

# Tour

## 1 THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II EQUESTRIAN MONUMENT

It took a team of 10 people, led by Vancouver sculptor Jack Harman over 2 years to create this larger-than-life monument.

## 2 VISITOR CENTRE

Once the Gardener's Cottage, today's Visitor Centre offers an exhibition on the role of the governor general and family activities. Seasonal opening from May to September. Wifi available. Play structure nearby.

## 3 MACKAY WALK

The original route leading to the MacKay residence when it was built in 1838.

## 4 TOTEM POLE

This sculpture by Kwakwaka'wakw Northwest Coast artist Mungo Martin features a *sisiutl*, a two-headed serpent. The symbolic figures of the thunderbird, a man and a salmon are also represented.

## 5 OSMOSIS

Susan Stromberg created this contemporary sculpture of steel and brass. It symbolizes the convergence of Canada's different cultures.

## 6 CANADIAN HERITAGE GARDEN

The Canadian Heritage Garden is a sweeping arc of roses that tells the story of the cultural mosaic of Canadian society. You can sit down here for a quiet moment of reflection and rest.

## 7 CRICKET PITCH

The sport of cricket has been played here regularly for more than a century. You can watch a game most summer weekends.

## 8 CEREMONIAL TREE PLANTINGS

The trees at Rideau Hall are not only beautiful, but they also have ceremonial, diplomatic and historical significance. Discover why here.

## 9 COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE FOR LADY ABERDEEN

Lady Aberdeen was the spouse of Lord Aberdeen, governor general from 1893 to 1898. Her dedication to social causes changed our society. Find out about her many achievements here.

## 10 FOUNTAIN OF HOPE

Originally built in 1982, in honour of Terry Fox and his Marathon of Hope for cancer research, the fountain is a symbol of the positive change that a single individual can bring about through determination. The fountain was renewed in 2017.

## 11 RIDEAU HALL

The residence facade is remarkable for the Royal Coat of Arms carved in its stonework. It was the coat of arms used by Canada when the facade was added to the building in 1913.

## 12 DRIVEWAY

Canada's first governor general, Lord Monck, designed the winding, tree-lined route to the residence.

## 13 INUKSUK

This inuksuk (pronounced "*inook-shook*") made by Inuk artist Kananginak Pootoogook symbolizes Canada's North. Find out about its importance to Inuit and Arctic travellers here.

## 14 GATE LODGE

Built in 1867-1868, it housed the gatekeeper, who would open the heavy stone and cast-iron gate for guests.

## 15 MAIN GATE

Since Confederation, royalty, heads of State and prime ministers, as well as Canadians from coast to coast to coast and visitors from around the world, have passed through this entranceway.

## SKATING RINK & WINTER PAVILION

Skating has been a tradition at Rideau Hall since the 1870s. Open to the public on weekends during the winter. (The rink and Winter Pavilion are accessible only to those who wish to skate.)

The grounds of Rideau Hall, its gardens and historic buildings are preserved and managed by the National Capital Commission on behalf of the Government of Canada.

