

Parks Canada

You can go far on Heritage Canals.
Thousands of kilometres
of continuous waterways in fact.



Welcome from the Lockmaster.



Trent-Severn Waterway



Rideau Canal Waterways.

Starting from Lake Champlain, south-east of Montréal, the Richelieu River leads north on a cruise up the Saint Lawrence and through the Great Lakes.

The Chambly Canal bypasses the rapids between St. Jean and Chambly. And the St. Ours Canal opens the way to Sorel and the St. Lawrence River. From Sorel it's clear sailing to the Ottawa River and the single locks of the Ste. Anne and Carillon Canals. From Ste. Anne to the foot of the Rideau Canal in Ottawa is 192 km.

At Ottawa, a flight of eight locks raises boats up from the river into the Rideau Canal.

Most of the locks along the 200 km route are still operated by hand.

At Kingston, you can turn right into Lake Ontario and on to the Trent-Severn Waterway leading about 390 km to Georgian Bay and Lake Huron through canal locks, a marine railway and lake and river channels.

From Georgian Bay the route is

open to Lake Superior via the Sault Ste. Marie Canal.

You can come back by the Soo to Lake Huron and Lake Erie and into Lake Ontario via the Welland Canal.

This round trip passes each of Ontario's four national parks and many historic sites in both Ontario and Quebec.

The St. Peters Canal in Nova Scotia cuts through the isthmus that separates Bras D'Or Lake from St. Peters Bay in Cape Breton Island. Passage is free of charge and there are picnic grounds and camping sites in a nearby provincial park.

Camping in National Parks—The national park campgrounds range in size from a three-site primitive campground to a 322-site trailer campground equipped with three-way hookups. There is group tenting and winter camping on some sites.

Admission is free to all National Historic Parks and Sites except: Lower Fort Garry, Fort George, Fort Langley and

Fortress Louisbourg. Fort Lennox is reached by a privately operated ferry for which there is a charge.

In summer most campgrounds are crowded on weekends. So the best time to arrive is on Thursday or earlier.

We've described only a few National Parks and Historic Sites. For more information write to:

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