



Ottawa Voyageurs Walking Club

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CVF 277 - Tribute to the Canadian Forces Thematic Walk National Capital Region Route 3 Three Season - Distance: 21 Km Route Difficulty 1A Champagne Fitness Centre, 321 King Edward Ave., Ottawa ON K1N 7M6

- Leave the Start Point, turn left on King Edward Ave., cross Rideau St., then turn right and cross King Edward Ave. and carry on straight on Rideau St. (going West)
- Turn left on Waller St.
- Turn right on Mackenzie King Bridge that goes between the Rideau Centre on your right and NDHQ (**Site 9**) on your left by crossing Waller St.
- Turn right on Elgin St.
- After crossing the National Arts Centre road entrance on your right
- Turn left, cross Elgin St. and enter the Confederation Square to the National War Memorial (**Site 1**)
- The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier will be in front of the monument
- Circle the monument by the right and exit the memorial by the entrance on Wellington St. on the opposite side, then turn left on Wellington St.
- Cross Elgin St. and carry on straight on Wellington St.
- On your right is Parliament Hill with the Peace Tower (**Site 18**) as the centrepiece of the Canadian Parliament
- After crossing Kent St., the Supreme Court of Canada (**Site 20**) is in the background on your right
- At corner of Lyon St. on your left the Veterans Memorial Buildings and a granite sculpture called the "Canadian Phalanx" (**Site 21**)
- Cross Wellington St. in front of the said monument and turn left on Wellington St.
- After the National Archives and Library of Canada Building, take the stairs on your right or, a little further, the ramp down to Ottawa River pathway
- Turn left and take the underpass under Wellington St. and follow the path with the yellow line
- At the first "Y", go left and follow the Ottawa River pathway that will veer left then right to a stone bridge
- After crossing the bridge, veer left on the path
- At Booth St. (no sign) turn right. Cross the Ottawa River Pkwy, turn left and cross Booth St. Carry on straight, the new National War Museum (**Site 25**) is on your right
- Cross Vimy Place and turn right
- Where Vimy Place turn right, turn left on the path which veers left and will bring you to the path along the river
- Turn right on the path along the river and follow it to Booth St. The new National War Museum is always on your right
- Turn right on Booth St. and walk to the next sets of lights. Turn left, cross Booth St. and turn left again on Booth St. and walk North
- The new National War Museum is now on your left



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- Turn right on Middle St. on Victoria Island towards the red brick building on your far right which is the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association
- At the building turn left on the path that will bring you to Portage Bridge
- At the "Y" go left and under the bridge
- On the other side, turn right and up to the bridge
- At the top turn right again and cross the Ottawa River
- After the bridge take the path on your right called "Voyageurs" pathway
- Follow the path to the next bridge (washrooms are available at the Canadian Museum of Civilization)
- Before going under Alexandra Bridge at the triple "Y" junction, turn left and go up the path to the museum
- At the top, always go right along the museum up to the access road to the Alexandra Bridge
- Turn right and cross the bridge
- At corner of Murray St. and Mackenzie Ave circle the National Peacekeeping Memorial (**Site 11**) by the right by first crossing Mackenzie Ave then Murray St. on your left, and exit this memorial by crossing St. Patrick St. at Sussex Dr.
- Carry on straight on Sussex Dr., the National Gallery is on your left
- At corner of Bruyère St. and Sussex Dr. the former Canadian War Museum (**Site 10**) was in the building on your left
- At corner of Sussex Dr. and King Edward Ave cross the street at the set of lights and before crossing the first bridge on Sussex Dr. over the Rideau River, turn left on the paved path
- At the end of the path turn right and cross the first bridge over the Rideau Falls
- On Green Island; a monument dedicated to the officers and men of the Royal Canadian Artillery (**Site 16**), the Commonwealth Air Forces Memorial (**Site 14**) and a monument dedicated to Canada's famed Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion (**Site 15**)
- Cross the second bridge over the Rideau Falls
- Go straight to the Canada on the World Pavilion
- At the Pavilion (washrooms are available) turn right in front of it and take the main exit path to Sussex Dr.
- Cross Sussex Dr. at Stanley Ave and turn left on Sussex Dr. There is a granite shaft on your right named CANLOAN Memorial (**Site 13**). For visiting this memorial, cross Stanley Ave back and forth and carry on straight on Sussex Dr. (going East i.e. away from downtown)
- At John St., the French Embassy is on your left. The next house on your left is the Prime Minister's Residence
- At the roundabout, turn right on Rideau Gate and enter Rideau Hall, the Residence of the Governor General by the main gate (**Site 26**) (washrooms available on your right at the white building)
- Follow the main road almost up to the residence
- Turn right on the paved path
- At the next junction turn left to a central/round fountain



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- Circle the fountain and go straight ahead to the exit on Mackay St.
(no sign)
- Cross the street and turn left on Mackay St.
- Cross Dufferin Rd., turn left, then cross Mackay St. and carry on straight on Dufferin Rd.
- Turn right on Rideau Terrace
- Turn left on Acacia Ave
- Turn right on Oakhill Rd.
- Cross Beechwood Ave then turn left on Beechwood Ave
- Turn right and enter Beechwood Cemetery
- Always stay on the main road with the yellow line which often zigzags right and left, circle section 40 by the right, pass between sections 39/38, until you reach a main intersection with an indication on your right for the National Military Cemetery of the Canadian Forces
- First go left and circle the Veterans' Cemetery by the left, which is guarded by a tank and artillery guns (**Site 27**)
- At the far-left corner, go around the triangle plot named "Karam" and take the stairs on your right in direction of the white peaked headstone, the "Forsyth" monument (**Site 28**). On your way, you will cross a sculptured sandstone cairn with a mortar on top of it (**Site 29**). Turn around and return back on the road and carry on circling the Veterans Cemetery
- Turn right on the grass towards the Canadian Flag Pole where there is, on the left, another Military Memorial for those cremated at Beechwood Cemetery (**Site 30**)
- Just before returning to the same main intersection, there is on your left a Memorial in memory of the Canadians lost on 11 September 2001 at the World Trade Centre in New York
- Turn left to the National Military Cemetery of the CF (**Site 31**) and turn left again on the road in front of the flag poles and the Monument, between Sections 100 and 101
- Circle the National Military Cemetery by the right
- Turn left on the main road with a white line, the Military Cemetery is now on your left, and follow the road to the exit on St. Laurent Blvd
- Turn right on St. Laurent Blvd
- Turn Right on Montreal Rd.
- Enter Notre Dame Cemetery by the right
- Sir Wilfrid Laurier's tomb is right in front of you, turn left to the Veterans' Cemetery (**Site 32**) and exit the cemetery by the gate on the left of the brown brick building
- Turn right on Montreal Rd.
- At 294 Cyr Ave on your left, behind Racine, Robert and Gauthier, Funeral Home at 180 Montreal Rd, the Canadian Legion Eastview Branch #462
- Cross Cummings Bridge and follow now Rideau St. to King Edward Ave
- Between Wurtemberg St. and Charlotte St. on your right the Wallis House, at 589 Rideau St., (**Site 33**), now an apartment building
- Turn right on King Edward Ave and back to the Start Point at 321 King Edward Ave.

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