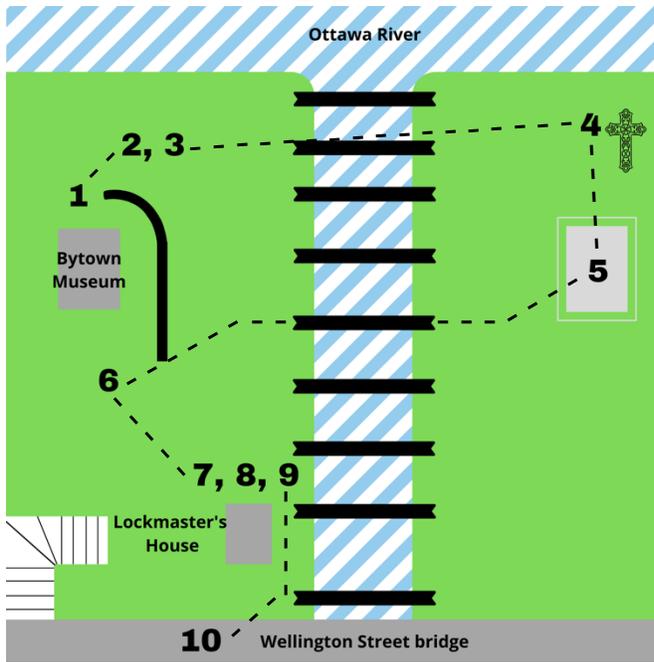


Exploration Experts (Grades 7-12)

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



1. Take in the beauty of the area around you. You are currently standing on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg peoples. The Anishnaabeg peoples that have lived here for centuries were the original inspiration for Ottawa's name. Can you guess the name of the Anishnaabeg peoples who lived here?

2. Head down to the start of the Rideau Canal to look out at the Ottawa River. What is the name given to the river by the Anishnaabeg peoples?

3. Turn around and look up at the Rideau Canal that begins here in Ottawa and is 202 kilometers long. It ends in another Canadian city that used to be the capital and is close to the American border. In which city does the Rideau Canal end?

4. Cross the second lock and pay your respects to the workers of the Rideau Canal by visiting the Celtic Cross. Can you identify the five symbols on the monument? Any guesses what they symbolize?

5. These ruins belong to a building that would have looked almost identical to the Bytown museum but was torn down in 1911. What was this building used for? (Hint: look for the plaque just below the ruins)

6. Look across to the Commissariat building that is now home to the Bytown Museum. Notice the big doors on each floor and side. What do you think the doors were used for? (Hint: check out the plaque in front of the museum)

7. Above the ruins of the Royal Engineer's Building in Major's Hill Park is a statue of the Superintending Engineer for the Rideau Canal. What is his name?

8. Can you think of any other places in Ottawa named after John By?

9. How many locks are there at this lock station?

10. The Wellington Street Bridge crosses the Rideau Canal, but was once much smaller and named after the Royal Sappers and Miners, a branch of the British military. The ruins are still visible under the current bridge. What was the name of the original bridge? (Hint: check the plaque under the bridge)

Answers:
1) The Odawa peoples.
2) Kichi Sibi
3) The Rideau Canal ends in Kingston, Ontario where it meets Lake 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) This was the Royal Engineer's building where the engineers worked on their plans for the Rideau Canal.
6) To make it easier to bring construction materials and tools in and out of the building.
7) Lieutenant Colonel John By.
8) Byward market, Colonel By Drive, Colonel By Secondary School, Bytown was Ottawa's first name!
9) Eight.
10) Sapper's Bridge.