rideau St. becomes Wellington St. at the Rideau Canal
- Turn left at Elgin St. sign and cross Wellington St. (the East Block Building on Parliament Hill is on your immediate right)
- Turn left again, then cross Elgin St.
- Confederation Square is on your right with the National War Memorial **(Site 1)**
- Enter the square by the Wellington St. entrance on your right and circle the monument by the right
- The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is on the opposite side
- Exit the memorial by the right (when facing the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier) by crossing Elgin St.
- Turn right on Elgin St. On your left, in the Park, Statue of BGen Andrew Hamilton Gault, founder of the PPCLI **(Site 23)**
- After crossing Slater St., Confederation Park is on your left. You will soon see on your left the Aboriginal War Veterans in Canada Memorial **(Site 2)**. Turn around, walk back to the park entrance on your right and circle the park by the left
- Stop at the first monument on your left (bronze statue on stone shaft) Memorial on Boers War **(Site 3)**
- Then turn right on the path coming from your right
- Turn right again on the path towards the round/central fountain
- On your right, a concrete and bronze stele erected by the Polish Home Army Ex-Servicemen's Association of Canada **(Site 5)**
- The fountain honours the memory of LCol John By, builder of the Rideau Canal and founder of Ottawa **(Site 6)**
- Turn around and exit the park by the right on Laurier Ave
- Cross Laurier Ave and walk towards the Ottawa City Hall in front of you
- Circle the City Hall by the right or go through it (washrooms available inside)
- On the other side, turn right on Lisgar St. and walk 75 steps. The Veterans Grove **(Site 35)** is on your right. Few more steps on the sidewalk towards the old building, the Memorial dedicated to the soldiers who enlisted in Ottawa and died in Korea **(Site 36)** is on your right near the building. Turn around, turn left on Lisgar St., the Navy Officer's Mess (HMCS Bytown Wardroom) is at 78 Lisgar St.



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- At the end of the street, turn left on the road that circles City Hall by the right
- Turn immediately right between the red brick building and the gray stone building (Lisgar Collegiate)
- Turn left at the other end of this entrance
- The red brick building on your immediate left is the NDHQ WOs, Sgts/CPOs and Junior Ranks Mess
- The next red brick building on your left is Cartier Square Drill Hall **(Site 7)**
- Turn left in front of the Drill Hall towards a bronze statue on stone shaft, Memorial to two local members of the Guards Company of Sharp Shooters **(Site 8)**
- Proceed to the bridge in front of you, in order to cross the Rideau Canal on your right
- Turn right on the street, which is Laurier Ave (no sign) then cross the bridge over the Rideau Canal
- Turn left on Nicholas St. and cross Laurier Ave. NDHQ is on your immediate left **(Site 9)**
- Carry on straight on Nicholas St. to Daly Ave
- Cross Daly Ave then turn right and cross Nicholas St. Carry on straight on Daly Ave
- Cross Waller St. then turn left to Besserer St.
- Turn right on Besserer St.
- Follow Besserer St. to King Edward Ave. Cross King Edward Ave.
- Turn left on King Edward Ave and back to the Start Point at 321 King Edward Ave.

### **Loop #2: (3.5 KM, but register 4 KM for IVV Credits)**

- Leave the Start Point and turn right on King Edward Ave and cross York St.
- Turn immediately left and cross King Edward Ave, then turn right on King Edward Ave and carry on straight (going North)
- Turn left on St Patrick St. up to Sussex Dr.
- Turn right, cross St Patrick St. and carry on straight on Sussex Dr. up to Bruyère St.
- Turn left cross Sussex Dr. then turn left. The building on your right used to be the site of The Canadian War Museum **(Site 10)**
- At the junction of Sussex Drive and St Patrick St. and the road to Alexandra Bridge. The National Peacekeeping Memorial is right in front of you. Cross the streets and circle it **(Site 11)**
- Exit this memorial at corner of Murray St. and Mackenzie Ave by first crossing Murray St then turn right and cross Mackenzie Ave
- Walk straight ahead towards Alexandra Bridge
- Turn left on the first entrance to the park on your left, Major's Hill Park
- Go up the little hill to the T-junction. Do not take the first path on your left (washrooms available in front of you). Turn left on the main path
- At the top of the hill go right, Parliament Buildings and the Rideau Canal locks to the Ottawa River are on your right. On the left, the location site of the house of LCol John By
- In the middle of the park on your left you will find a statue of Lieutenant- Colonel John By **(Site 12)**



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- Take the path immediately behind LCol By statue and carry on straight to exit the park on Mackenzie Ave (no sign)
- Cross Mackenzie Ave and take the stairs down to Sussex Dr. The US Embassy is on your left
- Cross Sussex Dr. (no sign) and carry on straight (on the sidewalk) in the middle of the parking area
- At corner of York St. and By Ward Market turn right on By Ward Market to George St.
- Cross George St. and turn left
- Turn right on William St.
- Turn left on Rideau St. and carry on straight on Rideau St.
- At corner of King Edward Ave and Rideau St., cross King Edward Ave, turn left and back to the Start Point at 321 King Edward Ave.

### **Loop #3: (4.5 KM, but register 4 KM for IVV Credits)**

- Leave the Start Point and turn right on King Edward Ave (going North).
- Turn right on Murray St. and follow St. Patrick St. East
- At Beausoleil Dr., turn left and cross St Patrick St.
- Turn right on St Patrick St.
- Cross Forsey St. then immediately turn left on Forsey St. on the sidewalk
- At the end of the street take the path on your left. A children's swing area is on your right
- Follow this main path up to the Minto Bridges (white structures) by always keeping the Rideau River on your right
- Turn right on the first bridge and cross the three bridges
- After the third bridge turn left on the path along the river that will bring you to Sussex Dr.
- At corner of Sussex Dr. and Stanley Ave, there is a granite shaft on your left named CANLOAN Memorial (**Site 13**)
- Cross Sussex Dr. and enter the Canada and the World Pavilion Main Entrance
- At the Pavilion turn left (washrooms available)
- Cross the first bridge over the Rideau Falls
- On Green Island; in front of former Ottawa City Hall; on your left, the Commonwealth Air Forces Memorial (**Site 14**) and a monument dedicated to Canada's famed Mackenzie – Papineau Battalion (**Site 15**) as well as another monument dedicated to the officers and men of the Royal Canadian Artillery (**Site 16**) a little further down the path
- Cross the second bridge over the Rideau Falls
- Turn left on the path immediately after the bridge
- Turn right on Sussex Dr.
- At corner of Sussex Dr. and King Edward Ave, at the first set of lights, turn left and cross Sussex Dr.
- Follow King Edward Ave to the Start Point at 321 King Edward Ave.

**N.B. You must complete at least two loops, for IVV Credits.** (Revised April 2010)