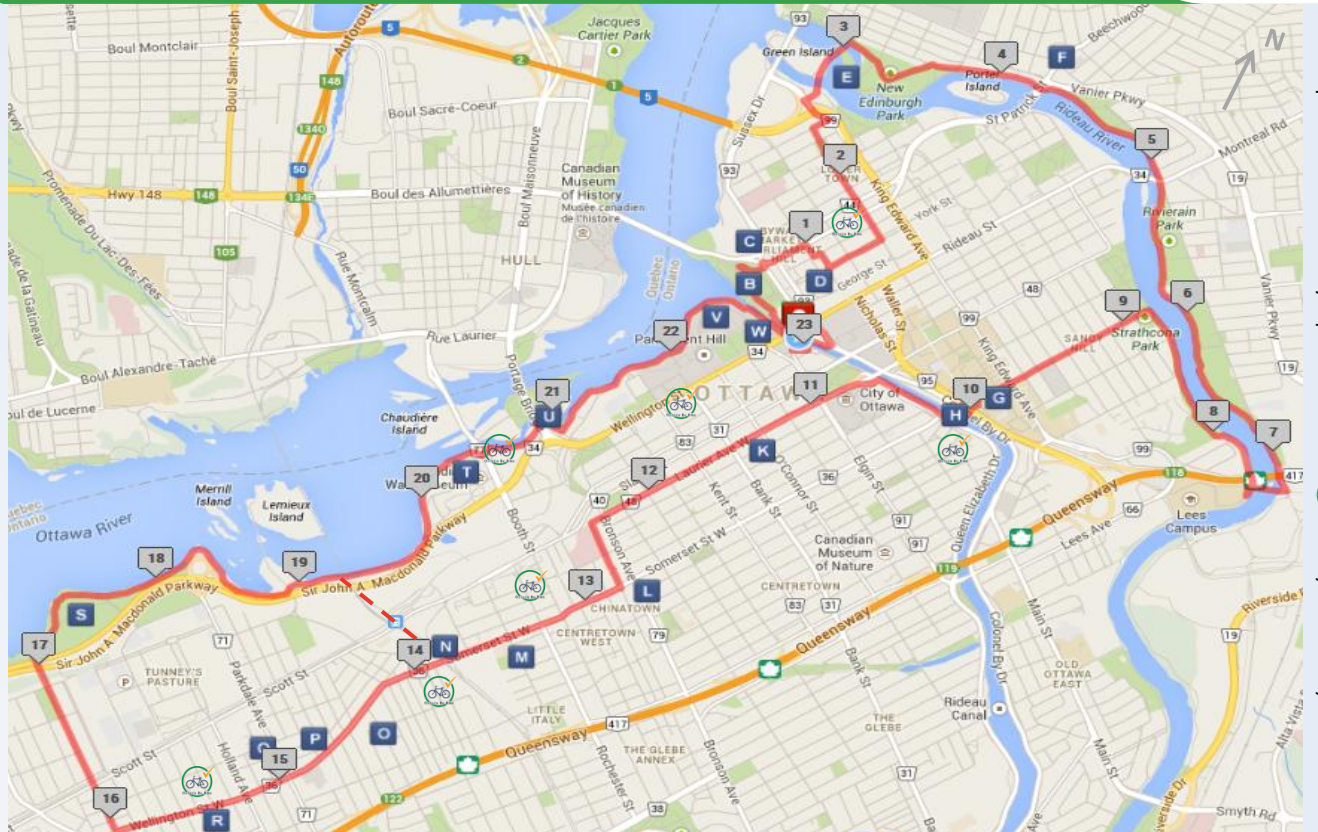


ONTARIO BY BIKE RIDE GUIDE

Ottawa Downtown Explorer Route



Blue Sq. = Attractions
Grey Sq. = KM Count

= Bicycle-Friendly Businesses

Essentials

More details @

ontariobybike.ca/ottawarideguide



Distance:

23.5km (or shorter loop 20km)

Ride Time:

2.5 hours+, with additional stops

Experience rating:

Easy to moderate. Using the best of city bike lanes and trails, this route is suitable for cyclists with experience riding on roads, as some portions of route are on roads with shared traffic lanes.

Route Map (or download the App)

www.mapmyride.com/routes/view/387760972

Start/Finish:

Riders can start or finish at any point enroute. The Rideau Canal is suggested start location and has been used for mapping purposes.

Hop on two wheels to explore highlights and hidden gems around Ottawa's downtown area. Start with a bird's eye view onto the locks along the UNESCO World Heritage Rideau Canal and later catch up on all the history as the route ends canal side with Parks Canada interpretative stations and museum. From the National Gallery of Canada, one of the numerous architectural landmarks enroute, cruise into and around the bustling streets of Byward Market, full of outdoor cafes, pubs, unique shops and colourful street-side stalls.

Following quieter streets though one of Ottawa's oldest residential areas cross the Rideau River to join up with the Rideau River Eastern Pathway. Experience the pretty riverside pastures on a delightful stretch along one of the city's most popular multi-use trails. Crossing the river and canal again, leaving the student area around Ottawa University, head into the financial district along Laurier Ave, enjoying a 1.4km stretch of segregated bike lane, a first of its kind in Ontario.

From the downtown core, the route veers southwest taking riders past the Chinatown Gateway along Somerset Avenue, passing Preston Street and Little Italy, before entering the shopping district of Hintonburg and onto Wellington St West. Ideal for a café stop, gelato or more, bike rentals are also available here at Rightbike, as well as at the suggested start of route canal side, at Rentabike. Turning north towards the Ottawa River, the route joins the Ottawa River Pathway for a gentle parkland and waterside cruise back towards the canal skirting Parliament Hill for scenic views of the Houses of Parliament in the capital city.

Directions

A 0km	Start Route - Plaza Bridge, East Arch , Rideau Canal East	8.75km	Turn left off Rideau River Western Pathway onto Somerset St E
B 0.5km	Follow pathway under Plaza Bridge	G 9.75km	Continue onto Marie Curie
C 0.75km	Continue through park, turn right onto Alexandra Bridge at Mackenzie Ave	H 10km	Turn left and cross Corktown Footbridge /Somerset St Bridge
1km	Turn right on Parent St	10.2km	Turn right, Northwest on Rideau Canal Western Pathway
1.1km	Turn left on Clarence St	I-K 10.75km	Turn left and continue on Laurier Ave W
D 1.15km	Turn right on William S	12.25km	Continue across Bronson Avenue, turning left onto Cambridge St N
1.25km	Turn left on York St	L 12.75km	Turn right onto Somerset St W.
1.5km	Turn left on Cumberland St	M 13.5km	Continue on Somerset St W.
1.25km	Turn left on York St	N 13.75km	To short turn for a 20km length route take O-Train Pathway connecting to Ottawa River Pathway
1.5km	Turn left on Cumberland St	14km	Somerset St W turns into WellingtonSt W
2km	Continue through Cathcart Park and on Cumberland St	O-R 14.75km	Continue on Wellington St W
2.3km	Turn right onto Boteler St	16km	Turn right onto Carleton Ave
2.4km	Turn left and use sidewalk boulevard path along King Edward Ave	S 17km	Turn right, heading west onto Ottawa River Pathway.
E 2.6km	Turn right on Union St, crossing at roundabout, continue on Union St pedestrian/cyclist bridge crossing Rideau River	T 20km	Continue on Ottawa River Pathway
3km	Turn right on Rideau River Eastern Pathway, follow Pathway	U 21km	Continue on Ottawa River Pathway
3.6km	Turn right on Stanley Ave	V 22km	Follow Pathway
3.7km	Turn right and continue on Rideau River Eastern Pathway	W 22.75km	Follow Pathway alongside Rideau Canal.
F 4.25km	Continue on Rideau River Eastern Pathway	23.5km	Finish route – Plaza Bridge, Rideau Canal East
7.25km	Turn right on pedestrian / cycling bridge, cross Rideau River		
7.5km	Follow path around and under road bridge heading in northerly direction along Rideau River Western Pathway		

Attractions Enroute

A Rideau Canal Downtown Ottawa	M Preston Street and Little Italy
B Major's Hill Park	N O-Train Pathway
C National Gallery of Canada & Royal Canadian Mint	O Hintonburg
D Byward market	P Rightbike
E Rideau River	Q Parkdale Market
F Beachwood Village	R Wellington Street West Shops
G University of Ottawa	S Ottawa River
H Love Locks on bridge	T Canadian War Museum & Lebreton Flats
I Ottawa City Hall	U Historic Grist Mill and Mill Street Brew Pub
J Confederation Park	V Parliament Hill
K Laurier Street Segregated Bike Lane	W Bytown Museum
L Chinatown gateway	

Bike Rentals & Tours:

- **Rentabike** - www.rentabike.ca
- **Rightbike** - www.rightbike.org
- **Ottawa Cycling Tours** www.ottawacyclingtours.com

Additional Resources:

- **Ottawa Tourism** – Visitor Information www.ottawatourism.ca
- **Ontario By Bike** - Certified bicycle-friendly accommodations, restaurants, attractions, as well as city cycling maps and more: www.ontariobybike.ca/ottawa

Disclaimer – This route is a suggested route only. The route is on both multiuse trails and shared roadways, and all cyclists are responsible for their own safety, must use both trails and streets with caution and do so at their own risk. Always wear the proper safety gear when cycling, ride sensibly and abide by all laws. Each route should be evaluated by each individual cyclist based on their level of experience, comfort level in cycling in traffic, weather conditions, time of day, and any road obstacles. Ontario By Bike / Transportation Options and all others involved in the development of this route do not assume any liability whatsoever for cyclists using this information and travelling upon this route.