



Ottawa Voyageurs Walking Club Club de marche Voyageurs d'Ottawa



OTTAWA - TRIBUTE TO THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES – PT# 277

Thematic Walk, Distance: 10 km, Difficulty Rating: 1A

Start Point: Lowertown Pool, 40 Cobourg St, Ottawa, ON K1N 5N8

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1. Leave the Lowertown Pool (*washrooms available*) and turn **right** on the walkway continuing along the building to the end of the parking lot. **Straight** on the path through Jules Morin Park, play structures on the right, outdoor pool and outdoor rink on the left. At the end of the path, **left** on the brick path to the street (York St).
2. **Right** on York St. (1 block) to Beausoleil Dr. **Right** on Beausoleil Dr. to St. Patrick St.
3. **Cross** St. Patrick St. at the lights. **Right** on St. Patrick St. (1 block) to Forsey St. **Left** on Forsey St. to Bruyère St. Veer **right** on the path through the park (Rideau River on your right), staying right at the curve. **Right** on the street (*Union St.*) to cross the three spans of the white Minto bridges. After crossing the third bridge, **left** on the Rideau River Eastern Pathway (bikes!) to Sussex Dr. (*CANLOAN Memorial on the left just before Sussex Dr.*)
4. **Cross** Sussex Dr. and enter 50 Sussex - Rideau Falls Park. (*On the right "Reflection", Monument to Canadian Aid Workers, Artist John Greer.*) (*Washrooms available at 1 John when open*). **Left** to **cross** the first bridge over the Rideau Falls. (*Commonwealth Air Force Memorial; Mackenzie Papineau Battalion Monument; National Artillery Memorial; Monument to John McCrae, author of "In Flanders Fields"*). **Cross** the second bridge over the Rideau Falls and immediately after the bridge, **left** on the path to Sussex Dr.
5. **Right** on Sussex Dr. to the lights at King Edward Ave. **Left** to **cross** Sussex and continue on the path - river on your left. (*Hong Kong Veterans Memorial Wall on the left*). Just before the traffic circle, **veer right** at the "Y" intersection. At the traffic circle, **cross** King Edward Ave., **left** to **cross** again. **Left** on King Edward Ave (1 block) to Boteler St. **Right** on Boteler St. (1 block) to Cumberland St. **Left** on Cumberland St. **Cross** Bolton St and take the path through the park. **Cross** Cathcart St. and continue on Cumberland Ave. to Laurier St.
6. **Cross and turn right** on Laurier Ave. passing some uOttawa buildings. (*National Defence HQ on right at corner of Laurier & Nicholas*). Immediately after crossing over the Rideau Canal, **left** crossing an exit ramp following the path toward the red Cartier Square Drill Hall adjacent to Ottawa City Hall. (*Washrooms available inside City Hall*). (*Statue to two young Ottawa sharpshooters is on the left*). Continue on the road between Cartier Square and City Hall to Lisgar St. (*no sign, Lisgar Collegiate is on the left*).
7. **Right** on Lisgar St. (*Navy Officers' Mess on left at #78*). Immediately **left** on Cartier St. to Somerset St. W. **Right** on Somerset St. W. (*Army Officers' Mess on right at #149*).



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8. **Right** on Elgin St. (*Human Rights Monument at Lisgar St*). **Cross** Laurier St. **Right** to enter Confederation Park. (*Monuments: Aboriginal War Veterans Monument; Fountain honours L. Col. John By, builder of the Rideau Canal, founder of Bytown/Ottawa*). **Right** on the path along the concrete wall. (*Animals in War Monument, Polish Home Army Ex-Servicemen's Association; South African/Boer War monument, the only war monument where the soldier is smiling*). Continue to the stairs. **Left** up the stairs to the street. **Left** on the street (*Korean War Memorial on the left and is facing an identical memorial in Korea*).
9. Continue to Elgin St. **Right** on Elgin St. (*Washrooms available at the National Arts Centre*). Continue a short distance past the NAC to the pedestrian crosswalk.
10. **Left** to **cross** Elgin St. to the National War Memorial (*"The Response" & Tomb of the Unknown Soldier*). **Right** to the sidewalk on the right of the war memorial. **Left** to walk between the statues (*Plaque to Nathan Cirillo and 14 statues of the Valiants Memorial*).
11. **Cross** Wellington St. toward the Chateau Laurier Hotel. (*Option: Slight left to look over the railing to see the 8 locks on the Rideau Canal leading to the Ottawa River; the Chateau Laurier Hotel is worth a visit*). **Right** on Rideau St. **Cross** Mackenzie Ave. to Sussex Dr.
12. **Left** on Sussex Dr. **Cross** Murray St. (*Option: Left to walk around the Canadian Peacekeeping Monument*). Continue on Sussex Dr. to St. Patrick St. (*Option: Visit the Sculpture of Maman, by Louise Bourgeois ahead on the left beside the National Gallery*).
13. **Right** on St. Patrick St. **Immediately veer right** toward the statue of the Angel with the horn. *You will be walking through the Sussex Courtyards, a sequence of five courtyards offering shade, seating areas, café terraces and boutiques*. Continue **right** on Beaux-Arts Court to the street (Murray St.). **Cross** the street (Murray St.) and continue straight on Tin House Ct. At the bright blue sheep (*"Our Shepherds" by Patrick Bérubé*), turn around to your right and look up. (*"Tin House" by Art Price*). **Cross** the street (Clarence St.) **Left** on Clarence St. and immediately **right** on Jeanne d'Arc Ct. to York St. **Cross** York St. passing the **OTTAWA** sign on the right (*photo op*). **Cross** York St. again. **Left** on York St. and immediately **right** on Clarendon Lane to the street - George St.
14. **Left** on George St. to Dalhousie St. **Left** on Dalhousie St. to York St. **Cross** York St. **Right** on York St. **Cross** King Edward Ave. and continue on the left-hand sidewalk along York St. to the dead end. Continue straight ahead on the path. Just past the outdoor rink, **left** on the path into the park. **Right** at the split passing the wading pool on your right and exit Jules Morin Park. Enter the parking lot to return to the start point.



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