

WALKING LITERARY HEARTLANDS

This pamphlet accompanies the audio-walk, 'Literary Landscapes of L'Estrie and the Eastern Townships'. It is part of a research project on contemporary fiction and creative nonfiction set in the region. The route of the audio-walk starts at le Bâtiment Billy Connor near the playground at le parc de la pointe Merry in Magog. It then follows the public path along the lake front for 45 minutes or so, with Lake Memphremagog on the left, and Mount Orford in front of you. It ends at the picnic tables near the large bronze sculpture, 'Libre', by André Desjardins, in le parc de la Baie-de-Magog.

The walk has five sections, plus an introduction and conclusion. I propose you pause and listen to the introduction near le Bâtiment Billy Connor (photo 1), before walking along the path to a picnic table between the snack bar and the ticket office and washrooms (photo 2) during section 1. Section 2 takes you past the zig-zag flower bed (photo 3) to la tour Memphré at the end of the quay. Section 3 takes you up the other side of the quay past the launching and landing dock. Section 4 turns left past an information point towards Mount Orford, and ends at la Place Memphré (photo 4). Section 5 continues on towards Mount Orford, past banners featuring extracts by writers and artists from the region. The concluding section takes you to the sculpture, where the walk ends (photo 5).

The audio-walk offers a taste of some of the fiction and creative nonfiction of l'Estrie and the Eastern Townships, along with some of the history that shapes it. It also includes extracts from interviews with current and former residents (with their permission). Finally, the walk features creative prompts, offering you the opportunity to make your own artistic responses to the region. I hope you enjoy listening, walking*, and imagining with me.

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* I use the term 'walking' to refer to a range of mobility practices, not all of which are bipedal: the scholar and activist, Sue Porter, taught me that we can walk in wheelchairs as well as on feet.

LENGTH OF AUDIO-WALK ROUTE: APPROX. 2 KM

DURATION: APPROX. 45 MINUTES



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