



Chemin des Outaouais

Presentation
April 5th, 2022

Chemin des Outaouais Route

- Walking Trail along the Ottawa River approx. 240 kms – over a period of 12 day (stages)
- There are 25 departures from Ottawa between May 25th to June 18th and limited to 6 hikers per group (max of 150 hikers per season).
- You are provided with an itinerary by the organizing committee (available in English and French) which articulates the directions you walk, where you stay overnight and what places you can stop and rest along the way.
- Cost is \$80 to register for the walk.
- There is an information or orientation day in April in Gatineau (this has already occurred on April 2nd)
- Unlike the Camino your accommodations are predetermined and you pay \$20 per each overnight stay (11 overnight accommodations). I think there maybe one or two accommodations costing \$30 this year.

Chemin des Outaouais Route

- The path is marked where allowed but its best to use the itinerary directions (which are quite detailed) as the markers are few and far between.
- I would consider this an easy walk as it is a relatively flat route and most of the walk is along paths or secondary roads.
- The route crosses the Ottawa river 3 times via ferry boats (cost of \$2 per person for each ferry boat ride)
- Important to stop at the grocery stores (where available) at the start of the day to purchase your midday lunch as not many options along the way.
- This is an excellent route/option if you want to determine if you like Camino hiking
 - it is short (relatively),
 - accommodation is provided,
 - relatively inexpensive
 - and its in your backyard!

Chemin des Outaouais Route





Chemin des Outaouais 2019

The walking
Group



Day 1 Ottawa to Orleans

Starting Point is the Notre Dame Basilica, Ottawa for an 8 am departure

Distance 20.4 Kms

Path takes you;

- by Rideau Hall and PM Residence
- through Rockcliffe E Park and the Rokeries
- then along the Ottawa River
- before stopping at the Aviation Museum.
- then back along the Parkway to the path along the Ottawa River
- then a bike Path then into Orleans

Day 1 Ottawa to Orleans



Day 1 Ottawa to Orleans



Day 1 Ottawa to Orleans





Day 1 Ottawa to Orleans

End Point is St. Joseph Church in Orleans

Accommodation is the basement of the church with your sleeping bag on a thin Gym Mattresses

Washroom with sinks and toilet available but no shower which was available at a nearby YMCA (the YMCA has been sold and is no longer available)



Day 2 Orleans to Buckingham

Distance 17.2 Kms

Path takes you;

- via Old Montreal Road into the town Cumberland
- The Black Walnut Bakery in Cumberland
- Cumberland to Masson Ferry Boat ride into Quebec
- walk through Masson and into Buckingham

Day 2 Orleans to Buckingham



Day 2 Orleans to Buckingham

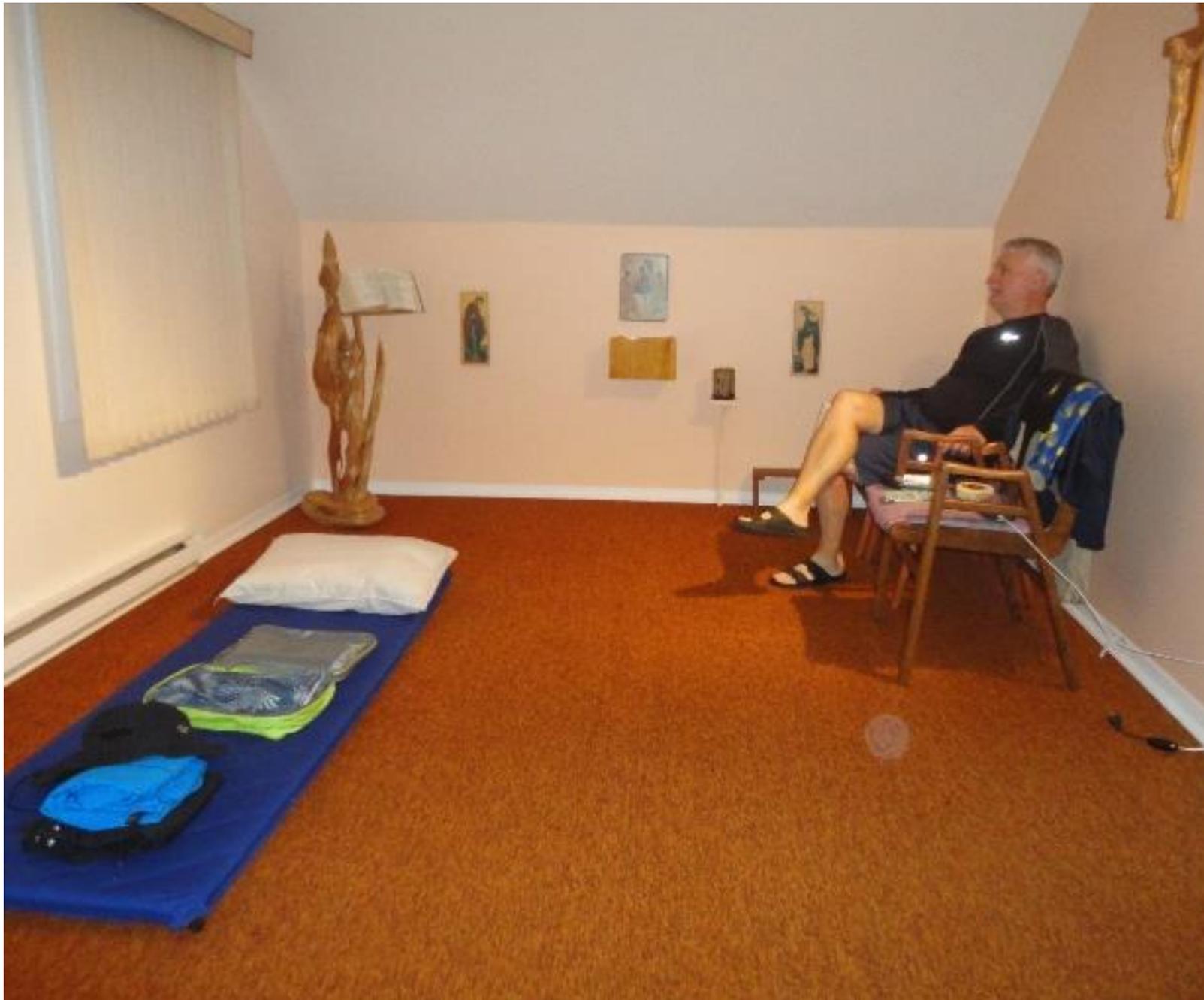


Day 2 Orleans to Buckingham



Day 2 Orleans to Buckingham





Day 2 Orleans to Buckingham

End Point is the Farmhouse run by the Sisters of St. Mary of Manur

- our accommodation is a farmhouse owned by the Sisters of Saint Mary of Manur.
- Late afternoon Vesper Service in the main building with the nuns.
- The farmhouse is no longer available with the accommodation now being moved to the Mason Arena



Day 3 Buckingham to Thurso

Distance 20.3 Kms

Path takes you;

- Out of Buckingham then a series of country roads including a Chemin Rest Stop on Rue Linda where the owner offered Tea and a history of the early Scottish settlers.
- Visit the old Scottish cemetery
- #16 Montee Berndt Chemin Rest stop – Garage with a pay per use refrigerator
- Organic farmer “Our Little Farm” providing an organic vegetable box service to locals
- Then into Thurso home to Guy Lafleur

Day 3 Buckingham to Thurso



Day 3 Buckingham to Thurso



Day 3 Buckingham to Thurso



Day 3 Buckingham to Thurso





Day 3 Buckingham to Thurso

End Point is the St. Jean the Evangelist Church in Thurso

- our accommodation is in the building adjoining the church
- We experienced a hail storm with an accompanying Tornado Warning



Day 4 Thurso to Plaisance

Distance 19.1 Kms

Path takes you;

- Out of Thurso
- Past the Guy Lafleur Arena.
- Down a bike path then along several rural roads to Chute Plaisance
- Stopped at the visitor centre at the Chute (toilets and Picnic tables)
- Then into the town of Plaisance

Day 4 Thurso to Plaisance



Day 4 Thurso to Plaisance



Day 4 Thurso to Plaisance

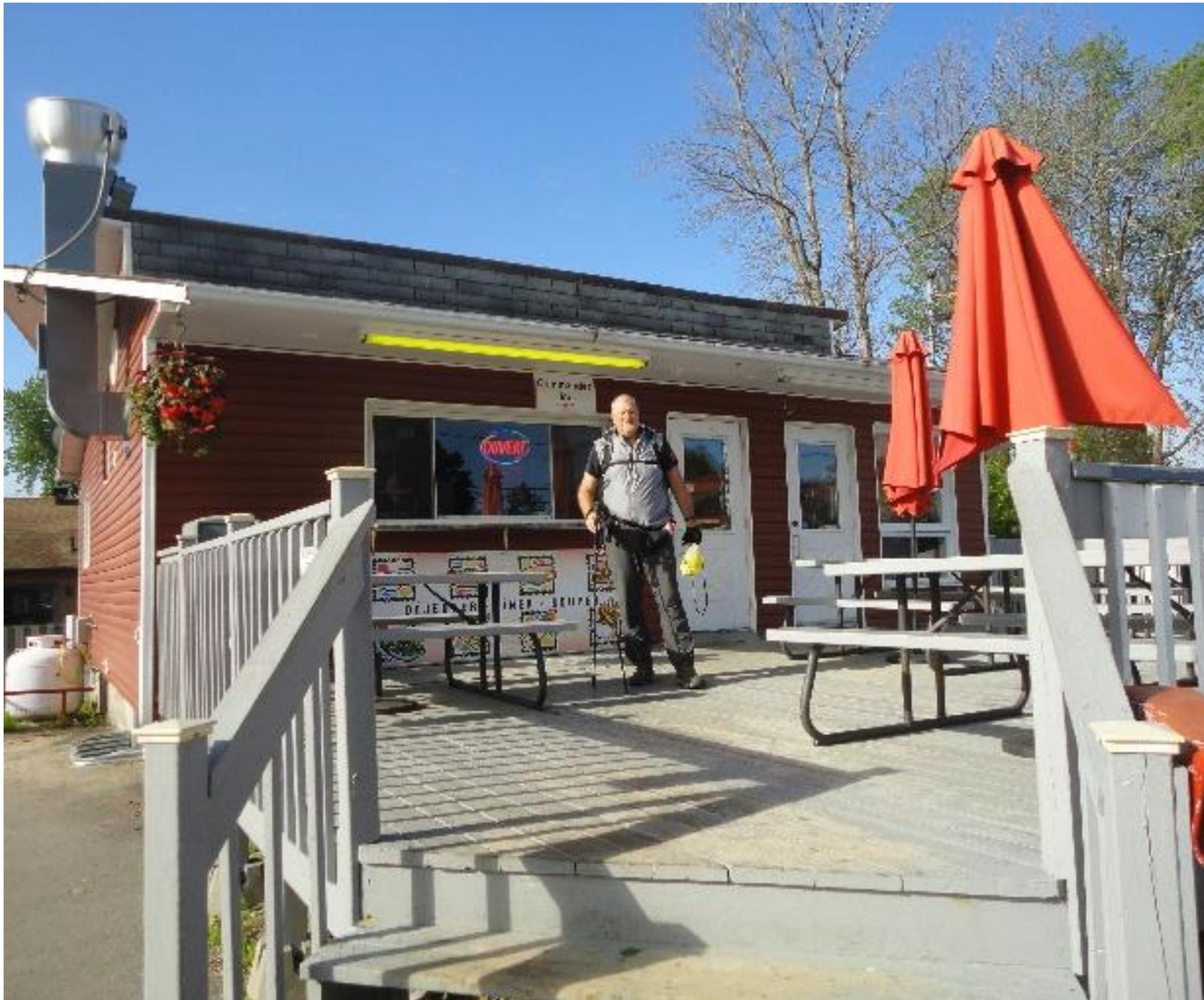




Day 4 Thurso to Plaisance

End Point is the Bar la Baie Noire in Plaisance

- our accommodation is in the motel portion of the Bar la Baie Noire (on the lower level)
- Two rooms with three cots in each room
- I think they have changed the accommodation this year to a private house basement?



Day 5 Plaisance to Montebello

Distance 23.4 Kms

Path takes you;

- Out of Plaisance then along some country roads
- Chemin Rest Stop #218 Rang St. Joseph West. Farmhouse with barn with horse and goats
- Cross under Hwy 50
- Walk through the Montebello Golf Course
- Into the town of Montebello

Day 5 Plaisance to Montebello



Day 5 Plaisance to Montebello





Day 5 Plaisance to Montebello

End Point is the Library Basement in Montebello

- our accommodation is in the basement of the bibliotheque
- Key for basement rooms was in the Boni Soir convenience store across the street
- Two rooms with five cots in the one room and one in the other
- accommodation was good with good washrooms and shower.



Day 6 Montebello to L'Orignal

Distance 23.9 Kms (longest distance of the Chemin)

Path takes you;

- Out of Montebello
- To the Fassett to Lefavre Ferry (we took a taxi to other side due to the flooding)
- Along the Ottawa River with a few stops at designated Chemin Rest Stops
- Then into the historic town of L'Orignal

Day 6 Montebello to L'Orignal

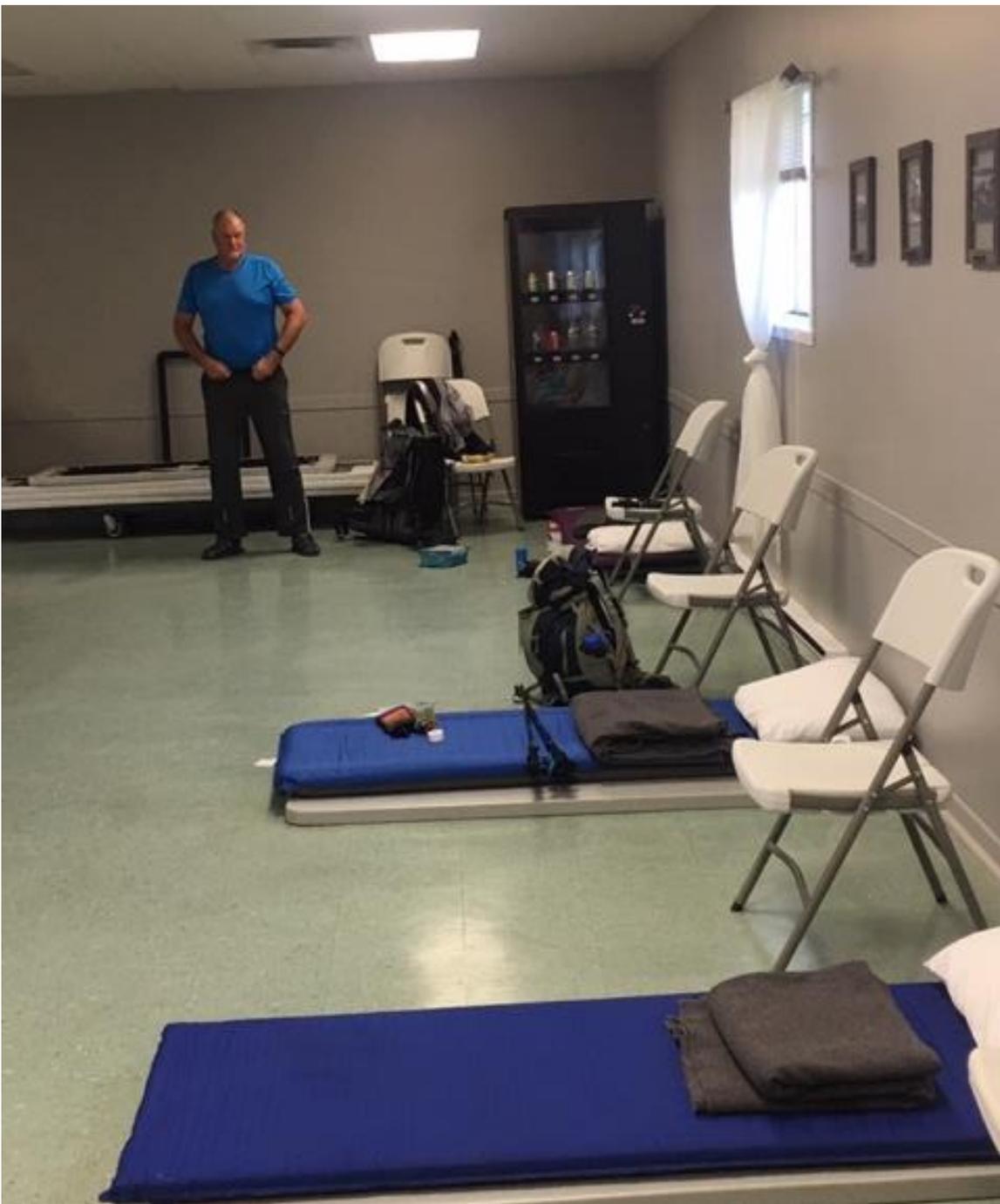


Day 6 Montebello to L'Orignal



Day 6 Montebello to L'Original





Day 6 Montebello to L' Orignal

End Point is the L' Orignal
Camping Centre

- our accommodation is in a camping centre building with a shower in a separate building in the camp ground.
- Beds were the gym mattresses on the floor
- Food was available via a take out service that delivered into the campground.



Day 7 L'Orignal to Chute a Blondeau

Distance 19.3 Kms

Path takes you;

- Out of L'Orignal along the river
- Into Hawkesbury
- Then again along the Ottawa River and into Chute a Blondeau

Day 7 L'Orignal to Chute a Blondeau



Day 7 L'Orignal to Chute a Blondeau



Day 7 L'Original to Chute a Blondeau





Day 7 L'Original to Chute a Blondeau

End Point is the Community Centre in Chute a Blondeau

- We were met and greeted by Johanne on the street. She came well prepared with a cooler pack filled with Sangria and a couple of plates of snacks including cheese, meat slices, crackers and some sliced vegies.
- We preordered our meal the night before while in L'Original with an option for Vegan and Gluten Free Pasta.
- This was an excellent place to stay – the view overlooking the river and the hospitality was fantastic.



Day 8 Chute a Blondeau to Rigaud

Distance 22.7 Kms

Path takes you;

- Out of Chute a Blondeau along the river
- Along secondary Roads (a bit boring walk)
- Stopping at the Trans-Canada Campground for some drinks and something to eat.
- Then into Picturesque Rigaud

Day 8 Chute a Blondeau to Rigaud



Day 8 Chute a Blondeau to Rigaud



Day 8 Chute a Blondeau to Rigaud



Day 8 Chute a Blondeau to Rigaud





Day 8 Chute a Blondeau to Rigaud

End Point is the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes in Rigaud.

- Our accommodation is in the basement (lower level) of the Gift Shop at the Sanctuary
- We had actual beds which was a nice change from the thin Gym Mattresses we have been accustomed to
- Supper was a walk back into town with lots of good restaurant options.
- Sanctuary was a beautiful place to visit.



Day 9 Rigaud to Hudson

Distance 16.4 Kms

Path takes you;

- Out of Rigaud along the river.
- Numerous gorgeous houses along the river
- Then into Hudson

Day 9 Rigaud to Hudson



Day 9 Rigaud to Hudson



Day 9 Rigaud to Hudson



Day 9 Rigaud to Hudson





Day 9 Rigaud to Hudson

End Point is the St. Thomas Church in Hudson. Note previously the destination was in Oka however due to flooding it was switched to Hudson.

- Our accommodation is in the basement of the church with showers in the main house.
- Our host was Father Roland Demers who treated us to an afternoon Tea at 2:30 pm
- We attended his bilingual afternoon mass where he made reference to our pilgrimage in his prayers.
- We walked to the Auberge Willow Inn for supper and Father Demers picked us up and drove us back to the church.
- Father Demers was an excellent host and a superb human supporting many charities. He gave us all a small cross blessed by Pope Frances



Day 10 Hudson to Sainte Marthe Sur le Lac

Distance 19.9 Kms

Path takes you;

- Taxi ride to Oka due to flooding and closure of the Hudson Ferry.
- We back tracked and took the Pointe Fortune to Carillon Ferry.
- Then walk through Oka and then along the river and then follow a fairly long walking and bike path to Sainte Marthe Sur le Lac

Day 10 Hudson to Sainte-Marthe Sur le Lac



Day 10 Hudson to Sainte-Marthe Sur le Lac





Day 10 Hudson to Sainte Marthe Sur le Lac

End Point is the Ste-Marthe Church in Sainte-Marthe Sur le Lac.

- Our accommodation is on the second floor of the Presbytery attached to the church.
- The accommodation consisted of three sleeping rooms with cots to sleep on, two washrooms with showers and a common room.
- The rooms were extremely hot as temperatures were in the 30's that day and with only one fan to in the hallway to provide some ventilation.



Day 11 Sainte Marthe Sur le Lac to Laval

Distance 20.7 Kms

Path takes you;

- To the Abbaye Benedictine where they have Gregorian Chanting (check the times 7 am?)
- Across the Dam/bridge into the Island of Laval through some very expensive homes.

Day 11 Sainte-Marthe Sur le Lac to Laval



Day 11 Sainte-Marthe Sur le Lac to Laval



Day 11 Sainte-Marthe Sur le Lac to Laval





Day 11 Sainte Marthe Sur le Lac to Laval

End Point is the Sainte Maxime Church in Laval.

- Our accommodation is in the basement of the building attached to church.
- The accommodation also included a kitchen with many food items for the next day breakfast.
- Our host was Sister Mariette DesRochers. Another wonderful host.



Day 12
Laval to St. Joseph
Oratory, Montreal

Distance 12.7 Kms

Path takes you;

- Out of Island of Laval
- Across the bridge into Montreal
- Then an urban city walk through the boroughs of Ville St-Laurent and Ville Mont-Royal
- Leading to the End Point of the walk - The St. Joseph Oratory

Day 12 Laval to St. Joseph Oratory, Montreal



Day 12 Laval to St. Joseph Oratory, Montreal



Day 12 Laval to St. Joseph Oratory, Montreal





Day 12 Laval to St. Joseph Oratory, Montreal

End Point is the St. Joseph Oratory, Montreal

- The view from the observation decks of the Oratory is worth the walk.
- We arranged to get our last stamps on our Chemin passports.
- Then a celebratory feast in old Montreal with some of our fellow walkers from Ottawa.
- Accommodation is possible at the Oratory otherwise about a one hour walk to train station

Chemin des Outaouais

- The Chemin des Outaouais is one of several hiking paths in the province of Quebec
- The other main walking routes are;
- Chemin des Sanctuaires 375 kms (18 days) from the St. Joseph Oratory in Montreal to the Basilica in Sainte Anne-de-Beaupre
- Chemin de Navigateurs 400 kms (21 days) from Sainte Anne-de-la-Pointe-au-Pere to Sainte Anne-de-Beaupre
- Chemin de l'Acadie 400 kms (20 days) from Sainte Anne-de-la-Pointe-au-Pere to Sainte Anne-du-Bocage, Caraquet N.B
- There are also several other shorter routes available



Chemin des Outaouais

240 Kms in length

- 12 stages
- 11 Overnight Accommodations
- Mostly flat – easy walk
- Inexpensive
- Right here in our backyard
- Any Questions