

I will ride my bike across Canada

May 4: Victoria

Hey there everybody! Thanks for stopping by my travel blog. My name is Josephine Roy and I want to ride my bike across Canada. Six years ago I was sick with cancer. While this was a horrible experience, it made me change my life. I used to think I would do things later, but now I know I should follow my dreams now. That's why I took a break from my job as an engineer to start my ride across Canada.

I plan to ride between 60 and 90 kilometers a day, but not on Sundays. In total, more than 6,000 kilometers lie in front of me and I'll give myself four months. I don't have much money, so I'll sleep in my tent or stay with people who offer me a place. You can also buy me a cup of coffee online – I'll post a picture when I drink it.

Day 1, May 19: Victoria to Vancouver

After two years of planning, the day finally came! I took the ferry to Vancouver and then biked to my sister's house. There I enjoyed a last large meal and filled my backpack with food.

Day 2, May 20: Vancouver to Cultus Lake

I took the Skytrain to King George station and started biking. The highway was too busy because of the long weekend, so I switched to smaller roads. I had no problems with my legs and just enjoyed the ride. At Cultus Lake I put up my tent, cooked kidney bean soup, and went to bed early because of the cold.

Day 3, May 21: Cultus Lake to Othello

I woke up with birds singing and rode towards Othello. Soon I was on the Trans Canada Trail. My fears about problems, bears or loneliness disappeared and I enjoyed nature. The Othello tunnels were amazing – you can ride your bike right through them. In the evening I found a good place for my tent and fell asleep.

September 4: Halifax

It's September now and I made it! I'm in Halifax, Nova Scotia. I rode 6,257 kilometers, had three flat tires and one broken bike chain. I didn't meet a bear close up and I still like myself. I met many amazing people and I'm thankful for this trip. I've never felt so alive as during the last 108 days.

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Is the information right, wrong or not in the text? Tick (✓) the correct box for each sentence.

	right	wrong	not in the text
1. This is a text from a magazine.	☐	☐	☐
2. Josephine fought cancer for two years.	☐	☐	☐
3. During her ride across Canada, Josephine worked part time.	☐	☐	☐
4. Josephine invites everybody to have a cup of coffee with her.	☐	☐	☐
5. Josephine's sister gave her things to eat for her trip.	☐	☐	☐
6. At Cultus Lake, Josephine went out for dinner.	☐	☐	☐
7. The Trans Canada Trail is 2,400 km long.	☐	☐	☐
8. You don't have to get off your bike at the Othello Tunnel.	☐	☐	☐
9. Josephine's trip lasted nearly four months.	☐	☐	☐

Answer the questions:

1. What was Josephine's motivation to change her life?

2. Josephine doesn't want to stay in hotels. Where will Josephine sleep during her trip? Name two options.

3. How did Josephine get to Vancouver?

4. Why did Josephine not like to ride her bike on the highway? Explain.

5. How did Josephine feel when she woke up in Cultus Lake?

6. Where did Josephine spend the night in Othello?
