

Cycle Route No. 5 from the Township of Rideau Lakes

Delta - Lake Eloida - Oak Leaf

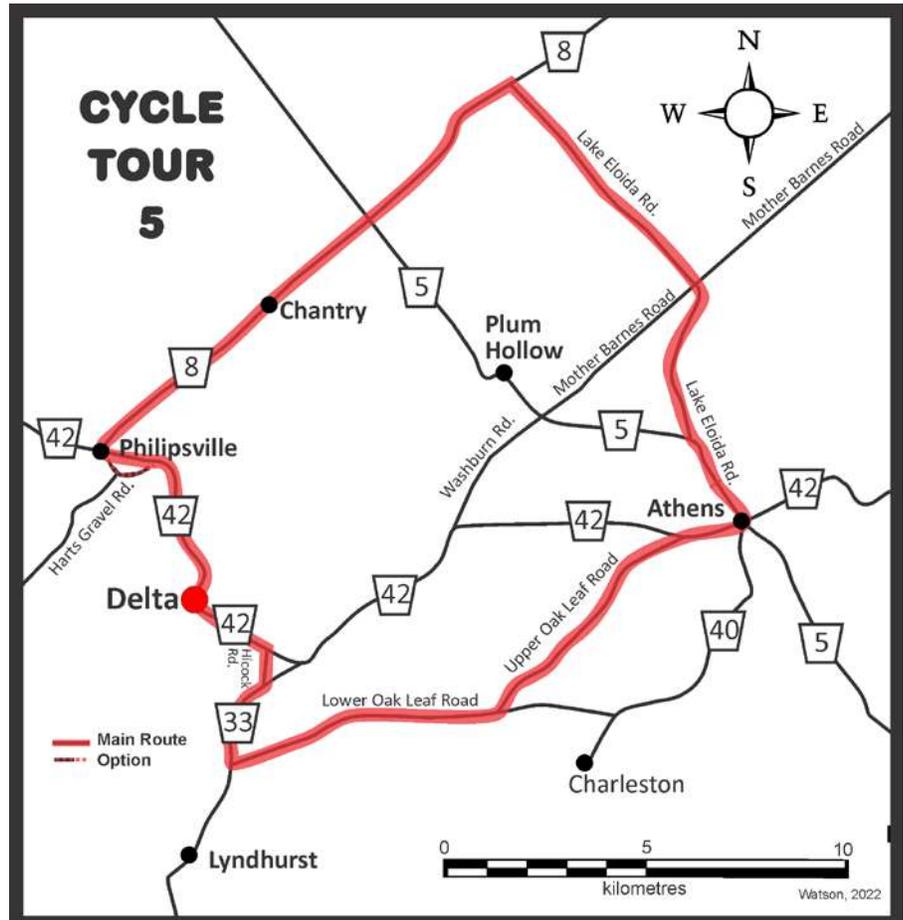
A Loop Route of about 52 km. on paved roads only.

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

Km. 0.0 (44°36.611'N. 76°07.331'W.) **Start at Delta's historic Old Stone Mill.** Note the many fine heritage homes in this community founded on the headwaters of the Gananoque River over 2 centuries ago. Delta was the childhood home of Lorne Pierce, famous man of Canadian literature.

Head north on Main Street, County Road 42. Note the red iron colour of some of the rock cuts

OPTION: At Km. 3.6 just south of Philippsville, turn right onto the Hartsgravel paved loop past Willows Agri-business along the scenic Corbett Creek Valley and the massive cliffs of Nepean Sandstone laid down in Paleozoic times, pass the historic Cemetery and Church of the Japanese Martyrs (now a residence). For all history detectives: who were the Japanese Martyrs?



Km. 5.0 (44°38.475'N. 76°09.250'W.) **Turn Right onto County Rd. 8** in the hamlet of Philippsville toward Chantry. Philippsville was a site of political rebellion in 1837 and later became a bustling little community with several mills in the scenic valley of Corbett's Creek

Km. 19.4 (44°43.507'N. 76°01.399'W.) **Turn Right onto Lake Eloida Rd.** toward County Rd. 5. Regrowth forest, rail fences, prosperous farms. Who was Mother Barnes who now has a road named after her?

Km. 30.7 (44°38.630'N. 75 58.001'W.) **Turn Left on County Rd. 5** toward Athens. Come back for a few holes of golf and the Athens Fair.

Km. 33.0 (44°37.570'N. 75 57.155'W.) **Turn Right onto County Rd. 42** at Athens. Washroom at Town Office. Athens is famous for its murals. Restaurants, stores and other small town services.

Km 34.5 (44°37.438'N. 75 58.228'W.) **Turn Left onto Upper Oak Leak Rd.** toward Lower Oak Leaf Rd. A number of fine heritage homes and farmsteads along this road. (Upper Oak Leaf Road ends; no signpost. Stop Sign only)

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Km. 41.0 (44.35.048°N. 76°01.626°W.) **Turn Right onto Lower Oak Leaf Rd.** toward County Rd. 33. (Lower Oak Leaf Rd. ends at a Stop Sign). Beautiful white pine trees among mixed forest

Km. 47.9 (44°34.256°N. 76°06.628°W.) **Turn Right onto County Rd. 33** toward Hicock Rd. Rugged hills of the Frontenac Axis branch of the Canadian Shield

Km. 50.7 (44°35.466°N. 76°05.923°W.) **Turn Left onto Hicock Rd.** towards County Rd. 42. (Hicock Rd. ends; no sign post. Stop sign only)

Km. 51.7 (44°35.984°N. 76°05.986°W.) **Turn Left onto County Rd. 42** toward Delta.

Km. 54.0 (44°36.600°N. 76°07.330°W.) **Back into Delta**

Historic Old Stone Mill, a National Historic Site:

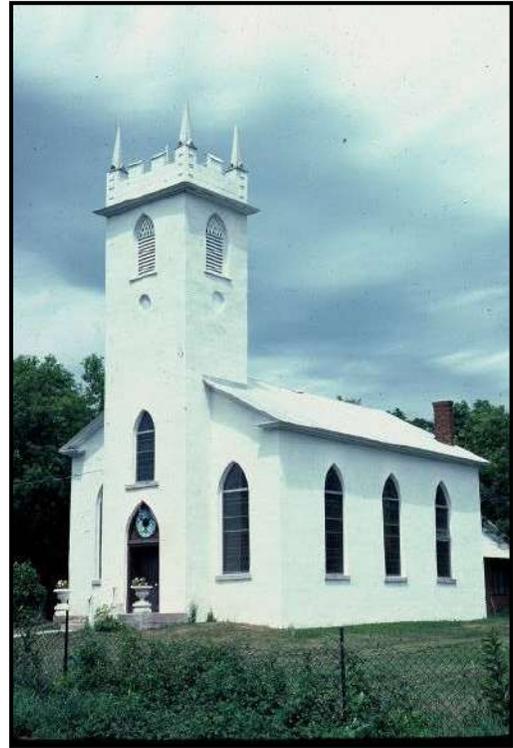
www.deltamill.org

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 the Christmas Season.

Delta was the home town of Guy Curtis, famous football player with the Queen's University Golden Gaels.



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