Waste Waters

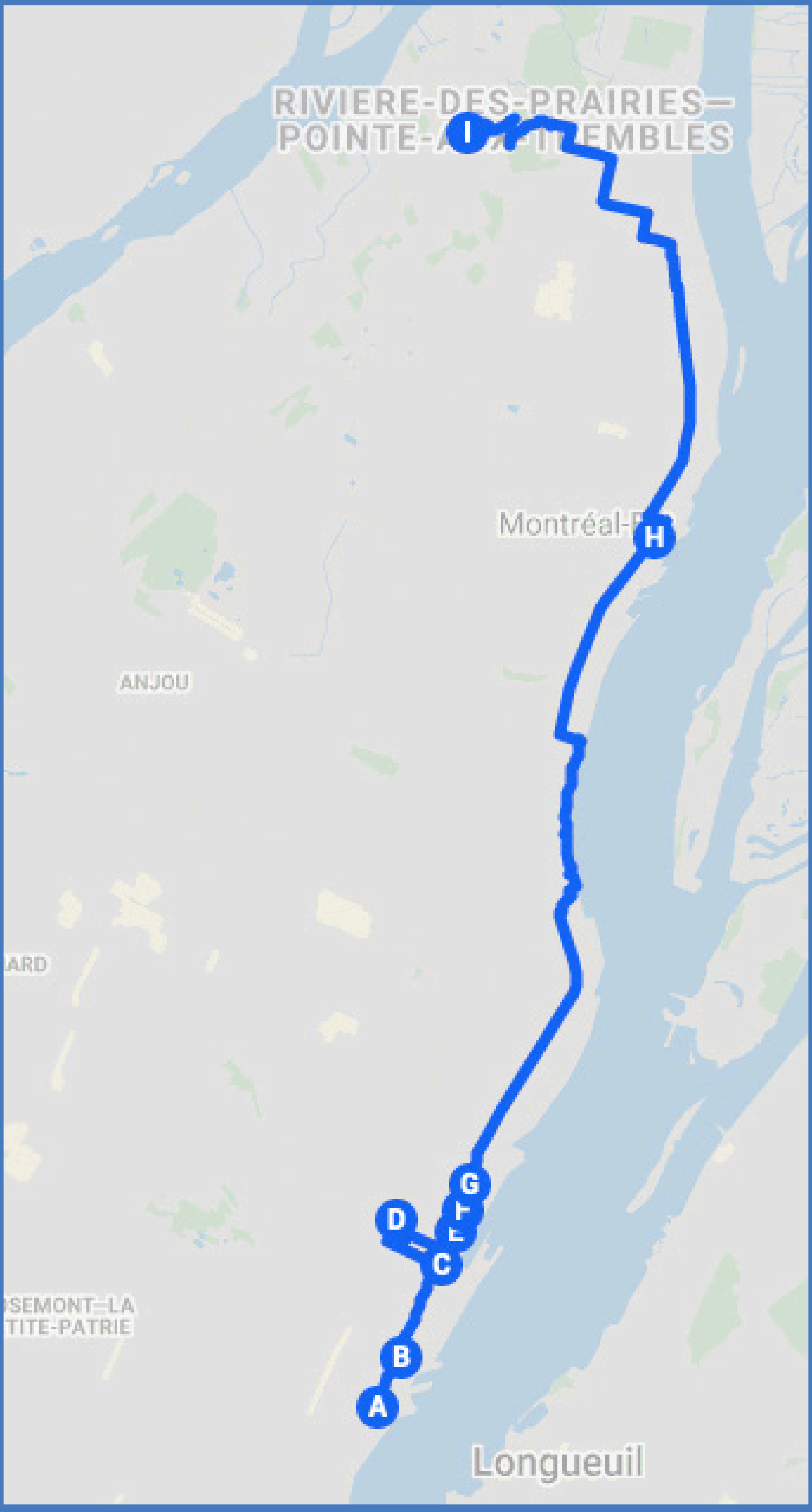


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Waste Waters follows the Route Verte 5 cycling path, past Montreal's port and key industrial sites in the city's infrastructure. This tour highlights the hidden effects of industrial waste on our soils and waters, from underground gas pipelines to buried streams. It also highlights ways in which local artists and activists are trying to bring life to water, waste, and to the city's fallow places.

INTERMEDIATE:
1 to 2 hours 5 km

ADVANCED:
2 to 3 hours 20 km


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Suggested Itinerary

- **A- INTERCEPTOR INSPECTION SITE**
  Corner of Joliette & Notre-Dame Est
- **B- SUCRE LANTIC**
  4026 Notre-Dame Est
- **C- PORT OF MONTREAL**
  Corner of Viau & Notre-Dame Est
- **D- CANADIAN STEEL FOUNDRIES**
  Corner of Ontario Est & Ida Steinberg
- **E- LIBRE**
  Across from 5378 Notre-Dame Est
- **F- VOPAK**
  5378 Notre-Dame Est
- **G- WATERWAYS MURAL**
  403 Dickson
- **H- HÔTEL DE VILLE PARK**
  11300 Notre-Dame Est
- **I- MARCOTTE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**
  12001 Maurice-Duplessis



INTERCEPTOR INSPECTION SITE

CORNER OF JOLIETTE & NOTRE-DAME EST

This inspection shaft leads to a vast underground network of sewers. Tiohtià:ke/Montreal's rainwater and wastewater all end up at the same treatment center, one of the largest in North America.



SUCRE LANTIC

4026 NOTRE-DAME EST

The history of sugar, in some ways, is the history of industrialization. This massive sugar refinery began as a much smaller operation in 1888, and continues to supply much of the sugar sold in Quebec; but what are the hidden costs of the sugar industry?



PORT OF MONTREAL

CORNER OF VIAU & NOTRE-DAME EST

The waters of Tiohtià:ke/Montreal were used as trade routes long before the arrival of European colonizers. The modern Port of Montreal runs for 30 kilometers, changing the landscape and obscuring both the coastline and the history of this land.



CANADIAN STEEL FOUNDRIES

CORNER OF ONTARIO EAST & IDA STEINBERG

A statue of a panther prowls atop a mound of earth on the contaminated site of the former Canadian Steel Foundries. Community groups are working to reclaim the Foundry as green space, while its industrial owners want to install a rail car storage facility.



ACROSS FROM 5378 NOTRE-DAME EST

What does it mean to be free? How do industrial sites hem us in and cage us? This art piece, by Montreal street artist Makenoize, and its placement, asks us to consider the role of industry in our communities.



5378 NOTRE-DAME EST

Dutch multinational VOPAK works in the storage industry; they store oil, chemicals and biofuels on behalf of other companies. But just how contained are these substances, when we can still smell them in the air, and small everyday spills don’t need to be reported?

WATERWAYS MURAL



403 DICKSON

This mural, inspired by the hidden underground creeks that once crisscrossed Tiohtià:ke/Montreal sits near the site of the now-buried Molson creek, which once ran through this area. What are the possibilities for rehabilitation of these former waterways?

HÔTEL DE VILLE PARK



11300 NOTRE-DAME EST

This small park marks the interconnected histories of industry, leisure and livelihood. The park is populated by warning signs of the pipelines and infrastructures that lie just below the grass.



MARCOTTE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

12001 MAURICE-DUPLESSIS

Marcotte is one of the largest water treatment facilities in North America. All of Tiohtià:ke/ Montreal's sewage and rainwater waste is treated here, but the process isn't perfect; it produces waste products, and is currently undergoing improvements.