

Perth Basin Docks

Once you've reached the heart of Perth, at the Tay Basin, the Parks Canada docks are available for mooring. Please note there is no charge to use the docks, and no shore power. Basic washroom facilities are available adjacent the Crystal Palace from May 15th to October 15th, 8am to 9pm.

The Crystal Palace is the home of the Perth Farmers' Market and Crystal Palace Craft Market, which takes place here every Saturday morning from May to October, 8am to 1pm.

Just across from the Palace on Gore Street is Perth's historic Town Hall, a National Historic Site. Gore and Foster are the main streets in town, and in this area you will find many restaurants, pubs, cafes and unique shopping opportunities, as well as services such as a post office and banks.

Public washrooms are available at the south side of Town Hall, from 8am to 9pm daily year round.

Spend the afternoon relaxing by the Tay River in beautiful Stewart Park, located behind Town Hall. The Park was deeded to the Town in 1947 by the late Jessie Stewart in honour of her late husband, the Hon. John A. Stewart. We think you'll agree, there's no better place to unwind than under the majestic canopy of maple trees, taking in the beauty of the gardens while the Tay River gently rolls past.

For more tourism information, please visit the Perth and District Chamber of Commerce, located in the historic Old Fire Hall building at 34 Herriott Street, just one block north of the Basin.

Perth in pictures...



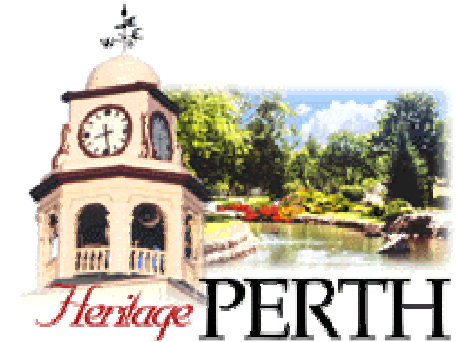
The scenic route: Across Craig St. leaving Last Duel Park, the Tow Path is a 10-minute walk to Downtown Perth.



The Tay Basin, in the heart of Perth, featuring the International Friendship Fountains.



Downtown Perth: Our Scottish heritage shows through in the architecture! Streetscapes feature lush floral units, many fine restaurants, pubs and cafes, as well as unique shops for all tastes. Festivals and events keep tourists coming back again and again!



Navigating the Tay Canal to Downtown Heritage Perth



THE TOWN OF PERTH

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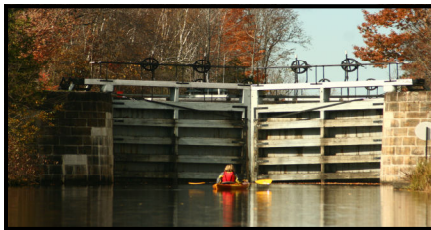
Perth and the Rideau Canal

Perth's history stretches back to an era when Upper and Lower Canada were colonies of Great Britain. At the end of the War of 1812, Britain offered land along the Tay River to its officers and soldiers, fulfilling the perceived need to establish a strategic defensive outpost. Perth was founded in 1816 as one of three military settlements along the Rideau Corridor.

The Rideau Canal, built between 1826-1832 as a safe inland military route between Kingston and Ottawa, and the Tay Canal, an offshoot of Lower Rideau Lake, were never needed in war. After commercial uses waned, the area became a mecca for recreation. Today, the Rideau Canal Waterway is a boater's paradise, attracting pleasure boats from across North America to travel its 202 km length.

At Beveridges Locks Station, you can visit the Lock Master for tourism information on the Town of Perth. The Lock Master can also advise you of available docking space in Perth and the number of boats in the system.

Parks Canada maintains a draught of 5' in the Tay Canal, right up to the Tay Basin. The Canal is narrow, so it's best to stay in the centre lane to the extent possible.



The Rideau Canal and its 47 Lock Stations were inscribed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in June 2007 and described as "...a masterpiece of human creative genius." The Lock Stations are a great experience for all ages.

Last Duel Park

Welcome to historic Last Duel Park, located off Highway #43 on the Tay River, within the limits of the Town of Perth.

Last Duel Park is a 27-acre site, which owes its name to the infamous last fatal and most publicized duel to take place in Canada. In 1833, law students Robert Lyon and John Wilson duelled over the honour of Miss Elizabeth Hughes. The duel was fought on the banks of the Tay River, where the campground is now situated. Lyon fell, mortally wounded, and was taken to the foyer at Inge Va (66 Craig Street) where he succumbed to his wounds. His grave site can be seen at the Old Burying Grounds Cemetery, just across from the Last Duel docks.

Public docks are available at Last Duel, where the Tay Canal enters the south-east corner of the Town. The docks provide space for 6-8 boats, with three 30-amp marine grade outlets and washroom and shower facilities in the Gatehouse adjacent the docks. Docking is on a first-come, first-served basis.

A paved launch is available adjacent the docks, and can accommodate boats up to 25' in length. Parking is also available here.

Visitors are welcome to use the picnic area, just a stone's throw from the docks. The Wendy Laut Ribbon of Life is a new walking trail that follows the Tay River a short distance to the Campgrounds.



The Ribbon of Life: the strip where water meets land. Plant and animal life here relies on a natural habitat to survive and flourish. The Ribbon of Life provides food, breeding grounds and shelter for various wildlife. It helps to prevent shoreline erosion and filter out pollutants.

Last Duel Park, Cont'd.

For a quick walk to Downtown Perth, from Last Duel Park cross Craig Street and take the Tow Path, located across the bridge to the east side of the River. Continue up Riverside Drive, and past the Legion to arrive at the Tay Basin.

For another equally pleasant route to centre town, walk two blocks west of Last Duel along Craig Street and turn right onto Drummond, which takes you past some of our fine stone architecture. Cross the bridge and turn left into the Basin, Perth's downtown core.

Prices and Information

Dock Fees	\$15.04/night + tax (21' and under)
	\$19.47/night + tax (21' and over)
Dock Power	\$4.43/night + tax
Launch Fees	\$8.85/launch + tax \$48.67/season+tax
Basin Dock	No Charge

Upon your arrival at the Campgrounds, please contact the Last Duel Park Attendant to register and make payment, at 613-812-0020.

Bridge Heights

Craig St.	2.1m (7')
Beckwith St.	1.6m (5.2')
Drummond St.	2.9m (9.5')

Please note the channel under Beckwith Street will remain open until November 2010 while Parks Canada undertakes repairs to this historic swing bridge. Water levels vary with the season; boaters are advised to check the height at each bridge.