

RIDEAU CANAL CRUISER

Route Description:

Home of the largest francophone population in Ontario and nestled along the Ottawa River, Canada's capital region, Ottawa, has many historical and cultural heritage sights to explore and enjoy along this route. Start your ride at City Hall and quickly connect to the nearby Rideau Canal Pathway. Cycling along this large network of waterways, named originally Rideau by Samuel Champlain, lets riders enjoy the beauty of Ottawa on traffic free trails. Ride south along the canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, through parks and past a number of historic locks and lock stations before swinging north. Cross the mighty Ottawa River, once canoed by Samuel Champlain, into the French speaking town of Gatineau, Quebec. From the Parliament buildings to Hog's Back Falls, Dows Lake and the Experimental Farm, Byward Market, museums, and the National Gallery, stretch out the day and make the most of the countless sights and attractions that are along the way on this looped route taking in the top attractions in the city, all by bike.

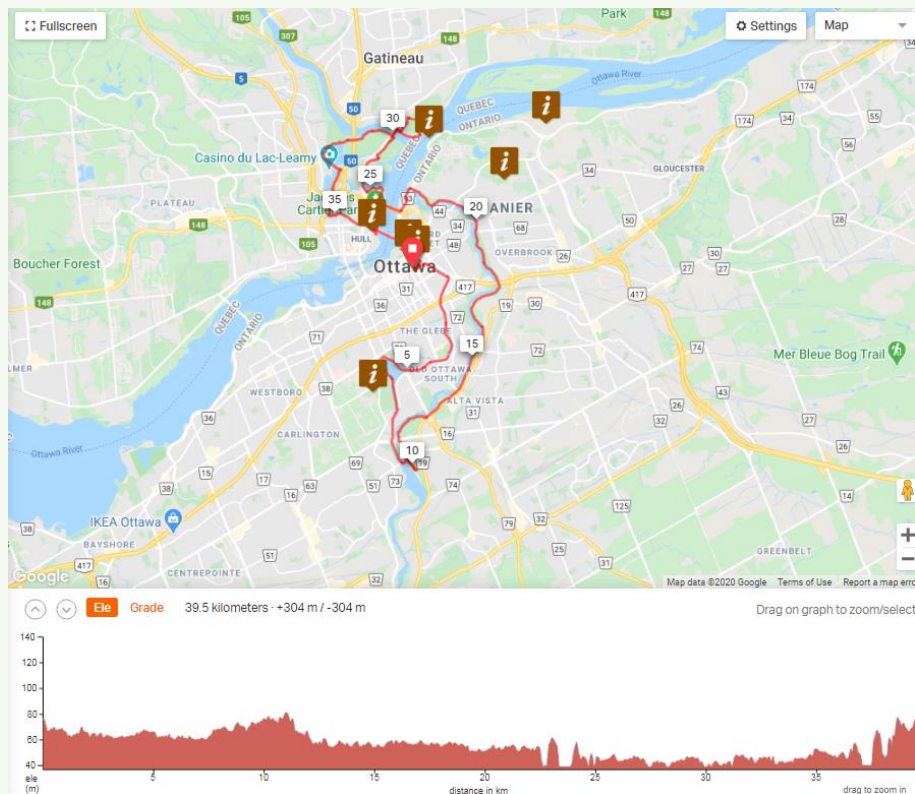
Total Distance: 39km

Experience Level: Intermediate/Moderate































Route Surface: The ride features entirely off-road trails that are all on paved surfaces. Limited elevation changes and flat terrain make this ride suitable for all types of bikes.

Staging Area / Parking: Parking available City Hall, 110 Laurier Ave W, Ottawa. Paid day parking is available weekdays, free of charge on weekends.

Link to Route Map: www.ridewithgps.com/routes/31874069



BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES AND FRANCOPHONE/BILINGUAL ATTRACTIONS

			Level of Services in French Available	Alternate activity accessible by car
Vanier Museopark				
Ottawa Boat Cruise				
Capital Cruises				
Canadian Museum of History				
Bytown Museum				
National Gallery of Canada				
Canal Rideau Cruises				
Ottawa Walking Tours				
Indigenous Experiences				
Canadian War Museum				
Lord Elgin Hotel				
Escape Bicycle Tours				
Royal Oak Pub				
Canada Agricultural & Food Museum				
Billings Estate National Historic Site				



French services at anytime







French services upon request



Promotional items and/or documentation available in French



Additional Points of Interest:

-  Rideau Canal National Historic Site
-  Rideau Canal Locks
-  Dows Lake Peninsula
-  Mooney's Bay Beach

VISITOR INFORMATION

www.ontariobybike.ca/ottawa

www.ottawatourism.ca

NOTES TO RIDERS

This ride is on off-road trails, however there are some road crossings required where caution and traffic signals should be regarded. These trails are multi-use, and shared with pedestrians.



Disclaimer

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