

Prescott-Russell Recreational Trail

Cycling Itinerary



EASY/
MODERATE



13KM TO 54KM
TO 72KM



Prescott & Russell Recreational Trail

Enjoy the quiet rural countryside pedalling along the delightful Prescott-Russell Recreational Trail. Choose a distance that best suits your ride style, shorter or longer, for a spin on this well-maintained unpaved rail trail. The trail in full is 72km, stretching from the outskirts of Ottawa, to the Quebec border and inland from the Ottawa River that separates the two provinces in south eastern Ontario. The flat multi-use trail is readily accessible with parking at eight locations as well as six sheltered pavilions with washrooms.

This suggested 54km ride out and back will take you along a segment highlighting the scenery and to a number of welcoming communities. Stop along the way in Vankleet Hill, Alfred and Plantagenet. Vankleet Hill, known as the Gingerbread Capital of Ontario for its Victorian inspired architecture and houses, is also home to popular Beau's Brewery, with a large patio. The pretty riverside setting of Plantagenet makes the village ideal for a rest stop, coffee, gelato or more overlooking the South Nation River (a tributary of nearby Ottawa River), at Café sur la rive, a regular stop for local cyclists. Ride as far as Bourget or break off the trail to loop back on quiet roads through the surrounding countryside on one of the many mapped cycling routes in the area. Ebike rentals are also available from one of three locations in trailside villages.

Route info

CYCLING ROUTE

13km (8m) to 54km (33m)
to 72km (45m)

CYCLING IN

South Eastern Ontario,
Prescott & Russell

EXPERIENCE RATING

Easy to moderate, cycle
any distance

Digital maps

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Legend	
	Limited access Multi-lane highway
	County road, paved
	Paved surface
	Hard surface
	Loose surface
	Gravel lane
	Unmaintained road
	Rail
	Ferry
	International bridge

	Provincial Park
	Conservation Area
	Parks of the St Lawrence
	National Park
	Municipal parks and recreation areas
	Mountain Bike Trails

	Bike Repair Station
	Services and features
	Hospital
	Rideau Canal Lockstation, Parks Canada
	Trent-Severn Waterway Lockstation, Parks Canada
	St. Lawrence Seaway Lockstation
	Public beach
	Lighthouse



Places to Stop

- Villages of Vankleet Hill, Alfred, Plantagenet
- Trailside pavilions
- Riverside parks
- Beau's Brewery, Vankleet Hill
- Café sur la Rive, Plantagenet

There are a number of options to modify this itinerary:

- Start in alternate trailside locations
- Ride distance that best suits your style
- Ride exclusively on off-road trail, out and back
- Ride any distance on trail, or full length of trail, and loop back on one of the mapped cycling routes in the area
- Connect to cycling routes in Ottawa, SDG Counties, Cornwall or Quebec
- Combine this itinerary with other cycling routes in Prescott & Russell



Ouimet Farms Adventure



DISTANCE

**13km (8m) to 54km (33m)
to 72km (45m)**



Alpacs City

Logistics

Route

- Alternate start locations, enjoy a trail-only experience
- Trail is unpaved
- Flat, limited elevation
- Trail is family-friendly
- Suitable for all types of bicycles

Cautions & Notes

- If connecting to villages from trail, on road riding, with some paved shoulders, is required
- Trail crossings of rural roads

Park & Start

- There is parking trailside and near each of the following villages: Hammond, Bourget, Plantagenet, Alfred, Vankleek-Hill, St-Eugène
- Other parking lots are located at the intersection of the trail on: Drouin Road (west of Hammond); Caledonia Spring Road (east of Alfred)

Services

VANKLEET HILL

- Trilside pavilion, parking & washroom
- Ebike rentals: Beau's Brewery, 10 Terry Fox Dr.
- Accommodations
- Restaurants/café
- Food/groceries/ convenience stores
- Gas stations
- Bank ATM
- Shopping

ALFRED

- Trilside pavilion, parking & washroom
- Accommodations
- Restaurants/café
- Food/groceries/ convenience stores
- Gas stations
- Bank ATM
- Shopping

PLANTAGENET

- Trilside pavilion, parking & washroom
- Ebike rentals: Café sur la Rive, 253 Water St.
- Accommodations
- Restaurants/café
- Convenience stores
- Gas stations
- Bank ATM
- Shopping



Information Links

Visitor Information

South Eastern Ontario website:
southeasternontario.ca

Tourism in Prescott & Russell:
en.prescott-russell.on.ca/discover/tourism

Prescott & Russell Recreational Trail:
sentierprtrail.com

Additional Information

More cycling routes in Prescott & Russell:
sentierprtrail.com/en/bike-in-pr

Casselman - St Albert - Russell - Embrun Loop:
ridewithgps.com/routes/44778116

River & Trail Century Ride:
ridewithgps.com/routes/44778140

Ebike rentals:
sentierprtrail.com/ebikes

For cycling routes, maps and certified bicycle friendly places to eat, visit & sleep: ontariobybike.ca/prescott russell & ontariobybike.ca/southeasternontario

Disclaimer: The maps and itineraries have been developed to assist in planning bicycle trips throughout South Eastern Ontario. The majority of routes are on shared roadways and cyclists must use these streets, as well as any trails, with caution. Always wear the proper safety gear when cycling, ride sensibly and abide by all laws. Each route should be evaluated by each individual cyclist based on their level of experience, comfort level in cycling in traffic, weather conditions, time of day, and any road obstacles. South Eastern Ontario and Prescott-Russell do not assume any liability whatsoever for cyclists travelling upon these routes.