



HISTORIC CANALS OF CANADA

RIDEAU CANAL
SAULT STE. MARIE CANAL
TRENT-SEVERN WATERWAY

Hours of Operation and Fees in Ontario 2009



2009 Hours of Operation

Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site of Canada and Murray Canal

Box 567, Peterborough ON K9J 6Z6
705-750-4900 FAX: 705-742-9644
1-888-773-8888
Website: www.pc.gc.ca/trent



	Daily Opening	Last Lockage
May 15 – June 25		
Monday – Thursday	9:00h – 16:00h	
Friday – Sunday and Victoria Day	9:00h – 19:00h	
June 26 – September 7	8:30h – 19:00h	
Sept. 8 – October 14		
Monday – Friday	9:00h – 15:30h	
Saturday, Sunday and Thanksgiving Day	9:00h – 17:30h	

LAST LOCKAGE – IMPORTANT !

- At most locks, boaters must arrive **at or before the last lockage time.**
- At locks 11/12, 16/17, 20 and 21, boaters must arrive **at least 15 minutes before the last lockage time.**
- At swing bridges, the last bridge swing will be **20 minutes after the last lockage time.**

NOTE: Station opening and closing times, as well as first and last lockages, are not guaranteed and may be affected by water management duties, maintenance activities or other types of navigation interruptions.

Overnight Mooring Periods

- 1 Night - Locks 28, 30, 31, 34 and 42
- 5 Nights - Locks 1 to 18
- 2 Nights - All other locks, Murray Canal swing bridges and bridge #50

Murray Canal

From October 15 to November 13, 2009, commercial cargo vessels may request passage through the Murray Canal by writing the Trenton Sector Supervisor, Trent-Severn Waterway, Box 850, Campbellford, ON K0L 1L0 or by phoning

Photo : Rideau Canal; Lock 37, Chaffey's Canal-Rideau; écluse 37, Chaffey's

613-392-8572. At least 24 hours notice is required and a fee is charged for this service. Murray Canal swing bridges monitor VHF Channel 14 only during navigation season hours of operation.

Peterborough Lift Lock Visitor Centre

April 1 – June 26 10:00h – 17:00h
June 27 – Aug. 14 9:00h – 18:00h
Aug. 15 – Oct. 14 10:00h – 17:00h
Group tour bookings: 705-750-4950

Big Chute Marine Railway Vessel Weight Capacity

Operators whose vessels weigh more than 68t (75 tons), have a peculiar hull configuration or who foresee problems lifting the hull by sling, must contact Trent-Severn Waterway Headquarters in Peterborough at 705-750-4900. Contact must be made at least 48 hours in advance of trip.

CN Swing Bridge Above Lock 42

Expect delays at this bridge. Trains are frequent and have priority over vessel traffic. Clearance when bridge closed is approximately 3.96 m (13 ft.).

Sault Ste. Marie Canal National Historic Site of Canada

1 Canal Drive
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 6W4
705-941-6262 FAX: 705-941-6206



May 15 – October 15

There is no fee for locking through. Hours vary with the season; please contact the site for operating schedule.

LAST LOCKAGE – IMPORTANT !

Follow these guidelines to maximize chances of being locked through at the end of the day:

Last Upbound – All vessels must arrive at the designated blue zone at least 45 minutes before closing time.

Last Downbound – All vessels must arrive at the designated blue zone at least 30 minutes before closing time.

Note: Last lockages are not guaranteed and may be affected by closure duties of lock staff or other types of navigation interruptions.

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Rideau Canal National Historic Site of Canada

34 Beckwith St. South,
Smiths Falls, ON K7A 2A8
613-283-5170 1-888-773-8888
FAX: 613-283-0677
Website: www.rideau-info.com/canal/



	Daily * Opening /Closing
May 15 – June 11, inclusive	
Monday - Thursday	8:30h – 16:30h
Friday - Sunday, Victoria Day	8:30h – 19:30h
June 12 – September 7, inclusive	8:30h – 19:30h
September 8 – 14, inclusive	8:30h – 16:30h
September 15 – October 14, inclusive	
Tuesday - Thursday	9:30h – 15:30h
Friday - Monday	8:30h – 16:30h

LAST LOCKAGE – IMPORTANT !

To maximize chances of being locked through, arrive early enough to allow for complete lockages in both directions. Follow these guidelines:

***Times of first and last lockages of the day are not guaranteed. They are often affected by heavy boat traffic, water management and other station opening and closing duties of lock staff.**

- At a lockstation with one lock chamber, boaters must arrive 30 minutes before closing. At lockstations with more than one lock chamber, 30 minutes per lock chamber is required. (i.e. three lock chambers, arrive **1 1/2 hours** before closing).
- At Ottawa Locks, boaters must arrive at least **3 1/2 hours** before closing.
- At swing bridges, boaters must arrive **10 minutes** before closing.

• Pretoria Avenue and Hogs Back bridges will **not** operate Monday to Friday (except on statutory holidays) from: 08:30 – 09:00h; 12:30 – 13:15h; 15:30 – 17:30h

• The bridge at Smiths Falls Detached Lock will operate 'on demand' throughout the navigation season, **except** from June 20 to August 17, inclusive, when the following swing times will be in force Monday to Friday:

08:45h; 09:30h; 10:15h; 11:00h; 11:45h. Bridge swings return to 'on demand' starting at 13:00h. Lock operations will be co-ordinated with this schedule. Smiths Falls Combined Lock will operate 'on demand'.

• The bridge at Old Slys Locks will **not** operate Monday to Friday (except on statutory holidays) from: 11:55 – 12:15h and 12:45 – 13:00h

• Perth's Beckwith Street Bridge will swing at the following times during the navigation season:
May 15 – September 7 11:00h and 15:30h
September 8 – October 14 11:00h and 14:30h

General Information

Boat wake, wash and excessive speeds are major concerns along the historic canals. Please drive at a safe speed and keep boat wake and wash to a minimum, especially when approaching smaller vessels, canoes and kayaks.

• Vessel operators should obtain a copy of the **Boating Safely** guide for locking through instructions, navigation data and safety information. This booklet is available at selected lockstations and canal offices.

• The Superintendent reserves the right to order the temporary closure of portions of the canal for public safety reasons and in unusual cases of high water levels and flows.

• Times given are local times. Any disagreement with the times of opening, last lockage, last swing or closing will be decided by the Lockmaster or Bridgmaster.

• Regulations on the historic canals are enforced by the O.P.P., R.C.M.P. and municipal marine police units.

• **Notice to Boaters:** There is no continuous monitoring of VHF Channel 16 on the Ottawa River, Rideau Canal or Trent-Severn Waterway.

HAVE A SAFE VISIT !

To enjoy a safe visit to historic canal lockstations, please:

- stay well back from lock chamber walls and dam structures;
- stay clear of lock operating devices;
- do not swim or bathe in the navigation channel or within 40 m of a lock gate or a dam, or as otherwise posted;
- accompany your children;
- ask lock staff for further advice.

2009 Fees and Permits

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2009

PERMIT TYPE - GST included (* valid on historic canals in Ontario and Quebec)

Single Lockage and Return

- \$0.90/ft.

One-Day

- \$1.60/ft.

Six-Day *

- \$5.05/ft.

Seasonal Lockage *

- \$8.80/ft.

Transit (one way)

- \$4.65/ft.

Overnight Mooring

- \$0.90/ft.

Seasonal Overnight Mooring *

- \$9.80/ft.

Seasonal Lockage (rental houseboat) *

- \$13.10/ft.

Seasonal Lockage (commercial) *

- \$28.80/ft.

Seasonal Overnight Mooring (commercial) *

- \$19.60/ft.

Shore Power (at selected stations) *

- \$9.80/night.

Overnight Camping

- \$4.90 per person

- Vessels 12ft. and under are charged a 12ft. minimum rate for all permits.
- Payment may be made by cash, by personal cheque with proper identification or with Visa/Mastercard/American Express.

- Permits are valid only during the year of issue and are not transferable.
- Seasonal lockage, mooring or transit decals must be affixed to the vessel. Other permits must be available for verification or validation by lock staff.

- Purchase of a shore power permit allows access to one (1) shore power connection only.

Brighton Road Swing Bridge (Murray Canal)

\$4.90 per passage for vessels requiring a bridge swing. Seasonal fee \$53.90. Fee collected only on east side of swing bridge.

Single Lockage and Return Permit - The fee charged to travel through and then return by the same lockstation.

One-Day Permit - Allows passage through any number of locks in one day.

Six-Day Permit - Allows passage through any number of locks on any six days.

Seasonal Lockage Permit - Allows passage through any number of locks throughout the entire navigation season.

Transit Permit - Allows the boater to travel through the Rideau Canal or the Trent-Severn Waterway in one direction only (a one-time transit where vessels go through each lockstation only once).

Senior Exemption - A seasonal pleasure craft lockage permit will be issued free to a senior born before 1927. This applies only to owners operating vessels of 18ft. 1in. in length or under.

- Purchase of mooring permit includes one free tent site.
- **Seasonal overnight mooring permits are also valid for use at St. Lawrence Islands National Park, Georgian Bay Islands National Park and Fathom Five National Marine Park (boaters using a campsite must also pay a camping fee).**

• For information on boat launch and vehicle parking fees, call the canal offices.

• Check canal websites by connecting to www.pc.gc.ca

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