



Smiths Falls Combined to Old Slys

Old Slys lockstation lies at the south end of the town of Smiths Falls which is close to the geographic centre of the Rideau. The attractions at Old Slys include the Heritage House Museum, just a few metres down the road from the locks. The southern entrance to Old Slys is a man-made canal cut.

Features Table

Name	Total Lift	Found on Chart No.	Lock Through	Docking Upstream	Docking Downstream	Portage Distance	Camping	Drinking Water	Washrooms	Picnic Tables	Self Guided Trails	Historical Exhibits	Live Tours	BBQ Grills	Chart Sales	Power
Old Slys Locks No. 26 - 27	4.6 m (16 ft)	1512 (sheet 3)	30 minutes	61 m (200 ft)	61 m (200 ft)	Road Hazard	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
	Number of Locks: 2 (in flight)			Road Access: on Old Slys Road			Parking: Yes									
	Latitude: 44°53'37.38"N			Locks Connect: Rideau River to Rideau River			Public Phone: No									
T: 613-283-2663	Longitude: 76°00'18.06"W			Directions & Map: http://g.co/maps/3g2jn												

Of Interest: Old Slys is a double lock, named after an early settler in the area, William Sly, who settled in the area in 1798. The CN Rail line crosses the lockstation, a reminder of the importance of Smiths Falls once serving as a railway hub. What appears to be a retaining wall below the road that crosses the locks, is actually the top of a 21 foot high dam (similar to that in Smiths Falls), placed in the main channel of the Rideau River. In the latter part of the 20th century, the area between the dam and the railroad was filled in. The Heritage House Museum is just a few metres south of the locks.

Special Notes: To ensure passage, boaters must arrive at least 1 hour prior to closing. Swing bridge with a clearance of 2.2m (7.1 ft). Swings on demand EXCEPT on Monday to Friday (excluding holidays) when it will not swing between the hours of 11:55 - 12:15h and 12:45 - 13:00h.

The Rideau Canal works in close contact with the municipalities of the area, with other government agencies, and with concerned citizens to protect the natural heritage of the waterway.

Lockstations & Route No.

- Kingston Mills Route 1
- Lower Brewers Route 1
- Upper Brewers Routes 1 & 2
- Jones Falls Routes 2 & 3
- Davis Route 3
- Chaffey's Route 3
- Newboro Routes 3, 4 & 5
- Narrows Routes 4 & 5
- Colonel By Island Route 5
- Beveridges Route 6
- Poonamalie Route 7
- Smiths Falls Detached Route 7
- Smiths Falls Combined Routes 7 & 8
- Old Slys Route 8
- Edmonds Route 8
- Kilmarnock Route 8
- Merrickville Routes 8 & 9
- Clowes Route 9
- Upper Nicholsons Route 9
- Lower Nicholsons Route 9
- Burritts Rapids Route 9
- Long Island Routes 11 & 12
- Black Rapids Route 12
- Hogs Back Route 12
- Hartwells Route 12
- Ottawa Route 12

Paddling Routes 1 -12

Map Legend



Paddlers have the option to follow the route from either Kingston – Ottawa OR Ottawa – Kingston. If travelling from Ottawa to Kingston, please start from route 12 and work through to route 1.





Detailed Map Listings

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- [Kingston Mills](#) Route 1
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Map Code	Icon	Feature	Portage or Hiking Trail Length	Latitude	Longitude
1		No Portage	Road Hazard	44°53'35.16"N	76°00'20.93"W
<p>Description: At Old Slys lockstation, Parks Canada does not encourage portaging due to traffic conditions and visibility. Paddlers can lock through at no charge to enhance public safety. Please do not attempt to carry paddling equipment across busy roads.</p>					
2		Parking		44°53'38.69"N	76°00'17.51"W
<p>Description: This parking lot is close to both upper and lower launch points. Directions & Map: http://g.co/maps/3g2jn</p>					
3		Parks Canada Administration Office, Washrooms		44°53'37.04"N	76°00'15.17"W



