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## Skating

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This is a casual skate of a few kilometres along the Rideau Canal on **Friday evenings** when the Rideau Canal Skateway is open. On the canal, you can recognize the leader by his distinctive red and black "Canada" toque. After the skate is over, we refortify ourselves at a local establishment.

Depending on what part of the canal is open, we generally meet at 7:00 PM at the change rooms on the ice near the National Arts Centre / Mackenzie King Bridge ([map](#) [1]). If you would prefer a shorter skate, can't make it for the 7:00 PM meeting time, or would like a place to park your car, you can join the group on the ice at about 7:20 PM at the Pretoria Bridge benches, closest to Loblaws ([map](#) [2]).

Because conditions can change quickly, it's worthwhile checking on the state of the canal at the [National Capital Commission web site](#) [3] not long before the scheduled skate.

There is no non-member's fee for these skating outings; everyone is invited to join us at no cost.

For all events, please check the [event listings](#) [4] for details, as the meeting day, time, and location can vary. Please be ready to go by the departure time shown.

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[1] <http://g.co/maps/qv8e6>

[2] <http://g.co/maps/uddu2>

[3] <http://ncc-ccn.gc.ca/rideau-canal-skateway>

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