

## Short(er) Quebec Ride

**Distance:** 187km

**Estimated ride time:** 3.5 hours

**with stops:** 5 hours

**Highlights:** farm country of Eastern Ontario, a ferry ride, hilly terrain and twisty roads of Western Quebec. Historic villages include Wakefield and Old Chelsea.

An alternative to the Val-des-Bois ride, this route follows the same route through Ontario. After crossing the Ottawa River by ferry boat to Masson, you will continue north uphill to Buckingham, then turn left to cross the Du Lièvre river to take country roads to Perkins. The roads from Perkins to Wakefield are particularly scenic with long sweepers. From Wakefield you may hug the Gatineau river on another country road, then head south on Route 105 to Chelsea. Old Chelsea, adjacent to Gatineau Park, features an ice-cream parlour and bistros very popular with local motorcyclists. From Old Chelsea, take the twisty Notch and Mountain roads to the other side of Gatineau Park, then cross the Champlain Bridge to Ottawa. Your return to Manderley will be via the Experimental Farm in Ottawa so you should see lots of tulips on your return.

Many Quebec roads are in rough shape. In particular, the country roads between Buckingham and Perkins, and south of Wakefield along the shores of the Gatineau River can be very bumpy. Riders of these roads should slow down and take extra care.

Note that this route includes a ferry ride across the Ottawa River. Cost of the ferry: \$5 per motorcycle.

After...	...Do	Comments
0	Depart Manderley and turn left onto Prince of Wales	
4.3	At traffic lights, turn right onto Bankfield Rd towards Manotick	
2.4	At traffic lights, turn right onto Rideau Valley Dr North	
0.4	At traffic lights, turn left onto Bridge St. After crossing Rideau River, road name changes to Mitch Owens Rd (CR-8)	Hard Stones Grill on left is Chapter B's weekly Sunday breakfast meeting spot
23.9	At stop sign, turn right onto Boundary Rd (CR-41)	Next turn is only 0.8km!
0.8	Turn left onto Devine Rd (CR-8)	
7.1	At stop sign, turn left onto Rockdale Rd (CR-33)	Towards railroad tracks and into Vars
1.2	Turn right onto Forced Rd	
3.0	At stop sign, turn right onto Russell Rd (CR-26)	Next turn is only 0.5km!
0.5	At 4-way stop, turn left onto Dunning Rd (CR35)	
15.8	At stop sign, turn left onto Old Montreal Rd	
0.4	At stop sign, turn right onto Cameron St towards ferry	
0.5	Take ferry to Masson	Ferry charge is \$5 per motorcycle
0.8	Depart ferry and continue straight on Ch du Quai	Next intersection is <b>dangerous!</b>
2.1	At stop sign, turn left onto Ch de Montreal (Rte 148)	<b>Watch for speeding traffic on left!</b>
0.2	At traffic lights, continue straight. Road name changes to Ch de Masson (Rte 315)	
5.0	Turn left in Buckingham to cross bridge onto Rue Maclaren	
0.8	Turn right onto Ch Donaldson	<b>Warning: Ch Donaldson is bumpy.</b> After 10.4 km road name changes to Ch de Buckingham. Good twisties ahead!
12.0	Turn right onto Monteé Beauchamp	<b>Dangerous intersection ahead!</b>
1.5	Turn left onto Ch St-Joseph	<b>Watch for traffic on left!</b>
4.6	In Perkins, turn right onto Rte 366	
15.6	At stop sign in Val-des-Monts, turn left onto Rte 307	

6.9	Turn right onto Rte 366 towards La Pêche	
11.3	After crossing bridge over Gatineau River turn left onto Ch Riverside (Rte 105) to Wakefield. Stay next to river. After crossing railroad tracks, road becomes very bumpy and changes name to Ch de la Rivière.	Lots of bistros, ice cream, gift shops in Wakefield. Bakery at 0.3km is recommended. <b>Warning: bumpy roads!</b>
11.6	At traffic lights, turn left onto Rte 105 towards Chelsea	
8.0	At traffic lights (?) turn right onto Ch Scott towards Old Chelsea	
2.7	In Old Chelsea, turn right onto Ch Old Chelsea	Recommended bistros and ice cream to the left
0.1	At stop sign, turn left onto Ch de Kingsmere	Optional detour: go straight and follow signs to Champlain Lookout (recommended). Details not listed here.
0.4	Keep left at Y to continue on Ch Notch	
1.4	Continue straight at stop sign.	Warning: Twisties ahead!
3.1	Turn left at stop sign onto Ch de la Montagne N	<b>Dangerous intersection</b>
3.9	At traffic lights, turn left onto Ch Pink	
0.7	At traffic lights, turn right onto Boul St-Raymond	
3.1	At traffic lights, turn right onto Boul Alexandre-Taché	
0.6	At traffic lights, turn left towards Champlain Bridge	Continue over Champlain Bridge, onto Island Park Dr to National Capital Commission Driveway through the Experimental Farm
6.7	At roundabout, take 1 <sup>st</sup> exit (ie, turn right) onto Prince of Wales Dr	Note Agricultural Museum and ornamental gardens on right
22.6	Continue on Prince of Wales (Hwy 16) until you reach Manderley on the Green on your right.	