

The Grand Tour - Ottawa to Kingston

(180 km without side trips)

The following are directions for a self-guided bicycle tour from Ottawa to Kingston. Depending on your skill (stamina) as a bicyclist, for the average bicyclist, this is a hard one day or relaxing two day journey. Please note that the kilometre distances are only approximate, they have been measured off a map. All the roads are paved and in general, most are lower traffic back roads.

Place names with links will lead you to a map and description of that community.

Highlights of this trip outside of the many attractions in Kingston and Ottawa include the Rideau Canal Waterway (stops at several lockstations), the beautiful villages of Lyndhurst, Delta, Merrickville, Kars and Manotick. Plus of course the lovely scenery along the rural back roads.

If you see any errors in this information, please email me.

Symbol Legend



Route Arrow - continue along main route



Right or Left Turn Arrow



Side Loop - a side trip off the main route

































Stop of Interest




















Bicycle Route - where this route intersects another bicycle route

Ottawa to Kingston Route Directions			
	Km	Location	Description
	0	Hogs Back	The Lockstation at Hogs Back marks the start of our journey. You can get there by following the bicycle paths (head out to Carleton University and from there to Hogs Back). Follow Hogs Back Road east to Riverside Drive.
	1	Riverside Drive	Turn south onto Riverside Drive and continue to Mooney's Bay Park
	2	Mooney's Bay Park	A City of Ottawa Park on the shores of the Rideau River.
	2	Riverside Drive	Continue south on Riverside Drive , crossing Hunts Club Road to River Road .
	6	River Road	Continue south on River Road to Earl Armstrong Road
	13	Earl Armstrong Road	Turn east onto Earl Armstrong Road and take it to Spratt Road.

	15	Spratt Road	Turn south onto Spratt Road and follow it County Road 8.
	19	County Road 8	Turn west onto County Road 8 and follow it to Manotick. A note from a traveller in 2004 noted that Cty. Road 8 is bumpy with potholes.
	21	Manotick	Manotick offers a variety of services. Be sure to take time out to visit historic Watson's Mill.
	21	County Road 13	From Manotick, head south along County Road 13 (Rideau Valley Drive) to Roger Stevens Drive.
	29	Roger Stevens Rd	Turn west onto Roger Stevens Rd and take it to Rideau Valley Drive S.
	29	Rideau Valley Drive S.	Turn south onto Rideau Valley Drive S - you are now entering Kars.
	30	Kars	The Village of Kars is a small place with few amenities but lovely ambiance.
	30	County Road 13	Head south along County Road 13 to Baxter Conservation Area.
	38	Baxter Conservation Area	Conservation areas offer picnic tables and washrooms. A small day fee applies.
	38	Dilworth Road	From Baxter Conservation area turn west onto Dilworth Road and take it to County Road 5. Note that you will be passing by Rideau River Provincial Park.
	41	County Road 5	Turn south on County Road 5 and take it to County Road 44
	47	County Road 44	Turn south onto County Road 44 and take it to County Road 23 .
	48	Kemptville (7 km)	The town of Kemptville, only 3.5 km away, offers several services, including a fast food strip with a Tim Hortons (turn south at the intersection with County Road 43).
	48	County Road 23	Turn southwest onto County Road 23 (just across the bridge) and take it to Burritts Rapids.
	60	Burritts Rapids	Burritts Rapids is one of the oldest communities on the Rideau. If you feel like a hike to stretch your legs, try the Tip to Tip Trail (start from the Burritts Rapids Lockstation).
	60	County Road 23	Continue along County Road 23 to Upper Nicholsons Locks
	64	Upper Nicholsons	A lovely lockstation with swing bridge. Picnic tables and washrooms.

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	64	County Road 23	Continue along County Road 23 to County Road 43
	66	County Road 43	Turn southeast onto County Road 43 and continue to Merrickville
	68	Merrickville	Merrickville is well worth a stop. Accommodations, groceries, restaurants, and many shopping opportunities. Visit the Blockhouse and the locks . While you are in Blockhouse Park, stop in at The Depot, run by Friends of the Rideau and pick up an interesting Rideau book. Take a boat tour of the Rideau on the electric cruise boat, the <i>Harriet By</i> .
	68	Smiths Falls Loop	At Merrickville, this route intersects the Smiths Falls Loop. Highlights of that loop include the Rideau Canal Museum in Smiths Falls and the fast food strip (incl. Tim Hortons). The Smiths Fall loop will put you back on this route at Toledo (no need to backtrack)
	68	County Road 16	Take St. Lawrence street south out of Merrickville, and turn southwest onto County Road 16. Take County Road 16 to Jasper.
	83	Smiths Falls Loop	In Jasper there is another opportunity to do the Smiths Falls Loop. See above for details.
	83	County Road 16	Continue along County Road 16 to County Road 29
	88	County Road 29	Turn south on County Road 29 to the exit for Toledo.
	95	County Road 8	Turn west onto County Road 8 to Toledo
	96	Toledo	Gas station with groceries. Limited services.
	96	County Road 8	Continue west along County Road 8 to Philipsville
	108	Forfar Side Trip (12 km)	At Philipsville, you are only 6 kilometres from Forfar, home of the Forfar Cheese Factory. If you crave locally made cheese, including fresh (squeaky) curd cheese, this short side trip is well worth doing. Simply continue along Cty. Rd. 42 to Forfar and then return to this spot.
	108	Jones Falls Loop	This route intersects the Jones Falls loop at Philipsville . If you take the Jones Falls Loop you'll end up back on this route at Old Briar Hill Road and Cty. Rd. 32 (just south of

			Lyndhurst).
	108	Cty Rd. 42	At Philippsville, turn east onto County Road 42 and continue to Delta
	113	Delta	Village of Delta. Take time to stop and visit the historic Old Stone Mill Museum, now beautifully restored. Restaurant and groceries available in village.
	113	County Road 42	Continue south along County Road 42 to its intersection with County Road 33
	116	County Road 33	Turn southwest onto County Road 33 and continue to Lyndhurst
	122	Lyndhurst	Lyndhurst Village. Take time to view the historic Lyndhurst Bridge (you can't miss it - you have to cross over it).
	122	County Road 33	Continue southwest along County Road 33 to Briar Hill Road
	123	Jones Falls Loop	This route intersects the Jones Falls loop at Old Briar Hill Road (just after you leave). If you didn't take the option of doing this loop from Philippsville, this is your second chance.
	123	County Road 33	Continue along County Road 33 from Old Briar Hill Road to Highway 15.
	130	Hwy. 15	Turn south along Highway 15 and take it to its intersection with County Road 32 (road to Gananoque)
	131	Hwy 15 Intersection	Gas station here has groceries. Also small restaurant.
	131	County Road 32	Turn south onto County Road 32 and continue to its intersection with Taylor Road (at Taylor)
	140	Taylor Road	Turn right (west) onto Taylor Road and take it Brewers Mills Road.
	141	Brewers Mills Road	Turn right (north) onto Brewers Mills Road (basically continuing along the same direction, just stay right) and take it to Highway 15.
	147	Highway 15	Turn left (south) onto Highway 15 and continue for a couple of hundred metres to County Road 12
	148	County Road 12	Turn right (west) onto County Road 12
	148	Upper Brewers Lockstation	A nice place to stop and take a break. The lockstation is just a couple of hundred metres off the main road. Washrooms, picnic tables.

	148	County Road 12	Continue along County Road 12 to Sunbury
	159	County Road 11	At Sunbury (small grocery store), turn south onto County Road 11 . Continue south to Kingston Mills Road
	171	Kingston Mills	Take Kingston Mills Road 2 kilometres east to the Kingston Mills Lockstation. Beautiful scenery, picnic tables and washroom.
	171	Cty Rd. 11	Continue south on County Road 11 . When you pass under Highway 401, it will turn into Montreal Street which will lead you into downtown Kingston
	179	Kingston	The Limestone City - lots of things to do and see.

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