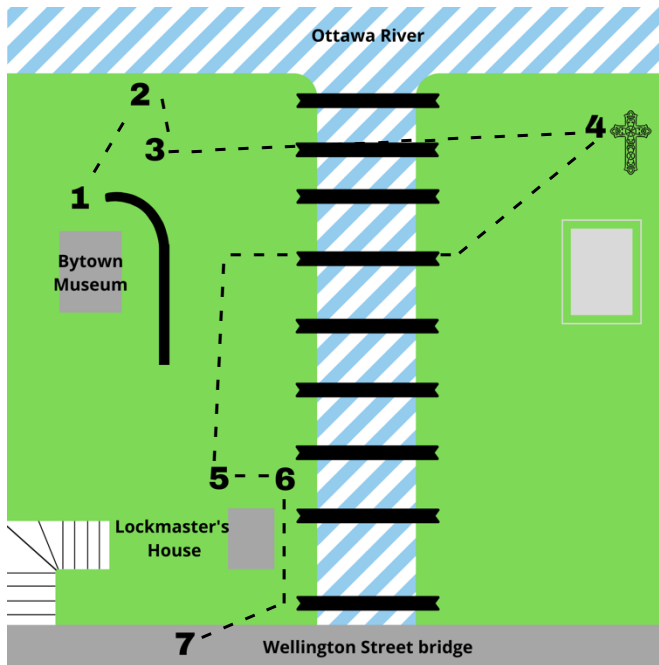


Exploration Experts (Grades 3-6)

Use the signs around the area to help you answer the questions.



1. Take a look at the land around you. This land was originally inhabited by the Anishnaabeg peoples. They call themselves the Odawa people. Which city has a similar name to the Odawa people? (Hint: it's the city you're currently in)
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2. Head down to the start of the Rideau Canal and look out at the city across the Ottawa River. The city was originally called Wrightsville. What is it called today?

3. Look up at the start of the Rideau Canal. Then entire canal is 202 kilometers long and ends in another Canadian city that is home to Fort Henry. Which city does the Rideau Canal end in?

4. Cross the second lock and visit the Celtic Cross that remembers the many workers who died working on the canal. What five symbols can you see on the cross?

5. If you look up towards Major's Hill Park you can see the statue of the man who was in charge of the construction of the Rideau Canal. What was his name?

6. Be sure to take a moment to admire the Rideau Canal locks. Can you count how many locks there are at this lock station? (Hint: a lock in the closed in space between two doors)

7. The Wellington Street Bridge crosses the Rideau Canal, but this isn't the first bridge built across the Canal! The first bridge was built by the Royal Sappers and Miners. You can still see the ruins of the original bridge under the current one. What is the name of the original bridge? (Hint: check the plaque under the bridge)

Answers:
1) Ottawa!
2) Gatineau!
3) The Rideau Canal ends in Kingston, Ontario.
4) Pickaxe & Shovel-tools used in the construction of the canal, Explosion- represents the dangerous explosion from black powder used to blast through the rocks in the area, Harp- a traditional symbol of Ireland (many workers were Irish), Mosquito- many workers died from malaria which is transmitted by mosquitos, Wheelbarrow- another tool used in the construction of the canal.
5) Lieutenant Colonel John By.
6) Eight.
7) Sappers Bridge.