

# Grand Falls

## Perth-Andover Plaster Rock & Area

### Zip Zag first phase now open

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Thrill seekers finally had their chance to fly across the mighty Grand Falls gorge on Oct. 2, but promoters are already looking forward to their next project.

"After having to reschedule our first day due to unforeseen delays in construction and shipping, we were hoping the public would attend and we are very happy with the (opening day) turnout," stated Zip Zag president Eric Ouellette.

The new zip lines offers locals and tourists alike the opportunity to literally fly over the falls and gorge. The first lines depart from the tower located near the Ron Turcotte bridge while the second set of lines departs from the Lovers' Lane side of the gorge, crosses the falls and finishes at the tower near the Mala-beam tourist information centre.

"The cables returning to the Mala-beam centre also have great historical significance since they overlap the area walked by Van Morell in 1904 when he crossed over the falls on a tightrope," stated Ouellette.

Phase two of the project would see additional zip lines incorporated into

the mile-long gorge taking visitors on an amazing adrenaline rushed experience.

"While phase one is focused on the thrill of the ride, the second phase will focus on gorge exploration. In small groups of eight, the participants would be accompanied by two trained guides. At each stopping point in the forest canopy, guests will alight on a platform where their guides would provide information about forest and gorge ecology before continuing on to the next platform and scenic vantage point," stated Ouellette.

"The tour would include views and exploration of the gorge from vantage points not previously possible and provide opportunities to experience the feeling of flight as they ride the cables at speeds up to 60 km/h. The total tour time would range between two and three hours," Ouellette added.

**En français :** Les nouvelles tyroliennes par-dessus la gorge de Grand-Sault sont enfin ouvertes, et les développeurs travaillent actuellement sur la deuxième phase, une série de tyroliennes de l'autre côté du pont Ron Turcotte.



Zip Zag guide Denise LeBlanc enjoys the exhilarating ride on the new zip line over Grand Falls. Zip Zag, the Grand Falls business that erected the zip lines is now working on phase two, building a series of zip lines to take riders into the mile-long gorge. (Madeleine Leclerc photo)