



Where the Money Is Ottawa weekend

Friday

From Orangeville

School. Quick supper at home. **Leave** at 5:00

Reid's Dairy for dessert. You MUST order a large soft-serve in a waffle cone. Closes at 8:00.

T: 2:31 D: 258 (consider toll road 407 to beat traffic). A: 7:30 S: 20 L: 7:50

Hotel in Carleton Place - I stayed at Barons Motor Inn before. Nothing special on the outside but the rooms are very clean.

T: 2:10 D: 178 A: 10:00

Saturday

Wake: 7:30 Breakfast can be at McDonald's, Wendy's or Tim Horton's, all at the stop light across the street.

Leave: 8:45

Grand Falls on Mississippi - Yes, this is the Mississippi River, but it's not the one you might be thinking of. Ontario has its own unique Mississippi River. There are two waterfalls, one with a hydro dam that can vibrate the ground if the water flows strong enough. The more significant falls are truly imposing after the spring melt, and they continue to flow well all year long.

T: 15 D: 14 A: 9:00 S: 30 L: 9:30

Blakeney Rapids - Just up the road. A series of smaller falls where kayaking competitions are held. There are several trails that take you along the river. Stay close to the river to watch how the water tumbles. Return to the car when you reach the end of the rapids. **WARNING:** There is a portal to another dimension at the parking lot. It looks like a door that leads to nowhere. Do not enter it. Anyone who walks through it might disappear to another realm. Or not. I really do not know, but don't go there, just to be safe.

T: 7 D: 8 A: 9:45 S: 30 L: 10:15

Bank of Canada Museum: Free museum on money. Open from 10 to 5.

T: 44 D: 58 A: 11:00 S: 1:00 L: 12:00

Walking Tour of Ottawa - A brief walking tour from the Bank of Canada Museum to the **Royal Canadian Mint**. Tours of the Mint MUST be pre-booked. Have one for the afternoon. Admission. Be mindful of the time and sightsee accordingly. Walking from the Bank Museum to the Mint takes 25 minutes.

Sights to see while walking:

- Terry Fox statue
- Parliament Hill
- Centennial Flame
- Many other statues
- The architecture of the buildings
- The National War Monument
- Rideau Canal
- Ottawa Sign
- ByWard Market - find lunch here
- weird spider statue outside the National Gallery
- Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica is free to enter and well worth it if it is open.

Canadian War Museum

Before May 18th, it closes at 4:00, after May 18th, it closes at 5:00. Very limited street parking. There is a parking garage on site.

After this museum, walk across the street to see:

- National Holocaust Monument
- Canadian Firefighter Museum
- Walk along the pathway to the viewing area of Chaudiere Falls

Supper - Figure out what you want to eat.

Consider **Prince of Wales Falls**. It is a powerful waterfall within city limits. Also, **Rideau Falls**. The park where this fall is located has monuments, and the falls have two sections, so be sure to walk the extra distance.

Saintlo Ottawa Jail Hostel - Spend the night in jail. Each cell is cordoned off for privacy. Book a two-person stay where the room is bunkbed. There is no bathroom in the room. Parking is extra. This is a unique experience. It has changed ownership. The previous owner would give a history tour of the prison. Check to see if this is included or available.

Sunday

Wake: 8:00 Breakfast at the hotel. **Leave:** 9:30

Merrickville Ruins A quick stop to see an old ruins on the side of the road.

T: 50 D: 76 A: 10:20 S: 20 L: 10:40

Brockville Railway Tunnel - Currently closed due to a lighting issue. The plan is to open “soon.” Check their website for update before leaving.

T: 36 D: 43 A: 11:20 S: 30 L: 11:50

Reid's Dairy - Did you miss this on the first night? Was it so good that you want to go a second round of ice cream? This one is in Kingston, or get a regular lunch.

T: 1:00 D: 90 A: 12:50 S: 30 L: 1:20

National Air Force Museum of Canada

Possibly the best air museum around. \$12 admission. Closes at 5:00

T: 1:00 D: 93 A: 2:20 S: 90 L: 3:50

Orangeville

T: 2:30 D: 250 A: 6:20