



Ottawa Voyageurs Walking Club

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**CVF 277 - Tribute to the Canadian Forces
Thematic Walk National Capital Region
Route 2 Three Season - Distance: 12 Km Route Difficulty 2A
Champagne Fitness Centre, 321 King Edward Ave., Ottawa ON K1N 7M6**

(Two Segments)

Segment #1 (6 KM)

- Leave the Start Point and turn left on King Edward Ave (**going South**)
- Cross Laurier Ave, turn right, cross King Edward Ave and carry on straight on Laurier Ave
- At corner of Laurier Ave and Nicholas St. NDHQ is on your right (**Site 9**)
- Immediately after crossing the Rideau Canal on Laurier Bridge, turn left, cross the exit ramp and walk towards the road between the Ottawa City Hall on your right (washrooms available) and Cartier Square Drill Hall on your left (**Site 7**)
- A bronze statue on stone shaft, Memorial to two local members of the Guards Company of Sharp Shooters is also on your left (**Site 8**)
- Carry on straight to the end and turn right on Lisgar St. (no sign)
- The Navy Officer's Mess (HMCS Bytown Wardroom) is on your left at 78 Lisgar St.
- Cross Cartier St. and turn left on Cartier St.
- Turn right on Somerset St. West
- The Army Officer's Mess is on your right at 149 Somerset St. West
- Cross Elgin St., turn immediately left, then cross Somerset St. West and carry on straight on Elgin St.
- Turn right on Argyle Ave
- On corner of Argyle Ave and Bank St. on your left is the McLeod-Stewarton United Church at 507 Bank St. Nine memorial plaques can be found inside the church (**Site 17**)
- Turn right on Bank St. to Gilmour St.
- Cross Gilmour St., turn immediately left, then cross Bank St. and carry on straight on Gilmour St.
- Turn right on Kent St.
- At corner of Kent St. and Gilmour St. on your right: the Canadian Legion Headquarters at 359 Kent St.
- At corner of Kent St. and McLaren St. on your left: the Montgomery Branch #307, Centretown Legion at 330 Kent St.
- Turn right on Gloucester St.
- The Royal Canadian Air Force Ottawa Officer's Mess is on your right at 158 Gloucester St.
- Turn left on Elgin St. At Laurier Ave, turn right then cross Elgin St.
- Immediately turn left then cross Laurier Ave and enter the Confederation Park by the right on that corner
- The Aboriginal War Veterans in Canada Memorial is on your left (**Site 2**)
- Circle the round/central fountain by the right
- The fountain honours the memory of LCol John By, builder of the Rideau Canal and founder of Ottawa (**Site 6**)



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- Take the first path on your right
- On your immediate left, a concrete and bronze stele erected by the Polish Home Army Ex-Servicemen's Association of Canada (**Site 5**)
- Carry on straight on this path then turn left on the path coming from your left
- Another monument is further down in the background on your left (bronze statue on stone shaft) Memorial on Boers War (**Site 3**)
- Follow the same path to the stairs up to the Mackenzie King Bridge
- At the top of the stairs, turn left, walk 75 steps to the Memorial on the Korean War (**Site 34**), turn around and cross the Rideau Canal
- NDHQ is on your right (**Site 9**)
- Cross Waller St. then the OC Transpo bus route by turning left on Waller St. and carry on straight on Waller St.
- Turn right on Besserer St.
- Cross Cumberland St. then immediately turn left and cross Besserer St. and carry on straight on Cumberland St.
- Turn right on Rideau St.
- At corner of Rideau St. and King Edward Ave, cross King Edward Ave, turn left then cross Rideau St. and back to the Start Point at 321 King Edward Ave.

Segment #2 (6 KM)

- Leave the Start Point turn left on King Edward Ave
- At corner of King Edward Ave and Rideau St. cross Rideau St. then turn right, cross King Edward Ave and carry on straight on Rideau St. (going West)
- Cross Colonel By Dr., take the underpass and the stairs up to Rideau St. that becomes Wellington St. at the Rideau Canal
- Carry on straight on Wellington St.
- Confederation Square is on your left with the National War Memorial (**Site 1**)
- Enter the square by the Wellington St. entrance on your left and circle the monument by the left
- The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is on the opposite side
- Exit the memorial by the same entrance and turn left at Wellington St.
- Cross Elgin St. then turn immediately right and cross Wellington St.
- Turn left on Wellington St. then enter Parliament Hill by the entrance on your right. The East Block Building is on your immediate right
- Take the road on your right in front of the East Block Building up to the Central Building and Peace Tower, the centrepiece of the Canadian Parliament (**Site 18**)
- Go through the pathway under the Peace Tower, then carry on straight along the Central Building. Cross the road that circles the said building to the first path on your right. Turn right on the path. The Cat Condos will be in front of you and a nine-pound naval cannon (**Site 19**) will be on its left. Turn around and turn right on the path to the stairs in front of you, then go down to the main road by passing in front of the West Block Building
- At the main road of Parliament Hill, turn right



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- Go down to corner of Bank St. and Wellington St. Turn right on Wellington St.
- Cross Bank St. and carry on straight on Wellington St.
- Turn right on Kent St.
- At the stop sign, turn left on Vittoria St.
- The Supreme Court of Canada is on your right **(Site 20)**
- At the stop sign, turn left to Wellington St.
- Turn right on Wellington St. (no sign)
- Corner of Wellington St. and Lyon St. on your left you have the Veterans Memorial Buildings
- Turn left and cross Wellington St. to the granite sculpture, called the "Canadian Phalanx" **(Site 21)** turn around, cross Wellington St. again and turn left on Wellington St.
- After the National Archives & Library of Canada Building, take the stairs on your right or, a little further, the ramp down to the Ottawa River pathway **(Do not take the underpass on your left)**
- Follow down the path by the right
- At the **T**-junction turn right on the Ottawa River pathway
- Follow the pathway to the Rideau Canal steps locks
- At the third lock, Bytown Museum is on your right. In the lobby of the museum there is a plaque called "Commissariat Building 1827" with a plaster bust of LCol John By **(Site 22)**
- When exiting the museum, turn right and go up the hill along the locks (washrooms available) and pass under Wellington St.
- Go up the path to the National Arts Centre **(Do not take the stairs)**, then turn right on the path that goes up to Elgin St. On your left, Statue of BGen Andrew Hamilton Gault, founder of the PPCLI **(Site 23)**
- Turn right on Elgin St. (no sign)
- At the set of lights, turn left, cross Wellington / Rideau St. and turn right on Rideau St.
- Walk back to 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.

N.B. You must complete at least one segment for IVV Credits. (Rev. April 2010)