

RTA LOCKS ENDEAVOUR - HIKING

In keeping with the RTA's commitment of providing outdoor activities for its members, RTA has organized the Locks Endeavour which consists of hiking, biking or paddling the Rideau Canal Locks. You can combine any of these activities so long as you visit all the locks from 1 to 49. This document details the requirement to complete a series of hikes that visits all 49 locks on the Rideau canal.

There are 16 hikes in total, with distances between 1.5km and 17km in length. Maps and short descriptions for each can be found below. As there are a number of shorter routes, many can be combined to be completed in as few as 9 comfortable hiking days, for example:

- Hike 1 (10km)
- Hike 2 (17km)
- Hike 3 & 4 (12km)
- Hike 5 (15km)
- Hike 6 & 7 (10km)
- Hike 8, 9 & 10 (11km)
- Hike 11 & 12 (13km)
- Hike 13 & 14 (9km)
- Hike 15 & 16 (12km)

Whilst these hikes can be completed individually and in any order a series of group hikes covering all will be completed during Summer 2024. Members can sign up using the RTA Activities Calendar.

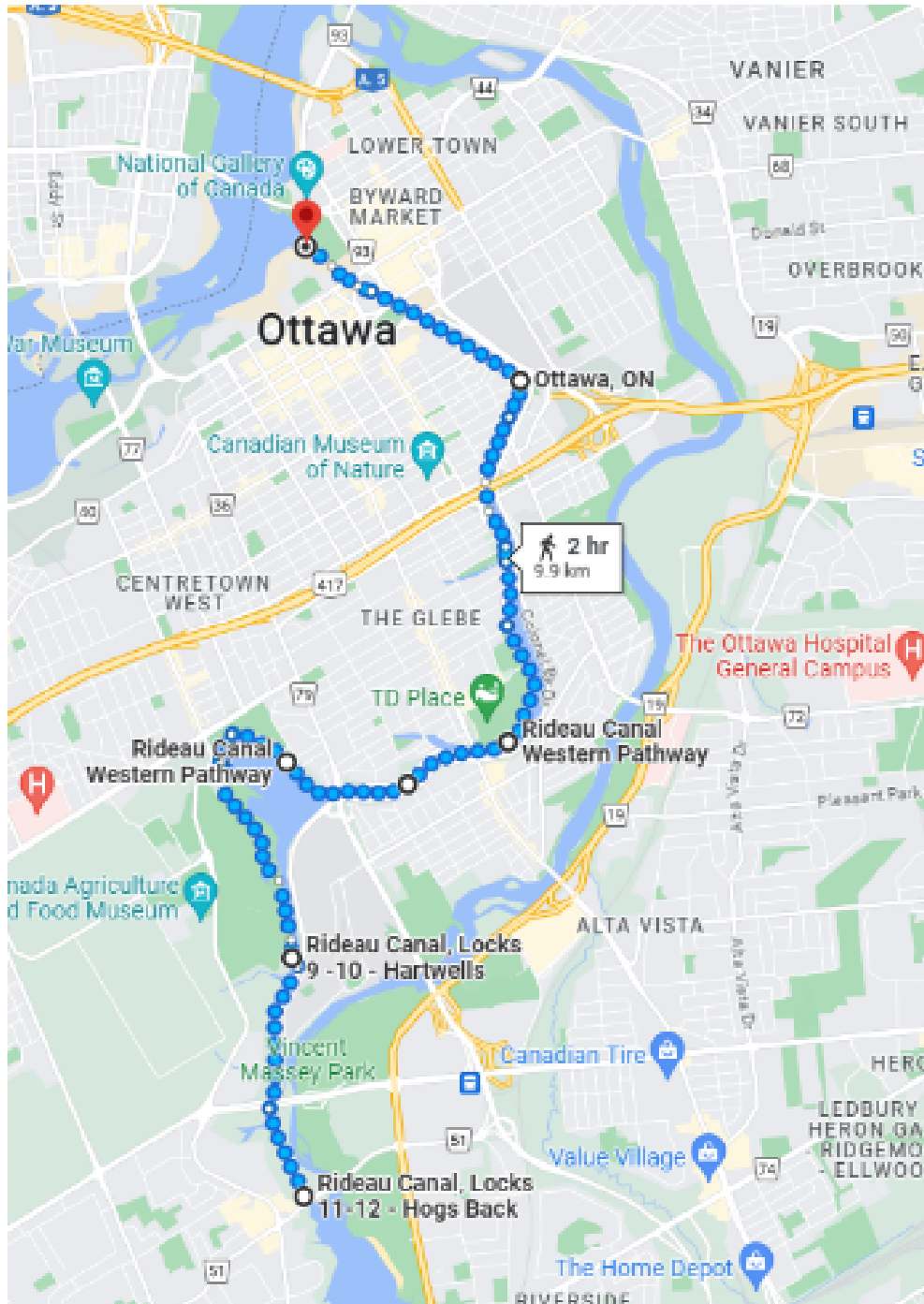
The map below gives an overview of the lock locations. The [Rideau-info web page](#) gives a little history of the lock system and individual locks. [Rideau Canal - Map of the Rideau Canal \(rideau-info.com\)](#)

Pages 3 to 15 of this document provide a description of each of the locks as well as the proposed hiking route. Additional GPX files are available on the Website.



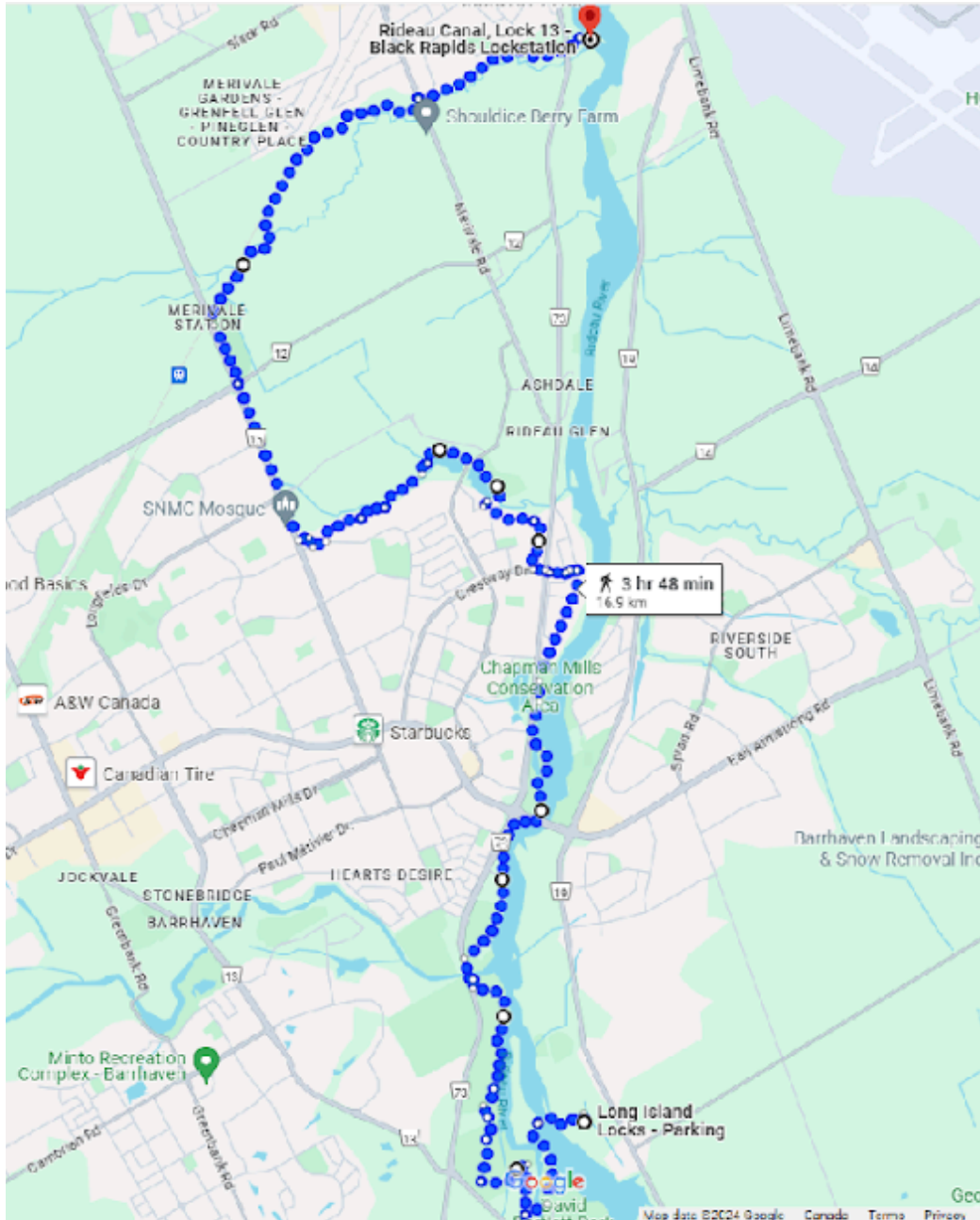
Hike 1. HOGS BACK LOCKS (#1-12) to Ottawa RTA Terminus.

Hike from HOGS BACKS LOCKS (#11-12) via HARTWELLS LOCKS (#9-10) and OTTAWA LOCKS (#1-8) on the Rideau Canal Western Pathway to the RTA Ottawa Terminus (10 km).



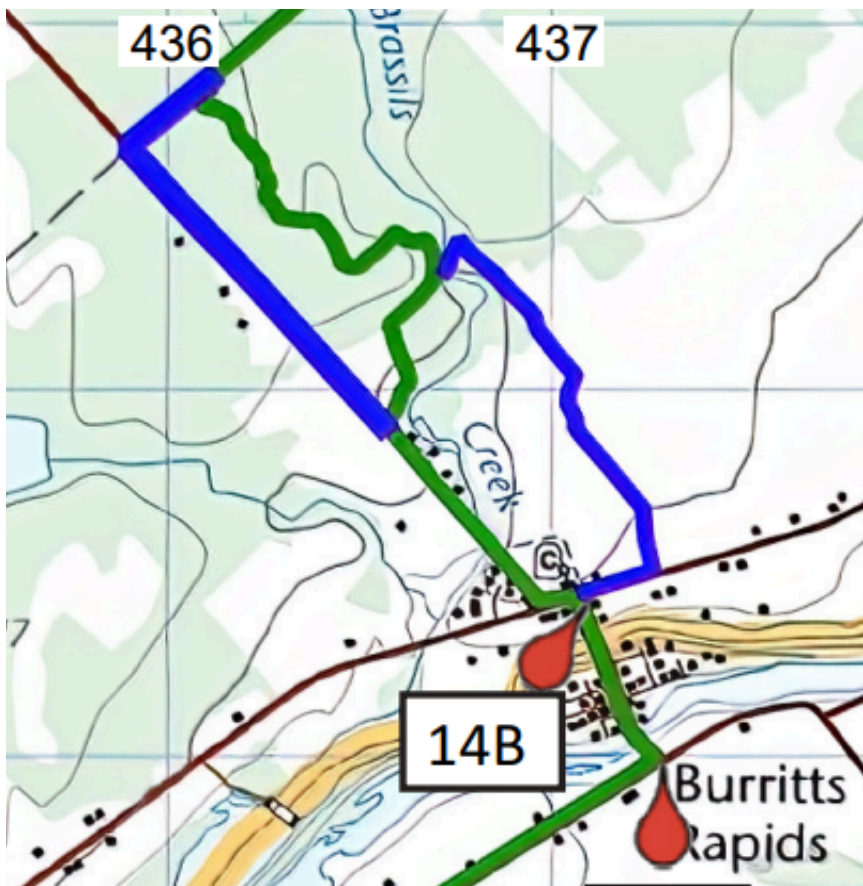
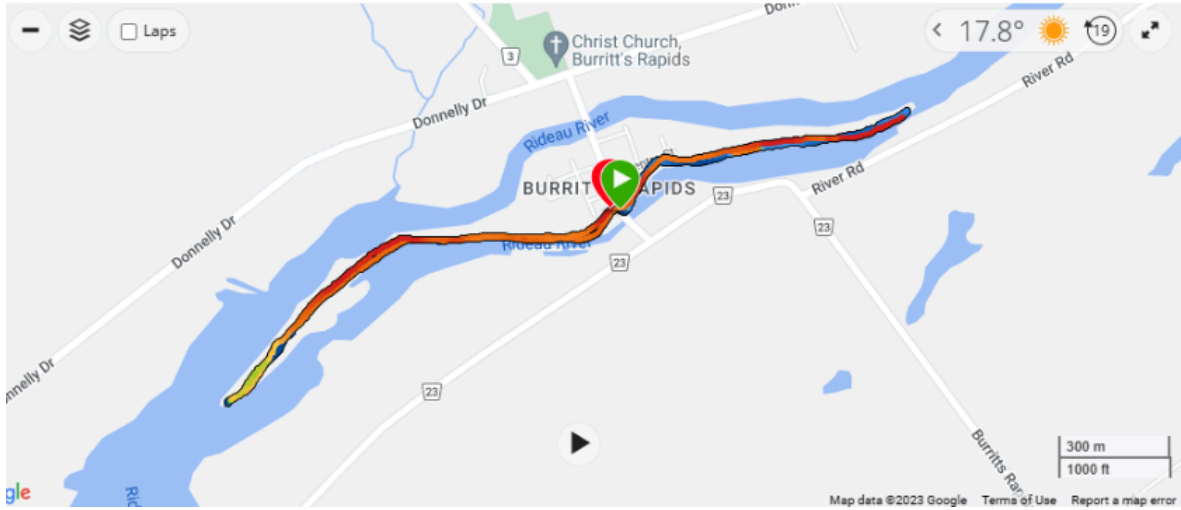
Hike 2. LONG ISLAND LOCKS (#14-16) to BLACK RAPIDS LOCK (#13).

From BLACK RAPIDS LOCK (#13) hike the green beltway to Merivale station. Take the cycle path along Woodroffe Avenue to Farmboy. Take Forest Gate Way, Kennedy Craig Forest Trail and Baroness Drive to cross Prince of Wales Drive at Crestway. Follow Winding Way to Chapman Mills Conservation Area and continue along Rideau River to Lodge Road and Beryl Gaffney Park. Cross River using Lockview Rd and Cecil Rowan Lane to LONG ISLAND LOCKS (#14-15). Mainly cycle paths and Park trails (17 km).



Hike 3. BURRITTS RAPIDS LOCK (#17).

A total of 9km, mainly on trails, but with some road. Combine the return trip on the Tip to Tip trail via BURRITTS RAPIDS LOCK (#17) is (4.2 km) with the blue/main trail circuit north from Grenville Rd to Paden Rd (5km). Details of the Tip to Tip trail can be found at <https://www.northgrenville.ca/things-to-do/nature-parks/trails1/tip-to-tip-trail>



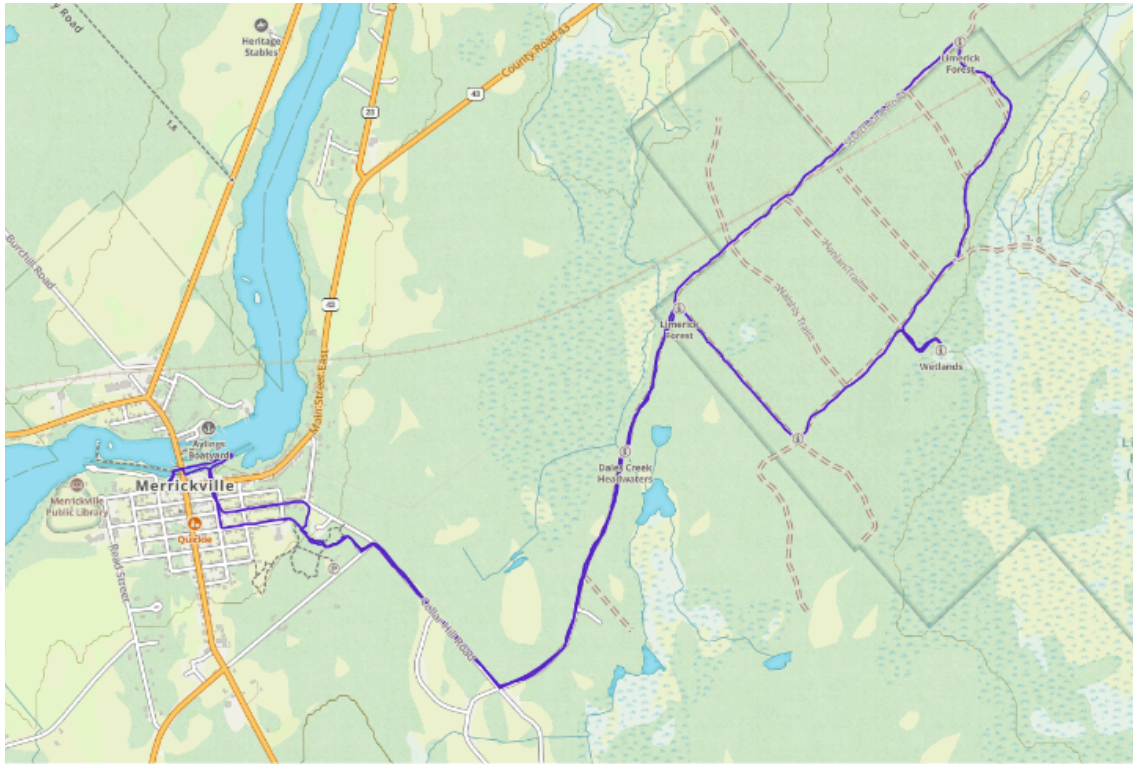
Hike 4. NICHOLSONS LOCKS (#18-19), CLOWES LOCK (#20).

Park at UPPER NICHOLSONS LOCK #19 and hike to LOWER NICHOLSONS LOCK #18 CLOWES LOCK (#20) crossing canal at the Andrewsville bridge. Return trip 3km.



Hike 5. MERRICKVILLE LOCKS (#21-23).

Circuit of northern section of Limerick Forest North Tract from MERRICKVILLE LOCKS (#21-23) via Collar Hill Road and unmaintained Scotch Line Rd. (15 km)



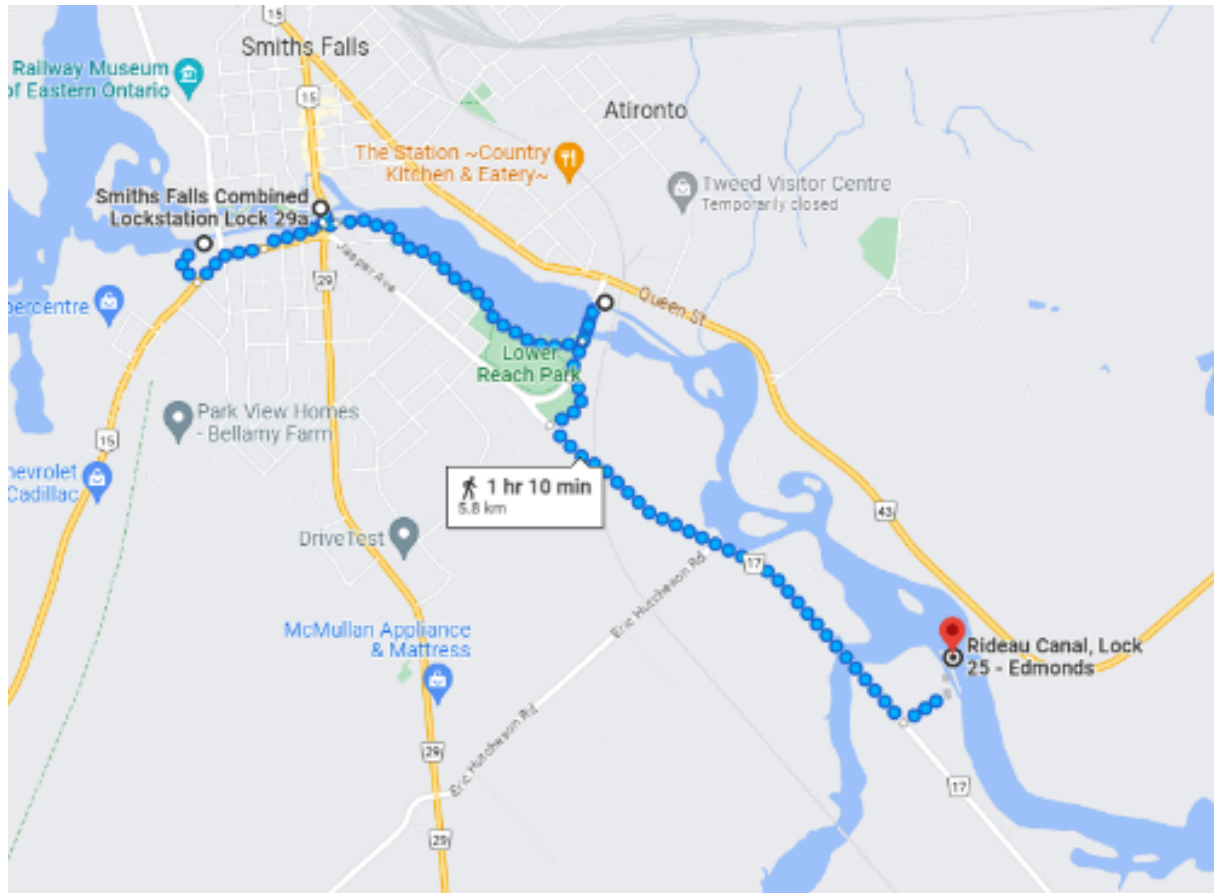
Hike 6. KILMARNOCK LOCK (#24).

Hike from KILMARNOCK LOCK (#24) across Kilmarnock Island to the Rideau River and return. Road hike. (4km)



Hike 7. DETACHED LOCK (#31) to EDMONDS LOCK (#25).

Hike via SMITHS FALLS COMBINED LOCKS (#29A) and SLYS RD LOCKS (#26-27). Mainly road in Smiths Falls (6 km).



Hike 8. POONAMALIE LOCK (#32)

Hike from the POONAMALIE LOCK (#32) car park across lock and along to Dam. Return trip (2 km)



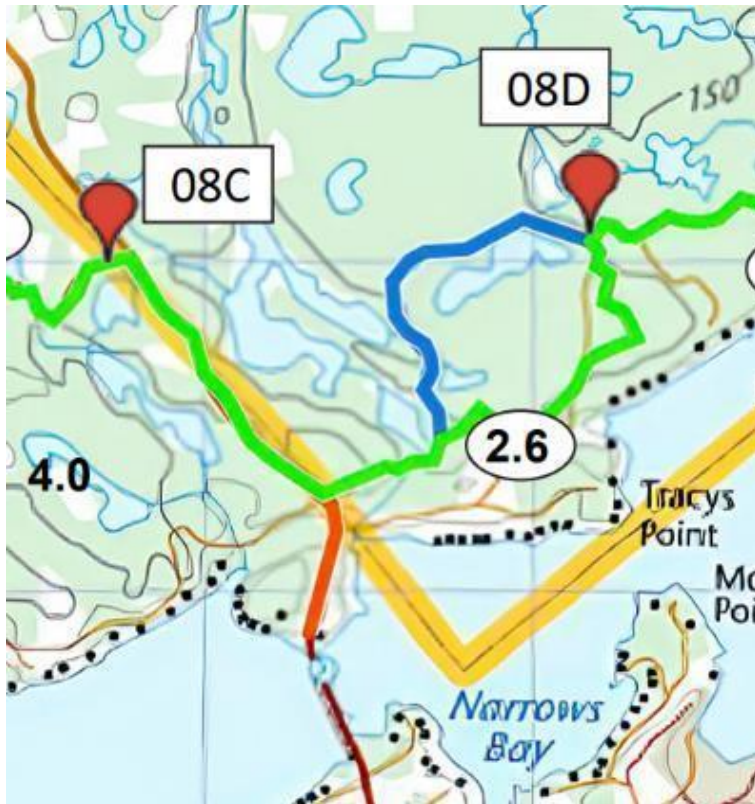
Hike 9. BEVERIDGES LOCKS (#33-34).

Following the well established Blue Trail on RTA map 11. Visting Lower Lock, Upper Lock and Dam (4 km).



Hike 10. NARROWS LOCK (#35).

From NARROWS LOCK (#35) take the Narrows lock Rd north to the main trail. Follow the main trail East to waypoint 08D and return via the Plateau Blue Trail. (5 km)



Hike 11. NEWBORO LOCK (#36).

Complete the Heritage Walking Tour of Newboro (4 Km). Parking can be found at Newboro Memorial Park, 28 John St. A guide with descriptions of the historic buildings can be downloaded from <https://www.rideaulakes.ca/experience/things-to-do/trails-routes/tours/heritage-walking-tour-of-newboro>



Hike 12. CHAFFEYS LOCK (#37).

Following the well established Chaffeys Lock and Doug Knapp Blue Trail loops on RTA map 6. Combine the 2 blue loops in one hike. (9 km).



Hike 13. DAVIS LOCK (#38) and Sugarbush Island trail.

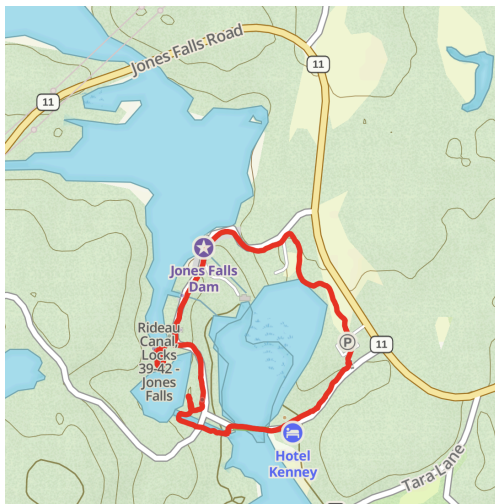
From DAVIS LOCK (#38) to James H Fullard Nature reserve trail and return (7km).



Note that the nature reserve is only open 15 May to 15 November and group access is discouraged. More details can be found at <https://ontarionaturetrails.com/trail/james-h-fullard-nature-reserve/>

Hike 14. JONES FALLS LOCKS (#39-42).

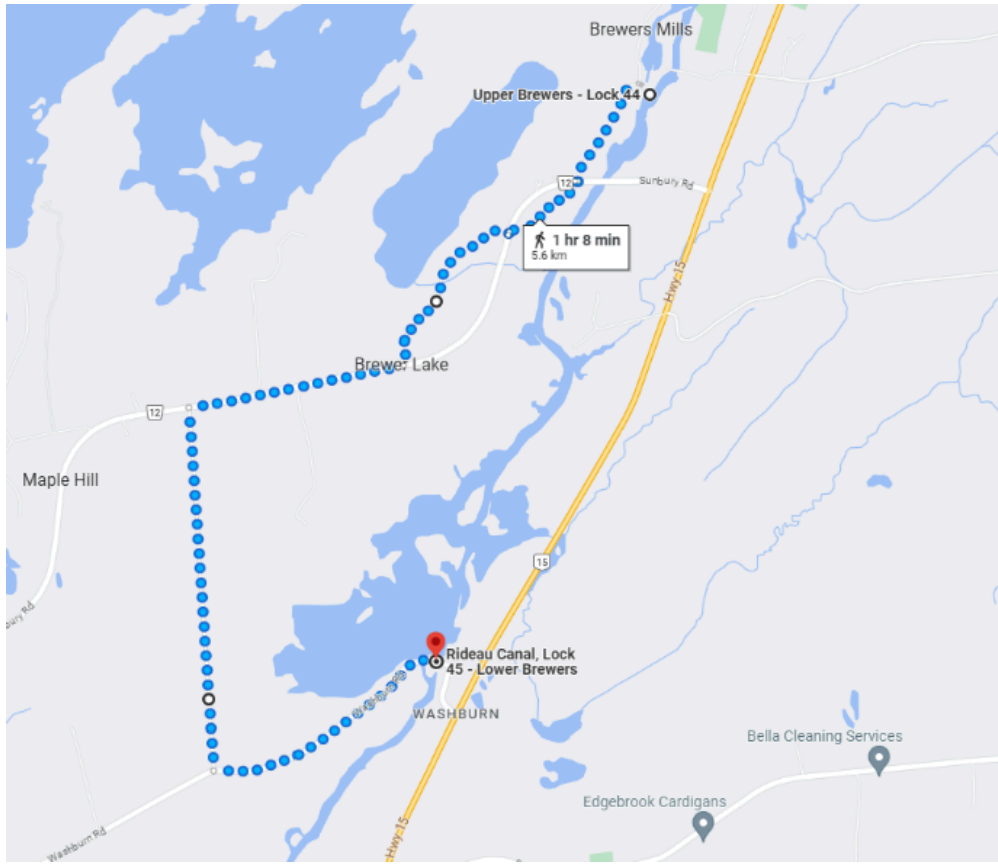
Follow the Redpath trail from the JONES FALLS LOCKS (#39-42) car park. (1.5 km) loop on quiet roads.



Note that there is supporting information for the key sites at the following website <https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/on/rideau/activ/sentier-trail/jonesfalls>

Hike 15. LOWER BREWERS LOCK (#45) to UPPER BREWERS LOCKS (#43-44).

Hike via Sonneveld Rd and Brewers Lake Rd. All road, one way (5.5 km).



Hike 16 KINGSTON MILLS LOCKS (#49-46).

From KINGSTON MILLS LOCKS (#46-49) parking area, follow the road and Levee west to Genesis Court and return on the same path. Then follow the path and steps to the lower lock. Cross the lower lock and climb the stairs on the other side. Cross the road by the blockhouse and walk along the causeway above the Dam to the road. Return along the causeway to the carpark. All gravel trail. (6 km).

