



Ottawa Voyageurs Walking Club Club de Marche Voyageurs d'Ottawa



TULIP FEST 2026 - DAY 2 – OTTAWA-GATINEAU – EVENT #11055

Ottawa City Hall, [110 Laurier Ave W, Ottawa](#)

Distance: 6 km - 10 km - Difficulty Rating: 2B (steps)

Caution: You will be on shared pathways - watch for cyclists

1. From the picnic tables outside City Hall, **cross** the plaza then **cross** Laurier St.
2. **Enter** Confederation Park and veer **left** passing the fountain. Exit the park at Elgin & Slater St.
3. **Right** on Elgin St to Lawrence Freeman Ln.
4. **Left to cross** Elgin St to the National War Memorial and enjoy the tulip beds. **Right** to Elgin St and then **left** to pass the Valiants Memorial, 14 keys figures consisting of 9 busts and 5 life-size statues from Canadian military history.
5. **Right** on Wellington to the crosswalk and **left to cross** toward the Chateau Laurier.
6. **Right** for a few steps on Wellington St then **left to go down the steps** at 1 Wellington into Major's Hill Park. Veer **left** keeping the black fence on your left, through the park.
7. At the far end of the path, go **down the steps** and **cross** the Pidàban Bridge to Kiweki Point.
8. **Left** to circle the gardens & sculptures. **Right** to go up the wide steps to the top of the lookout then return via the **right-hand** path passing Champlain and his astrolab. **Cross** the Pidàban Bridge again to return to Major's Hill Park.
9. At Major's Hill Park, (**washrooms** across from the Tavern on the Hill), go **left** on the path to the street (National Gallery of Canada across).
10. **Left** on Alexandra to **cross** the bridge.

6 km & 10 km groups diverge just before the end of the bridge.

11. **6 km Only:** Just before the end of the bridge, **left** on the wide walkway towards the Museum.

12. Follow the walkway hugging the Museum. **Left** to go down the steps, then **right** through the patio to the Panorama Café (**washrooms**). **Go to instruction #17.**

13. **10 km Only:** Continue to the street and turn **right** on Rue Laurier and **cross** Alexandra.

14. Follow Rue Laurier to the hockey player - monument to Maurice Richard. **Right** on the path into the park to the circular area, (amazing tulip bed just below the circular area). Turn **left** at the circle and veer **right** at the split to follow the path along the water.

15. Follow the path (Route Verte) with the Ottawa River on your left. At the junction (brown building #160 on left), go **left** to the small stop sign and keep **left** to go under the bridge. **Left** again at the junction (20 km sign on right) and follow the path along the water to the Museum of History.

16. At the bicycle repair station, **right** on the path toward the circular building which is the Panorama Café (**washrooms**).

17. **6 km & 10 km:** With your back to the Panorama Café, go **right** on the path beside the Museum and pass the wolf in the boat (Artist: Colleen Barkhouse) then follow the path closest to the Ottawa River past the white boat. **Note:** At the green sign for "Rue Laurier" there is a tulip bed on the left dedicated to **Malak Karsh**. Continue on the path for approx. 1 km to the junction.

6 km & 10 km routes diverge here.



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18. **6 km Only:** Keep to the **left** at the junction and go **up** to the street.

19. Turn **left** and **cross** the (Portage) bridge.

20. Once across the bridge, keep to the **left** on Wellington to Bay St.

21. **Right to cross** Wellington St and go **straight** on Bay for 1 block. **Left** on Sparks St to Elgin St. **Go to instruction #30.**

22. **10 km:** Turn **right** at the junction to go **under** the Portage Bridge following the path for some distance to the traffic lights.

23. **Left** on Rue Jos-Montferrand - Laval to the end, then **straight** through the plaza. Go **down** the steps toward the water. **Right** on the path then slight **left** on the winding pedestrian path. **Note:** the rocks and walkway discs have art on them. At the end of the path, go **up** the steps to the street.

24. **Left** on the Chaudière Bridge and **cross** over the Ottawa River.

25. **Right** on Chaudière Priv (1st lights) keeping **right** along the fence. **Right** on the path toward the restored stone building, then

continue **left** around the point with the river on your right. **Right to cross** the bridge. (**washrooms** at the Canadian War Museum, straight ahead).

26. At the end of the bridge, **left** on the Ottawa River Pathway to the lights at Booth St.

27. **Cross** Booth St at the lights, then **straight** on the pathway. At the stop sign, **right** on the Ottawa River Pathway. **Right** to go through the tunnel (heartwork lithographs). Just before the next tunnel, **right** on the path going up the steps to Wellington St.

28. At the stop sign, **right** on the path. **Left** to go **up** a set of steps into the Garden of the Provinces (backdrop Christ Church Cathedral). **Right** on the steps up to the street (St. Peter's Lutheran across).

29. **Cross** Bay St then **straight** on Sparks St to Elgin St.

30. **6 km & 10 km:** **Right** on Elgin St to Slater St. **Left to cross** Elgin St then **right** on Elgin St. **Left** to enter Confederation Park. Keep **right** on the path past the fountain to Laurier St. **Cross** Laurier St to return to the start point.



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