

Ottawa to Mattawa-Bonfield and Back

The Ottawa River Run from Ottawa

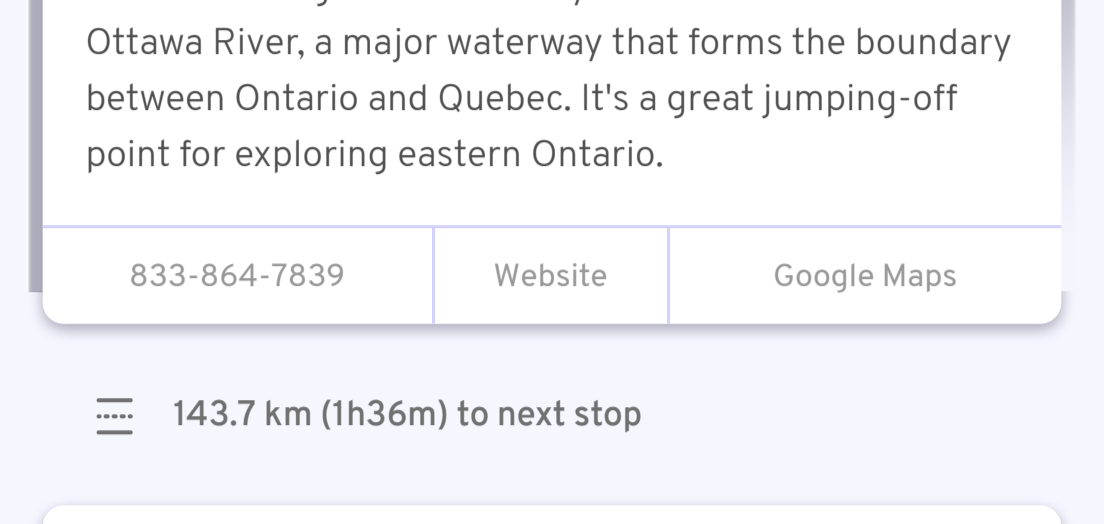
Driving

🕒 3 days 🗺️ 619 km 📍 13 stops

A major trade route since time immemorial, the Ottawa River makes a great route for a getaway to Ontario's near north. Spend a couple of nights in the Mattawa-Bonfield area and learn a thing or two along the way.

Start of itinerary

Head out early so you have lots of time to stop at each of the interesting little museums along the river.



City of Ottawa

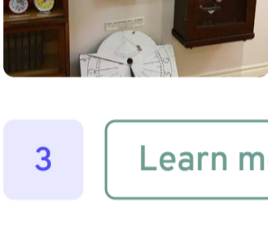
Ottawa, Ottawa, ON

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More than just Canada's capital, Ottawa is home to a wealth of things to do. The city lies on the banks of the Ottawa River, a major waterway that forms the boundary between Ontario and Quebec. It's a great jumping-off point for exploring eastern Ontario.

833-864-7839 [Website](#) [Google Maps](#)

🗺️ 143.7 km (1h36m) to next stop



Champlain Trail Museum and Pioneer Village

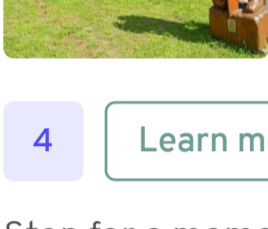
1032 Pembroke St E, Pembroke, ON

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Take a trip back in time as you stroll through the museum and pioneer village. With one of the largest collections of Ottawa Valley artifacts, the Champlain Trail Museum is a must-see!

(613) 735-0517 [Website](#) [Google Maps](#)

🗺️ 56.1 km (44 minutes) to next stop



The Canadian Clock Museum

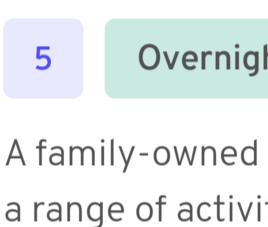
60 James St, Deep River, ON

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More than just clocks (but there are a lot of clocks!) this is a journey through the history of timekeeping through a Canadian lens. Run by an enthusiastic and knowledgeable curator full of stories, this small but unique museum is worth taking the time for.

(613) 584-9687 [Website](#) [Google Maps](#)

🗺️ 102.4 km (1h4m) to next stop



Mattawa Travel Information Centre

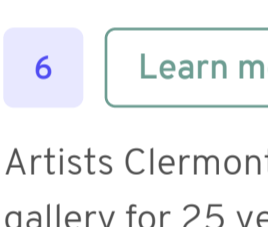
401 Pine St, Mattawa, ON

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Stop for a moment, see some beautiful wood sculptures, and learn about this astonishing part of Ontario. For centuries, this is where explorers set off on their travels and rested when they returned. We are just far enough for you to start your own adventure. We have a lot of art to see and trails to explore. Mattawa is a great place to connect with nature and to try something new.

(705) 744-0222 [Website](#) [Google Maps](#)

🗺️ 2.3 km (3 minutes) to next stop



Mattawa River Resort

6251 Hwy 17W, Mattawa, ON

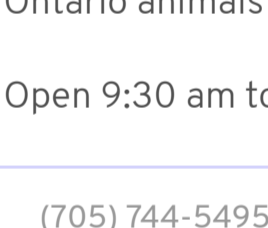
5 [Overnight](#) [Learn more](#)

A family-owned and operated beachfront resort offering a range of activities for lovers of the outdoors. This rustic hideaway in the hills just outside of Mattawa sits on 147 acres of pristine waterfront and sprawling northern woodlands. Pets are welcome!

(705) 744-5020 [Website](#) [Google Maps](#)

☀️ Day 2 - 39.6km

🗺️ 2.7 km (3 minutes) to next stop



Clermont Duval Art Gallery

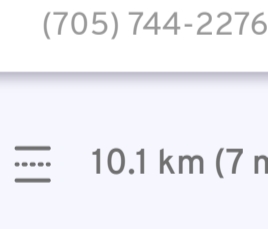
313 Main St C.P. 980, Mattawa, ON

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Artists Clermont and Costel Duval have owned an art gallery for 25 years. Come and visit their collection of vibrant paintings of the Ontario landscape and hang one on your own wall.

(705) 744-0095 [Website](#) [Google Maps](#)

🗺️ 0.4 km (1 minute) to next stop



Mattawa Museum

285 First St, Mattawa, ON

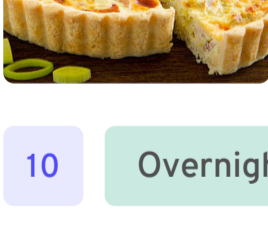
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This beautiful red pine log building houses a museum with an impressive collection of Aboriginal items such as tools and artifacts, a CPR railroad exhibit, vintage household items, war memorabilia, a Mattawa sports hall of fame, and many interesting northern Ontario animals and birds.

Open 9:30 am to 4:30 pm from July 17 to August 28th.

(705) 744-5495 [Website](#) [Google Maps](#)

🗺️ 13.7 km (11 minutes) to next stop



Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park

6905 Highway 17, Mattawa, ON

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Discover this park named for the early French explorer who first travelled through this area in the early 1600's. Set up camp in one of over 200 sites, and spend your days discovering the areas rich history at the park's Voyageur Museum.

(705) 744-2276 [Website](#) [Google Maps](#)

🗺️ 10.1 km (7 minutes) to next stop



9 Pimisi Bay Rest Area

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A beautiful little rest stop with picnic tables by the lakeshore shaded by tall cedars and balsams. Look next to the boat launch, and you will find a bronze plaque erected in honour of a special Swedish Canadian woman, Louise de Kiriline Lawrence.

🗺️ 12.8 km (9 minutes) to next stop



Dinner Bell Motel & Restaurant

4 Hwy 531, Bonfield, ON

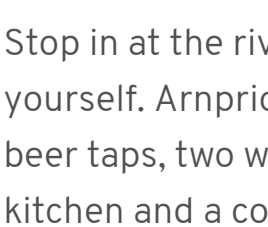
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Located at the corner of highway 17 east of North Bay, Highway 531 in Bonfield and on the Snowmobile Trail 201, Dinner Bell is a great place to stop for a meal or an overnight stay. They take pride in serving only quality ingredients in everything on their menu, diligently searching the province for the freshest ingredients available. Guest parking is complimentary; snowmobiles included.

(705) 776-2224 [Website](#) [Google Maps](#)

☀️ Day 3 - 275.2km

🗺️ 24.3 km (25 minutes) to next stop



Eau Claire Gorge Conservation Area

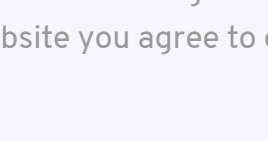
Hwy 630, Calvin Township, ON

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Stop by and enjoy the gorgeous Eau Claire Gorge and beautiful, easy hiking trails.

(705) 474-5420 [Website](#) [Google Maps](#)

🗺️ 109.9 km (1h18m) to next stop



School House Museum

35753 Hwy 17, Deep River, ON

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Stop in and check out the log house, school house building and church to learn about the logging history of the area.

Open July and August. Call ahead to book an appointment.

(613) 584-2917 [Website](#) [Google Maps](#)

🗺️ 141.0 km (1h37m) to next stop

Lumbertown Ale House

123 John St N, Arnprior, ON

13 [End](#) [Learn more](#)

Stop in at the riverside town of Arnprior and treat yourself. Arnprior's only gastropub features 20 craft beer taps, two wines on tap, a seasonal menu, scratch kitchen and a cozy atmosphere that welcomes everyone.

(613) 623-8885 [Website](#) [Google Maps](#)

End of itinerary

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