

Cycle Route No. 12 from the Township of Rideau Lakes

Newboro – Lanark Cycle Route

A Loop Route of about 120 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.

Km. 0.0 (44° 39.114'N. 76° 19.058'W.) **Start at Newboro Community Hall.** Parking along Drummond Street or side streets. Variety of shops and accommodations are available.

Washrooms during Rideau Canal season at Newboro Lock Station of Parks Canada

Head west on County Road 42 toward Westport.

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

Rideau Canal Channel connects the Rideau River System to the north toward Ottawa and the Cataraqui River System to the south toward Kingston.

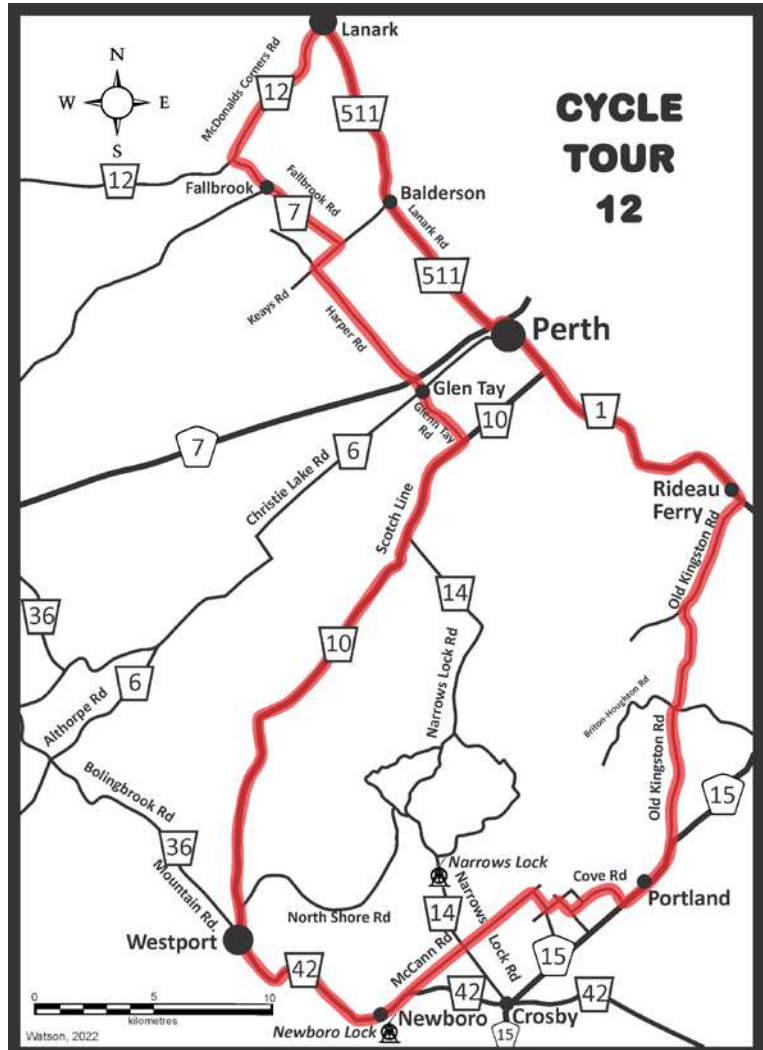
Note glimpses of Upper Rideau Lake to the east. Parallel the old embankments of the Brockville and Westport Railway. Beautiful stone farm houses along the “Stone Road” and into the village of Westport

Km. 8.4 (44° 40.496'N. 76° 23.900'W.) Turn Right (easterly) onto Rideau St.

Option: Explore Westport to find a wide variety of services and shops, including a bakery. Arena and Art Festival, music festivals, several churches

Km. 8.7 (44° 40.615'N. 76° 23.685'W.) Swing Left onto Main St. pass post office, bank, busy harbour, various shops, supermarket and hotel.

Km. 9.0 (44° 40.775'N. 76° 23.692'W.) Straight onto County Rd. 10 (also called Westport Rd.) Cross the causeway



Kawartha Voyageur in the Newboro Channel

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separating Westport Mill Pond from Upper Rideau Lake.

You've had an easy peddle to this point. Forget about flat land and straight roads for many turns-of-the-tire. Leave the St. Lawrence Plain and peddle **up a challenging hill** onto the rugged Canadian Shield. At Km. 10.0, pass the entrance to Foley Mountain Conservation Area and its Spy Rock and the Rideau Trail for hiking from Kingston to Ottawa.

Notice the pink granite of the Westport Pluton, part of Canada's Shield, North America's geological heart.

At 19.9 Km., cross from Leeds County into Lanark County. Glimpse Pike Lake to your right.

Km. 33.2 (44° 51.840'N. 76° 17.110'W.) **Turn Left onto Glen Tay Rd.** through the community of Glen Tay and over the Tay River. Look upstream to see its historic stone mill, a highlight of this pioneer Scottish settlement of the early 1800s.

Km. 36.1 (44° 52.979'N. 76° 18.476'W.) **At STOP Sign "T" in road, turn left** onto Christie Lake Rd.

Km. 36.2 (44° 52.961'N. 76° 18.545'W.) **At "T" in road, turn right** onto Glen Tay Rd. northward toward Fallbrook. Cross railway line and stop lights across Hwy. 7 and continue north on **Harper Road**, pass Glen Tay School toward Fallbrook

Km. 43.0 (44° 55.674'N. 76° 21.936'W.) **At STOP Sign "T" in road, turn right** (easterly) onto **Keays Rd.**

Km. 44.3 (44° 56.149'N. 76° 21.199'W.) **Turn Left** (northerly) onto **County Road 7** (Fallbrook Rd) through Fallbrook and over scenic Fall River

Km. 50.2 (44° 58.080'N. 76° 24.598'W.) **At STOP Sign "T" in road, turn right** (easterly) onto **County Rd. 12** toward Lanark. Pass beautiful white water of the Mississippi River. Many curves in road.

Km. 57.0 (44° 00.955'N. 76° 21.752'W.) **At STOP Sign, turn right** in village of Lanark, a Scottish heritage mill town once using the might of the Clyde River. Wide variety of shops and services including nearby Community Health Centre.



Playing in the Playfair Rapids on Canada's magical Mississippi River.

Km. 57.1 (44° 00.976'N. 76° 21.700'W.) **Turn Right again** (southerly) in Lanark and follow **Hwy. 511** toward Perth. At Km. 60.4, cross over the Mississippi River again. Pass through **Balderson** (65.0 Km.), prosperous farming country.

Km. 71.9 (44° 54.378'N. 76° 16.255'W.) **At Traffic Light, carefully turn left** at "T" left onto **Hwy. 7** toward Wilson St. and the town of Perth. **Highway 7 is a very busy provincial highway.** Fast foods and shopping centre.

Km. 72.6 (44° 54.580'N. 76° 16.878'W.) **At Traffic Lights, turn right** onto **Wilson Street**, left onto **Foster Street** (44° 54.025'N, 76° 15.150'W) and right onto **Gore Street** (44° 54.076'N 76° 15.068'W) through Perth to **County Rd. 1 toward Rideau Ferry**. If you get lost in Perth, do not dismay. Perth is a fantastic town in which to explore heritage and shopping. Also a hospital.

On County Rd. 1, cross Jebb's Creek and at Km. 79.2 pass the white fences of Ian Miller's farm home for Olympic class horses.

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At **Rideau Ferry**, cross over this World Heritage Canal at 85.9 Km. and from Lanark into Leeds County.

Km. 86.3 (44° 50.685'N. 76° 08.269'W.) **Turn right** onto **Old Kingston Rd.** toward Portland. Old Kingston Road swings left at Km. 91.4 (44° 48.294'N. 76° 09.946'W.) Hard surface road with no shoulders and many curves – a true back country road. Cross Briton - Houghton Bay Rd. at Km.96.1

Km.102.0 (44° 42.949'N. 76° 10.424'W.) **At STOP Sign, turn right** onto **Hwy. 15** to and through **Portland**. **Highway 15 is a very busy provincial highway.** Restrooms at Portland Bay Conservation Area. Variety of shops and services including a Community Health Centre.

Km. 105.1 (44° 41.636'N. 76° 11.686'W.) **Turn right** onto **Cove Rd.** Pass Box Arrow Farm for fine horses

Km. 108.2 (44° 41.330'N. 76° 13.510'W.) **At STOP Sign, turn right** at “T” onto **Big Rideau Lake Rd.** Follow the pavement left (108.9 Km.), right (109.5 Km.) and then left (110.4) to Stop Sign at “T”

Km. 111.6 (44° 41.419'N. 76° 15.360'W.) **At STOP Sign at “T”**, proceed straight onto **McCann Rd.** westerly toward Newboro. Cross Narrows Lock Rd. (114.1 Km.). Pass a once-famous cheddar cheese factory.

Km. 117.3 (44° 39.428'N. 76° 18.601'W.) **At STOP Sign, turn right** onto **County Road 42** and into the village of **Newboro**

Km. 118.2 (44° 39.114'N. 76° 19.058'W.) Back to **Newboro Community Hall.**

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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