



History of Smiths Falls

The area of Smiths Falls was originally granted to Lt. Thomas Smyth, a United Empire Loyalist, who was issued 400 acres of land in 1786. The area was later purchased in 1825 by Abel Russell Ward, a self proclaimed United Empire Loyalist, due to Smyth's default mortgage payments.

*He included
the Rideau
River running
through
Smiths Falls*

When Lt.-Col. John By, a member of the Royal Engineer Corp, was issued to construct a navigable canal linking Lake Ontario and the Ottawa River

in 1832, he included the Rideau River running through Smiths Falls. This event is seen as a milestone for the area, since it allowed economic growth and it is still important today, since Smiths Falls is the HEART of the RIDEAU CANAL.

The true economic boom was after 1884 when the Canadian Pacific Railway constructed part of its line through the area. This provided a direct trade route to Montreal and its shipping lines. It also allowed the population of the region to increase rapidly and develop a long history of important industries that continue to shape the rich heritage of this diverse and prosperous town.





The Heritage Trail



Follow the heritage of Sensational Smiths Falls along the Rideau Canal Waterway. Take a stroll across town and discover more for yourself.

16 pedestals are located at Old Sly's Rapids, Heritage House Museum, Ryan's Park Racetrack, Postwar Housing, Frost & Wood, Combined/Foster's Locks, Wood's Mill, Waterworks, Smiths Falls and the Dam, Beckwith Street & Bridge, Victoria Park, Bascule Bridge, Former CPR Station/Smiths Falls Community Theatre, Town Hall, Rideau Canal World Heritage Site, HMCS Smiths Falls.



Heritage House Museum

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HOURS

January to April,
Monday to Friday
10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
May to December 24,
Daily 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADMISSION (HST INCL.)

Adults: \$4.50
Seniors: \$4.00
Youths (6-18): \$3.00
Under 6 years: Free
Family (max. 4): \$14.00

ADDRESS

Heritage House Museum

11 Old Sly's Road,
P.O. Box 695, Smiths Falls, ON K7A 4T6
Phone: (613) 283-8560, ask for Heritage House
or Ext. 2206 or call direct at (613) 283-6311
Fax: (613) 283-4764
E-mail: heritagehouse@smithsfalls.ca
Website: www.smithsfalls.ca/heritagehouse



It's Home Sweet Home, 1860s style

Heritage House Museum is a restored Victorian home depicting the lifestyle of a prosperous mill owner and his family during the 1860's. Best known for its unique mirror-image facades

Group Tours and Customized Packages Available

and two-storey privy, the museum is located in a picturesque setting along the historic Rideau

Canal. The museum also hosts year round special local history exhibits, art shows, educational programs and group tours.

- Victorian Grounds & Gardens
- Air-conditioned
- Picnic Area
- Gift Shop
- Costumed Interpreters
- Special Events Year-round
- Educational Programs
- Wedding/Photograph Venue
- Historical Collection for Smiths Falls
- Research library of the Lanark County Genealogical Society at this location.

2011 Marks the 30th Anniversary of the Museum!





Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario

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HOURS

May 14- September 5:
seven days a week; 10am-4pm
September 10 - December 18:
Weekends only;
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 11am-4pm

ADMISSION

Adults: \$4.50
Seniors: \$3.50
Children (3-12) \$2.50
Children under 3: free

ADDRESS

Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario
90 William Street West, P.O. Box 962
Smiths Falls, ON K7A 5A5
Phone: (613) 283-5696
Website: www.rmeo.org





All Aboard!

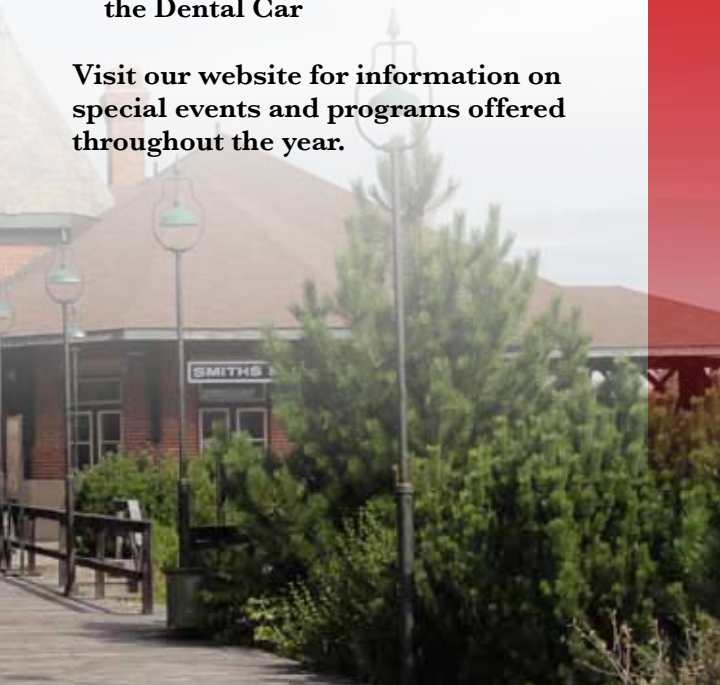
The Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario is located in the former

Designated National Historic Site Canadian Northern Railway Station (later Canadian National).

in 1985 It was built in 1912 and ran passenger service until 1979. It was designated a National Historic Site in 1985.

- Unique and interesting artifacts narrate the history of railroading in Eastern Ontario
- Antique handcar and Wickham car display
- Compare a diesel electric locomotive with a steam engine
- Climb up into a caboose, or explore the Dental Car

Visit our website for information on special events and programs offered throughout the year.





Rideau Canal Museum

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HOURS

Jan. 1 to May 20 - By Appointment
May 21 to October 10 -
Open Daily; 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 11 to Dec. 31 - By Appointment

ADMISSION

Adults: \$4.50
Seniors: \$4.00
Youths (6-18): \$3.00
Under 6 years: Free
Family (max. 4): \$14.00
Members: Free

ADDRESS

Rideau Canal Museum

34 Beckwith Street South
Smiths Falls, ON K7A 2A8
Phone: (613) 284-0505
Fax: (613) 283-0677
E-mail: rcmchin@superaje.com
Website: www.rideau-info.com/museum



A look at life along this historic canal.

This delightful museum is the flagship interpretation centre for the Rideau Canal - a National Historic Site of Canada, a Canadian Heritage River, and Ontario's first UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- Guided/Self-Guided Tours
- Guided Outdoor Tours of Locks
June to August
- Bilingual Displays
- Fantastic Rooftop Lookout
- NEW — Steamship Exhibit
- Changing Monthly Art Exhibits
- Waterfall Cafe – Coffee, Tea, Scones & More!
- Gift Shop – featuring locally made products
- Special Events & Children's Programs
- Wheelchair Accessible/Elevator (to All Floors)
- Air-conditioned

A canal system built for military purposes.

The Rideau Canal Museum is housed in a former 19th century stone mill and is within walking distance to the Rideau Canal boat locks.

