



Ottawa Voyageurs Walking Club Club de marche Voyageurs d'Ottawa



OTTAWA – LOWERTOWN & BYWARD MARKET – PT #277

Distance: 5 km-7 km-10 km

Rating: 1A - All-Season, Route #1

Start Point: Lowertown Pool, [40 Cobourg St, Ottawa, ON K1N 5N8](#)

CVF Special Programs: Famous Canadians, Art in Public Places, Boardwalks, Capital Cities, Murals

1. Exit the Lowertown Pool by veering **right** then **right** again to the end of the parking lot.
2. **Straight** on the path through Jules Morin Park with play structures on the right and outdoor pool on the left. At the end of the path, **left** on the brick path to (York) St.
3. **Right** on York St for 1 block to Beausoleil Dr. **Right** on Beausoleil Dr to the lights at St Patrick St.
4. **Cross** and turn **right** on St Patrick St for 1 block. **Left** on Forsey St to Bruyère St. (1 km)
5. **3-SEASON OPTION:** Veer **right** on the path through (Bordeleau) Park staying on the path closest to the Rideau River which will be on your right, keeping **right** at the curve to Union St (white bridges).
WINTER OPTION: **Left** on Bruyère St for 1 block. **Right** on Rose St then **left** on Cathcart St (at the curve) to the end. **Right** on the sidewalk along King Edward Ave to the street.
6. **Right** on Union St to **cross** the white Minto bridges. Immediately after crossing the last span of the bridge, **left** on the Rideau River Eastern Pathway (2 km). Follow the path to Sussex Dr.
7. **Cross** Sussex Dr and enter 50 Sussex - Rideau Falls Park. (Washrooms at 1 John in summer). **Left to cross** the 1st bridge over Rideau Falls.
8. **Cross** the 2nd bridge over Rideau Falls and immediately after the bridge, **left** on the path to the street - Sussex Dr.
9. **Right** on Sussex Dr to the lights at King Edward Ave. **Cross** Sussex then go **straight** on the path with the Rideau River on your left. Just before the traffic circle, **veer right** to the intersection. At the traffic circle, **cross** both lanes of King Edward Ave then immediately **left to cross** the entrance road which goes to the government building. (3 km)
10. Follow King Edward Ave for 1 block to Boteler St. **7 km route splits here.**
11. **7K Only: Right** on Boteler St to the end. (4 km) **Left** on Sussex Ave to St. Patrick St. (“Maman” by Louise Bourgeois on the right). **Cross** and turn **left** on St. Patrick St. **Go to steps 27-34.**
12. **5K & 10K: Right** on Boteler St for 1 block. **Left** on Cumberland St. **Cross** the next street and take the path **straight** through the park. **Cross** Cathcart and keep **straight** on Cumberland to York St. **5K route splits here.**
13. **5K Only: Left** on York St to King Edward Ave. **Follow step 34.**
14. **10K Only:** Follow Cumberland Ave to Rideau St. **Cross and turn right** on Rideau St to Waller St. **Left** on Waller St to Laurier Ave.
15. **Cross** and turn **right** on Laurier Ave. Immediately after crossing over the Rideau Canal, **left** crossing an exit ramp and follow the path toward the red Cartier Square Drill Hall adjacent to Ottawa City Hall (**washrooms**).
16. Follow the road between the Cartier Square Drill Hall and City Hall to (Lisgar) St.
17. **Right** on Lisgar St. Immediately **left** on Cartier St to Somerset St. **Right** on Somerset St to Elgin St.
18. **Right** on Elgin St taking the paved path past the Human Rights Monument on the left and the Provincial Courthouse on the right.
19. **Cross** Laurier St and immediately veer **right** to enter Confederation Park. **Right** on the



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path along the concrete wall. (Animals in War Monument). Continue to the stairs. **Left** and go up the stairs to the street. **Left** on (Mackenzie King Bridge / Slater) St to Elgin St.

20. **Right** on Elgin St to the crosswalk at Queen St across from the NAC. (**Washrooms**).

21. **Left** to **cross** Elgin St to the National War Memorial “The Response” & Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. **Right** to the sidewalk to the right of the war memorial. **Left** to walk between the statues (*Note the plaque to Nathan Cirillo, a remarkable tree, and 14 statues of the Valiants Memorial*).

22. **Cross** Wellington St and **right** on Wellington/Rideau St toward the Chateau Laurier Hotel. (*Option: look over the railing to see the 8 locks on the Rideau Canal leading to the Ottawa River*)

23. Enter the Chateau Laurier Hotel (**washrooms**) and go straight through the main lobby then **right** down the corridor. Exit by going **down** the stairs and through the side doors of the hotel. (*Option: Above the stairs is a glass office where Stewart, the hotel’s black lab, spends his time. When he is in, you can knock and visit with him*).

24. **Left** on the street – Mackenzie Ave, to the path. Go **left** into Major’s Hill Park following the path closest to the street to exit at Murray St.

25. **Cross** Murray St to St Patrick St. (*Option: Explore the Canadian Peacekeeping Monument*). Continue to St Patrick St. (*Option: Visit the Sculpture of Maman by*

Louise Bourgeois outside the National Gallery (washrooms)).

26. **Right** on St Patrick St. **Cross** Sussex Dr.

27. **7K & 10K Only:** Immediately **veer right** towards the statue of the Angel with the horn. You will be walking through the Sussex Courtyards.

28. **Right** on Beaux-Arts Court to the next street. **Cross** (Murray) the street 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).

29. **Cross** and turn **left** on (Clarence) St then immediately **right** on Jeanne d’Arc Ct to (York)

30. **Cross** to the middle of York St to see the **OTTAWA** sign and to the right of that, a historic plaque for Le Droit and an old fountain.

31. **Cross** to the far side of York St and go **left** then immediately **right** on Clarendon Ln to (George) St.

32. **Left** on George St passing the Ottawa School of Art (totem pole) to Dalhousie St. (9 km)

33. **Left** on Dalhousie St to York St. **Cross** and turn **right** on York St. (*Note the Cundell Stables, 113 York St*).

34. **Cross** King Edward Ave and follow 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 Jules Morin Park and through the parking lot at Lowertown Pool to return to the start point.