



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



## OTTAWA – HISTORIC VANIER – 2026 AGM EVENT #11053

**Distance: 10 km**

**Difficulty Rating: 1A**

**Start Point:** Richelieu-Vanier Community Centre, 330 Pères-Blancs Ave, Vanier

**Washrooms** available at the start point and along the route

**CVF Special Programs:** Murals, Famous Canadians, Art in Public Places

- Exit the Richelieu-Vanier Community Centre through the side door past the washrooms. Turn around to look at the **mural** above the side door.
- Left** on the sidewalk past the bus stop on Des Pères-Blancs Ave to Marier.  
**5 km & 10 km routes diverge here.**
- Cross** and turn **right** on Marier Ave then **left** on Genest St.
- Right** on St. Charles St then **right** on Barrette St to Marier Ave.
- Left** on Marier Ave to Beechwood. **Mural** on your immediate left at 186 Beechwood.
- Left** on Beechwood Ave. **Point of Interest** – Decommissioned **St. Charles heritage church**, now site of the St. Charles condo complex. **Mural** - 94 Beechwood Ave.
- Cross** the Vanier Pkwy. **Left** on the Rideau River Eastern Pathway along the river (on your right) to Montreal Rd.
- Cross** Montreal Rd /Rideau St. **Turn left and cross** North River Rd then **right** on North River Rd.
- Left** on Selkirk to Montgomery St. **Cross** and turn **left** on Montgomery St (street sign hidden) to Montreal Rd.
- Right** on Montreal Rd for 1 block to Palace St. **Murals** – 307 Montgomery St; 70 & 80 Montreal Rd.
- Right** on Palace St then **right** on Selkirk St for a few metres.
- Cross and turn left** on Montgomery St then **right** on Mayfield St to McArthur.
- Left** on McArthur Ave. **Cross** the Vanier Pkwy continuing on McArthur Ave. **Note** the iconic **Louis Pizza** on the left which opened in 1960. Also note the former **McArthur Bowling Lanes** (1966-2021), now an Asian grocery store. Follow McArthur to École élémentaire catholique Horizon-Jeunesse at 235 McArthur Ave. Take the circular drive on your left past the main entrance of the school to see the **mural**.
- Return to McArthur Ave and turn **right** to the next street. **Right** on Olmstead St. **Left** on Jeanne-Mance St and look for the **mural** on the Centre Pauline-Charron, the Francophone Community Centre.
- Right** on Kendall Ave. **Right** on Montreal Rd.
- Cross and turn right** on Savard Ave and take the steps into the parking lot between the Racine, Robert & Gauthier Funeral Home and the Royal Canadian Legion, Eastview Branch at 294 Cyr Ave (**mural**).
- Exit the parking lot and turn **left** on Cyr Ave to Montreal Rd.
- Right** on Montreal Rd. **Cross** Montreal Rd at the first set of lights then turn **right** to continue on Montreal Rd. Look around for the many murals on this street. **Points of Interest – St. Margaret's Anglican Church**, at 206 Montreal Rd, was built in 1887 to serve the community of Janesville, renamed Eastview, then Vanier. It has Sunday services for English speakers at 9:30 and Inuit who celebrate in Inuktitut at 11:30; note the syllabics on the sign; **Point of Interest - Wabano Centre for**



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**Aboriginal Health**, 299 Montreal Rd, a cultural hub for Indigenous Ottawans.

19. **Left** into the parking lot across from 414 Montreal Rd. The sign says, “Private Property” just before rue de l’Église St. **Point of Interest - Notre-Dame de Lourdes Church** on your right is the oldest Francophone church in Vanier. Built in 1887, it burned down in 1973 and was rebuilt, with the bells from the original cathedral displayed in front of the current building.
20. Go through the parking lot and an opening in the fence to the street. **Left** on the street (Montfort St, 400 Montfort to your left). **Point of Interest - La Grotte Notre-Dame de Lourdes de Vanier.** (Option: enter and circle around the Grotto and exit at the corner of Montfort St and Cantin St). Follow Montfort St to Marier Ave.

21. **Right** on Marier Ave. At the stop sign, turn **left** and continue on Marier Ave. **Point of Interest – Vanier Cenotaph**, at the junction of Dagmar Ave, Hannah St and Marier Ave. Follow Marier Ave to Des Pères-Blancs.
22. **Right** on Des Pères-Blancs Ave. **Right** on Lavergne St. **Left** on Duford St.
23. At the corner of Duford St and Bedard St turn **left** onto the path into the Richelieu-Vanier Park and return to the start point. **Point of Interest – Statue of the Notre Dame D’Afrique**, erected in 1955 by the Society of Missionaries of Africa which used to own the land the park now sits on. The priests were known as the White Fathers and chose the Virgin Mary as their patron saint. This statue of the Virgin Mary is depicted with dark skin.

Distance: **9.7 km**

