

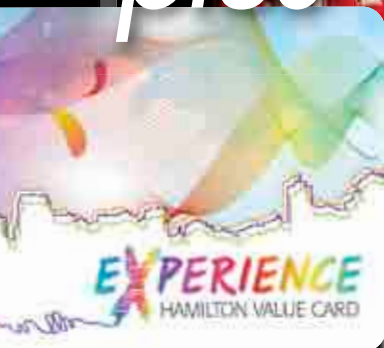
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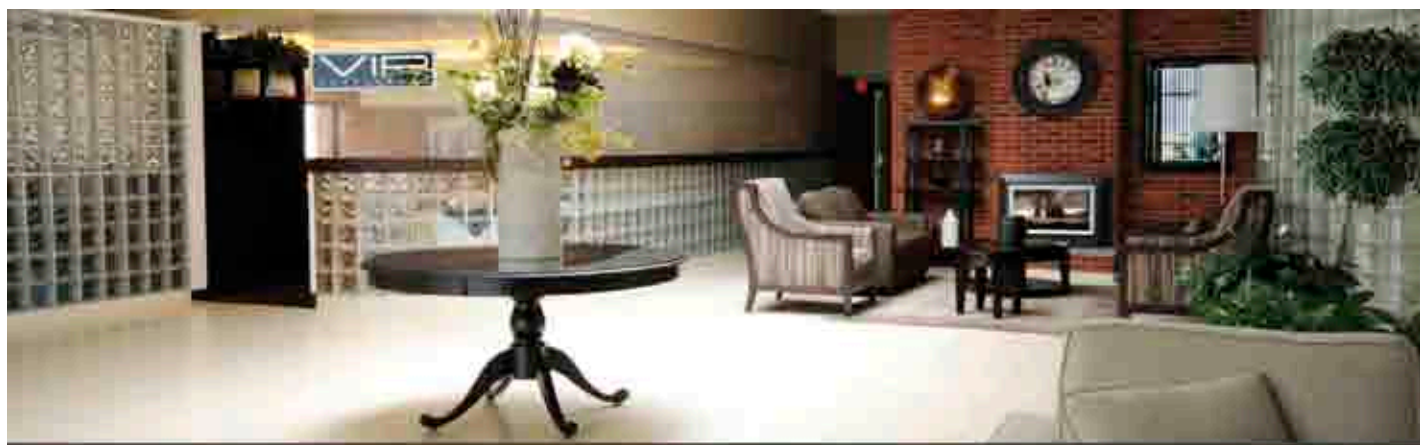
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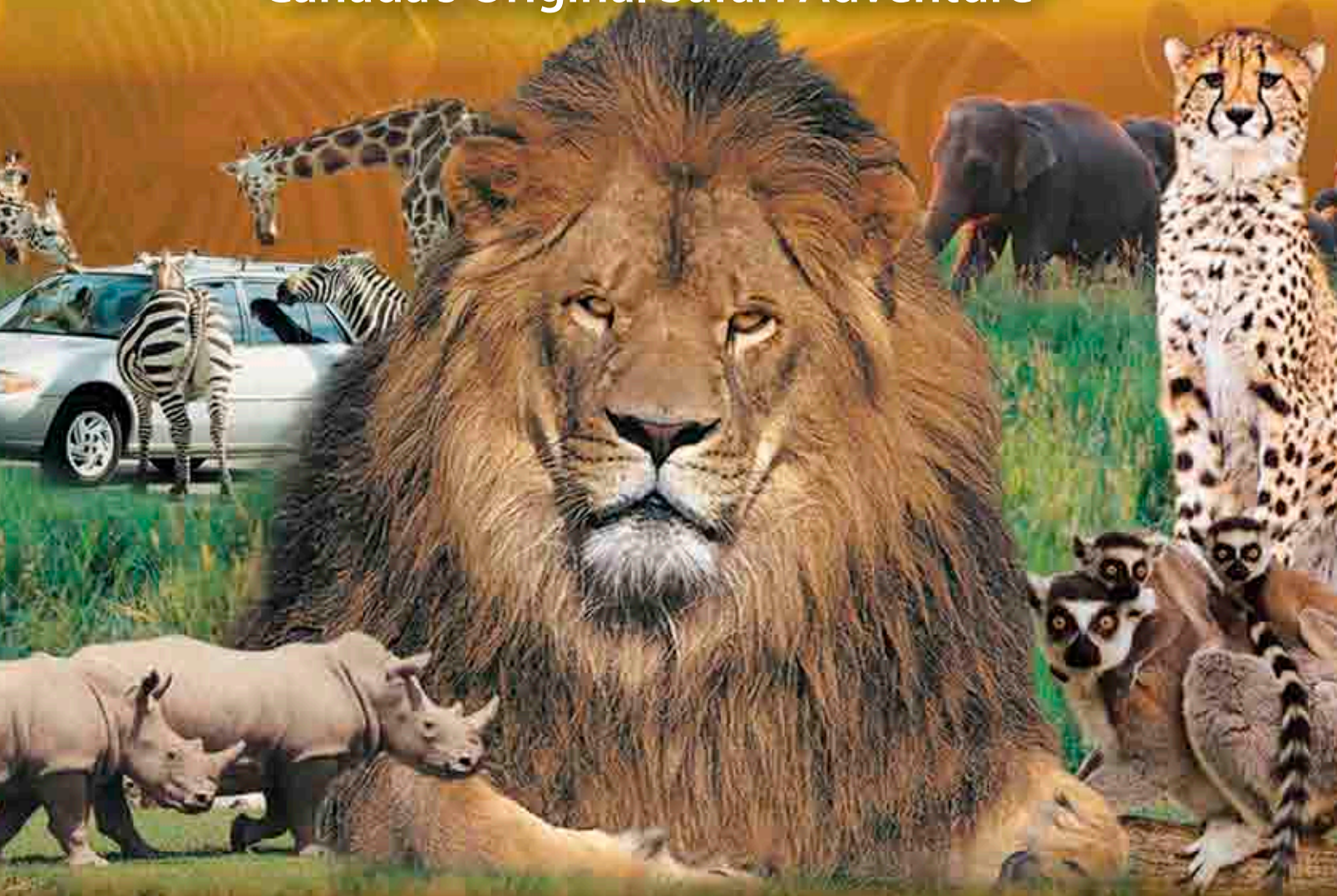


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The War of 1812 comes to life each June with the Reenactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek at Battlefield Park in Hamilton. Check out the article 'It Happened Here' on page 44 for more 1812 information and commemoration events. Photo courtesy of Hamilton Community News.

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Discover Hamilton's plans for the launch of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and why this city played such a crucial role in the nation-defining conflict; find out more about our exploding arts and creative culture scene; explore the city's diverse neighbourhoods; be tempted by our diverse culinary offerings and learn about our endless outdoor adventure opportunities.

New this year, we've added a special take-away for you. For the first time, find Tourism Hamilton's popular Festival and Events Brochure stitched inside the pages of this guide. Pull it out and take the portable guide with you. All of this year's not-to-be-missed events are there, including: Doors Open Hamilton, the Reenactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek, the Father's Day weekend Airshow at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum celebrating its 40th anniversary, the Canadian Military Tattoo, Festival of Friends, the highly anticipated RBC Canadian Open, the ever-expanding Supercrawl, sure to be this year's biggest street party, and many more unforgettable festivals.

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Robert Bratina, Mayor



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Tourism Hamilton proudly welcomes visitors to its brand new Visitor Centre on the ground floor of the iconic, newly restored Lister Building at 28 James Street North (at the corner of King William Street).

Visit us in person for great ideas for your stay, resources like maps and guides, new interactive experiences and to purchase works by local artists.

Tourism Hamilton's Visitor Centre might be new, but the gorgeous building it now calls home – reopened after a much anticipated restoration - has deep roots in Hamilton. Lister's resurrection coincides with a downtown revitalization taking root in the city's core.

Despite exciting new developments and stunning restorations, a quick walking tour of the city's core reveals architecturally important landmarks that speak to the community's enduring historical legacy.



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Below are just a few of Hamilton's shining heritage stars and some lesser known gems.

Courtesy of Bill Manson Footsteps in Time; Hamilton Historical Board; and staff of the Museums and Heritage Presentations.

1 Lister Block – James Street North at King William Street

The original Lister Chambers was erected in the late nineteenth century as one of Hamilton's first multipurpose commercial office and retail buildings. After the building was destroyed by fire in 1923, it took less than a year (exactly 37.5 working days) to erect the new building which would have a profound effect on the commercial development of downtown Hamilton. Located on the northeast corner of James Street North and King William Street, the Lister Building would become a major retail and office complex recognized today as a forerunner of the modern shopping mall.

Designed in the Renaissance Revival style, the Lister Building was significant for its innovative use of reinforced concrete, fireproof materials, and a distinct brick and terracotta exterior. It was also notable for its grand size, as its six storeys surpassed the typical two-to four-storey buildings constructed during this era. The Lister Building featured approximately 50 stores and 200 offices. These businesses included law offices, accounting firms, beauty parlours, opticians, printing shops, a restaurant, dental offices, electrical goods stores, a billiards room, men's clothing shops, a music store and shoe shining services. Combined, they provided Hamilton with a variety of goods and services in one convenient, downtown location. As a large multi-storey commercial retail and office complex, the Lister Building was truly "A City In Itself".

2 The Pigott Building on James South near Main

Built in 1929 by the Pigott Construction Company at a cost of \$1 million this was the first steel-skeleton skyscraper in Hamilton. Its Art-Deco / Gothic-Revival style architecture was complemented inside by marble, stained glass, brass, and elaborate woodwork, and on the roof by rotating searchlights that circled the skyline once every thirty seconds.



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3 The Landed Banking & Loan Company Building on James South at Main

This Neo-Classical style building was erected in 1908 as a "temple to commerce" and is today designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. It was designed by local architect Charles Mills as a copy of New York City's Knickerbocker Trust and Safe Deposit Bank in New York City.

4 The (2nd) TH&B Railway Terminal on Hunter East at Hughson

Built in 1933 as part of the TH&B track elevations and overpasses to relieve downtown traffic congestion, this Art-Modern style building contains a magnificent interior. With the decline of rail passenger traffic after WWII, the building was threatened with demolition, but saved by LIUNA and restored as the Hamilton GO Station.

5 The Loews Theatre on King East near John

One of Hamilton's grandest theatres, this movie house opened in 1917 to showcase silent movies as well as vaudeville acts. It was renamed the Capitol in 1922, and in 1930 was renovated to show "talkies". In the 1950's, it like all of Hamilton's grand theatres, "succumbed" to the novelty of TV.

6 The Ballantine & Brothers Building on John South at Augusta

This Victorian brick commercial building opened as a grocery store at a time when there were few sidewalks, and the city's streets were unpaved. Merchants like Ballantine erected wooden sidewalks covered by frame canopies to allow passersbys to window shop in comfort, safe from mud and inclement weather.

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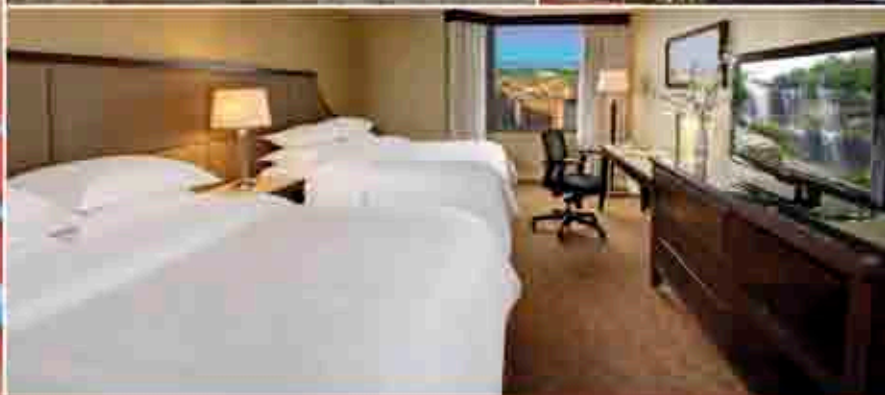
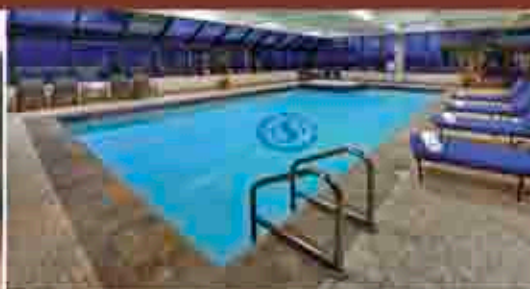
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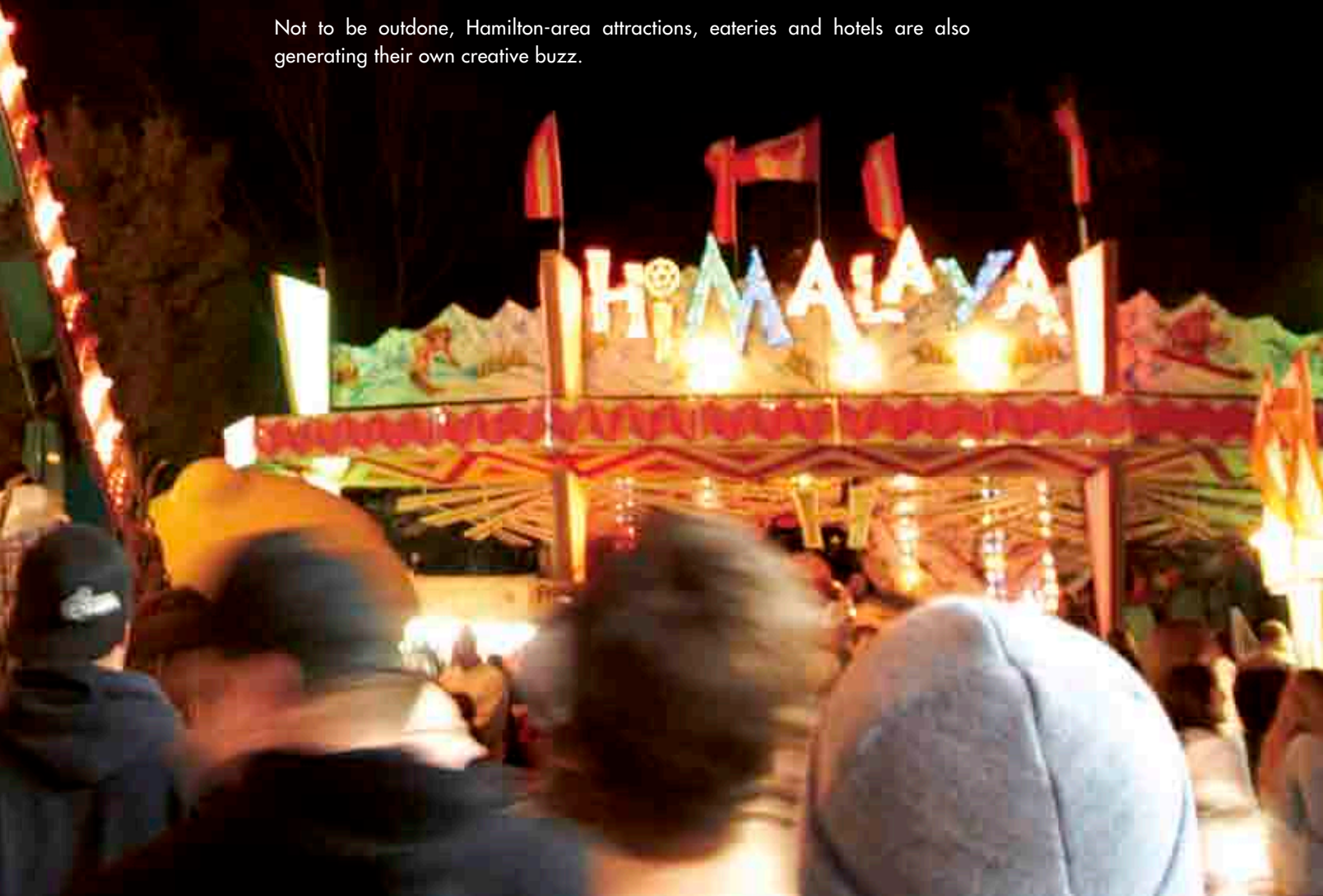


HAMILTON'S *exciting* TRANSFORMATION

by Phil King

It might be a bit of a stretch to claim that Hamilton is experiencing "a renaissance", but the city has certainly undergone a massive transformation. Healthcare is now Hamilton's primary employer and neighbourhoods that were once home to vacant warehouses are becoming vibrant arts communities. This transforming landscape is attracting young entrepreneurs and artists, who are bringing a whole new "creative vibe" to the city.

Not to be outdone, Hamilton-area attractions, eateries and hotels are also generating their own creative buzz.



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Art Gallery of Hamilton

AGH showcases Ontario's third largest public art collection and is home to more than over 9,500 works. Upcoming exhibitions include "Nature and Spirit"; a significant travelling exhibition by renowned Canadian artist, Emily Carr, featuring her most recognized masterpieces. AGH is also the driving force behind the highly-regarded **World Film Festival**, which takes place every September and showcases the best in innovative international and Canadian cinema. Building on the success of the **Shop at the Gallery**, the AGH has also newly-opened a retail outlet called the **Design Annex** amidst the James Street North art district. The Annex features a unique collection of Canadian-designed furnishings, glass and pottery, with décor items that you won't find anywhere else.



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B-29 Superfortress Bomber



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Welcome to the Waterfall Capital of the World. Hamilton once known primarily for its industrial might, is getting recognition for its overwhelming natural beauty, including over 126 waterfalls that dance and flow within city limits. Building on local appreciation for our better-known falls such as **Webster's** and **Albion**, a group of proud citizens took it upon themselves to catalogue and promote the city's surprising wealth of waterfalls and cascades. Their efforts have helped change perceptions about Hamilton and the guided tours they offer have attracted people from across Ontario and the U.S. No matter where you stay when you visit Hamilton, chances are you're only minutes away from one of our inspiring waterfalls. For an unforgettable winter adventure try ice-climbing at **Tiffany** or **Tews Falls** in the **Spencer Gorge/Webster's Falls Conservation Area**.



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Bayfront Park

Hamilton's history was literally built along our waterfront, from Aboriginal encampments and the arrival of our earliest settlers, to the shipping facilities that have made Hamilton one of the busiest ports on Lake Ontario. The city has recognized that our bayfront also makes for a fabulous people place and visitors can now enjoy some of the most spectacular and accessible waterfront scenery in Ontario. A 1.5 kilometre waterfront trail links to hiking and biking trails throughout the region, as well as scenic points such as **Bayfront Park** and **Pier 4** that offer cooling lake breezes, themed children's play areas, cafes and restaurants. Take a shore tour aboard Hamilton's waterfront trolley or enjoy a relaxing afternoon on the Hamilton Sightseeing Tour Boat or an evening of dining and dancing on the water, aboard the **Hamilton Harbour Queen**. Even in the winter, Hamilton's waterfront is alive with activity, with an outdoor skating rink and two new restaurants featuring fabulous Smokehouse BBQ or upscale Italian cuisine with the city's best water views.

Museums

For history buffs, Hamilton offers an intimate look at the lives of Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian aristocrats at **Whitehern Historical House & Gardens**. Fans of the industrial revolution will also enjoy a trip to the **Hamilton Museum of Steam Technology**, where every day they fire-up one of their giant 45 ft-high, 70-ton steam engines. Those that prefer simpler times and are drawn more to horse-drawn technology will enjoy immersing themselves in the rural setting of **Westfield Heritage Village** that captures the lives of Ontario's pioneer settlers. To commemorate the **War of 1812 Bicentennial**, Westfield has added three new historical buildings that played key roles in the War, including a Queens' Rangers cabin where General Brock likely encamped during his famous "Walk" to defeat the Americans at Fort Detroit in the first battle of the War.

Families will also enjoy a visit to **The Hamilton Children's Museum**, where kids learn hands-on about science, culture and the arts, with their learning liberally-sprinkled with tons-of-fun. The museum offers special events for all ages, including special Fun Days and themed-events based on subjects such as "Pirates" and "Butterflies."

Hamilton's other not-to-be missed kid-friendly attractions include; **Yee Haw Adventure Farms**, **Wild Waterworks**, with its amazing wave pool, multi-story waterslides and **Little Squirt Works**, **Lakeland Kartway** and **Adventure Village Amusement Park** with arcade games, mini-golf and batting cages.



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Large Venues

Preeminent within Hamilton's entertainment scene are **Copps Coliseum**, **Hamilton Place**, and the **Molson Canadian Studio**. Copps plays host to the city's largest events staging everything from local AHL hockey favourites, the Hamilton Bulldogs, to major rock concerts. June 23-24 Copps presents the **2012 Canadian International Military Tattoo**, featuring an incredible spectacle of military and marching bands, pipe and drum corps and guest artists, such as renowned Irish Tenor, John McDermott.

Hamilton Place, a 2,000-seat theatre, famous for its wonderful acoustics is home to the **Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra** and offers a dazzling line-up of concerts, dance troupes and Broadway Musicals. This is readily apparent in its 2012 spring and summer line-up which includes the Hamilton Philharmonic's presentation of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony on May 26th, popular theatrical comedy *Young Frankenstein* on May 28th, Springfest 2012 on May 26th in the Molson Canadian Studio, George Thorogood & The Destroyers on June 1st and Doo-Wop with a Twist on June 20th. New performances at Copps and Hamilton Place are constantly updated, so check on-line to help plan your evening's entertainment while visiting Hamilton.

Opera Hamilton, one of Ontario's finest professional opera companies, has relocated its productions for 2012 to the Dofasco Centre for the Performing Arts. The ambience and acoustics of this more intimate theatre, which Opera Hamilton shares with Theatre Aquarius, promise one of the Opera's most exciting seasons ever.

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HOTEL & VACATION PACKAGES

by Phil King

With Hamilton, experiencing a major cultural surge, the city offers more to see and do than ever before. Hamilton-area accommodation is also on the upswing with the newly-opened luxury boutique hotel, **Best Western Premier C-Hotel**, adjacent to Carmen's Banquet Centre. Carmen's is home to many of Hamilton's largest community gatherings, galas and celebrity visits. Downtown accommodation has also undergone a major revitalization, with the recently-renovated **Crowne Plaza Hamilton Hotel & Conference Centre** and the totally-refurbished **Sheraton Hamilton**, which offers convenient, indoor access to the **Art Gallery of Hamilton, the Shops of Jackson Square, Hamilton Place and Copps Coliseum**.

The **Sheraton Hamilton** has just undergone a multi-million dollar revitalization, which included all of its over 300 guest rooms, fitness centre, indoor pool, meeting rooms, lounges and restaurant. Even **Chagall's**, the Sheraton's fine-dining restaurant has created an intriguing new menu and exciting new wine-list. The rework is getting rave reviews and the Sheraton now features a Club Lounge with spectacular outlooks over Hamilton Harbour and Lake Ontario.

Hamilton's newest downtown hotel is the well-appointed **Staybridge Suites** right across from Copps Coliseum and the Art Gallery of Hamilton. Staybridge has fully-equipped suites for a 'home away from home' atmosphere. Expect some real excitement around the grand opening in Spring/Summer 2012!

Visitors Inn offers 60 well-appointed guest rooms, indoor pool, Jacuzzi, Sauna and exercise room with casual, affordable dining at their on-site **VIP Restaurant**. Visitors is close to McMaster University, the Children's Hospital and many incredible hiking and biking trails, such as Hamilton's 32-kilometre Rail Trail and many other trail systems and conservation areas found throughout west-Hamilton, Dundas and Flamborough.

In the city's east end, just off the Niagara-bound QEW, **Holiday Inn Express** offers a fitness centre and a breakfast bar and is ideal for families looking to cool-off for a day at Wild Waterworks, then spend a day hiking or biking the 8-kilometre Hamilton Beach Trail.

History buffs will find a rich treasure-trove of historic homes and churches throughout Hamilton and our surrounding rural communities. **Days Inn Hamilton** offers a great-value downtown location from which to base your historical Hamilton tour. Amenities include an onsite gym, in-room fridge and microwave, plus a free Daybreak breakfast each morning, so you're well-fuelled and ready to explore.

The choice of accommodation gives visitors ready access to Hamilton's most popular attractions. So set up 'your family's base camp' and make the most of your next visit to Hamilton.



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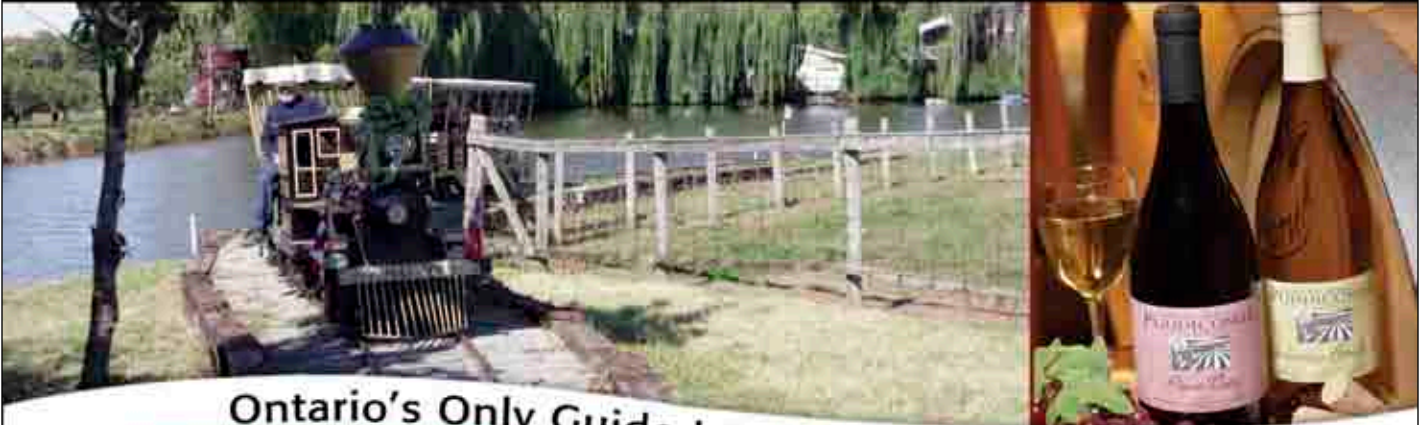
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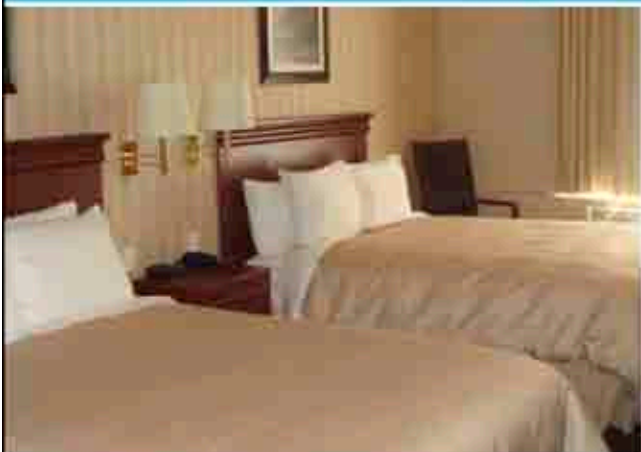
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bits & bites

By Michele Sponagle

30 unique local tastes worth experiencing in Hamilton

Hamilton is a unique city and that's reflected in the depth and breadth of culinary options it offers. The city dishes up everything from haute cuisine at some of Canada's top-rated eateries to a United Nations-like collection of global cuisine to popular curbside food trucks cooking up comfort food faves. With so many great tastes, it's tough to choose just a few, but here are some of the city's most tasty finds.



1. All Bacon Burger

Chuck's Burger Bar on Locke Street offers this extraordinary burger. It's made entirely from ground bacon and represents indulgence at its best. The only thing that could make it better is pairing it with lobster poutine.



2. DIY Barbecue

U Shao BBQ, a new addition downtown, puts you in charge of cooking your meal with grills at every table. Beef, shrimp, calamari and short ribs just the way you like them!

3. Custard Tarts

These creamy nuggets of sweet goodness from **Ola's Bakery** on James Street North make your taste buds sing with every bite.

4. Fish'n Chips

Hutch's has been a lakeside institution on Van Wagners Beach Road since 1946. It built its reputation on perfectly golden fish and chips (burgers and milkshakes, too). And there's no charge for the view.

5. Ice Cream Sandwich

It's hard to just pick one favourite from the menu at **Bread Bar** on Locke Street, but these homemade ice cream treats are nearly impossible to resist. Runner up: The life-changing spaghetti and kobe meatballs.



6. Crispy Fried Chicken

No need to head south for authentic barbecue fare, just go to the **Memphis Fire Barbeque Company**, in Winona, just east of Hamilton. Along with its famous fried chicken, there's also a killer pulled pork sandwich.

7. Really Good Coffee

Red Hill Coffee Trade has been winning coffee fans over one cup at a time with its fantastic, locally roasted beans. Visit the coffee bar in the downtown farmer's market or pick up a kilo at a retail shop. Caffeine lovers also adore **Mulberry Street Coffeehouse** on James Street North for its free-trade coffee served in a space that generates a buzz for its funky, artsy vibe. Nosh on a turkey and brie pannini, or lemon yogurt cake and soak up the scene.

8. Doubles

Downtown at Ya Man! Caribbean Cuisine, ordering a double has a different meaning. You'll get a yummy, curried chickpea sandwich that pleases carnivores and vegetarians alike.

9. Pugga Burger

At **O'Neill's** in Hamilton's East end, bigger is better. The Pugga is a whopper of a meal with a one-pound patty of ground meat. If you order onion rings as a side, make sure you wear stretchy pants.



10. Grass-fed Burger

For a healthier burger, head to the all-new **Randy's Burger** counter just a few blocks from Ivor Wynne Stadium for a unique "take away from scratch" experience. The beef in the lovingly prepared patties is all grass-fed and the condiments are home-made! Even the toasted egg bun is local and comes in from **Baltic Bread** just a few blocks away.

11. The Ultimate Egg Salad Sandwich

Okay, so it's kind of old school, but admit that you have an occasional craving for a freshly-made egg salad sandwich like mom used to make. Find it at the **Vintage Tea House** on Locke Street South.

12. Belgian Dipped Artisan Chocolate

With a name like **The Beanermunky Chocolate Experience** (in Dundas), you just know there's fun incorporated into every chocolate. Try unique creations like the strawberry banana split chocolates or go traditional with a mint smoothie.

13. Patate Pizza

Locke Street South's **NaRoma** brings together the great pizza legacy of Naples and Rome. The result is pizza that is bursting with fresh flavours. In this traditional version, potatoes meet mozzarella, pancetta and red onion with delicious results.



14. Lamb Wat (stew)

For a taste of the exotic, **WASS Ethiopian Restaurant** serves up tasty options using authentic spices and cooking methods. The lamb stew is a divine dish with tender chunks of lamb in a sauce rich in flavour.

15. A Pint of Brewhouse Red

The Collins Brewhouse in the heart of Dundas has history. Not only is it part of the oldest running hotel in Ontario (since 1841), it also has 12 beers on draft including its own Brewhouse Red.

16. Beach Road Kielbasa

This fabulous pork sausage from **Beach Road Meats and Deli** has been a Hamilton tradition for more than 40 years. It's now sold on Locke Street South, not Beach Road, but it's still smoky and garlicky, and bliss inducing.

17. Seared Ontario Rainbow Trout

Quatrefoil in Dundas has made quite a splash in just two years. It was listed among *enRoute Magazine's* top new restaurants for 2010 and deservedly so. It focuses on fresh and local ingredients, cooked with a French flair. Très bon!





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18. Red Velvet Cupcake

In the dessert world, everything old is new again. Sweet treats like cupcakes are going strong on retro appeal. Red velvet versions (and a slew of others) hit the road recently with **Cupcake Diner**, an unmistakable pink truck spotted on the streets of Hamilton (check out the Diner's counter at the **Hamilton Farmer's Market** too). And one is not enough! Look out as well for **Sweetness Bakery** on the road in its own pink truck and via storefront on Locke Street South.



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19. Grilled Cheese

Gorilla Cheese was the first grilled cheese food truck in Canada. Goey and delicious, its sandwiches span the gamut from the classic to unique twists like the lumberjack (cheddar, Granny Smith apple slices, bacon and real maple syrup).



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20. Wiener Schnitzel

The **Black Forest Inn** has been a downtown landmark since 1967 and since that time thousands of patrons have dove fork first into its famous schnitzel, lightly breaded and fried. Generously portioned, it hangs over the edge of the plate.

21. Cobb Salad

Chagall's (in the downtown Sheraton Hamilton Hotel) didn't invent this famous salad, but its artful take on the classic has ensured that it stays put on the menu for diners who love the combination of avocado, blue cheese, bacon and egg, kissed with a drizzle of chardonnay vinaigrette.



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22. Pho

This Vietnamese rice noodle soup soothes the soul with steamy goodness. At the popular **Pho Dau Bo**, there are more than two dozen varieties of pho, each one as delicious as the next. The casual restaurant is one of several excellent Vietnamese eateries along Cannon Street.

23. A Reuben named Raven

Complete with velvet couches and oil lamps, everything from the menu to décor at the new downtown café, **Baltimore House**, is inspired by poet Edgar Allan Poe. Try the grilled Reuben with corned beef, Swiss cheese, sauerkraut and Russian dressing. Cleverly named the Raven on the menu after the Poe poem: "Ah, distinctly I remember it was in the bleak December..."

24. Wine Tastings

You don't need to go very far to find stellar wine experiences near Hamilton. **Puddicombe Estate Farms and Winery** caters to both adults and kids. Grownups can sample their way through the offerings of white and red wines and delectable ice wines, while the kids can come nose to snout with pigs, goats and sheep before boarding the miniature train for a cruise around the farm. Visitors can also pick-their-own fruit throughout the summer months at the centuries-old family farm. Over at **Ridge Road Estate Winery**, it's all about the grapes. Its pinot noir, Riesling and Vidal have won gold medals at the Canadian Wine Championships. The picturesque winery also offers delightful tastings and events.



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25. Thai Green Curry

Thai Memory on King William St. downtown has won loyal diners because of its authenticity. Thai flavours are encapsulated perfectly into everything, from the beloved green curry dishes to the pad thai (spiced rice noodles).

26. Whoopie Pies

Part cookie, part cake, these retro treats have made a comeback at the new bakery **Bitten** on Locke Street. Butter cream frosting or other good stuff in the centre is the payoff with every nibble.

27. Smoked Meat Sandwich

Waxy's Deli serves up sandwiches the way they should be – piled high with meat (pastrami, corned beef and roast beef) served on fresh rye bread and a pickle. A slice of heaven downtown.

28. Shish Tawook

This is a sandwich with attitude from **La Luna**. It combines a lightly spiced, grilled chicken breast, garlic, lemon and tahini sauce, then wraps it lovingly in a toasted pita. Pair it with fattoush salad, vegetables and crunchy pita pieces drizzled with a lemon, olive oil, mint and oregano dressing.

29. Spicy Ancho Beef Tenderloin

Global influences can be seen all over the menu at **Boo's Bistro & Wine Bar** on James St. South and this beef dish served with tasty frites is no exception.

30. Herb and Cheddar Bagel

The Locke Street Bakery has many types of bagels, but this one is a fave. Get there in the morning to get them while they're still warm from the oven.



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FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Hamilton's festivals and events have something for everyone. Whether you are a music lover, a foodie, a collector, a theatre fan, a history buff, or a thrill seeker, the year's festival calendar is sure to keep you and your family entertained year-round. Here are some highlights for 2012, and for the full calendar, refer to the Festival & Events Guide in this magazine.

Bicentennial 1812 Exhibit: Noose, Knife and Fire: The Bloody Assize

March 3, 2012 through September 1, 2014

This exhibit will explore Ancaster's experience during the War of 1812, highlighting the Bloody Assize. Cross-border ties of many in the community at that time and the controversial nature of divided loyalties, as well as the destruction and disruption caused to local farms and families will be examined.

Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum, (905) 648-8144,
www.hamilton.ca/museums

Christie Antique Show

May 26, 2012

10 acres of antique items attract professional and amateur designers and collectors to search for great finds.

Christie Conservation Area, Dundas (905) 525-2181
www.conservationhamilton.ca

Sew Hungry – Food Truck Rally 2012

May 4, 2012

Hamilton and area food trucks will pull up curbside with their mouthwatering street eats in the city's textile district on Ottawa Street.

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www.shopottawastreet.ca

Doors Open Hamilton

May 5 – 6, 2012

The public is invited into significant buildings that are either private or usually charge admission.

Hamilton (905) 540-5086
www.doorsopenhamilton.com

Reenactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek

June 2 – 3, 2012

Experience the drama, pageantry, and excitement of the Battle of Stoney Creek on the 200th anniversary of the beginning of the War of 1812.

Battlefield House Museum and Park, 77 King Street West, Stoney Creek (905) 662-8458
www.battlefieldhouse.ca

Hamilton Air Show 2012

June 16 – 17, 2012

Witness history in flight at the Hamilton Airshow on June 16 and 17, 2012. John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport is host to what is expected to be the largest gathering of vintage aircraft in the world. Lawn chairs filled with adults and children alike will be looking upward at the grandest Hamilton Airshow in its history, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. The Museum is considered to be the largest flying air museum in Canada housing

vintage planes and one of only two air worthy Avro Lancasters left in the world. This year's Airshow will feature the rarely seen B-29 Superfortress in its only Canadian appearance, as well as the daredevil aerial stunt team, the Snowbirds. At least 40,000 people are expected to attend the much loved Father's Day weekend show. Visit www.hamiltonairshow.com for ticket information and directions.

21st Annual Canadian International Military Tattoo

June 23 – 24, 2012

Feel the pride, honor, and patriotism of the Canadian Military through music on June 23 & 24, 2012 at Hamilton's Copps Coliseum. The largest event of its kind in the province, the 21st Canadian Military Tattoo portrays our national pride in the form of music, performance and pageantry. The show will feature some of Canada's best Military bands, dancers, pipes & drums and other performing groups. This year's celebration of the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 makes for a unique performance. Also being recognized is the 150th anniversary of The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry. Among this year's 350 performers are Pioneers of Canterbury Marching Team from Christchurch, New Zealand, The 48th Highlanders Pipes and Drums, The Tattoo Dancers & The 13th Regiment of Foote. The event spotlights several special guest performances, including Irish Tenor John McDermott who is best known for his rendition of "Danny Boy" which he has performed around the world at many military events. Visit www.canadianmilitarytattoo.ca to see the entire list of performers.

101 York Boulevard, Hamilton (905) 523-1753
www.canadianmilitarytattoo.ca

Dundas International Buskerfest 2012

June 1 – 3, 2012

The best street performers in the world dazzle huge crowds in downtown Dundas. Downtown Dundas, (905) 628-3954

www.downtowndundas.ca

Treasureventure 3rd Annual Adventure Festival

June 22 – 24, 2012

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and performers! NEW THIS YEAR: Treasureventure Nights celebrate the big kid in us all! (Recommended for 14+) It's an eclectic mix of sideshow acts, performers and live bands showcasing Slow Motion Victory – featured on Much Music's Disband competition – and a licensed beer tent hosted by the Lynden Lions Club. Free Roman coins to the first 50 kids on Saturday and Sunday. Visit our website for admission prices and more amazing and incredible feats and opportunities!
Rockton Fairgrounds, (905) 627-2374
www.treasureventure.ca

3rd Annual Oh Canada Rib Fest

June 29 – July 7, 2012

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Memorial Park
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Locke Street South, Hamilton, (905) 929-1048

www.lockestreeffestival.com

Supercrawl 2012

September 14 – 15, 2012

Hamilton shuts down streets to car traffic in its downtown core once a year to throw the biggest block party in the city. Supercrawl is an art crawl, a festival, a market, and a booming concert experience all in one. Artistic expression has quickly become engrained in the identity of Hamilton. Every month, James North Art Crawl has art galleries and local shops open their doors to welcome enthusiasts. Super Crawl is the year's largest Art Crawl combined with vendors showcasing other ways Hamiltonians are expressing their creativity. Expect to find some of the city's best food, vendors and artists lining the streets. Organizers are hinting that this year's bash will be even bigger than before, in more ways than one. Last year it was estimated that 50,000 people flooded James Street North enjoying live music and exploring Hamilton's art scene. Visit the website for all the latest updates on performers and vendors.

James Street North, Hamilton, (905) 777-1223

www.supercrawl.ca

158th Binbrook Fall Fair

September 14 – 16, 2012

Welcome the changing of the seasons with animal shows and a demolition derby. 2600 Regional Road #56, Binbrook (905) 692-4003

www.binbrookfair.org

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September 21 – 23, 2012

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Ancaster Fairground,
 (905) 648-6198

www.ancasterfair.ca



Ancaster Fall Fair



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Ancaster Fair



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Westfield Heritage Village

Telling Tales – A Family Festival of Stories

September 16, 2012

2010 winner of Tourism Hamilton Award of Excellence for Festival of the Year. Celebrate great storytelling at Telling Tales – A Family Festival of Stories at Westfield Heritage Village on September 16, 2012. Rockton's picturesque rural surroundings are the perfect place to sit back and get lost in a good book. At Telling Tales organizers encourage you to do just that. Families are invited to listen, watch and read stories by some of Canadians most popular Children's authors. Since beginning three years ago the festival has grown in popularity with thousands in attendance. Children and parents alike can enjoy puppet shows, storytelling, illustrator demonstrations, and musical performers. The historic grounds feature a Victorian band stand, a black smith, General Store, Summer Stage, Native Village, meadows and a One Room Schoolhouse that can be explored by visitors throughout the event. Every year the festival raises money to support local literacy programs and works to bring attention to the TD's Canadian Children's Literature Westfield Heritage Village, Rockton, (519) 621-8851

www.tellingtales.org

Hamilton Fall Garden & Chrysanthemum Show

October 19 – 28, 2012

Celebrate the city's official flower in bloom throughout the historical east-end Gage Park.

Gage Park Greenhouse, Hamilton

www.hamiltonmumshow.com

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October 19 – 28, 2012

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812 Old Highway 8, Rockton, (519) 647-2505

www.rocktonworldsfair.com

The McQueston's Childhood Christmas

November 24 – December 30, 2012

Experience the holiday as children would have in the 1880's. Antique toys and books will be displayed, as well as carol singing in the stables.

41 Jackson Street West, Hamilton, (905) 546-2018

www.hamilton.ca

First Day of Christmas

November 24, 2012

Dundurn Castle gives visitors an early Christmas gift of free admission on the First Day of Christmas. Witness Christmas as it would have been in the 1800's.

Dundurn National Historic Site, 610 York Boulevard, Hamilton, (905) 546-2872

www.hamilton.ca/dundurn

Victorian Christmas

November 24 – December 30, 2012

Decorated for the holiday season, Dundurn Castle invites visitors to indulge in traditional desserts and take part in guided evening tours.

Dundurn National Historic Site, 610 York Boulevard, Hamilton, (905) 546-2872

www.hamilton.ca/dundurn

Puddicombe Polar Express

December 9, 2012

Take a ride to the North Pole to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus on the seasonally decorated train, "Little Pudd" on the family-owned winery and farm.

Puddicombe Estate Farms and Winery, Winona, (905) 643-1015

www.puddicombefarms.com

TOURISMAWARDS

Some of Hamilton's favourite culinary offerings were honoured at the 14th Annual Tourism Hamilton Awards in 2012. The popular Gorilla Cheese food truck and new local bakery Cake & Loaf each took a Culinary Experience of the Year prize. And the popular 360-acre family owned Puddicombe Estate Farms and Winery was recognized with a lifetime achievement award for owner Murray Puddicombe's significant contributions to the industry. For a full list of winners and information about the 2013 awards, visit www.tourismhamilton.com




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CREATIVE CULTURE

by Sheryl Nadler



Amid centuries-old buildings and neighbourhoods steeped in tradition, a new energy is taking hold in Hamilton. A creative force on the cutting edge of art and technology is sweeping through the city, brimming with new thinkers, dreamers, and innovators. A renaissance is taking place in Hamilton, one with roots in the core but spreading throughout the city. Thanks to a vibrant and growing arts community, the city is now a hub for digital media and a centre for creative industry innovation.

As you stroll past intimate downtown cafes and charming bistros, you'll soon learn that art is so much a part of the Hamilton fabric, it spills out from the galleries onto the streets in the way of installations, public art exhibits and restored classic architecture.



Art Gallery of Hamilton

Downtown

Unique surprises await on the **King William Art Walk**, where common electrical boxes are the canvases for vibrant paintings like “Studio Interior and Still Life” by Hamilton artist Alfred Joyce. Come summer, visitors can also delight in a trio of park benches, each one designed to whimsically embrace its occupants.

In the centre of the core’s bustle sits the **Art Gallery of Hamilton**, Ontario’s third largest public art gallery. Step through enormous glass doors to its airy interior and be swept into fantastic stories told through notable works of art.

Established in 1914, the Gallery boasts one of the finest collections in Canada, featuring more than 9,500 works of art. In 2012 look for *Nature and Spirit: Emily Carr’s Coastal Landscapes*, and Alex Colville’s *Horse and Train*.

Hamilton’s digital media and creative sector exploded in 2011, with world-renowned production houses like **Pipeline Studios** and **Chuck Gammage Animation** making their permanent homes in the city’s core.

Hamilton’s creative industry was the fastest growing sector in the city, last year. The new kids in town are a wonderful compliment to established digital media centres like the **Community Centre for Media Arts** that helps to assist community groups access and implement new technology.

James Street North

Walking along James Street North can be a lesson in art, heritage and culture. Galleries catering to every genre serve as the backdrop to a lively scene of open-air markets and spirited discourse in this predominantly Portuguese and Italian neighbourhood.

At **118 James North**, the **Art Gallery of Hamilton’s** ambitious new retail outlet, **Design Annex**, will showcase unique creations from Canadian artists and artisans as well as contemporary home furnishings and lighting. Next door, **CBC Hamilton** is launching the media giant’s first-ever digital-only news site. The recipient of a 2011 Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee Heritage Property Conservation Award, the building – which also houses Their + Curran architects and Chuck Gammage Animation – features exposed brick walls and original pressed tin ceilings.

The sleek glass and steel cladding of **Hamilton Artists’ Inc** invites passersby to browse member exhibits at this long-established, artist-run centre and arts incubator.

Down the street, striking black and white prints hang in the front gallery of **The Print Studio**, a printmaking workspace set in a former armoury discount store. And inside **Mixed Media**, an eclectic mix of specialty papers, magazines and local art, crowd every nook of this popular corner shop.



James North Art Crawl



Supercrawl



Supercrawl

At the northern end of the strip, the **You Me Gallery** hosts emerging and established talent in a raw space that showcases the building's original architectural features.

Ottawa Street

Looking for something slightly off the beaten path? Wandering Ottawa Street can lead you to a wealth of art world treasures.

Swirls of glass pop in the colourful window display at **All Sorts Gallery**, an artist co-op and gift shop that features local handcrafted items. Across the road, **Earl's Court Gallery** showcases Hamilton-area paintings and sculpture in a 1,600 square foot exhibition space. For a real adventure, stroll the alleyway behind Earl's Court to glimpse intricate murals in a showy display of urban art.

Locke Street

Over on Locke Street, even the Starbucks exudes culture. The walls of the popular beverage joint feature a permanent exhibit of playful paintings by Hamilton artist, **Sandee Ewasiuk**.

Outside, look to your feet. Notice seemingly-random words cast in small bronze plaques, embedded into the sidewalk pavement? **Concrete Poetry**, by artist **Simon Frank** is a poem about walking, told through a series of plaques, embedded into the sidewalk of this animated street.

WALK OR CRAWL?

James North Art Crawl

On the second Friday of every month, art-lovers converge on James Street North for a free, self-guided tour of area galleries. The epicentre of Hamilton's vibrant arts scene, the street takes on a street party atmosphere as galleries, shops and cafes keep their doors open well past their usual closing times for lingering guests. For a guided tour, grab a seat on the Art Bus and be treated to host Barbara Milne's spin of the event. Call the Pearl Company for tickets at 905-524-060

Supercrawl

Can't get enough of Art Crawl? On September 14 and 15, 2012, make your way to James Street North for the fourth annual **Supercrawl**. The free street festival attracted as many as 50,000 visitors in 2011 and featured live music, art installations, vendors and food trucks galore. With plans to increase the festival area in 2012, Supercrawl is only getting bigger.



Art Gallery of Hamilton



McMaster Museum of Art

When you eventually do look up, be sure not to miss the **Transit Gallery**, which boasts three unique spaces spread over 1,200 square feet, and features monthly shows of artists like Steve Mazza and Fiona Kinsella.

McMaster Museum of Art

Over at McMaster University, the **McMaster Museum of Art** is celebrating the University's 125th anniversary and the 45th anniversary of the museum with a two-part exhibition, **125 & 45: an interrogative spirit**. The museum is also one of the best places in Canada to experience 20th Century German Expressionist works.



Dundas Valley School of Art

Dundas

In the heart of Dundas, the 27,000 square-foot **Dundas Valley School of Art**, which is housed inside a designated heritage building and former WWII munitions factory, recently underwent a \$5-million dollar facelift, led by late architect **Trevor Garwood-Jones**. The school also hosts an annual spring art auction that features, on average, 1,200 original works of art by established and emerging artists.

Around the corner, **The Carnegie Gallery** has been attracting visitors since it first opened its doors in 1910. Today, it is the home of the Dundas Art and Craft Association, and all manner of visual art, jewellery, pottery and textile art can be found in its main gallery and gift shop.



James North Art Crawl



Brett Music Festival

Making a Scene – Music and Performing Arts in the City

Hamilton has long been a hotbed of musical talent where you might stumble upon low-key performances by high-calibre artists like **Tom Wilson**, **The Arkells**, **Tomi Swick** and **Daniel Lanois**.

On any given night, live music seeps through the doorjams of downtown staples **This Ain't Hollywood**, **Corktown**, the **Casbah**, **West Town Bar** and **Grill and Stonewalls**.

The city has played host to the Juno Awards and Canadian Country Music Week. And every fall, Hamilton celebrates its own with the **Hamilton Music Awards**, a festival, conference and awards ceremony, celebrating the best in local talent.

If you're looking for a big show, **Hamilton Entertainment and Convention Facilities Incorporated (HECFI)** is the entertainment powerhouse behind **Hamilton Place**, **Copps Coliseum**, **The Molson Canadian Studio** and **The Hamilton Convention Centre**. In 2012 look for headliners **Buddy Guy**, **Alan Jackson**, **Judy Collins** and more to rock the core.

Of course, Hamilton's not all rock all the time. **The Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra** features both a **Masterworks** and **Pop Series**. Or catch a production by **Opera Hamilton** at its new home at **Dofasco Centre for the Arts**.



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A historical painting depicting a Napoleonic War scene. In the foreground, a large, irregularly shaped, parchment-like overlay contains the text 'War of 12' in a black, cursive script. To the right, a man in a dark blue military uniform with a bicorne hat and a red sash stands prominently, looking towards the left. In the background, several soldiers in similar uniforms are visible, some holding rifles. At the bottom of the image, a line of soldiers is shown in a dynamic pose, possibly charging or maneuvering, with long poles or bayonets fixed to their rifles. The overall color palette is dominated by earthy tones like browns, greys, and reds, with some brighter colors like the red sash and bayonets.

War of
12



It Happened Here

By John Kernaghan

War of 1812 Bicentennial kicks off in Hamilton

As Canada celebrates the 200th anniversary of a defining time in history, Hamilton gets to boast a part in most of its key moments.

While the finer points of the War of 1812 are still being debated, many of the conflict's broad strokes originated in or involved Hamilton.

This is the place to drink in the valour and the glory as well as the cowardice and treason that play out in war. Much of it happened here or was conceived in a community just being established. See, Hamilton was the virtual and figurative crossroads of Canada's fight to push back American expansionist ambitions.

Now, with almost 200 years of peace with our southern neighbours and allies as a backdrop, Hamilton is a kind of one-stop centre of history shopping.

There were three main lines of conflict in the three-year war, all converging on the city.

While battles raged up and down the Niagara Peninsula, Hamilton was the British forces' line in the sand.

American raiders also approached from the west, sending settlers and burnt-out mill owners from London, on east to

the safety of Burlington Heights (today the site of Dundurn Castle), the rallying point for British regulars, militia and First Nation fighters.

And on the water at the city's feet, British and American forces traded heavy fire.

With those credentials, Hamilton is making 1812 a special year with bicentennial events featuring reenactments, exhibits and displays of living history that bring the war years alive.

And you don't have to travel too far to take in this commemoration – it's all in a fairly tight footprint described on the next page.

Three essential elements a visitor needs to capture the flavour of 1812 are; Burlington Heights in the city's west end, Battlefield Park and Monument in the east end and Westfield Heritage Village to the west.

Burlington Heights

Burlington Heights is the hinge on which the war swung, a key strategic location for land and lake. A visit there will stir memories of the boiling emotions which ran through people who sought refuge there.



Hamilton was the virtual and figurative crossroads

It was also an important stop as British commander and war hero Sir Isaac Brock made his famous march from York (Toronto) to Detroit to shore up Canadian defences. And it was also the site of the botched hanging of eight traitors. Only one of the men was killed on a first attempt as the hangman's scaffolding collapsed.

Imagine the bright red British uniforms mixing with ragged militiamen and Indian allies camped on the site overlooking Lake Ontario.

Add to this encampment hundreds of displaced settlers whose dreams of a new life in a new world were cruelly interrupted.

In 1813 British officers stayed in a cottage that was the predecessor of the grand Dundurn Castle, while rank-and-file soldiers and militia dug battlements for an expected Yankee attack.

And a crucial element throughout the war, Native fighters, joined those forces as the Americans prepared for battle on the other side of town at Stoney Creek.

Battlefield Park

The British chose an audacious pre-emptive move, marching through the night for a vicious bayonet attack. Some 700 army, militia and Iroquois warriors routed an America contingent of 3,500 and sent them back towards Niagara. No American land force ever again penetrated that deep into Canada.

Consider the joy that must have run through the homesteaders when they learned the imminent danger had been defused.

Stoney Creek features Battlefield House Museum & Park, a 25-minute drive from Dundurn, and the towering Stoney Creek monument, silent testimony to a key battle of the War.

The monument was officially opened in 1913 by Queen Mary, who pushed a button in Buckingham Palace which sent a cross-Atlantic telegraph message releasing the veiling from the monument.

The pivotal battle's story really comes to life each June with the Reenactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek, which offers an opportunity to mingle with reenactors in period costume, both settlers and soldiers, and witness the depiction of the battle.

Westfield Heritage Village

Westfield Heritage Village, located in the picturesque outskirts of the city, is a living history museum that provides a unique glimpse into the daily life of the period. Westfield is gearing all its interpretive programs to the 1812 period and will feature several buildings with a direct connection to the war.

As we said, it all happened here.





Burlington Heights • Dundurn Castle • Treason Hangings



RBG - Creating 1812 Peace Garden



Crooks Hollow in Flamborough



Bloody Assizes Trial • Fieldcote



Canadian International Military Tattoo - commemorating 1812

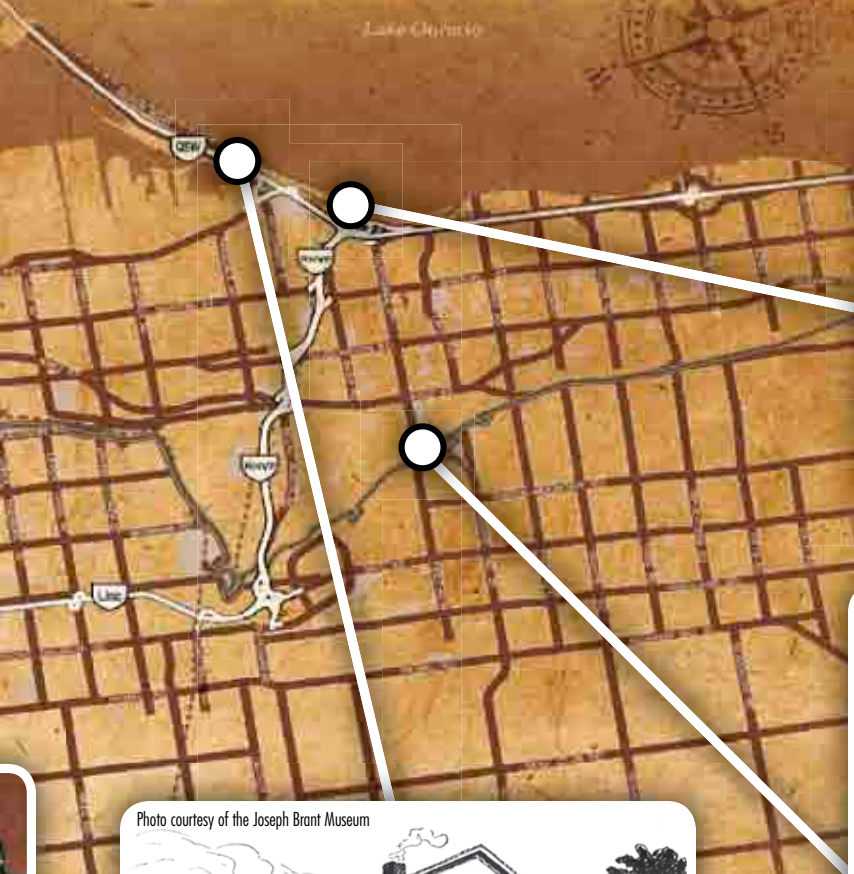
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1812 ROUTE



Confederation Park - Hamilton & Scourge Memorial

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Raid on the King's Head Inn



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Burlington Heights

There is no spot in Canada where you can take in a larger spectrum of War of 1812 facets than this perch over looking Burlington Bay.

In 1813, the knot of British army, militia and Native warriors that gathered here formed the thin red line which held Canada together.

Dundurn Castle

It began as the simple brick cottage of Colonel Richard Beasley, was turned into a military camp by the British, and later was expanded on a grand scale as the home of Sir Allan MacNab.

MacNab incorporated elements of the military post and Beasley's home into Dundurn Castle, now part of Dundurn National Historic Site. Visitors can explore these as well as learn more about the mid 19th Century era on a tour of the grounds and the castle's more than 40 rooms on three floors.

Bloody Assize Execution

This is where eight men were hung. The sentence read: "But not until dead, (then) cut down while alive and your entrails taken out and burnt before your faces, your heads cut off and bodies divided into four quarters." It was intended as a gruesome warning for those supporting the Americans. But no one had the stomach to carry the sentence out and they were simply hung. Even that part was botched when part of the scaffold collapsed bludgeoning one of the condemned to death while the others slowly strangled. Re-live the trial and discover the impact of the war at Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum – see the listing on page 34.

Beasley's Wharf

Command of Lake Ontario was key to rebuffing the Americans. The wharf and building complex on the lake at the foot of Burlington Heights was highly useful to the British as a fortified supply depot and rallying point in defending the Niagara Peninsula. The site has undergone archeological study

by McMaster University and the City of Hamilton. Artifacts from the excavations are on display at the Hamilton Military Museum.

Burlington Races

Head to Harvey Park, which looks out over the Bay west of Dundurn Castle, to relive the story of a badly outnumbered British fleet escaping the American Navy. After close-range exchanges of cannon fire off York (Toronto), damaged flagships on both sides, the two fleets raced west, with eleven American ships chasing six British vessels towards Hamilton. Off Burlington Bay, the British Navy turned and anchored, to face the enemy. The Americans chose to retire from the fight.

Ancaster

This upscale community was the scene of the war's most compelling courtroom drama. With a backdrop of civil unrest and American sympathizers actively helping U.S. forces in Canada, martial law was declared in 1814 and several people were arrested and tried for high treason in a court here.

It became known as The Bloody Assize. Eight men were sentenced to death and executed at Burlington Heights. Another seven were exiled. A plaque on Wilson Street commemorating the court site and trial calls them "a marauding band of renegade settlers from the Niagara and London Districts."

The eight condemned men awaited their fate at the town mill site, which has been gorgeously restored and converted to a local culinary favourite, the Ancaster Mill.

Close by is Rousseau House, currently a restaurant and former home of George Rousseau, near to where the fateful treason trials played out. Rousseau House's original pine floors and doors have been lovingly restored. George Rousseau also built the stone structure which houses The Coach & Lantern British Pub, just across the street from the Assize site.

For a listing of confirmed events,

Mills of Flamborough, Ancaster & Dundas

The Darnley grist mill of Crooks Hollow in Flamborough is the best preserved mill from the 1812 period. Built in 1811, it and mills at Dundas and Ancaster could only produce 20 barrels of flour a day, not enough to supply the military and civilian population. Even worse, if they had fallen into American hands and been torched, as others towards London had, the Canadian defence would have been undermined. But the hungry troops at Burlington Heights kept the Americans from advancing.

Two hundred years later, the valley town of Dundas is a popular foodie destination with several specialty stores and Quatrefoil, named in 2010 as one of the top ten new restaurants in Canada.

Smith's Knoll Monument

American guns were placed at this location during the Battle of Stoney Creek. From this slight hill, the guns could dominate the battlefield. Both sides realized that capturing this spot would determine the outcome of the Battle. Smith's Knoll became the site of the fiercest fighting. The pivotal battle came to be known as the Battle of Stoney Creek.

The monument was dedicated 100 years ago as part of the Centennial of the War of 1812. It has recently been fully restored. A nearby crypt contains the remains of soldiers who fought and died for their countries on this ground.

Battlefield Monument

Men may have fought the War, but it took women to raise the money and organize a soaring monument to it, with a 1913 unveiling by Queen Mary. She did so by transatlantic cable, which triggered a shroud to drop and reveal the stunning accomplishment.

Battlefield House Museum & Park

Once the headquarters for American troops in 1813, and later expanded to two stories in Georgian style, it was preserved by the Women's Wentworth Historical Society in 1899. Today, interpreters in period clothing tell the story of the war and how civilians coped.

For one weekend each June, the sprawling, 32-acre park is home to the annual Reenactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek. The popular reenactment marks the 200th anniversary of the epic battle in June of 2013.

Hamilton & Scourge Memorial

The Hamilton and Scourge were merchant schooners converted to warships by the US Navy. In August of 1813, the American fleet was struck by a sudden violent thunderstorm. The schooners, dangerously unstable due to the heavy cannons, capsized. Fifty-three men were trapped below decks and died. It was the single largest loss of life in any War of 1812 naval engagement. Their sacrifice is remembered in a memorial garden at Confederation Park, not far from Battlefield Park.

Raid on the King's Head Inn

The King's Head Inn was built in 1794 as resting place for travelers between York (Toronto) and Niagara and as a local depot for government stores.

In May of 1813 just before the loss of Fort George in Niagara and the British retreat to Burlington Heights, two United States Navy warships anchored near the Inn. Roughly 200 Americans landed under the watchful eye of the naval gun crews. Sheer numbers and the threat of bombardment caused the small defending force to retreat without firing a shot.

The British returned with reinforcements but arrived too late to catch the Americans before they took valuable stores and burned the Inn and its storage houses to the ground.



Smith's Knoll



Battlefield House Museum & Park



Hamilton & Scourge - Diana Figure Head

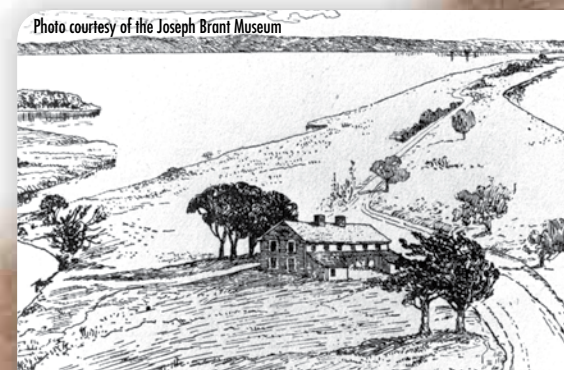


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OUTDOOR *adventure*

by Amy Kenny

With a population of half a million people, you'd be forgiven for thinking Hamilton is the kind of city that specializes solely in urban activities. In reality, its unique position next to the Niagara Escarpment allows for a travel experience that mixes both urban and outdoor adventure.

Hamilton is a haven for those looking to hike, cycle, canoe, kayak, camp, climb, ski, skate and so much more! No matter what your preferred method of transportation, there are plenty of opportunities to explore Hamilton's diverse natural landscape.

The view from Dundas Peak



By Bike

With miles of multi-use trails and an ever-growing network of urban cycling lanes, Hamilton is easy to explore by pedal-powered means. Get the best bang for your bike on the following routes:

Waterfront – Head north on John Street and ride past the HMCS Haida Naval Museum. From there, you'll connect to the Hamilton Waterfront Trail – one small part of a 900 km network of trails, linking waterfront communities around Lake Ontario. Spectacular views of Hamilton Harbour, Bayfront Park, Pier 4 Park and Princess Point at Cootes Paradise.

Escarpment Rail Trail – This abandoned CN line, built in 1875, was re-purposed for use as a hiking and cycling trail years ago. Its paved surface and low-grade incline make it an easy trek for everyone. The Rail Trail begins at the north boundary of Corktown Park and runs east, up the Escarpment, to Albion Falls.

Chedoke Radial Trail – Part of the Bruce Trail network, the Chedoke section begins at Dundurn Street and Hillcrest Avenue. As you ride its 2.7 km length along the Escarpment to Scenic Drive, you'll pass Chedoke Falls and a number of smaller waterfalls. At trail's end, link up with regional trails leading to Iroquoia Heights Conservation Area.

Hamilton to Brantford Rail Trail – Another abandoned CN line with a low grade that makes for a leisurely ride. Challenge yourself by riding the full 32 km length, or pick and choose from a series of shorter side trails that show off the Dundas Valley Conservation Area.

By Foot

It's almost impossible to explore Hamilton without running into sections of the Bruce Trail – an interconnected network that spans 800 km from Tobermory to Niagara Falls. By showcasing a number of remarkable geographic features, it highlights the Niagara Escarpment's status as a World Biosphere Reserve. Between the Bruce Trail and Hamilton's regional trails, you could spend your whole vacation hiking!

Royal Botanical Gardens – More than 27 km of walking trails showcase a variety of distinct environments including escarpment, forest, field and wetland. Trailheads at Princess Point, the Arboretum, Cherry Hill Gate and Rock Chapel are your starting points for exploration of Cootes Paradise, the Hendrie Valley and Escarpment Properties. Waterfalls, lookouts, boardwalks, streams and links to longer local trails make this an option that is easy to tailor to your timeframe.



CYCLING ADVENTURES

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STEP OUTSIDE: Hamilton's favourite outdoor workout

In the 1800s, two incline railways connected upper and lower Hamilton. Although the system went out of service in the 1930s, visitors can enjoy the same panoramic views of Hamilton and Lake Ontario by climbing one of five sets of stairs. Each climb measures 300-500 steps, and serves to connect the upper and lower city, while providing the ideal venue for Hamiltonians who prefer to get their exercise outdoors! The Chedoke Stairs veer south from the Chedoke Radial Trail. The Dundurn Stairs begin at a turnaround at the south end of Dundurn Street. The James Street Stairway leads to Southam Park at the top of the Claremont Access. The Wentworth Stairs (the longest set with 498 steps) connect the base of the Escarpment at Wentworth Street to Concession Street. The Kenilworth Stairs extend from Kimberly Drive, across the Escarpment Rail Trail and the Bruce Trail to end on the Mountain Brow.



Webster's Falls – Located in nearby Greensville, this conservation area has something for all skill levels. A short hike along the edge of the Escarpment features Webster's Falls, Tew's Falls and the Dundas Peak. Those with the energy can continue along the Bruce Side Trail for additional views of Lower and Middle Sydenham Falls.

Sherman Falls – Located in Ancaster Heights, off Old Dundas Road, Sherman Falls is a full, flowing curtain waterfall. The Dundas section of the Bruce Trail offers nearby hiking opportunities.

Devil's Punchbowl – This 37 mile ribbon waterfall cascades over layers of Escarpment rock. A lookout offers sweeping views of Stoney Creek, while sections of the Bruce Trail allow for hiking. Follow the trail west to visit historic Battlefield Park.

Iroquoia Heights – Ancaster is home to this beautiful conservation area. There's plenty to see on its 3.7 km trail system, including views of west Hamilton and the Dundas Valley, the remains of a former mill, and waterfalls like Princess Falls, Lower Princess Falls and Scenic Falls.

By Water

As a port city, Hamilton offers ample opportunity to explore Lake Ontario and its surrounding bays, marshes and manmade bodies of water. Summer in the city is no sweat, when there are so many options for keeping cool while you see the sights.

Confederation Park – A massive outdoor wave pool, noodling networks of tube slides, body slides, a lazy river and a splash pad are the ideal way to spend a day. Cap off the afternoon with a picnic at the shaded facilities in adjacent Confederation Park off Van Wagner's Beach Road.

Cootes Paradise – The perfect place to paddle, you can put-in at one of two locations – Princess Point or Valley Inn. A river mouth marsh, glacial plateaus, numerous creeks and 25 km of shoreline provide plenty of opportunity for exploration of this ecologically significant migratory bird stopover.

Van Wagner's Beach – Drive to the southwest shore of Lake Ontario and park in one of the free lots that fringe the beach, or cycle from downtown to the beach's Breezeway Trail. A morning spent swimming deserves lunch at one of the popular waterfront eateries. Try Hutch's for fish and chips or Baranga's On The Beach for nachos, salads and entrees.

Harbour Queen – If you're too tired at the end of the day to see Hamilton's waterfront under your own steam, book onto a Harbour Queen boat tour. You'll cruise past Pier 4 Park, Bayfront Park, the High Level Bridge, LaSalle Park Marina, the Skyway Bridge, industrial views, port facilities for lake freighters and HMCS Haida.





By Car

Hamilton runs the gamut from in-the-thick-of-things urbanity, to vast natural spaces. Spend a day or two getting away from it all at one of the following conservation areas:

Eramosa Karst Conservation Area – Eramosa Karst, off Rymal Road East, was designated a conservation area when the 80-acre swath of land was found to host Ontario's greatest example of karst formations left behind by glacial retreat. Features include interpretive signage, sinkholes, vertical underground shafts, hidden springs, disappearing streams and the province's 10th longest cave - the 335 mile Nexus Cave.

Valens Conservation Area – With camping facilities that are open 11 months of the year, more than 10 km of groomed trails, swimming opportunities, fishing and picnic facilities, you can find country close to the city when you visit this Flamborough site off Regional Road 97.

Dundas Valley Conservation Area – A spectacular example of southern Ontario's Carolinian forests, the Dundas Valley also offers 40 km of trails, an interpretive centre, and waterfalls including Mineral Springs, Hermitage Cascade and Hermitage Falls. You can also explore historical buildings like the stone mansion known as the Hermitage and Griffin House.

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Christie Lake Conservation Area – Christie Lake in Dundas has something for all seasons – swim in the summer, ski in the winter, throw a game of disc golf in the fall and hike more than 10 km of trail in the spring. You can also enjoy picnicking, paddling and fishing opportunities.



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Hamilton Sports Highlights for 2012



RBC Canadian Open returns to Hamilton

Hamilton is thrilled to welcome back the RBC Canadian Open golf championship in 2012. Since 1904, the tournament has been played at historic Hamilton Golf & Country Club 4 times, most recently in 2006, when Jim Furyk was crowned champion.

Quick Details

Dates: July 23 – 29, 2012

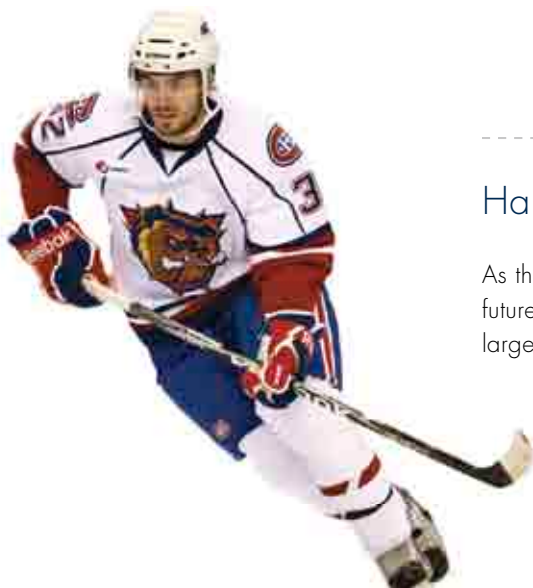
Location: Hamilton Golf and Country Club, Ancaster, ON

Format: 72 holes with cut after 36

Field: 156 players, reduced to lowest 70 scores and ties after two rounds

Tickets:

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Hamilton Bulldogs

As the AHL Affiliate of the Montreal Canadiens, the Bulldogs offer a great opportunity to see future NHL stars! Known for an energetic and fun family environment, the Bulldogs draw a large fan base from Hamilton and the surrounding area.

The Hamilton Bulldogs play at Copps Coliseum, check online for the 2012-13 schedule and ticket information. www.hamiltonbulldogs.com.



Ivor Wynne Stadium closing its doors after 84 years

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats are saying farewell to Ivor Wynne Stadium after the 2012 season. For football fans of all ages, this will be the last chance to re-live memories or experience the game for the first (and last) time at historic Ivor Wynne.

Originally constructed in 1928, the stadium will be replaced by a brand new facility on the same site, in time for the 2014 CFL season, and hosting events for the 2015 PanAm Games

Fans will be happy with the 2012 CFL schedule - the Ticats face the Argos September 3rd when the Labour Day Classic returns to Ivor Wynne. Also worth visiting is the Canadian Football Hall of Fame.

Tickets:

www.ticats.ca or 905-547-2287

Hamilton Nationals

The Hamilton Nationals (formerly Toronto) joined Major League Lacrosse (MLL) in 2009 as the League's first international team. Catch North America's premier lacrosse action right here in Hamilton at Ron Joyce Stadium! The season runs from May through August, and full game and ticket information is available at 905-768-2225 or www.nationallacrosse.com





COMMUNITIES

WORTH *exploring*

by Phil King

Shoppers, music fans and foodies looking for something really special will be excited to discover some of the hidden gems and unique communities throughout Hamilton that are known only to the 'locals'. You'll find shops, clubs and restaurants that will give you a really authentic taste of what makes Hamilton such a vibrant city.

Shopping at White Elephant on James North

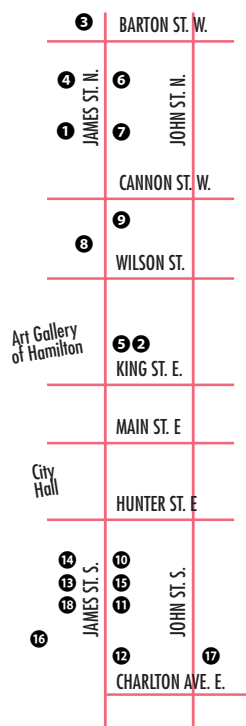


James Street North

James Street North is at the epicentre of cultural change in Hamilton. Located near the heart of downtown, the area was originally comprised of Italian, Portuguese and Vietnamese communities, but has most recently become a burgeoning arts community, while still retaining the best of its ethnic heritage. Every second Friday of the month James North hosts an Art Crawl, where all the area's galleries stage new art openings on the same night, often showcasing work by Hamilton's hottest new artists. Art, music and dining co-mingle in the clubs, restaurants, galleries and cafes. Venues like **Mulberry Street Coffeehouse**¹, **Absinthe**², **This Ain't Hollywood**³, **Blue Angel Gallery**⁴ and **Homegrown Café**⁵ appeal to Hamilton's burgeoning creative culture and thrive alongside James Street stalwarts; **Wild Orchid**⁶, **Venturas**⁷ and **White Elephant**⁸ a delicately curated handmade and vintage shop.

The creative energy that's driving James Street's resurgence is contagious and the area is attracting more-established cultural partners such as the CBC, with a new innovative digital station and Art Gallery of Hamilton, which recently opened the **Design Annex**⁹, an innovative retail space for Canadian-designed furniture, pottery and décor. Visitors should also watch for the area's SuperCrawl, September 14-15 - when the

streets fill to capacity with the ultimate celebration of Hamilton's art, music and culinary scene.

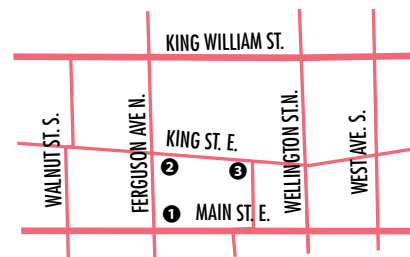


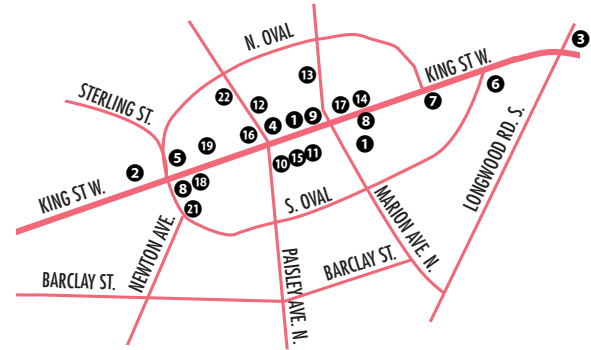
James Street South

Up on the other end of "the Street", closer to the Mountain, James Street South is also emerging as a unique enclave for entertainment, shopping boutiques and medical services, centered around St. Joseph's Hospital. The area boasts some of Hamilton's largest historical homes, with lush, tree-lined streets and close proximity to the Hamilton Go Station. Looking for the perfect pair of jeans? Make the trek to **Rivet & Tailor**¹⁰, which offers regular fitting clinics, along with an amazing selection of denims from designers such as mavi, FDJ and Second Denim Co. Next door, **Bold Artiste**¹¹ showcases prints, glasswork, sculpture and jewelry by local artisans. As might be expected for an area that's home to thousands of discerning health professionals, James Street South features some great choices for dining and entertainment, including; **Bronzie's**¹², **Boo's Bistro**¹³ specializing in Global Cuisine, **Bistro Parisien**¹⁴, **The Pheasant Plucker**¹⁵, **One Duke**¹⁶, the refurbished **Corktown**¹⁷, Hamilton's leading spot for great pub food and live entertainment and **La Piazza Allegra**¹⁸, which offers a fusion of traditional Italian dishes and specialties from their award-winning chef.

International Village

Is literally just steps away from Downtown, but offers visitors a unique international flair, with a diverse collection of specialty retail shops and services and many of Hamilton's best restaurants, including; **Shakespeare's**¹, a multiple "Golden Fork" award winner, and a popular place to spot returning celebrities, such as comedian Martin Short, when they're visiting their hometown. **The Black Forest Inn**², a Hamilton landmark is famous for its generous portions of authentic and tasty German and Continental cuisine. The Village also offers an eclectic mix of specialty retail stores such as **Denninger's**³ main location which offers gourmet foods from around the world.





Westdale

Westdale Village is close to McMaster University and Children's Hospital and offers a unique community ambience of charming 1920's homes with tree-lined streets, adjoining cafes, bookstores, pubs and fine restaurants. There is an **Westdale Theatre**¹ at the centre of the Village, which features first-run and literary cinematic productions. Westdale was one of Canada's first planned communities and visitors will immediately sense the strong neighbourhood vibe that still defines the area. The Village offers up over 80 unique businesses, including **Bryan Prince Bookseller**², Hamilton's most-respected independent book retailer and **Westdale Bookworm**³, specializing in rare and used books.

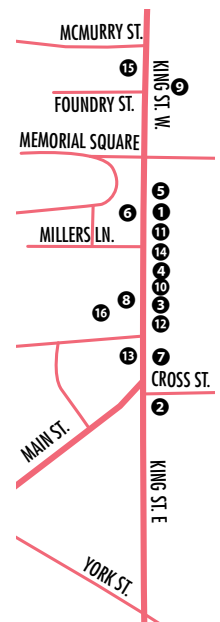
Foodies are naturally drawn to the area and can literally "eat and drink their way around the world". Favourites include; **My Dog Joe**⁴, **Walker's Chocolates**⁵, **Village Green Cuisine**⁶, **Weil's of Westdale Bakery**⁷, **Koosh Bistro**⁸, **The Bean Bar**⁹, **Grapes & Hops Brewhouse**¹⁰, **The Snooty Fox Pub**¹¹, **Saigon Asian Restaurant**¹², **Hotti Biscotti**¹³, **Jimmy Gringo's Burrito Factory**¹⁴, **Montfort Mediterranean Restaurant**¹⁵, **Westdale Cafe**¹⁶ and **Second Cup**¹⁷. Assuming you can still move after your culinary trek, you'll also enjoy the Westdale's many unique shops, such as **The Villager Gentlemen's Clothier**¹⁸, **Relax Cosmetics and Esthetics**¹⁹, **Pretty in Pink Studio**²⁰, **Modella Ladieswear**²¹, **Pados Jewelry Design**²² and many more.

Dundas

Surrounded by the Niagara Escarpment, Dundas is one of the oldest communities in Hamilton and features historical charm, breath-taking scenery, great street events and one of Ontario's prettiest downtowns. A stroll up King Street reveals beautiful nineteenth-century architecture, with a vibrant retail and arts scene. Specialty shops abound, with clothiers and fashion accessories such as; **Bling on King**¹, **David Williams Shoes & More**², **Cruikshanks Apparel**³, **Holly Dolly Originals**⁴, **Modella**⁵ and **One Rebellion**⁶. Specialty shops such as **Freewheel Cycle**⁷ and **Adventure Attic**⁸ cater to Hamilton's active biking and hiking communities. Iconic specialty retailers such as **Bark & Fitz**⁹, **Kevin Martin Fine Jewelry**¹⁰, **Booth Furniture and Interiors**¹¹,

Heirloom Bridal Shoppe¹², **Terraware**¹³, **The Keeping Room**¹⁴ and **The Mulberry Bush**¹⁵ offer one-of-a-kind items you won't find in your suburban malls.

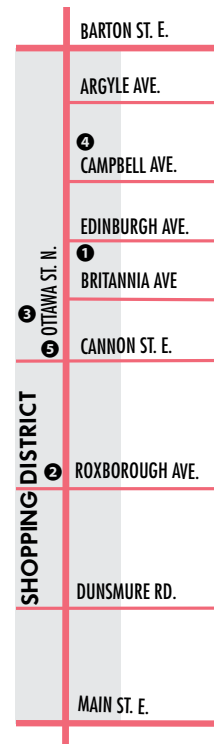
A leisurely stroll through the streetlined streets of Olde Dundas, will take you past several historic churches and landmark houses to **The Dundas Driving Park**, once the site of a harness racing track and now one of the most spectacular park-settings in Ontario. Other places of interest include; **Osler House B&B**, the childhood home of Sir William Osler, considered to be the father of modern medicine and the **Carnegie Gallery**¹⁶, which features revolving exhibitions of arts and crafts by notable Canadian artists.





Ottawa Street

Ottawa Street is another great discovery that more than lives up to its promise of "Great Décor and More!" Originally home to dozens of fabric stores, the area now boasts an incredible array of specialty furnishings, antiques, cool collectibles, unique décor items and of course thousands of fabric selections from delicate linens to upholstery. In fact, CAA recently named Ottawa Street as one of Canada's Top 5 destinations for antiques. As might be expected, with all that shopping, you might get hungry and Ottawa Street has stepped up its game to more than fill the need. Experience the tastes of Ottawa Street with the year-round Ottawa Street Farmers' Market and great restaurants offering something for every taste. You'll find outstanding Italian Cuisine at **Café Limoncello**❶, authentic Tex-Mex with amazing home-made burritos at **Poco Loco**❷, yummy cupcakes and baked goods at **Sweetness Bakery**❸, Chinese and Pan-Asian favourites at the **South Sea Restaurant**❹ and artisan coffees at the newly-opened **Cannon Coffee Shop**❺. Also home to the new **Sew Hungry: Food Truck Rally**, largest of its kind in the country.

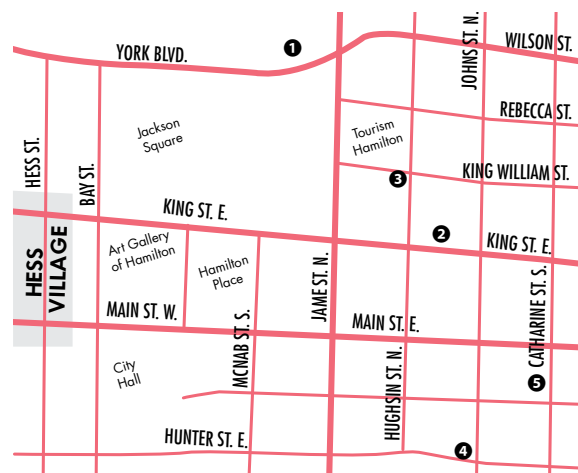


Downtown

With the updating of Hamilton's largest hotels and new condos and hotels being built, Downtown Hamilton has been at the forefront of the city's resurgence. Close to the art galleries of **James Street North**, the **Hess Village Entertainment District** and home to the city's most iconic cultural and entertainment venues such as **Hamilton Place**, **Copps Coliseum** and the **Art Gallery of Hamilton**, Downtown is the place to be, for anyone looking for the ultimate urban adventure. Beyond the art and entertainment offered in Hamilton's core, you'll find a wealth of historic buildings, many of which have been repurposed as galleries, cafes and specialty stores.



Downtown Hamilton is also home to some of the city's finest and most popular restaurants including; **Acclamation**¹, **Capri Family Restaurant**² for great traditional pizza, **Dalina's**³ for middle-eastern cuisine, **Incognito Restaurant & Wine Bar**⁴ and **La Cantina Ristorante Italiano**⁵, known for its innovative Mediterranean cuisine. Downtown also hosts many festivals and events throughout the year, including "Christmas in Gore Park" and "Localicious", an amazing culinary celebration of local foods and wines from the Hamilton area.





Locke Street

Locke Street and its surrounding Durand Neighbourhood make up a vibrant community of new urban-chic condos and restored century homes, adjacent to a very lively and eclectic café, bar and shopping scene. The Locke Street area is rapidly becoming one of the most sought-after residential areas in the city and shopping and dining choices befit the area's young professionals. You'll find great décor and antique shops, funky used clothing from Second Chance¹.

Locke also boasts some great cafes and bakeries, notably; the Earth to Table Bread Bar², Locke Street Bakery³, Bitten Cupcakes and Whoopie Pies⁴. Locke's most popular restaurants and pubs include; The Bar on Locke⁵, Chuck's Burger Bar⁶ where you'll find the best burgers in town and NaRoma Pizza Bar⁷ which specializes in authentic Roman-style pizza, crafted with hand-kneaded dough. Locke Street is also home to the venerable Westown Bar & Grill⁸ that serves-up wicked weekend breakfasts and great entertainment. Foodies will also appreciate a visit to the Cheese Shoppe on Locke⁹ and Shirin's Fine Foods¹⁰.

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- 1 Ancaster on the Bruce
- 2 Carole's Bed & Breakfast
- 3 Cottage in the City
- 4 Duck Trail Inn
- 5 Fiddler's Inn
- 6 Glenwood Bed & Breakfast
- 7 Heritage House 1914
- 8 Homestead House
- 9 Inchbury Inn
- 10 Ivy Manor Bed & Breakfast
- 11 MacNab Terrace Guest House
- 12 Meadows Bed and Breakfast
- 13 Mulberry House
- 14 Osler House
- 15 Redtail Bed & Breakfast
- 16 Ridgemoor Bed & Breakfast
- 17 Rock Chapel Serenity House
- 18 Rose Arden Bed & Breakfast
- 19 Rutherford House Bed & Breakfast
- 20 Sadwick's Place
- 21 Serenity Ranch Bed & Breakfast
- 22 Shavers Bed & Breakfast
- 23 Superior Bed & Breakfast Inc "Log Inn"
- 24 Tranquility Base Bed & Breakfast
- 25 Weekwood Bed & Breakfast

Hotels / Motels / Inns

- 26 Admiral Inn
- 27 Chateau Royale Finished Suite
- 28 Comfort Inn Hamilton
- 29 Courtyard by Marriott Hamilton
- 30 Crowne Plaza Hamilton
- 31 Days Inn Hamilton
- 32 Holiday Inn Express
- 33 Howard Johnson
- 34 Sheraton Hamilton Hotel
- 35 Staybridge Suites
- 36 Super 8 Motel
- 37 Visitors Inn

Campgrounds

- 38 Confederation Park & Campground
- 39 Emerald Lake Trailer & Waterpark
- 40 Fifty Point Conservation & Camping
- 41 Flambo Valley Camping Resort
- 42 Four Seasons Nudist Resort
- 43 Gulliver's Lake and Park
- 44 John Bayus Park (Cambridge)
- 45 Lawson Park (Freelton)
- 46 Lost Forest Park (Millgrove)
- 47 Maple Grove Trailer Park (Flamb.)
- 48 Pine Valley Park Campground Resort
- 49 Valens Conservation Area (Cambridge)

Conservation Areas and Waterfalls

- 1 Beverly Swamp Walking Trails
- 2 Binbrook Conservation Area
- 3 Borer's Falls
- 4 Christie Lake Conservation Area
- 5 Confederation Park Conservation Area
- 6 Devil's Punch Bowl Conservation Area
- 7 Dundas Valley
- 8 Eramosa Karst
- 9 Felker's Falls Conservation Area
- 10 Fifty Point Conservation Area
- 11 Iroquoia Heights Conservation Area
- 12 Mount Albion Conservation Area
- 13 Mountsberg Conservation Area
- 14 Spencer Gorge Webster Falls
- 15 Tiffany Falls Conservation Area
- 16 Valens Conservation Area

Golf Courses

- 1 Apollo Valley Golf Course
- 2 Carlisle Golf & Country Club
- 3 Century Pines Golf Course
- 4 Chedoke Golf Martin Course
- 5 Chedoke Golf Beddoe Course
- 6 Chippewa Creek Golf & Country Club
- 7 Copetown Woods Golf Club
- 8 Dragon's Fire Golf Club
- 9 Flamorough Hills Golf Club
- 10 Glancaster Golf & Country Club
- 11 King's Forest Golf Course
- 12 Knollwood Golf Club (New)
- 13 Knollwood Golf Club (Old)
- 14 Oak Gables Golf & Country Club
- 15 Pineland Greens Golf Club
- 16 Pros Golf Centre
- 17 Rock Chapel Golf Centre
- 18 Satellite Golf Centre
- 19 Scenic Woods Golf & Country Club
- 20 Southbrook Golf & Country Club
- 21 Southern Pines Golf & Country Club
- 22 Willow Valley Golf Course
- 23 Winona Pitch & Putt

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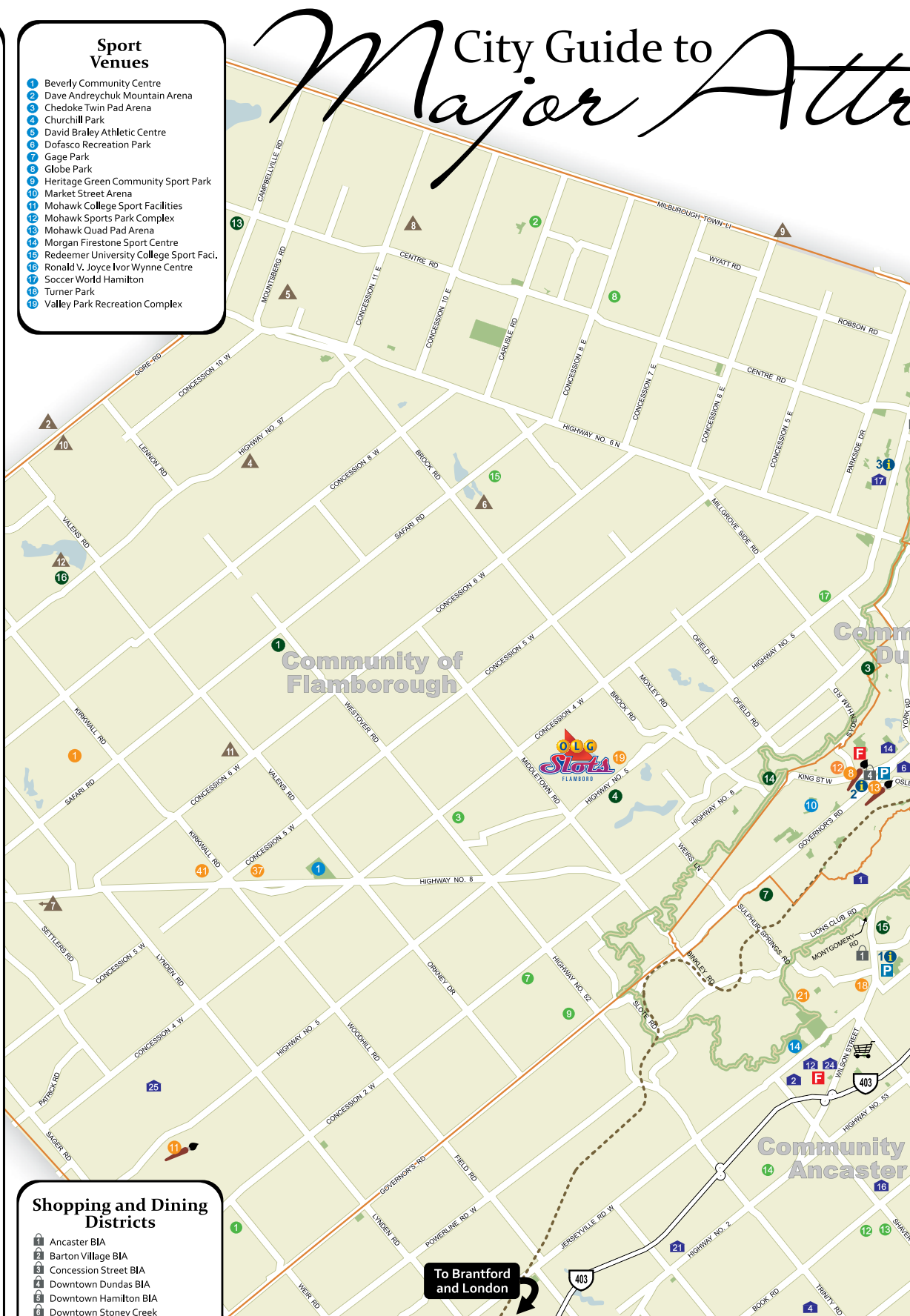
- 1 Ancaster Municipal Centre
- 2 Dundas Municipal Centre
- 3 Flamorough Municipal Centre
- 4 Glanbrook Municipal Centre
- 5 John C. Munro International Airport
- 6 Stoney Creek Municipal Centre

Sport Venues

- 1 Beverly Community Centre
- 2 Dave Andreychuk Mountain Arena
- 3 Chedoke Twin Pad Arena
- 4 Churchill Park
- 5 David Braley Athletic Centre
- 6 Dofasco Recreation Park
- 7 Gage Park
- 8 Globe Park
- 9 Heritage Green Community Sport Park
- 10 Market Street Arena
- 11 Mohawk College Sport Facilities
- 12 Mohawk Sports Park Complex
- 13 Mohawk Quad Pad Arena
- 14 Morgan Firestone Sport Centre
- 15 Redeemer University College Sport Faci.
- 16 Ronald V. Joyce Ivor Wynne Centre
- 17 Soccer World Hamilton
- 18 Turner Park
- 19 Valley Park Recreation Complex

Shopping and Dining Districts

- 1 Ancaster BIA
- 2 Barton Village BIA
- 3 Concession Street BIA
- 4 Downtown Dundas BIA
- 5 Downtown Hamilton BIA
- 6 Downtown Stoney Creek
- 7 International Village BIA
- 8 James Street North
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| Conservation Areas | Hospitals | Colleges / Universities | Red Hill Valley Parkway |
| Places of Interest | Police Departments | Shopping Districts | Queen Elizabeth Way |
| Golf Courses | Fire Departments | Shopping Centres | Lincoln Alexander Parkway |
| Community Boundary | Tourism Information | | |



Places of Interest

- 1 African Lion Safari
- 2 The Aviary
- 3 Battlefield House Museum
- 4 Binbrook Fairgrounds
- 5 Brock University (Hamilton Campus)
- 6 Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum
- 7 Carmen's Banquet & Conf. Centre
- 8 Carnegie Gallery
- 9 Centre Mall
- 10 Columbia International College
- 11 Donn Zver Pottery and Potters Café
- 12 Dundas Historical Museum
- 13 Dundas Valley School of Art
- 14 Dundurn National Historical Site
- 15 Eastgate Square
- 16 E.D. Smith Fruit Farms
- 17 Erland Lee Museum
- 18 Fieldcote Museum
- 19 Flamboro Downs & Slots
- 20 Gage Park
- 21 Griffin House
- 22 Hamilton Children's Museum
- 23 Hamilton International John C. Munro Airport
- 24 Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology
- 25 Historical Perceptions (Cemetery Tours)
- 26 Ivor Wynne Stadium
- 27 King's Forest Park
- 28 Limeridge Mall
- 29 Liuna Gardens
- 30 McMaster Museum of Art
- 31 McMaster University
- 32 Michelangelo Banquet & Conv. Centre
- 33 Mohawk College
- 34 Pearl Company
- 35 Puddicombe Estate Farms & Winery
- 36 Redeemer University College
- 37 Rockton Fairgrounds
- 38 Royal Botanical Gardens
- 39 Sam Lawrence Park
- 40 Van Wagner's Beach
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| Hospitals | Court House | Shopping Centre | Tourism Hamilton Visitor Centre |
| Police Department | Arts | Shopping District | Theatre Venue |
| Fire Department | Mountain Access | Restroom | Hamilton Waterfront Trail |
| Parking | | | |

Places of Interest

- 1 Art Gallery of Hamilton
- 2 Bayfront Park
- 3 Canadian Football Hall of Fame
- 4 Central Library
- 5 Christ's Church Cathedral
- 6 City Hall
- 7 Copps Coliseum
- 8 Denninger's
- 9 Dofasco Centre for the Arts (Theatre Aquarius)
- 10 Dundurn National Historic Site
- 11 Fergusson Station
- 12 GO Transit Station
- 13 Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
- 14 Hamilton City Centre
- 15 Hamilton Convention Centre
- 16 Hamilton Farmers' Market
- 17 Hamilton Federal Building
- 18 Hamilton Place
- 19 Hamilton Theatre Inc.
- 20 Harbour West Marina
- 21 Hess Village
- 22 HMCS Haida
- 23 Irving Zucker Sculpture Court
- 24 James Street Galleries and Artcrawl District
- 25 John W. Foote VC Armouries
- 26 Luana Station Banquet and Convention Centre
- 27 Lloyd D. Jackson Square
- 28 Pier 4 Park
- 29 Pier 8 Outdoor Skating Rink
- 30 Royal Hamilton Yacht Club
- 31 Starcase Theatre
- 32 Whitehern Museum and Garden
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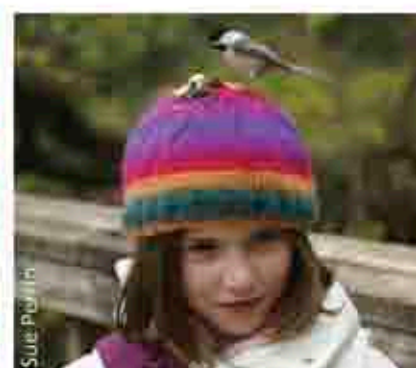
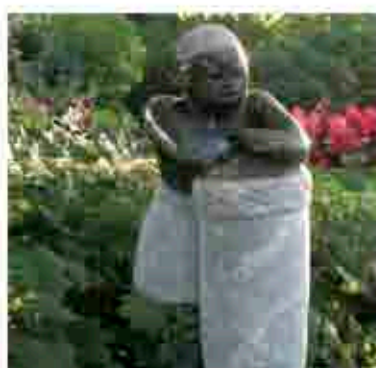
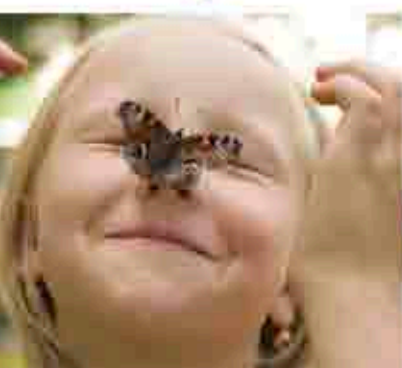
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