

Cycle Route No. 7 from the Township of Rideau Lakes

Delta - Eight Lakes Cycle Route

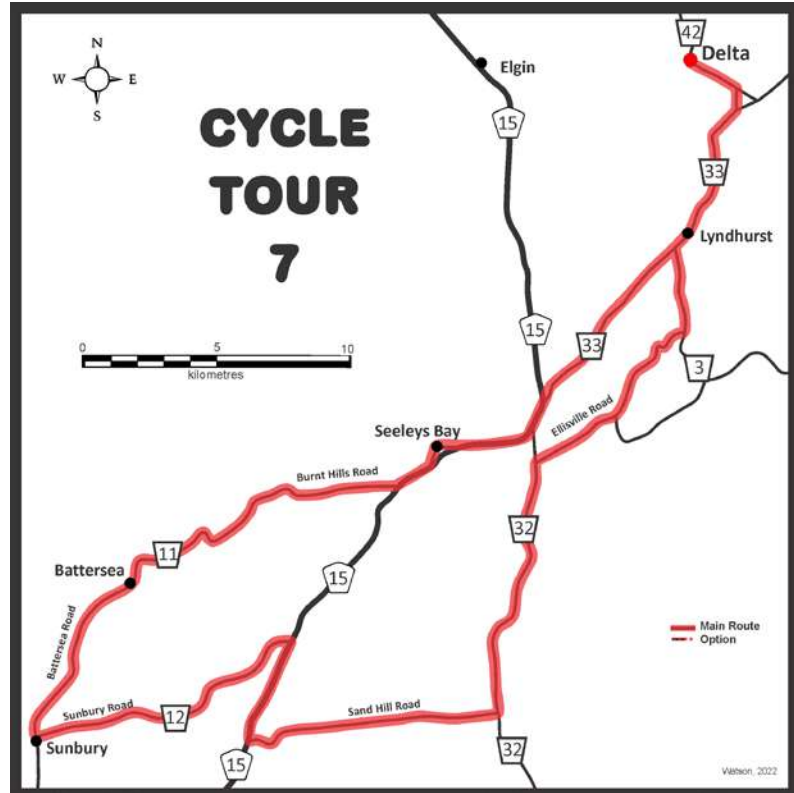
A Loop Route of about 97 km. with about 5km of gravel roads.

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

Km. 0.0 (44° 36.600'N. 76° 07.330'W.)
Start at Delta's Historic Old Stone Mill between Upper and Lower Beverly Lakes, headwaters of the Gananoque River System. First called Stevenstown, then Stone Mills, then Beverley, before finally settling on Delta, this village was a thriving agricultural and industrial community and the municipal centre of Bastard Township prior to amalgamation into the Township of Rideau Lakes in 1998.

Head south on Main Street.
Follow County Road 42 toward Hicock Rd.

Km. 2.2 (44° 35.990'N. 76° 05.985'W.)
Turn Right onto Hicock Rd. (paved) toward County Rd. 33. (Hicock Rd. ends; No sign post. Stop sign only)



Km. 3.3 (44° 35.458'N. 76° 05.927'W.) **Turn Right onto County Rd. 33** and proceed through Lyndhurst, once a bustling mill village. Cross the scenic Lyndhurst stone arch bridge over Lyndhurst Creek that joins Lower Beverly Lake and Lyndhurst Lake of the Gananoque River System. Along the way, notice the rail fences and one of several large gravel pits in the Morton esker.

Km. 16.8 (44° 29.655'N. 76° 11.266'W.) **Turn Left onto Hwy. 15** toward County Rd. 43 and the village of Seeley's Bay. CAUTION; Hwy. 15 can be very busy.

Km. 20.1 (44° 28.800'N. 76° 13.130'W.) **Turn Right onto County Rd. 47**, the Main Street of the village of Seeley's Bay. A wide range of village services can be found here on a bay of Cranberry Lake, part of the Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Km 22.3 (44° 28.307'N. 76° 14.523) **Turn Right onto Hwy. 15** toward Burnt Hills Rd. CAUTION; Hwy. 15 can be very busy.

Km. 23.5 (44° 27.965'N. 76° 15.296'W.) **Turn Right onto Burnt Hills Rd.** Cross swing bridge over Cranberry Lake, part of Rideau Canal at Km. 25.5 Good picnic site at west side of swing bridge. Continue on Burnt Hills Rd. toward Battersea Rd (County Rd. 11)

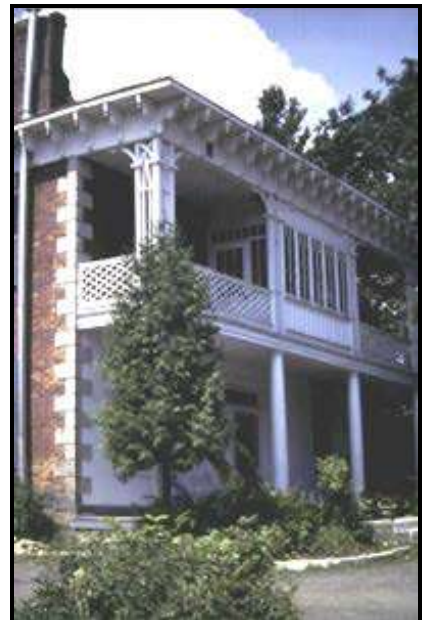
This road winds over hills and along shores of Dog Lake. You will really get a feel for the Axis branch of the Canadian Shield.

Km. 33.4 (44° 26.670'N. 76° 21.495'W.) at a "T" in the road there is only a STOP sign. **Turn left onto Battersea Rd.** (County Rd. 11 once called the "Old Stage Road"). Proceed through the once mill town of Battersea, now with shops and a marina.

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Stop at the Battersea Bridge (44° 25.903'N 76° 23.054'W.) over the creek joining Loughborough Lake and Dog Lake and into of the Rideau Canal System. This creek was once the start of the Catarqui River. Then proceed toward Sunbury Rd. (County Rd. 12).

- Km. 43.1** (44° 22.893'N. 76° 25.533'W.) **Turn left onto Sunbury Rd.** toward Hwy. 15. Cross rolling farmland on the Limestone Plain of the Great Lakes Lowlands, then over the Rideau Canal between the scenic lock stations at Upper Brewers and Lower Brewers mills.
- Km. 53.7** (44° 24.505'N. 76° 18.598'W.) **Turn Right onto Hwy. 15** toward Sand Hill (County Rd. 13). CAUTION; Hwy. 15 can be very busy.
- Km. 57.2** (44° 22.792'N. 76° 19.669'W.) **Turn Left onto Sand Hill Rd.** toward Hwy. 32. Pass south of Gananoque Airport, once part of the training system of air fields during WWII and a major site for gliding and parachuting. Prosperous farms on a projection of the St. Lawrence Lowlands. But the Shield is always lurking beneath you and on the horizon
- Km. 66.8** (44° 23.463'N. 76° 12.623'W.) **Turn Left onto Hwy. 32** toward Ellisville Rd. Pass the eastern end of scenic South Lake.
- Km. 76.8** (44° 28.391'N. 76° 11.506'W.) **Turn Right onto Ellisville Rd.** towards the tiny hamlet of Ellisville. Travel through classic Frontenac Axis – Canadian Shield countryside.
- Km. 80.3** (44° 29.340'N. 76° 09.362'W.) **Turn Left at Ellisville** (signpost Ellisville Road, Lyndhurst). From here the road is hardpacked. Pass south of Grippen Lake. Road ends at Stop Sign onto County Rd. 3 (paved) on the west side of Singleton Lake.
- Km. 84.7** (44° 31.050'N. 76° 07.457'W.) **Left onto County Rd. 3** toward County Rd. 33 near Lyndhurst. Massive metamorphic rock cuts and beautiful pink granite of the Lyndhurst pluton.
- Km. 88.0** (44° 32.785'N. 76° 07.700'W.) **Turn Right onto County Rd. 33** through Lyndhurst toward Hicock Rd. Pass the cairn by the bridge noting the first iron foundry in Upper Canada when Lyndhurst was called Furnace Falls in the early 1800s.
- Km. 94.0** (44° 35.468 76° 05.924'W.) **Turn Left onto Hicock Rd.** to Stop Sign at Hwy 42.
- Km. 95.0** (44° 35.983 76° 05.988'W.) **Turn Left onto Hwy 42** toward Delta.
- Km. 97.3** (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.



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