

# Val-des-Bois

**Distance:** 236km

**Estimated ride time:** 4 hours

**with stops:** 6 hours

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

Explore the hilly Laurentians of western Quebec! This ride features long sweepers on Route 309 to Val-des-Bois, and tight twisties south from Val-des-Bois to Val-des-Monts, then long sweepers to Wakefield. Enjoy the Quebec cuisine at Wakefield or Old Chelsea before returning to Manderley. Both Wakefield and Old Chelsea, adjacent to Gatineau Park, feature ice-cream parlours 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.

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

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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)	
5.2	In Buckingham, continue straight onto Ave du Buckingham. Road name changes to Ave de l'Ange-Gardien	Lots of bistros (diners) in Buckingham
2.8	At junction with Rte 309, turn left onto 309 towards Val-des-Bois	
42.9	In Val-des-Bois, turn left towards bridge to Rte 307	
0.4	After crossing bridge, turn left and follow Rte 307	Warning: Twisties ahead!
43.6	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	Lots of bistros, ice cream, gift shops in Wakefield. Bakery at 0.3km is recommended
3.7	Keep right at Y to head up hill onto Ch Rockhurst	
1.3	At stop sign, turn left onto Rte 105.	<b>Watch for speeding traffic both directions!</b>

7.3	At traffic lights, turn right towards Autoroute 5	
8.5	Take <b>Exit 13</b> towards Old Chelsea	
0.4	Merge onto Ch Scott, heading west towards Old Chelsea	
1.2	At stop sign, 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.	