

Some French and Quebecois terms:

Dépanneur – a convenience store, not a proper name. Some names you'll see are "Ultramar", "Couche-Tard", etc

Tim Horton's – All over the place. Essentially a Dunkin Donuts plus a McDonald's in one place.

Poutine – A uniquely Quebecois food consisting of fries, cheese curds, beef gravy and whatever else they feel like putting in it. And a call to 911. Speaking of which...

911 – Emergency calls, same as in the US, and my guess is that the dispatchers will speak some English. I have thankfully never had the opportunity to find out.

Bar Laitier – An ice cream shop. Not a proper name.

SAQ – the Quebec liquor store, just like PA state liquor stores. I have some of these marked on the map. They're ubiquitous.

IGA – Independent Grower's Association – a supermarket, all over the place – pronounced ee – jhay – ah

Casse-Croute – a snack bar/fast food place or very casual restaurant. In other words a great place for lunch when you're biking. Not a proper name.

"PFK" = "KFC" – Kentucky Fried Chicken

Vélo = bike. I've marked bike shops on the map.

Table d'Hôte: A limited or no choice menu. They just bring you the food. Usually this means the menu changes daily too.

Drive to St Jean sur Richelieu from Philadelphia:

We will drive up to Quebec today. We will avoid crossing into Quebec on I-87, which has been a total clusterfuck the last two times I've tried it. We will get off I-87 before the Quebec border and cross into Quebec on a small country road. This is either going to be a brilliant idea on my part or the worst mistake ever.

My recommended route for getting to Quebec, which is different from Google Maps's route, is as follows:

NJ Turnpike to Exit 10.

I-287 North to I-87 North. I don't see an exit number for this. It should be pretty obvious. You want I-87 north, not south. If you get on it the wrong way, you'll cross the Tappan Zee bridge and be heading back into New York City.

I-87 North. This is the New York Thruway up until Albany and then the "Northway". To stay on I-87 North you'll have to get off the Thruway, go through toll booths and then get back on the now-free I-87 "Northway". If you mess this up, you'll be on the I-90 West portion of the Thruway and will be heading for Buffalo.

*** The Thruway portion of I-87 North has full service rest stops with food, fuel and bathrooms. The "Northway" portion has rest/texting stops with bathrooms and vending machines only. For food and fuel you'll have to get off the highway.

*** I've marked the last full service rest stop on the Thruway on the map before you hit the crazy Thruway/Northway interchange. It is the New Baltimore Travel Plaza, located at mile marker 127.

After New Baltimore, you'll get off the Thruway and onto the Northway.

There is McDonald's, Gas, Diesel and Dunkin Donuts at Exit 23. This is marked on the map.

There is a small rest stop between exits 35 & 36.

The last rest stop before crossing into Canada is after Exit 40 and before Exit 41.

You will want to get off I-87 altogether at Exit 42.

East on Route 11, North on Route 276. Cross Customs here on Route 276.

Now you're on Quebec Route 221. When you get to the intersection with Route 219, take 219 North.

This should take you right into St Jean sur Richelieu and then you'll want a right on Rte 223/Blvd du Seminaire. Then a left on Rue MacDonald and a right on Rue Champlain. The hotel will be on the right.

Hotel:**Auberge Harris**

576 Rue Champlain, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 6X1

Tel: 450-348-3821

<http://www.aubergeharris.com/en/home>

Dinner: 2.4k walk/30 minutes or will have our cars

*** Restaurant L'Imprevu

French -- Small, but good menu.

163 Rue Saint-Jacques, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 2K4, Canada

<http://restaurantlimprevu.com>

+1 450-346-2417

Restaurant Le Samuel

Looks nice. Somewhat pricey. Very modern looking.

291 Rue Richelieu, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 6Y3, Canada

www.lesamuel.com

+1 450-347-4353

Restaurant Chez Noeser

A very small BYOB

236 Rue Champlain, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 6V8, Canada

www.noeser.com

+1 450-346-0811

Le Dorchester cuisine & complicités

On the casual side, I think.

232 Rue Richelieu, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 6X9, Canada

www.cuisinedorchester.com

+1 450-347-1589

Restaurant Vivaldi

An Italian BYOB.

34 Rue Saint-Jacques, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 2J7, Canada

www.restaurantvivaldi.ca

+1 450-347-5033

Restaurant Lubie

120 Rue Richelieu, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 6X8, Canada

<http://www.lubie.ca>

+1 450-358-5988

St Jean sur Richelieu to Granby:

Luggage Transfer can be handled by: Ask the hotel in advance and they can likely take care of this or will recommend a taxi company.

Distance of Today's Ride: 33.6 miles/54km

Today we will bike from St Jean sur Richelieu to Granby. Head south on Rue Champlain. A soft right onto Rue Notre Dame takes us away from the water. Left on Rue Saint Paul. Right on Rue Jacques Cartier. Left on Rue Saint Jacques. Cross the Richelieu River. Right on Rue Maria Boivin, right on 4th Ave, left on Rue Bellerive. There will be a bike store on Rue Bellerive if we need it. Left on a bike path a little south of 1st Ave and the bike shop. The bike path takes us east, north, under the highway and then back south on Rue Crosetiere. The road ends at Avenue Montrichard and we continue onto the bike path.

This takes us into Farnham and ends at Rue de Normandie. If we go left there's a cheese shop and a brewery, which has a pub, but I don't think it has a restaurant. Anyway, if the weather is nice, we'll probably continue into town and get some picnic supplies and then head to the park, which is on the way out of town.

Continue into town by taking a right on Rue de Normandie and then a left on Rue Saint Gregoire. Then we'll hit the bike path again, but we'll probably want to stay off of it at this point so as to visit town.

I've marked a few restaurants and supermarkets or convenience stores on the map in Farnham.

We'll be biking by the Yamaska River. There's a park in Farnham on the river, which is probably a good place for a picnic. This is marked on the map. The park is on the way out of town. Buy picnic supplies in town, proceed to park for lunch. Or if weather is bad, eat lunch in town.

After lunch we'll get back on the bike path. The bike path is a straight shot all the way in to Granby. If we decide this is boring we can use the roads instead. There's not a whole lot on the roads, either, though. There is a farm/café/orchard to the north of the bike path called Verger Champetre. If we exit the bike path at Chemin Viens we should be able to get there. I've marked it twice, once with a tree and once with a coffee cup.

When we pull into Granby we'll be biking right along the river and we'll go behind our hotel. To get to the front of the hotel, pull off the bike path and onto Rue Denison. Or pull off the bike path earlier to look around town.

If you arrive in town early:

There's several park areas and a sculpture tour to the north of the town on Rue Drummond. To get there, rather than going to the hotel, cross the river and head northeast on Rue Drummond. The sculpture tour appears to be a 15 mile bike loop, some of which we might see anyway, so you may just want to check out the parks and any of the closer sculptures.

An ice cream shop called "Bar Laitier Grizzly" is directly across the street from the hotel.

Hotel:

Hotel St. Christophe, 255 Rue Denison E, Granby, QC J2H 2R4

Tel: 450-405-4782

<http://www.hotelstchristophe.com>

Ask for **River/Lakeview rooms**.

Dinner:

*** Restaurant La Casa Du Spaghetti

Gluten-Free.

604 Rue Principale, Granby, QC J2G 2X7, Canada

www.casagranby.com

+1 450-372-3848

*** A little ways out of town.

Atelier Archibald

Eastern Townships p. 179 Table d'Hote, not veggie or gluten-free.

150 Rue Saint-Jacques, Granby, QC J2G 8V6, Canada

www.attelierarchibald.ca

450-991-3336

**** Bistro Kapzak**

Quebecois/Polish Fusion restaurant -- looks yummy but probably not veggie or gluten-free.

108 Rue Principale, Granby, QC J2G 2V2, Canada

www.bistrokazak.ca

579-365-3008

Café De La Brûlerie

Eastern Townships p. 48 Not just a café. Has food, but not necessarily veggie or gluten-free food.

4 Rue de la Gare, Granby

www.cafedelabrulerie.com

450-372-2200

Breakfast: Continental Breakfast at the hotel is included, or there is a place close by called Egg Soleil 197 Rue Denison E, Granby

www.eggsoleil.com

+1 450-994-3998

It will be a little ways to the west along the main road on the same side of the road as the hotel and also right next to Dépanneur Ultramar, a convenience store.

Granby to Drummondville

Luggage Transfer can be handled by: Taxi Trois Mille 450-372-3000

Distance of Today's Ride: (in 2017 we did the "B" Route and clocked in at 55 miles). This involves biking directly to Yamaska Park and skipping the loop around Waterloo, which will add about an additional 15 miles.

Today we'll head northeast out of town on Chemin Ostiguy, which comes off of Rue Denison/Rte 112 a few miles east of town. This will deliver us to Parc National de la Yamaska, where we can rent kayaks.

After visiting the park, we can make our way to the town of Roxton Pond and then north to the town of Acton Vale or we can head back to the bike path and head for Roxton Falls.

[A] There's a bunch of little roads heading from the park, around Lac Roxton and then to the town of Roxton Pond. To leave Roxton Pond, we can head out of town by making a left on Rue Stanley, a right on Rue Saint Joseph, a soft left on Rue Bullock/Chemin de la Grande Ligne. A right on 11 Rang, a left on Chemin d'Acton, a right on 1e Rang, a left on Route MacDonald, cross Rte 116, a right on Rue Yvon and into the town of Acton Vale... [/A]

OR

[B] Skip Roxton Pond and head for Roxton Falls:

Head through the park and we'll pick up the bike path on the northeastern corner of the park.

The bike path will take us up to the town of Roxton Falls. Then we're on Rte 139 for a bit up to the town of Acton Vale... [/B]

and then back on the bike path to Wickham. At Wickham, we're back on Rte 139, but only for a bit. We'll take a left onto 9e Rang after Wickham, follow this for a bit, then a right on Boulevard Jean de Brebeuf. After we cross under the highway, we take a left onto the bike path just for a few minutes, a left on Rue de la Commune, a right on Rue Saint Jean. This brings us into town (Drummondville) more or less. A left on Rte 143/Blvd Saint Joseph takes us up to our hotel. Or if you arrive in town early and want to check it out, just bike right into town by taking a right off of Blvd Saint Joseph.

Hotel: Hotel Le Dauphin, 600 Boulevard Saint-Joseph, Drummondville, QC J2C 2C1
Tel: 819-478-4141
<http://www.le-dauphin.com/en/>

Dinner: 3 kilometer walk/40 minutes or Taxi Central 819-478-4646

*** Resto La Muse (Gluten-Free)

Looks good, but not fine cuisine. Menu includes Baked Brie, crepes, salads, burgers, pasta. Also steak, chicken, fish. Mondays 8am-9pm.

188 Heriot, Drummondville

www.restolamuse.com

819-471-4664

Resto Bistro L'Entracte

Locavore, constantly changing menu, also gluten-free.

Mondays 11am-10pm.

247 Rue Lindsay, Drummondville

www.bistrolentracte.com

819-477-4097

<http://www.bistrolentracte.com/menu>

L'Odyssée Resto Ambiance

Looks good. Very nice lunch menu, not clear what the dinner menu is. Kitchen open until 9:30pm on Mondays.

195 Rue Lindsay, Drummondville

odysseeresto.com

819-474-0020

Drummondville to Trois-Rivières

Luggage Transfer can be handled by: Taxi Central 819-478-4646

Call in the morning – will come and get bags – can pay by phone (easier to wait for cab and pay when it comes)

1350 Rue Hébert, Drummondville, QC J2C 1Z8, Canada (closer to hotel)

364 Rue Hériot, Drummondville, QC J2B 1B2, Canada (farther from hotel)

same phone number for both

Distance of Today's Ride: 41 miles, then the shuttle, then 3 miles

Today we'll zigzag our way to the northwest. We'll leave town by crossing the Rte 122 bridge in the center of town and then a left once across the river onto Rue Montplaisir, skipping the first very small road on the left just across the bridge.

Take a left on Blvd Foucault when Rue Montplaisir comes to an end and going straight would mean biking onto the highway on ramp.

Bike along the river up to the town of Saint Joachim de Courval. Take a right on Route Garmelin.

Take a left on Rte 255/5e Rang. And a quick right on Rang St Patrice. We'll pull into the town of Saint Brigitte des Saults and we'll be alongside another river. There's a market here as we're pulling into town (in between the two hills).

As you're pulling into Saint Brigitte des Saults, you'll go down a hill to the left and then up a hill to the right. At the top of the hill there's a church and, a little further along, the town.

*** **But to continue the ride go back down the hill** (but don't go up the other side). Cross the river on Rang Saint Joachim and take a right on Rue Sainte-Anne and then another right on Rang Ste-Anne.

This goes way up and then comes to an end at 60e Rang. Left on 60e Rang. We'll cross yet another river and end up in the town of St Leonard d'Aston.

Continue out of town on 60e Rang. It will keep going and change names, but that should be the last turn until we get to Becancour, where we'll pick up the shuttle. Before we get to Tourisme Becancour there will be a restaurant/ice cream/cheese shop and a market on the way into town.

We can pick up the shuttle at Tourisme Becancour or keep going to Auberge Godefroy by taking the road that we're on until it ends and then taking a right on Blvd Becancour and then crossing the highway. Auberge Godefroy will be on the right after we cross under the highway (there is a good restaurant here, so if we get this far by lunch time we can have lunch here and then grab the shuttle).

Shuttle from Bécancour to Trois-Rivières across bridge:

Remorquage R. Montpas 819-233-4414 or 1-888-229-1129

Must call 2-3 days in advance (in my experience calling in advance was not helpful. You may want to call in advance just to make sure they're still in business, but you probably won't be able to make an advance reservation. They can only handle three bikes/passengers at a time. **And they only take cash.**

Office of Remorquage R. Montpas 1030 Boulevard de Port Royal, Bécancour (can pay here perhaps)

BUT we will be picked up at one of the following locations

Tourism Office: 1005 Boulevard de Port Royal, Bécancour (down the street from the shuttle office)

Auberge Godefroy: 17575 Boul Bécancour, Bécancour, QC G9H 1A5, Canada

Now we're across the river in Trois-Rivières.

Route 138 will then take us towards town, around a traffic circle, into town, a turn to the left and our hotel will be on the left. All of this is Rte 138.

Hotel: Hotel Gouverneur Trois-Rivières, 975 Rue Hart, Trois-Rivières, QC G9A 4S3

Tel: 888-910-1111

<http://trois-rivieres.gouverneur.com>

Dinner:

*** Restaurant Le Lupin ***BYOB SAQ is at 180 Rue des Forges, Trois-Rivières, conveniently located between our hotel and this restaurant

Breton Creperie and other food. Looks authentic. BYOB

376 Rue Saint Georges, Trois-Rivières

+1 819-370-4740

<http://www.lelupin.ca>

This place was excellent, but you should make a reservation or ask the hotel to call and make a reservation for you.

Angeline

Good experience here in 2017 -- Good wine and food.

313 Rue des Forges, Trois-Rivières

www.angelinerestaurant.com

819-372-0468

Restaurant Bistro L'Ancetre

603 Rue des Ursulines, Trois-Rivières

819-373-7077

<https://www.bistroancetre.com>

Le Sacristain

300 Rue Bonaventure, Trois-Rivières

+1 819-694-1344

<https://www.lesacristain.ca>

p. 212 Michelin -- Everything is homemade -- Somewhat Casual

More of a sandwich shop – good for lunch if you're not biking on a rest day

Trois-Rivières

We're staying in the same place tonight. You don't have to bike today if you don't want to. You can rest, do laundry or whatever. I've also highlighted two routes, one to the north and one to the northeast. You can also rent kayaks at Maikan Adventure, a few kilometers north of town, on the Saint-Maurice River (indicated on the map).

Rides on Offer today:

Shawinigan and back, inland: 22 miles each way

Brise-Culotte and back, along the river: 19 miles each way

Shawinigan: Head north out of town on Quebec Rte 138 and then take a left after crossing the bridge onto Rte. 157. At a kooky little intersection, take a left on Rue St Alexis, a right on Rue Louis Alma Pepin and a right on Rue Raymond Pepin, which turns into a bike path. The bike path ends at Rue Louis de France. Right on Louis de France, left on Rue Pelissier, right on Rue des Loisirs, left on Rue de la Feuillade. Right on Chemin Ste Marguerite, left on Rte 157. This takes you into Shawinigan Sud and then to Shawinigan. You can go to Shawinigan or just Shawinigan Sud, which cuts the ride by a few miles in each direction. Shawinigan Sud has a Bonsai Tree Garden. Shawinigan has a hydroelectric power museum. The hydropower museum is on an island, which is probably a good place for a picnic. There's a market in Shawinigan Sud.

Brise-Culotte: Head north out of town on Quebec Rte 138. This is a signed bike route and the road should have a wide shoulder. Head back on the same route. Or go inland on Route Sainte-Marie and then head back on Rang Saint-Pierre. There's an art gallery on Rte 138, not far from Trois Rivières.

There's also some islands just north of town and a park there. For a very mellow day, you could bike up there, have a picnic and bike back. The directions are the same as for Brise-Culotte. For a somewhat less mellow day, you could bike as far as the art gallery and then come back to the islands for lunch.

Hotel: Hotel Gouverneur Trois-Rivières, 975 Rue Hart, Trois-Rivières, QC G9A 4S3

Tel: 888-910-1111

<http://trois-rivieres.gouverneur.com>

Dinner:

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Breton Creperie and other food. Looks authentic.

376 Rue Saint Georges, Trois-Rivières

+1 819-370-4740

<http://www.lelupin.ca>

*** Restaurant Bistro L'Ancetre

603 Rue des Ursulines, Trois-Rivières

819-373-7077

<https://www.bistroancetre.com>

Le Sacristain

300 Rue Bonaventure, Trois-Rivières

+1 819-694-1344

<https://www.lesacristain.ca>

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More of a sandwich shop -- good for lunch if you're not biking on Wednesday

Trois-Rivières to Sorel-Tracy

Luggage Transfer can be handled by: Taxi Elite

Call two days in advance to make reservation and pay by phone

<http://taxielite.ca/contactez-nous/>

info@taxielite.ca

5010 Rue Notre Dame O, Trois-Rivières close to bridge, hit on way into town

819 374-4422

We will make our way to Hotel Les Suites de La Violette, where we were dropped off two days ago.

Bridge Shuttle: Remorquage R. Montpas 819-233-4414 or 1-888-229-1129

Must call 2-3 days in advance

Pickup will be at Hotel Les Suites de La Violette

7201 Rue Notre-Dame Ouest, Trois-Rivières

Distance of Today's Ride: 3 miles, then shuttle, then 44.4 miles.

We will resume riding back in Becancour. The recommended route takes us inland on Rte 132, which eventually starts running in the same direction as the river. However, we can follow Blvd Becancour right along the river and there's two parks that we'll pass on this route. The distance is going to be about the same. The ride that follows Rte 132 will go by a vineyard called "Fief de la Rivière". Either way, we'll eventually end up in Nicolet, where we can have lunch. There's an art gallery here and a cathedral that looks like a ship's sails.

There's also this park/reserve:

Reserve naturelle du Boise du Seminaire

p. 47 Centre Guide -- Two forested blocks, some very large trees.

Rue de Monseigneur Suzor, Nicolet, QC J3T 1L6, Canada

The ride continues on Rte 132. Towns we hit along the way include Baie de Febvre, **Pierreville, which has a Native American Museum and Restaurant**, and Yamaska.

After Yamaska, a bike path heads off to the right of Rte 132. We get on this. It takes us into Sorel-Tracy, where we can go into town or to the hotel, which is to the northeast of town and on the river.

There is also an interpretation center with canoe and kayak rental to the northeast of the hotel. If we're early we could go here or go here on Friday morning before biking. But it is a ways to the northeast of the hotel, completely in the wrong direction from everything else.

*** There may also be boat rental at the hotel.

If you pull into town early:

Patisserie - Les Gourmandises du Roi

Coffee shop, tea salon, etc -- highly rated --. p. 105 Monteregie guide

88 Rue du Roi, Sorel-Tracy, QC J3P 4M8, Canada

+1 450-743-6925

Christophe Patisserie

88 Rue Augusta, Sorel-Tracy, QC J3P 1A5, Canada

+1 450-556-0800

Hotel: Hotel de la Rive, 165 Chemin Sainte-Anne, Sorel, QC J3P 6J7

Tel: 450-742-5691

<http://hoteldelarive.com>

Dinner: 2.2k walk/ 27 minutes or **Taxi Cooperatif 450-742-4545**

**** Restaurant Le Fougasse**

Real French Food -- Extensive Wine Menu. 2.2 km walk -- 27 minutes from hotel.

29 Rue du Roi, Sorel-Tracy, QC J3P, Canada

450-743-7203

<http://www.lefougasse.ca>

Les Tire-Bouchons

82 Rue du Roi, Sorel-Tracy, QC J3P 4M8, Canada

+1 450-855-3473

Good reviews on Google – no website – maybe more casual

Sorel-Tracy to Ste-Hyacinthe

Luggage Transfer can be handled by:

Taxi Cooperatif

450-742-4545

50 Rue Adélaïde, Sorel-Tracy

Call a day or two in advance and make reservation and pay cab when it comes. Spoke some English, very difficult to understand Quebecois French accent.

Distance of Today's Ride (for the route along the Richelieu River): 37 miles

Today we'll bike to Ste.-Hyacinthe. The Google maps recommended route takes us inland. I recommend we spend the day biking along the Richelieu River.

We'll make our way from the hotel into town and then pick up Rte 133 South, not to be confused with Rte 132 or Rte 223.

Once we're on Rte 133, the directions are pretty simple: bike south, keeping the Richelieu River on your right.

The two likely lunch stops are the towns of Saint-Ours and Saint-Denis-sur-Richelieu. After Saint-Ours and before Saint-Denis there is a park by a Canal Lock. This will probably be a good place to picnic and we can also rent kayaks here. There are markets in Saint-Ours, so we can pick up lunch there and then head to the park.

After lunch, we can head to Saint-Denis, where there's a bike shop if we need it. Then inland on Rte 137, a right on Rang Amyot, a left on Route Goddu, a right on Rang 3 des Moulins, a quick right on Route Goddu. Route Goddu ends. Continue onto 4e Rang des Grands-Bois Centre/Rte 137.

This goes straight into Ste Hyacinthe. If you're early, head into town on your bike. Otherwise, take a left on Rue Johnson and take it up to the Holiday Inn (going by a Hotel Dauphin in the process).

We have dinner reservations at 7:30pm in town and I'll probably order a taxi for that while I'm taking care of ordering a taxi for baggage transfer. But if you're early, go into town on your bike and then come back to the hotel. We'll also bike through town on the way out on Saturday morning, so if you miss town on Friday, we can hit it on Saturday. Or if you arrive early and want a shower, go to the hotel first, then walk or take a taxi into town before dinner.

Lunch (for the inland route) could perhaps be at:

*** Pavillon de L'Érable St-Jude

Sugar Shack? Appears to be open all year round. Good stop for lunch perhaps.

1281 Route de Michaudville, Saint-Jude, QC J0H 1P0, Canada

www.pavillonlerable.com

+1 450-792-3011

If you arrive in town early:

Produits De L'Erable 4 Saisons

Maple pastries, etc

1849 Des Cascades, Saint-Hyacinthe, QC J2S 3J4, Canada

www.produits4saisons.com

+1 450-773-9313

**** Le Marché public de Saint-Hyacinthe**

Quebec's Oldest operating market

1555 Rue Des Cascades O, Saint-Hyacinthe, QC J2S 3H7, Canada

www.centrevillesainthyacinthe.com

**** A walk along Rue Girouard Ouest (shown by a line on the map along the riverfront) is recommended.**

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 1500 Rue Johnson E, Saint-Hyacinthe, QC J2S 8W5

Tel: 450-251-1111

https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/saint-hyacinthe/yulsh/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps-_EX-_CAN-_YULSH#

Dinner:

Taxi Windsor Ste-Hyacinthe

450-774-2222

or 3 kilometer/40 minute walk each way

**** Restaurant L'Espiègle**

Market Fresh Quebec cuisine -- p. 124 Monteregie guide -- Interesting menu -- terrace in back away from street

1834 Rue Des Cascades O, Saint-Hyacinthe, QC J2S 5J6, Canada

<http://www.lespiegle.com>

+1 450-778-1551

***** Restaurant Le Parvis Du Vieux Clocher**

Real French Food -- in an old church -- Found on Map. Based on Google Street View it appears to have outdoor seating.

1295 Rue Girouard O, Saint-Hyacinthe, QC J2S 2Z1, Canada

<http://www.leparvis.ca>

+1 450-774-0007

Ste-Hyacinthe to St Jean sur Richelieu

Luggage Transfer can be handled by:

Taxi Windsor Ste-Hyacinthe

1305 Rue Calixa-Lavallée, Saint-Hyacinthe

450-774-2222 call day or two before. Can pay by card by phone. Ended up paying when the cab arrived.

Distance of Today's Ride: 39 Miles

We'll head south out of town by staying along the Yamaksa River, keeping it on our left. As we're leaving town, we'll want to pick up Rte 231 South, which puts us right along the river.

A few miles south of town, we'll take a right onto Rang Saint-Simon.

A few miles on Rang Saint-Simon and then a left on Rte 116.

Before we get to the town of Mont-Saint-Hilaire, there is:

Verger du Pavillon de la Pomme

Cider mill, pastry shop, pick your own berries, farm animals, picnic area -- p. 103 Monteregie guide

1130 Bd Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mont-Saint-Hilaire, QC J3G 4S6, Canada

www.pavillondelapomme.com

450-464-2654

A few miles more will bring us into the town of Mont-Saint-Hilaire, today's halfway point. This is a relatively large town with a French bistro, a Museum of Fine Arts, a park and a mountain with nice views of the region including Montreal. We may or may not feel like biking or walking up the mountain.

South of town is the neighborhood of Otterburn Park, which has some nice homes.

We head south out of town on Rue Fortier, which turns into Chemin Ozias-Leduc.

A few miles south of town is:

Chocolaterie la Cabosse d'Or

Chocolate Factory with Tea Room that serves homemade pastries and ice cream -- p. 45 Monteregie Guide

973 Chemin Ozias-Leduc, Otterburn Park, QC J3H, Canada

lacabossedor.com

450-464-6937

Chemin Ozias-Leduc turns into Chemin des Trente. Stay on this road.

The road ends. Take a right on Chemin de la Rivière des Hurons.

On the outskirts of Chambly, we can take a left on Rte 133 or continue onto Chemin Richelieu/1ere Rue. Either way, take a right on Rte 112 and cross the Richelieu River.

Chambly is a nice town with some parks, some nice homes along the river, restaurants and breweries, a canal lock and some military fortifications. A good place for lunch if we skipped lunch in Mont Saint Hilaire.

To leave Chambly, head back to the bridge we came in on, but do not cross it. Turn right on Chemin Saint-Thérèse, bike down around a ¼ to ½ mile and then the first right onto the access road to the canal path. We'll get on the canal path, keeping the canal on our right and the Richelieu River on our left and head south.

The path crosses Rte 223. Continue on the path. The path feeds into Rue Saint-Thérèse. Follow Rue Saint-Thérèse.

The path curves to the right and crosses the water. There's a path that continues alongside the canal. Don't take this path. Cross all the way over to the mainland and then:

Turn Left on Rue Jean-Talon/Rte 223. Stay straight to leave Rte 223 and bike onto Rue Champlain.

Cross under Autoroute 35. The hotel will be on the right.

Hotel: (right back where we started)

Auberge Harris

576 Rue Champlain, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 6X1

Tel: 450-348-3821 <http://www.aubergeharris.com/en/home>

Dinner: 2.4k walk/30 minutes or will have our cars

*** Restaurant L'Imprevu French -- Small, but good menu.

163 Rue Saint-Jacques, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 2K4, Canada

<http://restaurantlimprevu.com> +1 450-346-2417

Restaurant Le Samuel

Looks nice. Somewhat pricey. Very modern looking.

291 Rue Richelieu, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 6Y3, Canada

www.lesamuel.com +1 450-347-4353

Restaurant Chez Noeser

A very small BYOB

236 Rue Champlain, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 6V8, Canada

www.noeser.com +1 450-346-0811

Le Dorchester cuisine & complicités

On the casual side, I think.

232 Rue Richelieu, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 6X9, Canada

www.cuisinedorchester.com +1 450-347-1589

Restaurant Vivaldi

An Italian BYOB.

34 Rue Saint-Jacques, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 2J7, Canada

www.restaurantvivaldi.ca +1 450-347-5033

Restaurant Lubie

120 Rue Richelieu, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 6X8, Canada

<http://www.lubie.ca>

+1 450-358-5988

Southbound Route Sheet (by car)

Head North on Rt 223 to Rue Pierre-Caisse and take a left on Rue Pierre-Caisse. This is also Rte 219 South.

Follow 219 South until it intersects Rte 221 South. Take 221 South.

Cross the border.

Route 276 heads south. Then take a right onto Route 11 west.

Cross I-87, then get on I-87 South.

Continue South on I-87 "Northway".

I have marked the last stop on the Northway before you get on the Thruway. Glen Falls Rest Stop. Mile Marker 40. A few miles south of Exit 18.

At Albany, to stay on I-87 South, you need to get on the New York Thruway.

Continue on I-87 South/New York Thruway.

I have marked the last southbound travel plaza on the Thruway before you'll leave the Thruway and get on I-287. Ramapo Travel Plaza. Mile Marker 33, well south of Exit 16.

Exit the Thruway at Exit 15/I-287 South. Cross into New Jersey.

Take I-287 around until it hits the New Jersey Turnpike.

New Jersey Turnpike South.

Northbound Route Sheet (by car) to Quebec City

Take Route 223 North to Autoroute 35 North.

Autoroute 35 North to Autoroute 10 West (direction Montreal).

Autoroute 10 West to Exit 11 Autoroute 30 East.

Autoroute 30 East to Exit 83 Autoroute 20 East.

Autoroute 20 East to Exit 312N/Autoroute 73N/Quebec/Pont Pierre-Laporte.

Exit 134 for Boulevard Laurier/Avenue Cartier or University Area.

OR

Exit 137 Chemin Des Quatre Bourgeois/University area.

OR

Exit onto Autoroute Charest/A-440 East to take Boulevard Charest all the way into town

OR

Drive around town and visit Montmorency Falls before coming back into town.