

## 4 Night Cruise - Smiths Falls

Smiths Falls to Merrickville and back

13 hours of cruising • 42 km • 14 locks • 4 nights

### Overview

Smiths Falls is in the heart of Eastern Ontario on the banks of the historic Rideau Canal. The area offers a unique mix of leisure and recreational activities set against a backdrop of history and nature. Smiths Falls has a rich heritage, and today offers museums, theaters, art galleries and outdoor adventures including hiking, biking, and fishing.

Picturesque Victorian stone houses, local craft shops and a thriving artisan community. It is easy to see why Merrickville was voted Canada's most beautiful village. Wander around this chocolate-box town and delve

deeper into the regions' charming local culture. Merrickville is well known for its artesian community, great restaurants, hand crafted ice cream and craft mustards along the Rideau Canal. Learn more about the history of the Rideau Canal at the Block House Museum.



### Day 1 - Smiths Falls overnight

Smiths Falls: Located on the banks of the historic Rideau Canal, Smiths Falls offers a unique mix of leisure and recreational activities set against a backdrop of history and nature. With her rich heritage, Smiths Falls today offers museums, theaters, art galleries and outdoor adventures including hiking, biking, and fishing.

If you are arriving a day before your boat rental starts and needs overnight accommodation, we recommend staying overnight at Beverages Lock Station.

- Arrive at the Le Boat base in Smiths Falls.
- Check in.
- Load your belongings onto the boat.
- Meet with the boat crew for your boat safety and orientation.
- Overnight in Smiths Falls and unpack and relax.

Great town with lots of activities for both families and couples. Downtown just minutes from the docks and is great place to buy all your boating supplies. You will also find the grocery store, LCBO, Beer

Store, and award-winning butcher shop as well as great restaurants for lunch or dinner. Family splash pad for the kids, Historical Railway Museum, bike paths, beach, and movies are all close by.

*Overnight in Smith Falls, ON.*

## Day 2 - Cruising from Smiths Falls to Merrickville

- Breakfast onboard your boat in Smiths Falls or in town at one of the local café's and restaurants.
- Plan to depart in the morning when the locks open.
- Plan for a 4-hour cruise to Merrickville. You will be passing through Old Slys Lock in Smiths Falls and then Kilmarnock and Edmonds locks. Any of these lock's is a great place to stop for lunch, and Edmonds offer a great place to walk about as well.
- Continue cruise to Merrickville or overnight at the lock station if you like. On the western edge of Merrickville is the Rideau Migratory Bird Sanctuary, 800 hectares (2800 acres) beside the river - some of the best wetlands along the Rideau Waterway. This part of the cruise is excellent for wildlife spotting.
- Arrive in Merrickville mid afternoon.

**Important:** Moore at the Public Harbour and don't go through the lock.

Merrickville: Merrickville is Canada's prettiest village. The village center consists entirely of picturesque Victorian-era stone houses perched by the waters of the Rideau Canal. Home to several local arts and craft shops, museums, restaurants and specialty stores, Merrickville serves some of the best local handmade ice cream or gourmet mustards on the Rideau Canal.

**NOTE:** Shore power is available for \$10 Fee payable to Parks Canada.

*Overnight in Merrickville, ON.*

## Day 4 - Cruise from Merrickville to Smiths Falls

- Breakfast onboard your boat.
- Plan your cruise back to Smith Falls (approx. 4 hours with lock times).
- Enjoy a nice launch at Edmonds Lock or Kilmarnock lock
- Stop by at Old Slys and visit the [Heritage House Museum in Smiths Falls](#)
- Arrive back in Smiths Falls and dock at Le Boat Base
- Plan your final dinner on the top deck or at local restaurant.

*Overnight in Smith Falls, ON.*

## Day 5 - Check out at 9 am

- Breakfast onboard.
- Tidy up and pack your belongings!
- Time to check out and say goodbye to your boat.
- Check-out 9:00 AM.

*End of your Houseboat Holiday.*