

Cycle Route No.4 from the Township of Rideau Lakes

Delta - Jones Falls - Lyndhurst

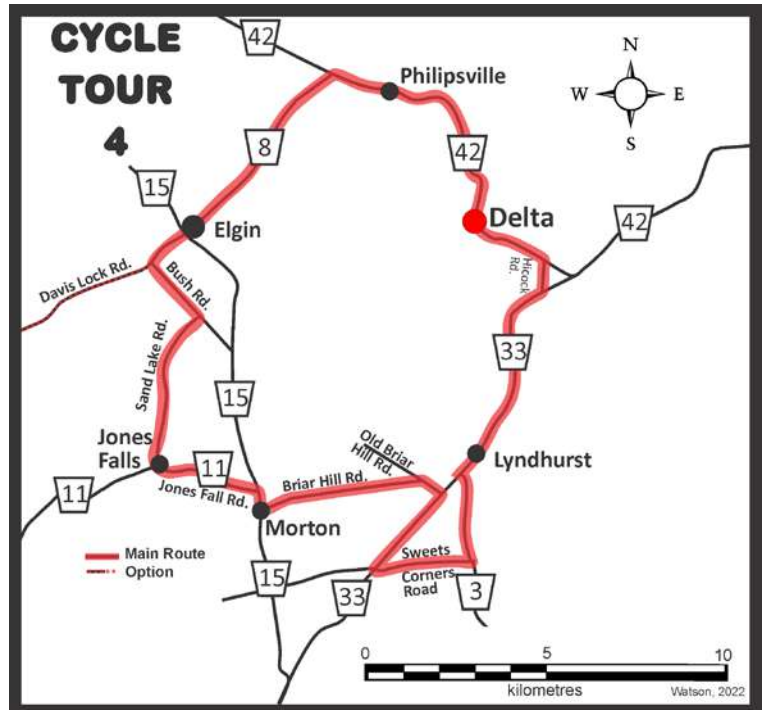
A Loop Route of about 46 km. on paved roads only.

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

Km. 0.0 (44°36.600'N. 76°07.337'W.) Start at Delta's Old Stone Mill. Note the many fine heritage homes in this community founded on the headwaters of the Gananoque River System over 2 centuries ago Delta was once noted its industries such as its foundry, carriage shop and boat building.

Head north on Main Street - County Road 42 Note the red colour of some of the rock cuts rich in an iron ore called hematite. Pass through the community of Philippsville, scene of political uprising in 1837.

Km. 6.8 (44°38.728'N. 76°10.445'W.) **Turn Left onto County Rd. 8** at the sign post "Elgin." Peddle through Elgin (Village conveniences such as a garage, a grocery store, post office, pharmacy, LCBO and library) Carefully cross Hwy. 15 (44 36.375 N. 76 13.434 W.) onto Davis Lock Road.

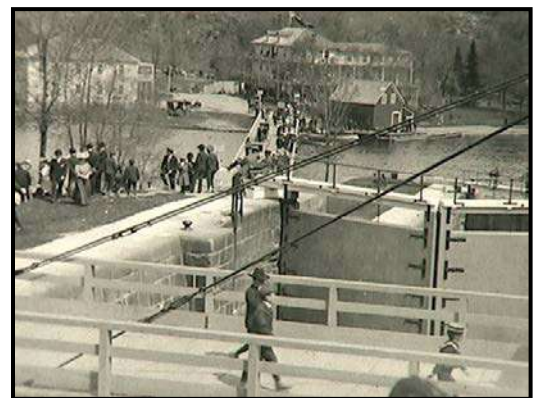


Km.14.0 (44°35.896'N. 76°14.121'W.) **Turn Left onto Bush Road** toward Sand Lake Road. Option: Continue on the Davis Lock Road (hilly and winding) to the end of the road at Davis Lock, one of the most scenic and rustic sites along the Rideau Canal.

Km. 15.8 (44°35.140'N. 76°13.244'W.) **Turn Right onto Sand Lake Road** toward Jones Falls. Note several heritage farmsteads among fields and mixed forest on the relatively flat landscape of the St. Lawrence Lowlands. Pass under a major power line to Ottawa.

Km. 19.8 (44°33.165'N 76°14.089'W.) **Turn Left onto County Rd. 11** at "T" intersection

Km. 20.2 (44°32.959'N. 76°14.082'W.) **Turn Right at 400 meters at sign post "Stone Arch Dam"** and either walk or carefully ride down a gravel lane to the Stone Arch Dam. When it was built in the 1820s, this dam was one of the greatest of its kind in the Americas. It is part of the Jones Falls Lockstation of the Rideau Canal a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This lane will take you across the Stone Arch Dam, past the defensible Lock Master's house, near to the smithy, the great Jones Falls flight of 4 locks and across the bridge to Hotel Kenney. Follow the paved road back to County Rd. 11



Km. 20.5 (44°32.793'N. 76°13.967'W.) **Turn Right onto County Rd. 11** and follow its winding pavement through typical Frontenac Axis landscape, forested hills and marshes on a rich and rugged geology.

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Km. 23.7 (44°32.515'N. 76°11.909'W.) **Turn Right onto Hwy. 15** (CAUTION – this is a busy highway). Cross Morton Creek into the hamlet of Morton to the Briar Hill Road. Several mills used water power from Whitefish Falls. Come back to Morton with your canoe or kayak and explore the renowned Rideau Canal and the picturesque Gananoque River.

Option: At the park area on the west side of the bridge by the creek you can follow a trail along Morton Creek to Morton Bay. In the 1800s, a wooden guardhouse used to sit high atop the cliffs here to protect the Morton Dam.

Km. 24.2 (44°32.267'N. 76°11.889'W.) **Turn Left onto Briar Hill Rd.** Pass the unique octagonal school house called the “Pimple”. Pass the junction with Fortune Line, named after William Fortune, a famous surveyor who established this survey line in 1794.

Km. 28.8 (44°32.710'N. 76°08.555'W.) **Turn Right onto Old Briar Hill Rd.** toward Lyndhurst Rd..

Km. 29.4 (44°32.531'N. 76°08.153'W.) **Turn Right onto Lyndhurst Rd.** (County Rd. 33) toward Sweets Corners.

Km. 32.1 (44°31.418'N. 76°09.388'W.) **Turn Left onto Sweet's Corner Rd.** toward County Rd. 3. Sweets Corners was once the site of a church and a cheddar cheese factory, typical of many communities in North Leeds. Pass a large gravel pit, one of several in the Morton esker.

Km. 34.7 (44°31.528'N. 76°07.476'W.) **Turn Left on County Rd. 3** toward Lyndhurst Rd. (County Rd. 33). Sign Post “Lyndhurst” Pass the turn to Red Horse Lake, another local gem in water and a roadcut through fine granite.

Km. 37.1 (44°32.787'N. 76°07.702'W.) **Turn Right onto County Rd. 33** and cross the scenic Lyndhurst stone arch bridge and through the village of Lyndhurst. Once called Furnace Falls, it was the site of the first iron smelter in Upper Canada (1801-1811). Lyndhurst was once a bustling mill village on the Gananoque River System. In Lyndhurst, you will find a café, a gift shop, stores and churches, a library and a dentist.

Km 43.0 (44°35.444'N. 76°05.926'W.) **Turn Left onto Hicock Rd.** to end at Stop sign at County Rd. 42.

Km. 44.0 (44°35.982'N. 76°05.986'W.) **Turn Left onto County Rd. 42** toward Delta.

Km. 46.3 (44°36.600'N. 76°07.330'W.) **Back into Delta**

Historic Old Stone Mill, a National Historic Site: www.deltamill.org

Lower Beverley Lake Park, Family Camping and Cottages: 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 in the Christmas Season.

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