

Cycle Route No. 14 from the Township of Rideau Lakes

Newboro – Sunbury Cycle Route

A Loop Route of about 95 km. Hard surface, some limited shoulders, some steep topography.

Distances are approximate and will vary with vehicle. GPS co-ordinates are in Latitude and Longitude.

This route will invite you to come back with fishing boat or kayak, your backpack or golf clubs, for Art Festivals, Christmas shopping and a host of other attractions.

Km. 0.0 (44° 39.113'N. 76° 19.058'W.) **Start at Newboro Community Hall**, 15 Drummond Street (County Rd. 42). Park along Drummond Street or side streets. A variety of shops and accommodations are available. Washrooms during Rideau Canal season at Newboro Lock Station of Parks Canada

Head west on County Rd. 42

Km. 0.5 (44° 38.981'N. 76° 19.384'W.) **Bridge over Historic Rideau Canal. Historic Grave Site of Royal Sappers and Miners**

This is the Keystone Channel of the Historic Rideau Waterway connecting the Rideau System to the north toward Ottawa and the Cataraqui System to the south toward Kingston.

Km. 2.3 (44° 39.066'N. 76° 20.531'W.) **Turn Left (westerly) onto Hutchings Rd.** This shady lane (hard surface) takes you from the St. Lawrence plain onto Frontenac Axis and a marked change in the road, vegetation and human activity.

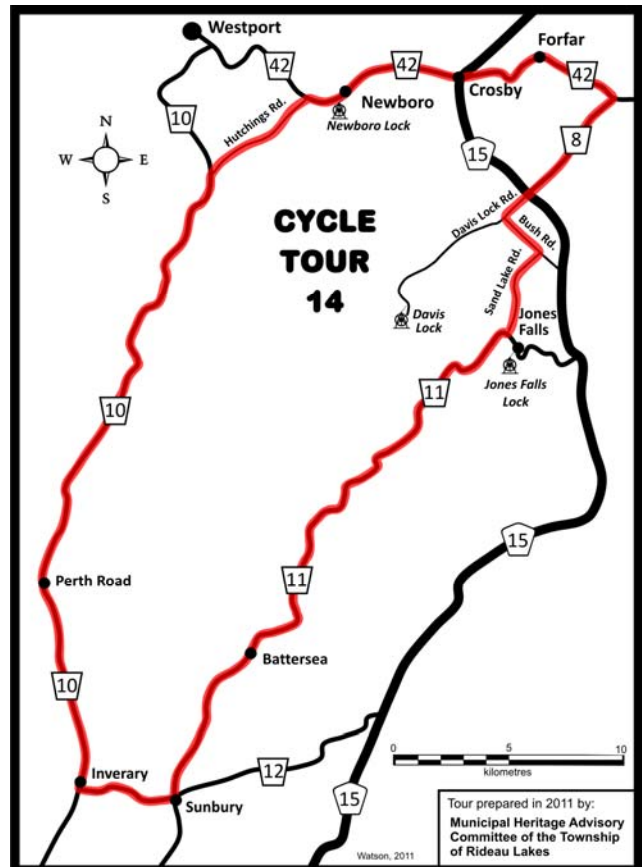
Km. 7.8 (44° 37.267'N. 76° 23.667'W.) Turn Left (South-westerly) onto **County Rd. 10**. Cross from Leeds County into Frontenac County.

Option: At Km.10.2, turn right and visit picturesque Bedford Mills, once a thriving lumber town and now a mecca for artists and photographers. Return to County Rd. 10

Resolve to hike the Rideau Trail to Kingston or Ottawa, especially in autumn grandeur. Be awed by the great variety of geology and minerals of this branch of the Canadian Shield called the Frontenac Axis.

Pass scenic Devil and Buck Lakes. At Km 26.9 approaching Perth Road Village cross the Cataraqui Trail, part of the Trans-Canada Trail that can take your “from sea to sea to sea”. Convenience store in Perth Road Village

Peddle onto limestone plain of the Great Lakes Basin. At virtually no other place on our planet can you experience three diverse geological “provinces” as you’ve done since leaving Newboro. Cross the valley of Loughborough Lake, once a seething spillway of a melting ice sheet. Convenience stores in Inverary.



Newboro's Drummond Street as it was in wild past. But ne'er a gunfight at the OK Canal! Now the streets of Newboro are paved, but not with gold

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Km. 37.2 (44° 23.027'N. 76° 28.514'W.) **Turn Left (Easterly) onto County Rd. 12 to Sunbury.** Descend down a long grade, a deep window through the limestone plain, then back up the other side and pass prosperous farms. Convenience store in Sunbury.

Km. 41.4 (44° 22.698'N. 76° 25.537'W.) **Turn Left (North-easterly) onto County Rd. 11** to Battersea onward toward Jones Falls.

Cross the Battersea Bridge at Km. 48.7. Once a bustling mill town, Battersea now boasts heritage homes and several shops. Follow County Rd. 11 around many curves, over many hills, among many varied outcrops of igneous and metamorphic rocks, pass isolated farms, mines and communities being reclaimed by mixed forest and native fauna.

Return from Frontenac County to Leeds County and back into the Township of Rideau Lakes. You may even turn left to visit California, once a thriving farming community with a church, a school and cheddar cheese factory. But sorry, no Hollywood stars

Km. 69.2 (44° 33.165'N. 76° 14.085'W.) **Turn Left (Easterly) onto Sand Lake Rd.** toward Bush Rd.

Option: Proceed along County Rd. #11 a few hundred metres. Then turn right onto the lane to the Great Horseshoe Dam at Jones Falls. Explore this amazing link in Parks Canada's Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a National Geographic "Destination". Washrooms (in season), accommodation and snack bar. Return to Sand Lake Rd.

Km. 73.1 (44° 35.124'N. 76° 13.247'W.) **At STOP Sign "T" turn Left (Northerly) onto Bush Rd.**

Km. 75.0 (44° 35.895'N. 76° 14.116'W.) **At STOP Sign "T" turn Right (Easterly) onto Davis Lock Rd.** toward Elgin

Option: Turn Left onto Davis Lock Rd. and explore this country lane (about 5 km.) to its destination. Davis Lock is one of the most picturesque and rustic stations of the Rideau Canal. Return to your route along the same road.



Just one of the great locks at Jones Falls. Come back to see and enjoy all of Jones Falls.

Km. 76.2 (44° 36.376'N. 76° 13.427'W.) **Cross Hwy 15 (Easterly) and through the village of Elgin.** Here there are a wide variety of businesses and services. Public washrooms at Community Room. (Look for the modern clock tower). **Proceed straight on County Rd. 8** toward Hwy. 42

Km. 82.2 (44° 38.722'N. 76° 10.446'W.) **At Stop Sign at "T", turn Left onto County Rd. 42** toward Forfar, Crosby and Newboro. **Village of Forfar**, host of the famous International Plowing Match, 2007 on the flat and fertile clay of this post-Ice Age lake bed. After biking Battersea to Jones Falls, you may relish "flat".

Km. 89.6 (44° 39.268'N. 76° 15.440'W.) **Carefully cross Hwy. 15. Stay on County Road 42 (Westerly).** Crosby is the site of a bustling market on summer Saturday mornings.

Km. 94.8 (44° 39.113'N. 76° 19.058'W.) **Newboro Community Hall.** Take time to explore historic Newboro with our Newboro Walking Tour in hand. Or come back another day or week to relax and shop, to explore Newboro Lake by fishing boat and the Rideau Canal by canoe or cruiser in this Keystone of Rideau Country.

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Other tours of interest: *Newboro Walking Tour, Morton to Crosby Driving Tour, Crosby to Salem Driving Tour and Portland Walking Tour – available at branches of Rideau Lakes Library or on-line at www.twprideaulakes.on.ca*

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