

## *Cycle Route No.3 from the Township of Rideau Lakes*

### **Delta - Mallorytown – Athens - Plum Hollow**

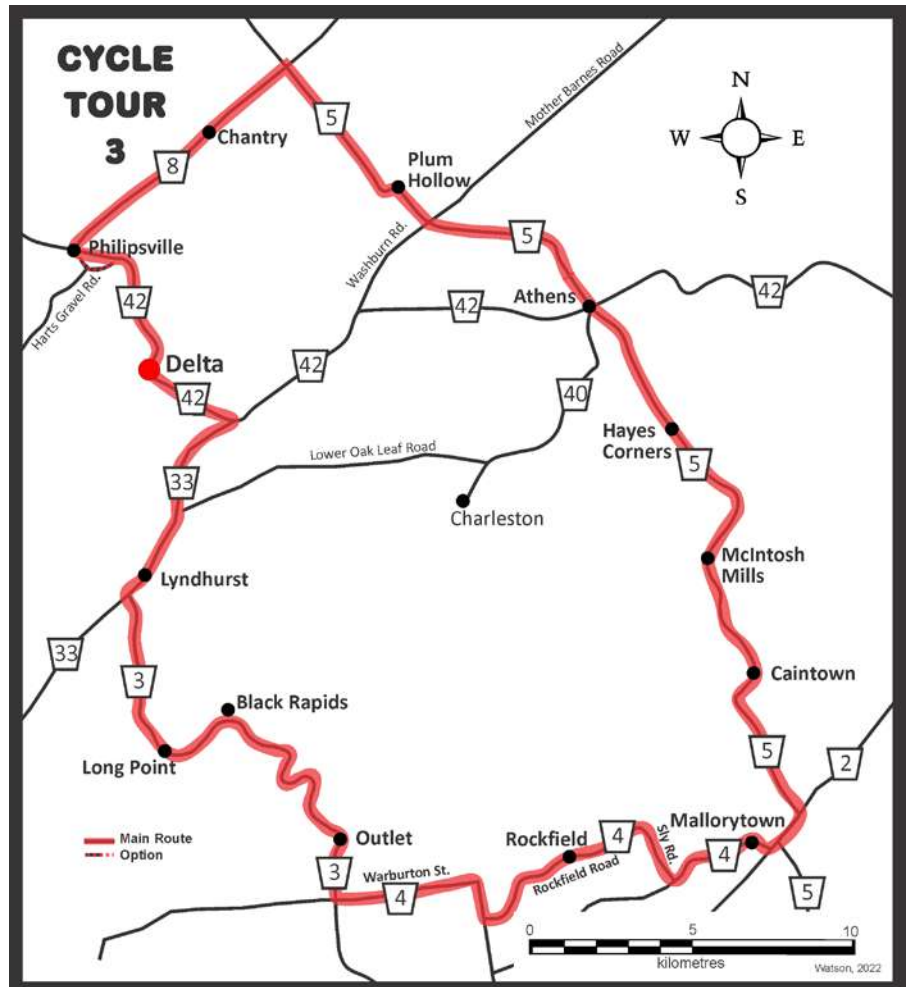
**A Loop Route of about 90 km. on paved roads only.**

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

Km. 0.0 (44°36'37"N 76°07'20"W)  
Start at the historic **Old Stone Mill** in Delta. Note the many fine heritage homes in this community founded on the headwaters of the Gananoque River over 2 centuries ago and once called Stone Mills. Delta annually hosts the famous Delta Fair, second oldest agricultural fair in Ontario.

Head south on Main Street - **County Road #42** for 3.3 km. Pass the historic St. Paul's Anglican Church. Note the red iron colour of some of the rock cuts.

Km. 3.3 (44°35'44"N 76°05'22"W)  
Turn right onto **County Rd. #33**. Bike through Lyndhurst where you will find village services. Cross the historic Stone Bridge and pass the site of the first iron foundry in Upper Canada. In the early 1800s, this community was called Furnace Falls.



Km. 10.0 (44°32'48"N 76°07'42"W) **Turn left onto County Rd. #3**. Peddle through beautiful Frontenac Arch geology and biodiversity. Note outcrops of Lyndhurst pluton granite and crystalline limestone. Pass Singleton Lake, cross over the Black Rapids and pass Killenbeck Lake. Resolve to come back to enjoy a week at Charleston Lake Provincial Park. Cross The Outlet from scenic Charleston Lake.

Km. 25.3 (44°27'48"N 76°02'44"W) **Turn left onto County Rd. #4** (Warburton Rd.). Cycle past fertile fields among outcrops of rugged Canadian Shield. Pass Blue Mountain Rd. and plan to come back some day to explore its vista. At Km 31.0, stay on County Rd. #4 by turning sharp left toward Mallorytown. See the change of the land from Shield to St. Lawrence Lowlands on sandstone.

Km. 42.2 (44°28'39"N 75°52'46"W) **Turn left (East) onto Hwy. #2** and Mainstreet Mallorytown. In Mallorytown village, there are many fine heritage homes, restaurants and store.

Km. 43.2 (44°29'13"N 75°52'07"W) **Turn left onto County Rd. #5** (signpost "Athens") Also called the "Remembrance Road." Carefully traverse a major railway crossing. Experience more Shield landscapes of the Frontenac Axis. Pass through Caintown, over the Trans-Canada Pipeline, by

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Ballycanoe and eventually cross a broad fertile valley toward the spires of Athens. If you end up in Athens, Greece you are lost and probably very wet!

Km. 62.4 (44°37'39"N 75°56'53"W) **Turn left onto Hwy #42** in Athens (also Elgin St./County Rd. #5). Public washrooms at Town Office. Restaurants, stores and other small town services. Enjoy the famous heritage murals in Athens, once called Farmersville.

Km. 62.0 (44°37'33"N 75°57'08"W) In Athens, **turn right onto County Rd. #5** toward Plum Hollow. Stop for a few holes of golf. Pass Tackaberry Construction yards.

Who was this Mother Barnes that had a road named after her?

Watch out for the sharp bend and hill at Plum Hollow as you descend into a broad fertile valley, site of some of the first settlement in the Township of Rideau Lakes. Pioneers came here from Vermont in the late 1700s. "Bike on, Macduff" and cross not swords but the divide between the Gananoque Valley into the Rideau Valley Watershed.

Km. 74.9 (44°41'42"N 76°04'11"W) **Turn left onto County Rd. #8** toward Philippsville. Pass the Township of Rideau Lakes offices at Chantry and the grand Seaman house pictured to the right.



Km. 83.9 (44°38'28"N 76°09'15"W) **Turn left onto Hwy. #42** in Philippsville toward Delta.

**Option:** South of Philippsville, follow the pavement of the Hartsgravel Road along the very scenic Corbett Creek Valley, past the Japanese Martyrs Cemetery and Church of the Japanese Martyrs (now a residence).

Who, when and where did this martyrdom occur?

Note the high cliffs of Cambrian Sandstone, pass Willows Agribusiness and return right onto Hwy. #42.

Km 50.5 (44°36'37"N 76°07'20"W) **Back into Delta Centre.**

Historic Old Stone Mill, a National Historic Site: [www.deltamill.org](http://www.deltamill.org)

Lower Beverley Lake Park, Family Camping and Cottages: [www.beverleylakepark.com](http://www.beverleylakepark.com)

Delta Fairgrounds, the site of the famous Delta Fair, grocery store, food vendors, post office and LCBO. Come back to Delta to enjoy our famous community events: spring Maple Syrup Festival, summer Delta Fair, Fall Harvest Festival, and Village Lights during the Christmas Season.

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