

Rideau



Route Champlain

Be the explorer!

TRENT-SEVERN & RIDEAU CANAL



This section of the Route Champlain features 2 Provincial Parks, each with their own unique experiences: **Ferris Provincial Park and the Ranney suspended bridge**, and **Sandbanks Provincial Park**. For further exploration of Ontario's great nature in the region, great activities are also available at **Awenda, Petroglyphs** and **Presqu'île Provincial Parks**.

Be the Captain as you cruise the Trent-Severn Waterway with **Happy Days Houseboats** based in Coboconk at Canada's Fresh Water Summit - The highest elevation of fresh water from which you can circumnavigate the globe! Champlain travelled this route with native guides in 1615.

Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough is a unique national heritage centre that explores the canoe's enduring significance to the peoples of Canada, through an exceptional collection of canoes, kayaks and paddled watercraft. Experience a Voyageur Canoe Tour or one of the unique workshops.

Marvel at Parks Canada's **Peterborough Lift Lock and Museum** the highest lift lock in the world when it opened in 1904. Powered by gravity it towers almost 20 m (65 ft) above the Trent Canal, enabling lifts in two counter-balanced, bathtub-like chambers over an elevation that once would have required a long portage.

The Sager Conservation Area was part of a glacial feature known as Oak Lake Island, a series of large drumlins that formed an island in glacial Lake Iroquois. Climb the tower on this drumlin to one of the highest points of land in the area for an excellent view of the Trent River valley.

Huff Estates Winery located on a small peninsula in the southeast corner of Prince Edward County offers guided tours. The temperate climate generated by the two large bodies of water creates a perfect location to grow vines such as Chardonnay and Merlot.

At **Macaulay House** in Picton you can learn about the transition of Prince Edward County from a territory of "New France" to English settlement, primarily focused on the United Empire Loyalists.

Paddle or cruise the Rideau Canal with **Rideau Tours** at Chaffey's Lock. Choose an intimate Lock Tour to learn about this engineering marvel or take a leisurely Lake Cruise on the UNESCO World Heritage Rideau Canal. Kayak and canoe rentals also available to explore this section of the Canadian Heritage River once paddled by Indigenous peoples.

Voyageur Canoes on the Rideau Canal at Hartwell Locks

Experience paddling in a voyageur canoe and learn how the Rideau Waterway was a route used for many generations by Indigenous peoples of this region who paddled and portaged the 202km of lakes and rivers from the St Lawrence River to the Ottawa River. In 1832 the waterway was connected by 47 locks. Did you know the Rideau was given its name by Champlain in 1613 when he first saw the waterfall in Ottawa which reminded him of a "curtain" or "Rideau" in French?

HISTORIC SITES

- Mount Pelion

