

# Rideau Lakes Ride

**Distance:** 267km

**Estimated ride time:** 4 hours, 15 minutes

**with stops:** 6 hours

**Highlights:** Locks at Burritts Rapids, Andrewsville, Jones Falls, Rideau Ferry and Smiths Falls. Shopping in Merrickville, Newboro and Westport. Murals in Athens.

This ride generally follows the Rideau Canal as it meanders through woods and farmland between Ottawa and Kingston. Crossing the canal several times, you will enjoy some of the best roads and scenery in this part of Ontario. Numerous restaurants in Merrickville, Athens, Jones Falls, Westport and Smiths Falls are available for lunch.

If you find yourself running short of time, you may want to return directly from Smiths Falls via Roger Stevens Drive, which cuts out about half an hour.

After...	...Do	Comments
0	Depart Manderley and turn right onto Prince of Wales	
5.8	In North Gower, turn left onto 4 <sup>th</sup> Line Rd (CR-5)	
24.6	At sign to Burritts Rapids Lock, turn left	After making the big turn to the right and passing Rideau River Prov. Park, keep to the right. Do not turn towards Kemptville.
0.5	After passing over lock, turn right at stop onto CR-23	
3.9	Turn right onto Andrewsville Rd	Crossing over Nicholson's Lock
0.6	Turn left at stop sign onto CR-2	
3.8	Turn left onto CR-43 towards Merrickville	Lots of shops in Merrickville. Continue straight after crossing bridge to CR-15
1.4	Turn right onto CR-16 after passing through Merrickville	
18.6	Turn left onto CR-29 towards Elizabethtown	
6.9	Keep right onto CR-8 towards Rideau Lakes	CR-8 has an exit lane as CR-29 curves to the left
3.3	Turn left onto Lake Eloida Rd	
11.5	Turn left onto CR-5 towards Athens	
2.3	In Athens, turn right onto CR-42	Note murals in Athens
1.5	Turn left onto Upper Oak Leaf Rd	
6.5	Turn right onto Lower Oak Leaf Rd	
7.0	Turn left onto CR-33 towards Lyndhurst	
4.0	After passing through Lyndhurst, turn right onto Briar Hill Rd	Stay on Briar Hill Rd. Do not turn right onto Old Briar Hill Rd.
5.3	Turn right onto Hwy 15	Next turn is in 0.5km!
0.5	Turn left onto Jones Falls Rd	
3.2	Turn left towards Jones Falls Lock	
0.3	Arrive at Jones Falls Lock	Ice cream and meals available here. Check out the locks and canal
0.3	Return to Hwy 15 and turn left	Next turn in 0.7km
0.7	Turn right onto Sand Lake Rd	
4.0	Turn left onto Bush Rd towards Elgin	
1.8	Turn right onto Davis Lock Rd towards Elgin	
1.3	Turn left onto Hwy 15	
6.3	Turn left onto Hwy 42 towards Newboro	Kilborn's on the Rideau is a popular touristy gift shop. Also popular with our chapter. :)
13.6	In Westport, turn right onto Rideau St / CR-10	Westport is another popular tourist village

		with lots of shopping possibilities
29.5	In Perth, turn right onto Rideau Ferry Rd / CR-1	Stay on CR-1 through Rideau Ferry (now a bridge)
16.0	Turn left onto Hwy 15 towards Smiths Falls	
11.3	Keep left onto Old Slys Rd to cross bridge	In Smiths Falls, just after passing Victoria Park on your left and at the traffic lights with the bridge on the left, continue straight
0.8	After crossing bridge, turn right onto Queen St / CR-43	<b>If going straight back to Manderley, skip following steps &amp; start at ***</b>
16.2	After crossing the bridge into Merrickville, turn left onto Queen St	
2.0	Turn left onto CR-23	
6.9	Turn left to River Rd	
5.6	Turn left to stay on River Rd	
6.2	Turn right on CR-44 towards Kemptville	
3.4	In Kemptville, at the traffic lights, turn left onto CR-43	
1.6	At the roundabout, take third exit (ie, turn left) onto CR-19	Recommended ice-cream spot 0.9km after turning onto CR-43
16.9	Turn left onto CR-6 to cross bridge	
5.6	Turn right onto third line south	
1.9	Turn right onto Prince of Wales Dr	
3.4	Turn left into Manderley on the Green	You're back!
	<b>*** Shortcut to Manderley starts here</b>	
5.9	Turn right onto Roger Stevens Rd (CR-4)	
30.6	In North Gower, turn left onto 4 <sup>th</sup> Line Rd / Main St	
0.2km	Turn right onto Prince of Wales Dr	
5.8km	Turn left into Manderley on the Green	You're back!