

= Ontario Highway 60 =

King 's Highway 60 , commonly referred to as Highway 60 , is a provincially maintained highway in the Canadian province of Ontario . The 255 @. @ 8 @-@ kilometre (158 @. @ 9 mi) highway serves as the primary corridor through Algonquin Provincial Park , where it is dedicated as the Frank McDougall Parkway . East of Algonquin Park , the route serves east ? west traffic in the highlands of central Ontario . It begins at Highway 11 in Huntsville and ends at Highway 17 near Renfrew .

Highway 60 was designated in 1937 between Huntsville and Lake Dore , near where it met Highway 41 . During the 1940s , the route shared a common termini with Highway 41 at Golden Lake . When Highway 41 was extended north to Pembroke in 1957 , Highway 60 was routed along it between Golden Lake and Eganville . It was extended east to Highway 17 in downtown Renfrew circa 1961 . It was extended further east when Highway 17 was rerouted around Renfrew in 1977 , establishing the current route .

= = Route description = =

Highway 60 begins at an interchange with Highway 11 in Huntsville . It crosses through central Ontario in a generally east ? west orientation . The triangle @-@ shaped area bounded by Highways 11 , 17 and 60 is largely uninhabited wilderness dotted with lakes and muskeg .

West of Huntsville , Highway 60 meanders east then south through the northeastern corner of Muskoka District , meeting Highway 35 at Dwight . It travels northeast from there , briefly passing through Haliburton County before crossing into Nipissing District and entering Algonquin Park . An Ontario Parks visitor 's permit is not required to drive through Algonquin Park . However , one is required for the use of any trails , campgrounds , the Visitor Centre , or similar facilities within the park boundary . Moose and deer are very common through Algonquin , especially at night and in the morning , and present a major driving hazard . The 56 @-@ kilometre (35 mi) journey through Algonquin Park offers some of the most famous scenery in Canada , including vistas of numerous lakes and geological formations that have been captured in the arts of Group of Seven painter Tom Thomson among others . The park is considered the most important place in Canada for biological and environmental research .

Highway 60 exits the park in the Township of South Algonquin travelling south into Whitney , curving east and intersecting Highway 127 . Beyond Highway 127 , it passes through the Madawaska Highlands , following the historic Opeongo Line . It passes through Madawaska , encountering Secondary Highway 523 , then curves southeast into Renfrew County . The route enters Barry 's Bay , where it turns east and meets the southern leg of former Highway 62 , where a concurrency with it began prior to 1998 . After passing through Wilno , the route curves northeast around Killaloe , intersecting the northern leg of former Highway 62 and Highway 512 .

Continuing around Golden Lake and through the village of the same name , Highway 60 travels southeast into the Ottawa Valley towards Eganville , where it has a 3 @. @ 9 kilometres (2 @. @ 4 mi) concurrency with Highway 41 . For the remainder of the route , the highway travels near the Bonnechere River . It continues east then south to Douglas , where drivers must turn northeast to continue along the highway . Highway 60 slowly curves southeast before entering the town of Renfrew , where it is known as Stewart Street , Bridge Street , Raglan Street South , Veterans Memorial Boulevard and O 'Brien Road . It encounters the eastern terminus of Highway 132 before curving east to end at Highway 17 on the outskirts of the town .

= = History = =

Highway 60 was assumed on April 1 , 1937 , when the Department of Northern Development was amalgamated by the Department of Highways (DHO) . At that time , the highway ended in Lake Dore , north of Eganville and was 218 @. @ 2 km (135 @. @ 6 mi) long . Highway 41 travelled along the portion of what is now Highway 60 between Eganville and Golden Lake . The route was shortened by 16 @. @ 9 kilometres (10 @. @ 5 mi) to create a shared terminus with Highway 41

between 1942 and 1949 .

On April 11 , 1957 , the Eganville ? Pembroke Road was assumed as an extension of Highway 41 , with the former portion of the route between Eganville and Golden Lake being renumbered as part of Highway 60 . Highway 60 was extended to Highway 17 near Rosebank , north of Renfrew , circa 1961 . With the construction of the Renfrew Bypass , which began in June 1974 , and was completed in 1977 , the section of Highway 17 between O 'Brien Road east of Renfrew and Haley Road north of Haley Station was renumbered as an extension of Highway 60 , establishing the current route of the highway .

In 1976 , the section through Algonquin Park was dedicated in honour of the 35 years of service by Frank Archibald MacDougall : ten years as park superintendent and 25 as Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests . It is signed as the Frank MacDougall Parkway .

= = Major intersections = =

The following table lists the major junctions along Highway 60 , as noted by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario .