

CAPITAL CIRCUIT

an urban scavenger hunt

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Pick up extra points! Spot the bonus clues along the Capital Circuit, and identify the location of each photo.



CLUE 1: Parliament Hill welcomes Canadians from across the country. Find the monument that uses non-toxic glycol to prevent freezing in the winter. All the provinces and territories are represented on this monument — except for one. **Which one is missing?**

CLUE 2: The Rideau Canal is the longest continuously functioning canal system in the world. It was built to secure a safe shipping route between the Atlantic Ocean and the Great Lakes. It took six years to build. **How many workers helped with its construction?** Hint: Find the interpretive sign on the bridge.

CLUE 3: Canada's Capital Region (Ottawa-Gatineau) includes two provinces, separated by the Ottawa River. In Major's Hill Park, overlooking the river, find the sign that talks about the formation of the Capital, historical industry and local Aboriginal people. **What are the three parts of the sign designed to look like?**

CLUE 4: The National Gallery of Canada houses some of the most important artworks in the country. One of its biggest attractions is poised right outside its front door. **What are Maman's eggs made from?**

CLUE 5: Beside the United States Embassy is a great view of the ByWard Market, the heart of historical Lowertown. Today, the Market has some of the most vibrant shops and restaurants in the city. **How many steps connect upper town and lower town?**

CLUE 6: Every Remembrance Day, dignitaries lay wreaths at the National War Memorial in Confederation Square. **In which war did the Unknown Soldier die?** Hint: Look around the square for information about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Factoid:

Every Canada Day, thousands of people gather on Parliament Hill for a huge celebration. In 2011, more than 500,000 people came together to fill streets of downtown Ottawa for Canada Day celebrations, which were part of the Royal Tour of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. It was the largest crowd to ever assemble in the capital.

Factoid:

During the Capital's Winterlude festival, the Rideau Canal becomes the world's largest skating rink — almost eight kilometres long.

Factoid:

Almost 40 percent of the people living in Canada's Capital Region speak both English and French.

Factoid:

Even though it's more than 130 years old, the nearby Library of Parliament inspired architect Moshe Safdie's design of the National Gallery of Canada. Notice how the shape of the glass Great Hall echoes the Library's rotunda.

Factoid:

In the mid-1800s, Lowertown was a rough area, home to many labourers left jobless after work on the Rideau Canal was completed. Ottawa was first named Bytown, after Colonel By who oversaw the construction of the Rideau Canal.

Factoid:

The Valiants Memorial is a series of 14 sculptures of Canadians who helped build Canada through their wartime efforts. You can find them in Confederation Square near the National War Memorial.

