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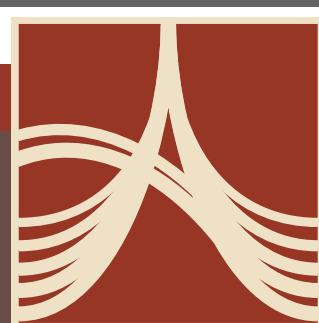
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WELCOME TO HAMILTON

I trust your visit will be enjoyable and maybe even a little surprising. While people seek many different things when they travel, there's one constant: everybody wants to experience something new and memorable. Whether you are planning your first visit to Hamilton, or returning to discover something new – I am confident that you will have an unforgettable experience.

Wrapped around the western tip of Lake Ontario, Hamilton is bounded by the picturesque shores of Lake Ontario and the lush trails and waterfalls of the Niagara Escarpment, a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve, offering a natural playground for outdoor enthusiasts.

This year presents an exciting time to visit Hamilton as we commemorate the Bicentennial of the War of 1812, one of Canada's most important chapters that helped shape our country's identity 200 years ago. We hope you find our Bicentennial commemorations engaging and educational as you to discover a time in our history that started Canada on a path to nationhood.

Visitors looking for entertainment and cultural experiences can take in the highly acclaimed exhibitions at the Art Gallery of Hamilton, or live theatre and concerts at Theatre Aquarius, Copps Coliseum, Hamilton Place and enjoy annual festivals and events like the Greenbelt Harvest Picnic, Festival of Friends, the Hamilton Music Awards, Supercrawl and the popular Father's Day Air Show, to name a few.

Be sure to experience history on permanent display at the Hamilton Civic Museums including five National Historic Sites and the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, home to one of only two airworthy Lancaster bombers in the world. Other family-friendly attractions include African Lion Safari, home to thousands of exotic birds and animals, as well as the Royal Botanical Gardens, Canada's largest botanical gardens. A visit to Hamilton's waterfront offers many attractions including the HMCS *Haida*. We are also pleased to welcome the TALL SHIPS® 1812 Tour over the Canada Day long weekend featuring four majestic tall ships and interactive programming at Pier 8.

For up-to-date festivals, events and activities, restaurant listing and accommodations, visit us online at tourismhamilton.com, or download the Visit Hamilton App on your mobile device. We also welcome your visit to the new Tourism Hamilton Visitor Centre in the iconic Lister Block in downtown Hamilton.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Bob Bratina

Robert Bratina
Mayor



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Claude Lorrain's work is available at the Art Gallery of Hamilton.



HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Hamilton's history is a tale of beginnings, endings and evolutions, starring a host of rogues and rebels. The beginning came with the arrival of United Empire Loyalists – those supportive of the British monarchy – who saw the welcome mat disappear for them in the United States after the American Revolutionary War concluded in 1783. After the War of 1812, a gentleman named George Hamilton (no relation to the bronzed actor) bought land and named the area after himself. The roots for Hamilton – the city – were planted.

Those early years left Hamilton's cityscape with treasures like Dundurn Castle, The Lister Block, Hamilton Public Library building and Whitehern. At the beginning of the 20th century, a building and population boom began in earnest with immigrants chiefly from Britain and European nations such as Italy and Austria-Hungary. Along with it, diverse ethnic neighbourhoods sprang up and institutions of higher learning, like McMaster University, were born.

The industrious, hard-working nature of Hamilton also spawned an impressive list of sports stars, ranging from hockey's Dick Irvine to Olympic marathon gold medallist William (Billy) Sherring, and early Hollywood greats like Florence Lawrence (dubbed The First Movie Star) and Del Lord, director of the *Three Stooges* films. Hamilton-hosted advancements in medicine came courtesy of men like Harold E. Johns (who researched radiation's role in cancer treatment) and John Callaghan, a cardiologist who pioneered open-heart surgery.

The official incorporation of Hamilton came in 1846. As in real estate, it has always been about location, location, location. With a natural harbour linked to Lake Ontario, it was the perfect spot for industry to flourish. The city's reputation as Steeltown became entrenched in its fabric. In reality, the Hamilton of today employs more people in health care than industry. Education, government and technology businesses have also mixed things up and given the city a vibrant, new profile.



LOVE
your
CITY



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On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am pleased to welcome you to Hamilton, Ontario.

Located between Toronto and Niagara Falls, the City of Hamilton combines big city excitement with small town charm, while also being the site of a rich history that tells the story of our province.

The City of Hamilton offers a wealth of cultural, entertainment and sporting opportunities. From outdoor enthusiasts, to history buffs, there is truly something to spark the imagination of any traveller.

Hamilton is home to inspiring attractions like the Dundurn National Historic Site, breathtaking natural sites like the Niagara Escarpment and a thriving arts and cultural scene that includes the famed Art Gallery of Hamilton.

I sincerely hope that you have the opportunity to experience all that Hamilton has to offer and that you enjoy your time here.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful stay in Hamilton.

Yours truly,

Michael Chan
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport





Bragging Rights

By now, you've likely heard about the exodus of creative types from Toronto and beyond, lured to Hamilton by our burgeoning arts scene, not to mention an impressive stock of old houses — and studio spaces — at a third of the price of a similar property in Hogtown.

We're not ones to brag, but over the past couple of years, Hamilton has garnered an array of prestigious accolades including being voted the top place in Ontario to invest — for the second year in a row — by the Real Estate Investment Network of Canada. US-based *Site Selection* magazine also ranked Hamilton the #1 city in Canada for commercial and industrial development, beating

out Toronto and Quebec City, among others. Oh, and did we mention that Hamilton has also been ranked among the top cities in North America by *FDI Magazine* for quality of life?

Speaking of quality of life, and further testament to the popularity of arts and culture in Hamilton, is the fact that seven local events made the 2013 list of Ontario's Top 100 Festivals and Events, including Doors Open (May 4-5), the Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek (June 1-2), Canadian International Military Tattoo (June 8-9), Hamilton Airshow (June 15-16), It's Your Festival (June 28-July 1), Dundas Cactus Festival (Aug 17-18) and Telling Tales: A Family Festival of Stories (Sept 15).

Accolades aside, the best way to discover Hamilton is to visit Hamilton, so what are you waiting for? Turn the page and get discovering!



Tourism Hamilton

While in Hamilton, a must-see is the Tourism Hamilton Visitor Centre in the iconic — and restored — Lister Block. The centre offers guests an interactive iPad station, video of Hamilton's natural attractions and informative brochures. There are also Travel Counsellors on hand to answer any travel-related questions you might have. The centre boasts a selection of art, design and jewellery for sale from local artists, including the sought-after "You Can Do Anything

in Hamilton" tees and totes. The Visitor Centre is open Mon to Fri, 10am to 4pm, Sat & Sun, 10am to 3pm. 28 James St. N., 905.546.2424 x 5771, Toll Free: 1.800.263.8590, tourismhamilton.com.

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Hamiltonians are proud of their city and its burgeoning reputation as a fab place to live, work and play; and rightly so. What better way to show it off than in a blog? Here's some of our faves:

I Heart Hamilton

ihearthatilton.ca
A labour of love for local gal Kristin Archer, whose blog urges you to "be a tourist in your own city." Lots of music-related bits and pieces, including playlists, reviews and interviews.

Love It A Lot

loveitalot.com
One of the city's longest-running blogs (since '07), Love It A Lot chronicles the people and places that inspire and inform the lives of White Elephant's Hollie Pocsai and Jane LaBatte. According to the site, the girls blog "incessantly

about our pets, farming, cheese, road trips, our shop and our city." Which pretty much says it all. A fun and frivolous read.

Happening Hamilton

happeninghamilton.ca
An events-based blog put together by a team of young Hamiltonians. The blog's handy calendar at a glance makes it the "go-to" site if you're looking for what's hip and happening.

[I Know This Great Little Place in Hamilton](https://www.facebook.com/greatlittleplacehamilton)
[facebook.com/greatlittleplacehamilton](https://www.facebook.com/greatlittleplacehamilton)
Although technically not a blog, this Facebook page

is a great place to learn about Hamilton's hidden treasures and unusual things to do. For example, a recent posting on ethnic supermarkets garnered 18 replies on everything from Arabic and Thai to German, Polish and Indonesian.

The Best of Hamilton

thebestofhamilton.ca
Consisting of David Barhouma, Michael Muller, Andrew Johnston and Shannon Stone, this team of local creative professionals captures the beauty of Hamilton's hidden gems on film, and their videos, set to music, are breathtakingly beautiful.

SteelOneself

steeloneself.com
Short on words, but long on style, Matt Fondevilla and Cynthia Nguyen's street-style blog is dedicated to capturing the style and fashion of Hamilton (and before you laugh, the city has some seriously stylish folk) and the blog's cool pics highlight the city's style mavens.

Cut From Steel

cutfromsteel.ca
If you have any sort of love or appreciation for live music, then you'll want to visit this blog. Cut From Steel is an impressive compendium of music news, reviews, events and interviews, about both local and visiting artists.

This Must Be the Place

thismustbetheplace.ca
Written by Seema Narula, TMBTP chronicles everything from her ongoing house renovations to her obvious love for the city's urbanity and all that it entails (music, art, food, architecture and home decor).

Secret Hamilton

secrethamilton.ca
As the name implies, this

blog features a collection of Hamilton's secret (and not so secret) gems. Including the latitude and longitude is a fun touch, as is the "Secretness Level," which is based on votes and indicates how "off the beaten path" the place really is.

Beaux Mondes

beaux-mondes.com
Perhaps we're a tad biased since they're *Hamilton Magazine* contributors, but Stephanie and Jacklyn's blog has set the gold standard for city and style blogs and for good reason. The photography is top-notch and their "musings" shine a light on the buzz-worthy people, places and things in our city.

Hamilton Now

tourismhamilton.com/whats-new
Not so much a blog, the Hamilton Now page is Tourism Hamilton's compendium of all things happening in and around the city from festivals to food trucks. There's an amazing amount of info available at the click of a button to help you get out and about — check this page often for updates.



BEAUX MONDES

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Passionate about discovering new places, products and the people behind them, we started Beaux Mondes as a way to share our much-loved discoveries – from classic neighbourhood institutions to local artisans, interesting eateries and go-to shops. We hope to inspire you, as a visitor to Hamilton, to discover the hidden gems that make our city so wonderful.

Fashion

Milli

310 Main Street West

Milli Gould's original Hamilton location opened in 1964 and has since expanded into Yorkville in Toronto. A highly regarded name in the industry, Milli has established itself as a destination boutique for finely curated clothing and accessories. You'll find top Canadian and international designers like Pink Tartan, Arthur Mendonca and Erdem, alongside contemporaries like Equipment, and Elizabeth and James.



O's Clothes

8 Cannon Street East

With a 200-square-foot space and a pared-down interior, the inspiration behind Oliver Knutton's shop was simple – find quality, fashion forward brands at a reasonable price. Expect to find skate and bike apparel by Vancouver's Megadestroyer, raw Japanese denim by Toronto's United Stock Dry Goods and backpacks by Swedish outdoors company Fjällräven.



Hanley's

382 Wilson Street

In the heart of old town Ancaster, a beautiful heritage building circa 1840 is where Hanley's calls home. Carrying on the vision of her mom's store that opened in Tecumseh over 40 years ago, Ann Hanley Adams' tastefully designed boutique carries a well-curated selection of brands including Smythe, Theysken's Theory, Joie and Judith and Charles.



Hands & Feet Mint Textile Studio

22 Wilson Street, Unit 7

Local designer Brittini Gazendam is crafting a line of naturally dyed and hand-sewn canvas and leather handbags under the label Hands & Feet. She strives to make objects that are both aesthetically beautiful and well-designed. Alongside seven of her colleagues, Brittini has formed a collective and opened Mint Textile Studio in the Sonic Unyon building.



Laura Tedesco Jewellery Design

1-195 Locke Street South

For Laura Tedesco, jewellery design runs in the family. A third-generation jeweller, she trained with her father Dino Tedesco, the owner of Venetian Jewellers before travelling to Italy to study at the Gemological Institute of America. Through her custom design studio, she is helping others to create beautiful and meaningful pieces of their own.

One of a Kind



I FIORE

128 James Street North

Beverly initially planned for I Fiore to be a workshop and design space, but her plans quickly evolved into designing the type of floral shop she would want to shop in. Her fresh flowers, plants and succulents, almost all of which are grown locally in the Niagara peninsula, will surprise and inspire you. And you'll be certain to leave the shop with an arrangement as unique as you or the person they are intended for.



White Elephant

152 James Street North

While renovating an old '50s diner into the shop space for White Elephant, Hollie Pocsai and Jane LaBatte uncovered gorgeous original wood floors, a yellow panelled ceiling and even a secret door behind a wall that lend to the shop's charm. Throughout you'll find stacked wooden crates filled with handmade items and art from independent artisans, thoughtful cards, vintage gems and handcrafted jewellery, including Jane's own line called Rare Specimens.

Weir's Lane Lavender Farm & Store

223 Weirs Lane

The 10-acre family-run lavender farm run by Kevin Beagle and and Abigail Payne features an adorable farm store with culinary delights like lavender-infused honey and shortbread. You'll also discover local and Canadian artisanal products from sachets to freshen your drawers, essential oils, pillow and body sprays, body wash and liquid hand soap. We love the French milled soap with lavender buds and honey.



Accoutrements

264 King Street East

Accoutrements is a shop to get lost in while you enjoy the beautiful products and setting. Nestled in the International Village, Judi McIntyre's shop found its place amongst a thriving community with over a century of history. The boutique is inspired by Judi's travels to Paris and features a lovely assortment of items to fill a home with character. "I am always in search of little luxuries to make my life and others around me richer and more fulfilled," Judi tells us.



Pure Home Couture

174 Locke Street South

Walk into Pure Home Couture and your imagination will easily transport you to old world Paris. Abby Karak-McDuffee and Steven McDuffee pay special attention to detail and ensure the shop makes a grand impression with high wood-beamed ceilings and gorgeous chandeliers. Antique tables and French armoires refinished by Abby, are each filled with a different line of products ranging from jewellery and beauty to dishware and linens. Expanding on their brand, Abby is even handcrafting the shop's own line of apothecary sea salts, liquid soaps, milk bath soaks and candles.

Ellénoire

53A King Street West

Scent is unique to an individual, and perfumer Noëlle Smith makes fragrances from all-natural, custom blends to match your skin chemistry. Shelves are lined with jars containing everything from lemon peel to fir balsam, so you can mix and match natural oils and concentrates to craft your own custom scent. "Many artificial fragrances do not have very good quality ingredients," explained Noëlle. "They don't blossom on the skin like natural ingredients do."



Art, Design & Craft



Hamilton's top art destinations

1 Design Annex 118 James Street North

The Art Gallery of Hamilton's new space is a combination of an art and design store and venue. Offering an approachable atmosphere for art lovers to begin building their collections at affordable prices, they also showcase furnishings, lighting and accessories by Canadian artisans like Brothers Dressler, Broe & Co. and Nicole Tarasick.

2 Nathaniel Hughson Gallery 27 John Street North

Representing emerging contemporary and mid-career artists like David Hind, Stephanie Vegh and Ryan Price, the gallery is a destination for collectors looking to acquire unique works.

3 Earls Court Gallery 215 Ottawa Street North

Established in 1973 as a print and framing gallery on George Street, the newest 1,600 sq ft gallery and 1,000 sq ft framing facility on Ottawa Street features historical works and local artists such as Ron Eady, Bill Schwartz and Nick Chase.

4 270 Sherman

Located in lower Hamilton, this arts centre has been transformed from a 1900-era industrial cotton mill into a creative complex for galleries, workshops and studios of 50 tenants including Jason Freiburger, Stephanie Seagram and Steve Mazza.

5 Manta Contemporary 51 King William

Located amongst historic storefronts on King William, Manta strives to foster creative growth in Hamilton by offering emerging and established artists a space to show their work. Artists featured include Tara Krebs, Stephen Seignin and Paul Dickens.



159 John Street South

One of Hamilton's best-kept secrets, Tucker Plus opened in 1930 in the Lister Block. Pat Lisson, the present owner, worked for Mr. Tucker until he passed and has owned the John Street location since 1978. Throughout the shop you'll find antique collectibles, typewriters and furniture, alongside new calligraphy pens and Lamy fountain pens. You will also discover a unique collection of books with inscriptions on their front pages noting dates like 'Christmas 1940'.



Mixed Media

154 James Street North

Located in a century-old building on the corner of James Street North and Cannon Street, the art supply and paper shop boasts hardwood floors, original tin ceilings and exposed brick beams. "Teresa and I first opened in rented premises at 174 right across from The Print Studio," explained owner Dave Kuruc. "Back then you could count on one hand the art spaces that were located here." Catalysts behind the ongoing revitalization of the James Street North neighbourhood, Mixed Media features a local artist each month and Kuruc is also the publisher of *H Mag*.

Needlework

174 James Street North

Kate Hunter and Liz Simpson's shop has become a home base for Hamilton's craft community. "We want to be here to foster Hamilton's craft scene and help it grow by creating a space where craft-loving individuals can get together in an environment that supports shared learning, resource and skills," says Liz. Crafting in a space with beautiful fabric is a plus, especially when you are surrounded by fabrics by Cloud 9, Amy Butler, Anna Maria Horner and Heather Moore.



Home Decor & Antiques



Hansen & Lübbers

144 James Street North

Residing in what was originally part of Firth Brothers store, where Norman F. Firth began his clothing business, Hansen & Lübbers offers a wide range of furniture, accent pieces and accessories including the GUS* furniture line. The shop also carries environmentally conscious paints and wallpapers by Farrow & Ball and the lower level houses a sewing workroom for drapery, slipcover and light upholstery services. Owners Richard and Craig are great art enthusiasts (and own a jaw-dropping collection, too), so each month the shop features the work of a different local artist.



Humblepie Lifestyle

142 James Street North

Combining her love of art and vintage, with her commitment to environmental sustainability, Susan Edwards opened Humblepie Lifestyle as an upcycling concept store. Featuring locally made treasures, vintage finds and upcycled pieces from post-consumer materials, Susan is passionate about repurposing furniture and products in a creative and sustainable fashion. Humblepie also offers workshops and styling services for introducing vintage pieces to your home.



Antique Avenue

329 Ottawa Street North

When Tom Watson and his business partner Adam Hughes purchased an entire lot of collectibles from a gentleman who had been collecting over the course of 30 years, Antique Avenue was born. A vintage lover's dream, you are likely to find anything you have ever imagined looking for, from Singer sewing machines, to first edition books, mason and milk jars; even a vintage Vespa from 1969. And if you're willing to hunt, they always have tons of treasures that have yet to be unpacked.



Lulu & Lavigne

228 Locke Street South

A sign hanging near the entrance at Lulu & Lavigne reads: 'A home is not meant to be finished; it should evolve and be enjoyed.' Featuring a unique selection of new and vintage home furnishings and decor items, the pieces Heather Coward carries will lend well to a space that is uniquely yours. "Find something that you love and save up to buy it," suggests Heather. "Chances are it will be an investment piece that you will carry with you for a very long time no matter where you live."

Branch Design

850 King Street West

The retail studio of Charles MacIntosh and Alex Dejong, Branch Design gives potential clients a chance to browse home decor pieces, indoor and outdoor furnishings, art and gifts, all the while getting a taste of the design services Charles offers. "I love the idea of people being able to access design services, inspiration and home decor items in one location," says Charles. Sure to inspire decorating ideas, many of the shop's treasures are made by local artisans like the Italian marble birdhouses and clementine crates made by R&D Fabbicati and the family measurement charts crafted by Mike Meiler Woodworking.

Where to Eat



Hamilton's top Bars & Pubs

1 The Ship 23 Augusta Street

The eclectic menu and nautical motif has made The Ship a favourite spot among locals. Owner Tate Graham offers a rotating selection of independent and craft brewed beers and has recently launched his own brew. On the menu you'll find Mexican fish tacos, popcorn alligator and classics like halibut and chips.

2 Thirsty Cactus 2 King Street East

The Thirsty Cactus occupies a building at the corner of King and Main that has been around since 1840. If you like Mexican food, the portions are huge and they make their own salsa and guacamole in-house. Plus they smoke their own beef and pork. In addition to the domestic and imported beers, they offer a selection of margaritas and cocktails *de la casa*.

3 The Brain 199 James Street North

A community pub tucked away in the heart of James North, The Brain is the unique vision of owners Jeremy Greenspan (frontman of the electronica duo Junior Boys), Heather South and Brad Chichakian. With a love for local micro-breweries, they draw a discerning clientele with their unique selection of craft beers.

4 Baltimore House 43 King William Street

This café-lounge-wine bar-art venue-social club is the kind of place to read, write, enjoy an espresso and have smart conversation by day. It then transitions into a social spot at night. Grant Winestock and Jimmy Skembaris' venture has attracted Hamilton's ever-growing literary, artistic and musically inclined crowd with their selection of vintage cocktails and authentic absinthe.

Cake & Loaf

321 Dundurn Street South

When your bread options include cheddar, onion and beer, or whole wheat pumpkin seed loaf, it's no surprise the loaves literally fly off the shelves. The products contain all locally sourced ingredients, in an effort to sustain Ontario's farmlands and support local farmers. Cake & Loaf offers a wonderful selection of lunch options including soups, sandwiches, vegan mini pizzas and braided loaves. And be sure to try the apple pear cider soda.



McCartney & Son

282 James Street North

Shane McCartney has offered a fresh approach to the salad bar experience and will be certain to change the way you think of fast food. Using healthy, locally sourced ingredients — buns come from Ola Bakery, cheese from Jensen — in his sandwiches, soups and salads, you'll see that you can eat healthy on the go and still enjoy the taste of wholesome natural foods.



NàRoma Pizza Bar

215 Locke Street South

Using slow, time-honoured methods, Mario Spina makes authentic Italian pizza. And it's a very labour-intensive process. "The dough process is a 72-hour rising method," explains Mario. "The secret is time." We recommend you try the brie e prosciutto — a blend of mozzarella, triple cream brie cheese, prosciutto, fig jam, caramelized onions, arugula and reduced balsamic. And don't miss the made-from-scratch daily soups and homemade cannoli.



Chuck's Burger Bar

194 Locke Street South

Chuck's serves up some of the best burgers you'll ever taste. "All of our burgers are made from meat from local farms," says owner Chris. "They're handmade, hand ground, fresh to order." If you're looking for a veggie option, you are in for a treat. Not your traditional soy-based burger, the veggie patties are made from roasted turnips, carrots, parsnips, mushrooms, onions, zucchini, garlic, potatoes and vegetable stock.



Papa Leo's

638 Concession Street

Leo's reason for choosing the spot was simple; it's in the neighbourhood he calls home. "I wanted to create that local place that I felt was missing from the area," says Leo. He describes his restaurant as a brunch bistro, with a Portuguese, Costa Rican and West Coast flair. If you love chorizo sausage give Papa's Eggs a try: two poached eggs on fresh avocado with either sweet chorizo sausage, smoked salmon or bacon, pan-fried potatoes and a cilantro cream sauce.

Coffee Fix



Mulberry Coffeehouse

193 James Street North

Located in the existing Hotel Hamilton building, the coffeehouse is bustling from the early hours of the morning to night. The space is inviting; airy with beautiful natural light streaming in, exposed brick walls adorned with the work of local artists, the aroma of fresh baked goods and brewed coffee. You can see the attention to detail and thought that went into designing it. "We wanted to maintain the integrity of the building and respect for its age and character," says Ella Sheppard. "It has a feeling that's all its own."



Parkermanns Fine Tea Co.

47 King Street East

A quaint tea shop in olde Stoney Creek, Parkermanns offers over 100 varieties of loose leaf tea that can be enjoyed hot or cold. From white to black, and peach green tea to Champagne tea from the Niagara region, there's a cup for you. Local honey, seasonal preserves and freshly baked cookies and scones are the perfect complement. Plus tea readings happen Monday and Wednesday afternoons.



Detour Roasters Café

41B King Street East, Dundas

Kaelin and Crystal began Detour as a roastery to serve the growing independent coffee scene in the city. In a short time it has grown into a highly regarded coffee shop with award-winning baristas. Building on the success of their uber-secret once-a-month dinner service, Detour now offers dinner Thursday through Saturday. The basic food philosophy at Detour is to maintain a commitment to quality and sustainability. Changing up the menu weekly, chef Chris Beltrano tells us, "I like to take simple dishes and refine them, elevate them and make something I would enjoy eating."



The Cannon

179 Ottawa Street North

Following an afternoon of antique shopping, The Cannon is the perfect spot to discuss your finds over a latte. Anne and Cindy set out to find what we thought to be the very best of locally roasted coffee. The Cannon serves Detour, RedHill and Speakeasy. The girls' philosophy with food is the same as it is with coffee. Source it local, make it well. The menu currently consists of a daily soup, a featured grilled sandwich, a variety of muffin tops and outstanding cookies made by Cindy.

Johnny's Coffee

129 Locke Street South

Johnny's is the kind of coffee shop at which you can linger for hours without feeling rushed, and we do. You'll find us here late at night with a latte, or early on a Saturday with a magazine, a scone, tea and honey. People come and people go. Some read a chapter of a book. Some day-dream. Some play chess. Some stay and chat leisurely with the baristas. They love what they do and it shows.

Historic Sites



Some local 'Historic Sites' worth a visit:

Dundurn Castle, **610 York Blvd., Hamilton**

Battlefield House Museum, **77 King St. West, Stoney Creek**

HMCS *Haida*, **658 Catharine Street North, Hamilton**

Westfield Heritage Village, **1049 Kirkwall Road, Rockton**

Battlefield House Museum & Park

Cozy and quiet Stoney Creek makes an appearance in the history books. This present-day Hamilton 'burb' was the site of the Battle of Stoney Creek during the War of 1812, and is considered a turning point in the defence of what was then Upper Canada. When 3,000 American forces invaded the area on June 5 1813, 700 British soldiers retaliated the next morning before sunrise. Lasting less than 45 minutes, the bloodshed was great on both sides, but the battle was won by the British when

they eventually captured the two senior American officers. The victory was pivotal in ensuring that Upper Canada's existence would not be threatened further until it expanded to become the Province of Canada in 1841 and, eventually, Canada in 1867. The Battlefield House Museum & Park commemorates the battle's bicentennial with historical demonstrations, including settlers and soldiers, one-of-a-kind merchants and the dramatic re-enactment of the brief battle that changed the course of this nation's history.

hamilton.ca/museums.



Doors Open Hamilton

Get out those walking shoes, plan your visits, then explore Hamilton's amazing architecture with open arms. As part of the Ontario Heritage Trust's provincial-wide initiative, Doors Open Hamilton opens the doors to many of Hamilton's landmark buildings to the public for free! Always the first weekend of May, this annual event celebrates the

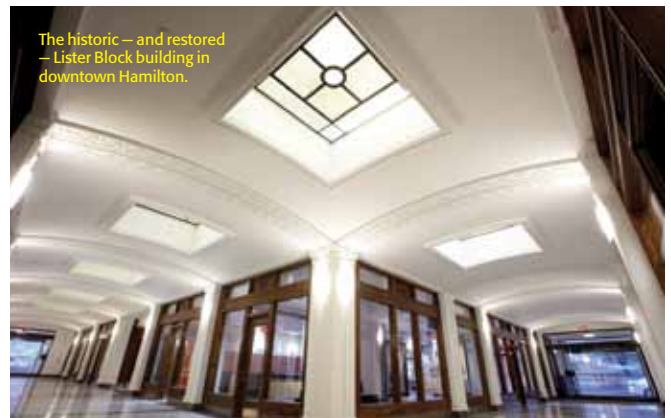
rich architecture, heritage and culture of our city. Doors Open traces its roots to European Heritage Days, or Doors Open Days. The earliest events were held in France (1984), The Netherlands (1987) and Scotland (1990). Today, there are hundreds of Doors Open programs worldwide. Hamilton's began in 2003. Check website for time and locations. Free. doorsopenhamilton.ca.

Places of Worship

When it comes to impressive century-old churches, Hamilton has much to be proud of. With more than 50 churches in the city, these historic buildings are not just places of worship; they are Hamilton's cultural heritage and prominent landmark buildings. Many are located just a stone's throw away from the city's hotspots. Walking along James St. South to the Hamilton GO Centre, you will see the English Gothic style St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and its 180-foot spire – one of the few remaining

in Canada. Located in the heart of downtown at 116 MacNab St. South, the MacNab Presbyterian Church, with its foundation stone laid by Isaac Buchanan, was built from whirlpool limestone by Scottish stonemasons in 1856-1857. The McQuesten family of Whitehern had been known to attend this church. Go west to 262 Middletown Road, Dundas to visit the West Flamboro Presbyterian Church, one of the first stone buildings erected in Christie's Corners. Its congregation, formed in 1832, just celebrated its 180th anniversary.

The historic – and restored – Lister Block building in downtown Hamilton.





In 1874, The Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) began offering horse-drawn public transportation, lasting until 1892.



Sir Allan MacNab completed Dundurn Castle in 1835. Construction took three years to complete.



In 1878, the first telephone exchange in the British Empire was opened in Hamilton by Hugh Cossart Baker.

Our History & Heritage

Hamilton has its modern origins in and around the War of 1812, and luckily many testaments to this rich past are still standing today. A great place to start is Dundurn Castle (610 York Blvd.), the home of Sir Allan Napier MacNab, Premier of the United Canadas from 1854-56. Originally the site of a British Military outpost during the War of 1812, MacNab incorporated elements of the fortified supply depot when he built his home in 1830. Today, the prominent Victorian-era home has been restored to its state in the mid-1800s and is brought to life by costumed guides. Another part of Hamilton's history is Whitehern Historic House

& Garden (41 Jackson St.), an impressive estate that was home to the McQuesten family and retains many of their original possessions, spanning the Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian eras. There is also Battlefield House (77 King St. W.), which was built in 1796 and stood through the Battle of Stoney Creek, where the British won a decisive victory defending Upper Canada from the Americans. Finally, be sure to make the trip to the Westfield Heritage Village (1049 Kirkwall Rd.), a collection of over 30 historical buildings which have been carefully restored and populated with costumed interpreters who provide a glimpse into early Canadian culture.



Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum

Ever wanted to climb into the cockpit of a 15,800 lb jetfighter? Or perhaps you're a history buff who just wants to learn more about Canadian military aircraft? Either way you can get up close and personal with an impressive selection of genuine military aircraft at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. As the premier Canadian aviation museum, it houses 36 vintage and modern military planes. The museum offers guided tours, flight simulators and boasts at least 4,000 books, a few thousand periodicals and artifacts ranging from antique aircraft parts and medals to pilot log books. Did we mention that the museum is



the proud owner of a World War II Allied bomber, the Avro Lancaster; it's one of the last two in the world that is still in flying condition. Keep an eye out for the annual Hamilton Airshow (June 15-16) for magnificent displays of iconic warplanes. Located at the Hamilton International Airport. Open all year round 9am to 5pm. Learn more at warplane.com.

The Hamilton & Scourge National Historic Site

During the War of 1812, Hamilton was home to a decisive English victory which kept the Americans from gaining a foothold in what was then Upper Canada, so it's no surprise that evidence of the war can be found all over the area. One of the more interesting examples are the shipwrecks of the *Hamilton* and the *Scourge*. Merchant schooners, pressed into service and outfitted with heavy artillery, both sank in a sudden squall just after midnight on August 8, 1813. The ships currently sit upright and intact 90 metres (300 feet) beneath the surface of Lake Ontario. The wrecks have been visited by diving expeditions from around the world, including a visit from famous

explorer Jacques Cousteau in 1980. A memorial plaque was erected in Confederation Park to commemorate the ships and the unique glimpse they provide into the military and social life of early 19th-century Canada. On September 21, 2013 a memorial service will be held to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the sinking of the *Hamilton* and the *Scourge*, as well as to honour the 53 sailors who lost their lives. Visit 1812Hamilton.com.



The infamous Evelyn Dick has fascinated Hamiltonians for decades.

HAUNTED HAMILTON

If you love a good ghost story, then the Haunted Hamilton Ghost Walks will be right up your (dark) alley. Started by Stephanie and Daniel Cumerlato, Haunted Hamilton Ghost walks offers creepy excursions in and around the city, including tours of some of our most notorious – and haunted – buildings. Our favourite is their "Hamilton's Dark History Walk," which examines the city's criminal past and visits the sites of cold-blooded mob hits, executions and other examples of murder most foul, including the notorious Evelyn Dick, who is said to have killed her husband. For more information, visit hauntedhamilton.com.



One of the must-see commemorative events of the year is the Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek, June 1-2.



Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek June 1-2, 2013, Battlefield House Museum & Park

The year 2013 marks the 200th anniversary of this pivotal battle. Experience the drama, pageantry and excitement of the Battle of Stoney Creek of June 6, 1813, one of the most important events in Canada's history. Bring the whole family for games, food, demonstrations, musical entertainment, fireworks and the Re-enactment itself. Visit battlefieldhouse.ca for more information.

Canadian International Military Tattoo June 8-9, 2013, Copps Coliseum

Don't miss this inspiring 2-1/2 hour show of stirring music, dancing, pipes and drums and military displays. The Tattoo will feature a commemoration of the Battle of Stoney Creek, and vignettes depicting several historic aspects of the battle. The grand finale will bring together all the performers in a spectacular presentation to honour those soldiers both past and present. For ticket and show information visit canadianmilitarytattoo.ca.

TALL SHIPS® Hamilton June 28-30, 2013, Pier 8

Tall ships travelled the Great Lakes during the War of 1812, and they return again in 2013 as part of the TALL SHIPS® 1812 Tour. The excitement will begin June 28 with the Parade of Sail and Opening Ceremonies. Daily June 29 and 30 visitors can go aboard the ships and sail on selected ships (for a fee), enjoy free on-land activities, music, food and more. Return for July 1 Canada Day celebrations at nearby Bayfront and Pier 4 Parks. Fireworks begin at dusk.

Hamilton & Scourge Memorial September 21, 2013, Dundurn NHS

Join us for a full day of events to celebrate 200 years of peace and remember the 53 American sailors who lost their lives during the sinking of the United States Navy schooners *Hamilton* & *Scourge*, in August of 1813. Experience the debut of *On-the-Water*, a film made during the recent commemoration ceremony over the site of the sunken ships. Enjoy music, children's activities and free admission to Dundurn Castle and the Hamilton Military Museum beginning at 12 pm.

It's Happening HERE!

In addition to these four Signature Events, are over 30 special events commemorating Hamilton's War of 1812 Bicentennial in 2013. For more information about upcoming commemorative activities, visit 1812hamilton.com.

The War of 1812

It happened here, in Hamilton, 200 years ago – events that defined the War of 1812 and the 200 years of peace that followed between the United States and Canada. Experience the urgency of battle, the honour of remembrance, the grandeur of Tall Ships and the forging of peace – all in Hamilton.

The War of 1812 is an important chapter in our history that helped to shape Canada's identity, 200 years ago. In Hamilton, we have a long history of legacy work commemorating the War of 1812.

This year, that work is being brought to the forefront as we are set to feature Hamilton's crucial role in the nation-defining conflict. One of the must-see commemorative events of the year is the Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek, which is the longest continually running War of 1812 re-enactment in North America, featuring more than 600 battlefield re-enactors and merchants.

Also making a return to Hamilton this summer is the Canadian International Military Tattoo's inspiring show of music, and military displays with a special feature honouring the Battle of Stoney Creek.

We are also pleased to welcome exciting summer waterfront entertainment with the arrival of the TALL SHIPS® Hamilton 1812 Tour to Pier 8 as part of the Great Lakes 2013 TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE.

Arriving under a parade of sail on Canada Day long weekend, these magnificent and majestic Tall Ships will excite the imaginations of both young and old.

In September, the City will also recognize the loss of some 53 seamen in the sinking of the *Hamilton* & *Scourge* in August 1813, that today, rest under 300 feet of water in Lake Ontario.

Also, in 1912, the 100-foot-high Battlefield Monument was unveiled to commemorate 100 years of peace between Canada and the United States.

Smith's Knoll Monument is a moving memorial to the fallen four Nations soldiers during the Battle of Stoney Creek.

Our War of 1812 heritage is rich, and the number of commemorative events will help tell many different stories:

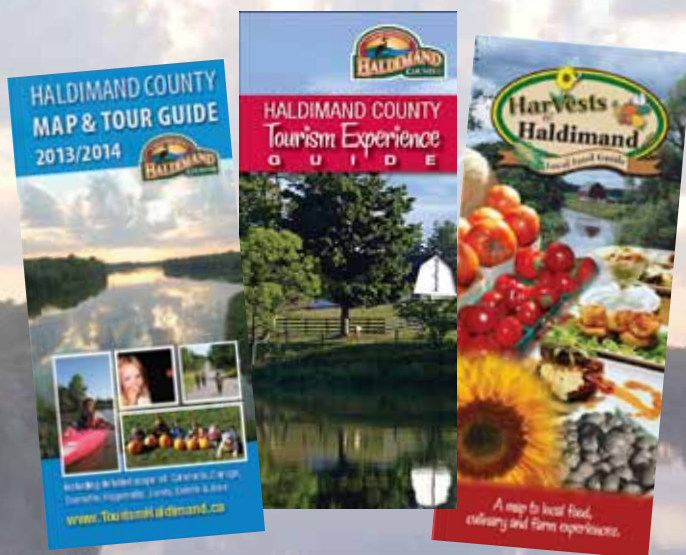
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Those stories are being told here in Hamilton.

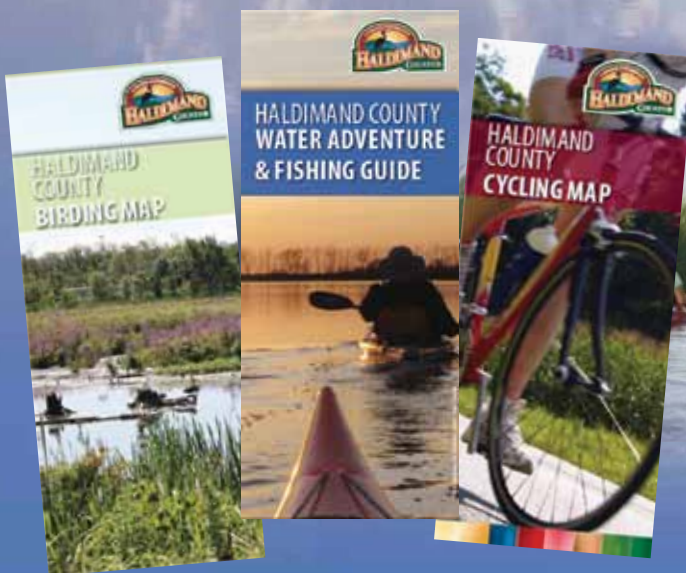
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Battlefield House Museum & Park

77 King St. W., Stoney Creek
905.662.8458 hamilton.ca/museum

If there's any year to visit this historic landmark, 2013 is it — this year marks the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Stoney Creek during the War of 1812. It was on this very spot in June 1813 that the battle took place, and history has been preserved at this Georgian colonial home built in 1796, at the base of the Niagara Escarpment. Battlefield House stands not far from a 1913 monument commemorating a century of peace with the United States. Stroll the 32-acre grounds (which connect to the Bruce Trail) or tour the home. The bicentennial events include a ceremony to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battlefield Monument (May 31) and battle re-enactments (Jun 1, 3:30pm, 8:30pm and Jun 2, 2pm). Admission fee includes a wristband which allows unlimited re-entry to the event on Sat and Sun. Adults \$10, youths \$5, children 5 and under free. Also visit during autumn for the harvest-themed Apple Festival or during the holiday season to experience Christmas as it was in Upper Canada during the 1830s. Open year-round from Tue-Sun 12-4pm. Closed Mondays, Good Friday, Canada Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Regular admission: adults \$6.75, seniors/students \$5.75, children \$4.75, children under 5 free, family rate \$17.00.

Canadian Football Hall of Fame

58 Jackson St. W., Hamilton
905.528.7566 cfhof.ca

Hamilton's rugged football history is richly evident in the Canadian Football Hall of Fame. The museum is divided into three sections: the Heritage Zone, which hosts footage from the 1909 Grey Cup; the Zone of Champions, with an interactive computer exhibit; and the Hands-On Zone, where activities enhance your trip and test your football knowledge. Open Tue-Sat from 9:30am-4:30pm; closed statutory holidays and long weekends. Admission: adults \$7, seniors/students \$3.50, children 5 and under free, family rate \$16 (plus taxes).

Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum

9280 Airport Rd., Mount Hope
905.679.4183 warplane.com

Located at Hamilton International Airport, the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum is a living museum featuring the aircraft used by Canadians or Canada's military from the beginning of World War II up to the present. The Museum's collection includes aircraft that really fly and several that remain on static display and are interactive workshops. The Museum also takes visitors back through history using interactive video displays, movies, photographs and memorabilia. The CWHM is home to over 40 vintage aircraft, including over 25 historic aircraft preserved and maintained in flying condition. Climb into the cockpit of a WWII trainer or Avro CF-100 jet fighter and discover the nuts-and-bolts history of warplanes. Interactive flight combat simulators give you the chance to test your skills. Or consider a CWHM Membership, now with an upgrade option that includes a flight in one of the museum's WWII aircraft — Boeing Stearman, North American Harvard, DC3 Dakota, Beech 18, Chipmunk, Cornell, Tiger Moth, Westland Lysander, Fairey Firefly, PBV Canoe, B25 Mitchell and the legendary Avro Lancaster bomber. Open 9am-5pm daily; closed Dec 25-26 and Jan 1. Admission: \$12.00 adults, \$11.00 seniors 65+, \$11.00 students (13 - 17), \$8.00 child (6 - 12), children 5 and under free. Price now includes H.S.T. Prices subject to change during special events.

Cathedral of Christ the King

714 King St. W., Hamilton
905.522.5744 christthekingcathedral.org

Built in 1933, this stately limestone cathedral is an impressive visual signature. Its Gothic bell tower, patterned after the Cathedral of Notre-Dame's Tour de Beurre, stands 165 feet tall from the cornerstone (which was excavated from the Roman catacombs of St. Pamphilus) to the seven-foot bronze cross that caps the structure. The bells ring and doors open for mass Sat 9am and 5pm, Sun 11am and 4pm and Tues-Fri 8am at the Marian Chapel.

Crooks' Hollow

Crooks' Hollow Rd., Greensville
905.628.3060 conservationhamilton.ca

This settlement bordering Spencer's Creek was established in 1813 by ambitious Scottish industrialist James Crooks. Though the ruins of the settlement are at best a faint outline, it once included a variety of mills (including Ontario's first paper mill), distillery, cooperage, tannery, clothing factory, foundry, general store and inn. The original stone grist mill operated until 1934, when it was razed by fire. The Hamilton Conservation Authority owns and manages several properties in the area, where a self-guiding trail winds past the settlement ruins.

Doors Open Hamilton May 4-5 ('13) May 3-4 ('14)

Various locations, Hamilton
905.540.5086 doorsopenhamilton.ca

As part of a province-wide initiative from the Ontario Heritage Trust, Doors Open Hamilton serves to celebrate, inform and educate citizens and visitors of the architectural, historical and cultural sites in and around Hamilton. The lineup this year will feature over 50 unique spaces across the city. These sites are typically either not open to the public or charge an admission fee. Check website for times. Free.

Dundas Museum & Archives

139 Park St. W., Dundas
905.627.7412 dundasmuseum.ca

Re-opening in late Spring 2013 as a fully accessible facility, come discover the evolution of Dundas from the time of the glaciers' slow carving of the valley to today's vibrant community. Includes the permanent exhibit *Cradled in the Valley: Stories of Dundas*, and a rotating gallery of exhibits. Also visit the Doctor's Office, first built in 1848 and used by Dundas physicians until 1974 when it was moved to its new location next to the museum. Check website for hours. Admission by donation.

Dundurn National Historic Site

610 York Blvd., Hamilton
905.546.2872 hamilton.ca/museum

Once home to the wealthy lawyer, landowner and politician Sir Allan Napier MacNab (1798-1862), this Regency-style 1835 villa has been restored to reflect an upscale 19th century lifestyle, with costumed staff completing the atmosphere. Dundurn Park is also home to the Victorian Kitchen Garden and Hamilton Military Museum (admission is included with Dundurn admission). Open: Jul 1-Labour Day Tue-Sun 11am-4pm; Labour Day-Jun 30 Tue-Sun 12-4pm; closed Good Friday, Dec 25-26 and Jan 1. Admission: adults \$11.25, seniors/students \$9.25, children 6-12 \$5.75, children under 5 free, family rate \$28.

Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum

64 Sulphur Springs Rd., Ancaster
905.648.8144 hamilton.ca/museum

Originally a Tudor-style English cottage built in 1948 on seven acres of Ancaster farmland, Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum showcases the cultural heritage of Ancaster. Enjoy a wide variety of music at the Music at Fieldcote concert series (Sundays, 7-8:30pm), featuring performers such as Treasa Levasseur with Ken Whitely (Jul 7); Weston Silver Band featuring Heather Bambrick (Jul 14); Barbra Lica (Jul 21); *Our Love Is Here To Stay: A Gershwin Celebration* (Jul 28); Nathan Rogers (Aug 4); Jack de Keyser (Aug 11); Fullset (Aug 18) and Compadres featuring James Keelaghan and Oscar Lopez (Aug 25). (Performers subject to change.) Musical performances cancelled in event of inclement weather. Open Tue-Sat 1-5pm or by appointment; gardens and walking trails always open. Admission: adults \$3.50, seniors/students \$3, children 6-12 \$2.50, children under 5 free (when accompanied by an adult), family rate \$9.

Giant's Rib Discovery Centre

650 Governors Rd., Dundas
giant'srib.ca

This not-for-profit organization was created to tell the story of the Niagara Escarpment and to promote uses that will ensure retention of its natural state for future generations. Public educational lectures and tours are offered to interpret the Niagara Escarpment through



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Griffin House National Historic Site

733 Mineral Springs Road, Ancaster
905.546.2424 ext 7220 hamilton.ca/museum
Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum offers tours of Griffin House, once the home of Enerals Griffin, his wife Priscilla and their children. Born into slavery in Virginia, Griffin escaped to Canada in 1828-29 via the Underground Railroad. Their four-room house, located just west of the Hermitage ruins, has been restored to the pre-1850 period as a testament to the courage of those who made the journey to freedom. Designated a National Historic Site in 2008, Griffin House is open July to September on Sundays from 1-4pm. Donations gladly accepted.

Hamilton & Scourge Memorial

610 York Blvd., Hamilton
905.546.2872 1812Hamilton.com

On September 21, 2013 a full day of free events to remember the plight of those lost and to honour the fascinating relics takes place at Dundurn National Historic Site, with music, children's activities, military drills and dress-up. Additional performances will include: Hamilton Aerial Group with an artistic impression of the sinking of *Hamilton & Scourge*; choral music by the Bach Elgar Choir; giant puppet characters; puppet shows in the Cockpit theatre by Studio Babette; marching and dress-up with the naval and military re-enactors; a hands-on discovery gallery, as well as fun and fanciful food from local Hamilton food trucks. The day also features the debut of *On-the-Water*, a film made during the recent commemoration ceremony over the site of the sunken ships. Free admission to Dundurn Castle and the Hamilton Military Museum is available between 12pm and 4pm for the event.

Hamilton Cemetery

777 York Blvd., Hamilton
905.546.4704

This popular and offbeat Historical Perceptions cemetery tours provide an opportunity to learn about many historically significant Hamiltonians. Through the tour you'll learn about Robert Land (Hamilton's first settler), Isabella Whyte (believed by some to be the half-sister of Britain's Queen Victoria), Adelaide Hoodless (a founder of The Women's Institute), U.S. Army officer William Winer Cooke (who died alongside Custer at Little Bighorn) and over 30 of the city's past mayors. Filled with Victorian gravestone art, the Hamilton Cemetery is also the location of fortification ruins dating back to the War of 1812. Cemetery is open year-round; closed from dusk to dawn. Presented by local historian Robin McKee, Historical Perceptions tours begin at 11am starting at the Gatehouse across from Dundurn Castle and run about two hours, rain or shine. Scheduled tours this season include Past Mayors Tour (Jul 6), Masonic Tour (Aug 17, Oct 19), Civil War Tour (Jul 27, Aug 3, Oct 26), Firefighters Tour (Aug 31), War of 1812 Tour (frequently; check website), Disasters Tour (Jun 22, Jul 20, Sep 7), Hamilton 1st Tour (Sep 21-22) and Power of the City Tour (Sep 28). Call 905.544.9559 or visit hamiltonhistory.ca for more info.

Hamilton Children's Museum

1072 Main St. E. (Gage Park), Hamilton
905.546.4848 hamilton.ca/museum
Children are invited to get hands-on with the various exhibits at the Children's Museum, a kid-friendly destination that's been a popular interactive wonderland for kids of all ages for over a quarter-century. Exhibits change regularly and special events happen almost weekly, so call ahead for a schedule. Open Apr-Sep Tue-Sat 9:30am-3:30pm; Oct-Mar Wed-Sat 9:30am-3:30pm, Sun 11am-4pm; closed Mondays/stat holidays. Admission: children 1-13 \$3.75, 13 and up \$1.75, family \$8.25.

The Hamilton Military Museum

610 York Blvd., Hamilton
905.546.2872 hamilton.ca/museum
The 2012-2015 bicentennial of the War of 1812 will mark the 200th anniversary of significant military activity in Hamilton, and thus the city will mark the

War of 1812 bicentennial with commemorative events and activities. Visit website often for event information. Also revisit World War II through a variety of memorabilia including weapons, uniforms, medals and artifacts associated with the army, navy and air force. Open Jul 1-Labour Day Tue-Sun 11am-4pm, Labour Day-Jun 30 Tue-Sun 12am-4pm; closed Good Friday, Dec 25-26 and Jan 1. Admission is included with a full-price ticket to Dundurn Castle: adults \$3.75, seniors/students \$3.25, children 6-12 \$2.75, children under 5 free, family rate \$8.75.

Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology

900 Woodward Ave., Hamilton
905.546.4797 hamilton.ca/museum
Relive the Industrial Revolution as you tour Hamilton's original public works site, North America's only surviving waterworks from the mid-19th century. Two 45-foot, 70-ton steam engines which pumped the first clean water to the city over 140 years ago still occupy the property, paying tribute to the magnificent engineering of the era (one engine operates as a demonstration every day). These Canadian-made engines are the oldest surviving examples in the nation. The Waterworks Pumping Station is a National Historic Site as well as a Civil and Power Engineering Landmark. The museum offers various permanent and changing exhibits. They also feature a wide range of special events that are fun for the whole family. Open year-round Tue-Sun 12-4pm; closed Dec 25-26 and Jan 1, and some other holidays (call to confirm). Admission: adults \$6.75, seniors/students \$5.75, children 6-12 \$4.75, children 5 and under free, family rate \$17.

Hermitage Ruins and Gatehouse

Sulphur Springs Rd. at Mineral Springs, Ancaster
905.648.4427
For decades, this 100-hectare estate was home to the family of George Gordon Browne Leith (son of a Scottish baronet) and their servants. The Hermitage burned almost completely in October 1934, but Leith's daughter built a small home inside the ruins where she lived until her death in 1942. The Gatehouse was built around this time and it now serves as a museum, paying tribute to the family and their magnificent estate, the ruins of which have garnered attention from both historians and paranormal buffs. The Hermitage ruins have been stabilized by the Hamilton Conservation Authority and are interpreted to the public at the gatehouse museum which displays artifacts and a model of the mansion from the 1865 era. Group tours of The Gatehouse and Hermitage Ruins run by appointment. Call for admission rates.

HMCS *Haida*

Pier 9, 658 Catharine St. N., Hamilton
905.526.6742 pc.gc.ca/haida
A National Historic Site of Canada, the HMCS *Haida* is a prime example of the Tribal Class destroyers built for the Royal Canadian Navy, the Royal Navy and the Royal Australian Navy in the World War II period. Commissioned into the Royal Canadian Navy in 1943, the *Haida* served in many theatres of operation through WWII and, after a post-war refit, through Korean War and Cold War situations until she was decommissioned in 1963. History comes alive as visitors experience how sailors lived, worked and fought aboard Canada's most famous warship. Visitors are invited to explore all 377 feet of this heroic ship (including mess decks, guns, Captain's cabin and bridge) on a self-guided tour. Open daily Jul 1-Sep 3, 10am-5pm (Thu 10am-7pm); Sep 6-Oct 7 Thu-Sun 10am-5pm; May 21-Jun 30 Thu-Mon 10am-5pm. Admission: adults \$3.90, seniors \$3.40, youth \$1.90, family or group \$9.80. Facilities also available to rent; call for information and prices.

McMaster's W. J. McCallion Planetarium

Burke Science Building, McMaster University
1280 Main St. W., Hamilton
905.525.9140 ext 27777
physics.mcmaster.ca/planetarium
This was Ontario's first planetarium to offer shows to the public. The first projector was purchased in 1949, replaced in 1992 and again recently when it underwent a major renovation that included new equipment, theatre-style seating and the latest in digital technology.



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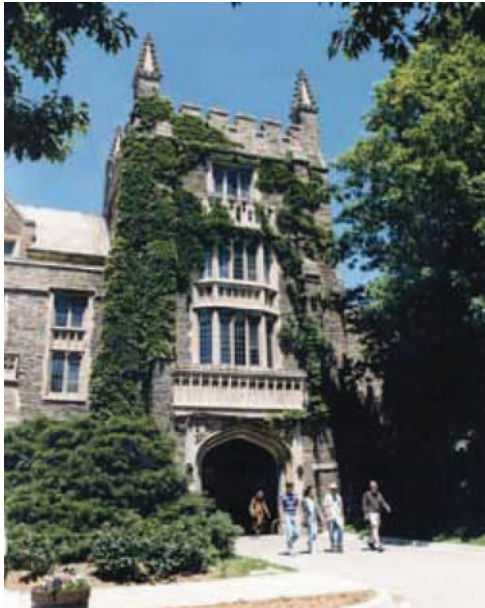
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In the early days, a war-surplus parachute was suspended from the ceiling and used as the planetarium dome; things are much more sophisticated these days. Public shows consist of two halves: a general introduction to the night sky, including famous constellations and apparent motions of the celestial objects, followed by an in-depth slide show on the particular theme of the public show. Shows are usually one hour in length and limited to 35 attendees. Shows held in the evenings; call or visit website to check show schedule and times. Admission: \$5/person, paid at door (reservations are mandatory).

TALL SHIPS® Hamilton

Pier 8, 47 Discovery Dr., Hamilton
905.546.2424 x 5771 1812hamilton.com
The excitement will begin June 28 with the Parade of Sail, 2pm to 4pm and Opening Ceremonies. Daily June 29 and 30 visitors can go aboard the ships and sail on selected ships (for a fee). Be transported back to 1813 and explore naval history and the traditions and trades of the time. Kids, teens, and adults alike will enjoy a wide variety of free and unique activities such as historical boat building, nautical printmaking, a Bicentennial themed quilt exhibition, a curated craft show, and artist-painted tattoos. Featuring several interactive theatre experiences and live historical music performances, festival goers will feel that they have stumbled through a time warp to an 1813 wharf! Sea shanties will give way to modern rock, indie and soul acts on the Waterfront Stage each evening and spectacular Canada Day Fireworks at nearby Bayfront & Pier 4 Parks, July 1st at dusk. Ship Deck Tours are \$10, Children under 5 free. Harbour Tours on board Liana's Ransom are \$30, Children under 5 free (tours are for the day of purchase).

Westfield Heritage Village

1049 Kirkwall Rd., Rockton
519.621.8851 westfieldheritage.ca
Drop in on rural life during the 18th and 19th centuries as living history demonstrations are enacted in more than 30 historical buildings located on 130 hectares of meadows and woodlands. Open Sundays and holidays from April to October, 12:30-4pm. Special events run from March to December with varying hours. Admission: adults \$8.50, seniors/disabled \$7.50, children 6-12 \$5.50, children under 6 free. Premium rates apply for our special event schedule; call or visit website to confirm event details.

Whitehern Historic Home & Garden

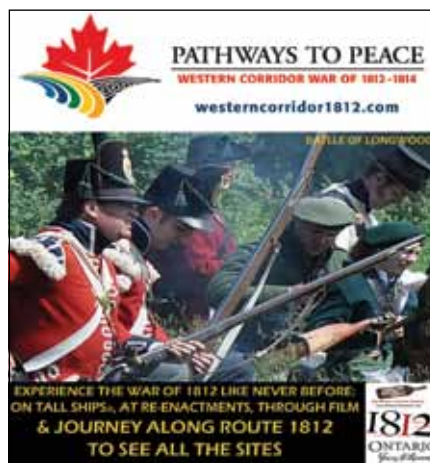
41 Jackson St. W., Hamilton
905.546.2018 hamilton.ca/museum
Built in 1852 and bordered by high stone walls, Whitehern and its terraced gardens capture how a Hamilton industrialist lived during the 1930s. The wealthy McQuesten family called Whitehern home until 1968, when the last member died and the estate was willed to the city. The grounds are now a museum showcasing the lifestyle of the family across generations and are a tapestry of various time periods – Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian – juxtaposed with family possessions dating to 1939. On summer Wednesdays, 12-2pm, bring your lunch and enjoy the garden and all-you-can-drink lemonade while listening to live music. In December, experience Christmas as the McQuestens would have, from the Victorian era to the Jazz Age. Open year-round Tue-Sun 12-4pm. Closed Good Friday, Dec 25-26, Jan 1. Admission: adults \$6.75, students/seniors \$5.75, children \$4.75, children under 5 free, family rate \$17.

Workers Arts and Heritage Centre

51 Stuart St., Hamilton
905.522.3003 wahc-museum.ca
An interpretive centre for workers' history and culture, the Workers Arts and Heritage Centre is located in what was once the city's Custom House, handling trade from the Port of Hamilton and the new Great Railway line. Building began in 1858 by teams of highly skilled stonemasons, carpenters and other craftworkers. The handsome Italianate structure was inspired by the Renaissance palaces of Rome and Florence. The building itself has a varied and interesting history, and the WAHC celebrates Canada's working people and their history. Open Wed-Fri 12-4pm, Sat 10am-4pm. Admission by donation.



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Festivals



Noteworthy local 'festivals & fairs'

Festival of Friends (Aug 9-11) creativearts.on.ca @FestofFriends

Winona Peach Festival (Aug 23-25) winonapeach.com @WinonaPeachFest

Supercrawl (Sept 13-14) supercrawl.ca @supercrawl

Telling Tales Festival (Sept 15) tellingtales.org @TellingTalesFFS

TALL SHIPS® Hamilton

What's that on the shores of Hamilton's Pier 8? No, not a mirage — TALL SHIPS® Hamilton is welcoming six tall ships June 28th to 30th. Pier 8 will host *US Brig Niagara*, *Sorlandet*, *The Peacemaker*, *Fair Jeanne*, *St. Lawrence II* and *Liana's Ransom*. These beauties pull into port as part of the War of 1812 bicentennial commemorations on the first afternoon of the three-day event. TALL SHIPS® Hamilton will also feature free programming that will leave event goers feeling that they have been transported to an 1813 wharf. Sea

shanties will give way to modern rock, indie and soul acts on the Waterfront Stage Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening. Not satisfied with just standing on the sidelines and watching the sails flap in the wind? All aboard! Purchase a ticket, tour the ships and sail the waters for an experience of a lifetime. Deck Tour tickets are \$10 per person, per day. A boarding pass provides visitors tours of all tall ships guided by the visiting crews. The tall ship *Liana's Ransom* and the *Hamilton Harbour Queen* will operate harbour tours each day. 1812Hamilton.com.



Canadian International Military Tattoo

Honour. Commemoration. Pageantry. Those powerful words are especially fitting when describing the 22nd Annual Canadian International Military Tattoo, this year part of the City of Hamilton's bicentennial of the War of 1812. The event, held at Copps Coliseum in downtown Hamilton, is an evening of distinction with music, marching and all the merriment that can be mustered while holding a musket. "It Happened Here, It's Happening Here" is this year's

theme, with special emphasis on the Battle of Stoney Creek. Almost three hours of inspiration, including rousing music, dancing, pipes, drums and impressive military displays await spectators on June 8th and 9th, and guest act The Corps of Drums of the Royal Anglian Regiment — coming from Great Britain for the spectacle — promises to thrill. Whether you're a history enthusiast, a war buff or someone who loves grand displays of inspiration and stirring artistry, be sure to catch this signature event. Learn more at canadianmilitarytattoo.ca.

SUPERCRAWL

Conceived by a group of downtown community leaders and artists and held annually in September, Supercrawl was originally intended as an extension of the monthly James Street North Artcrawl but has evolved into a showcase for the hardworking artists and musicians who call Hamilton home. Set amongst the

backdrop of one of Hamilton's oldest and most culturally diverse neighbourhoods, Supercrawl draws massive crowds — last year's event attracted more than 80,000 art and music loving punters — from all over Southern Ontario and has become a glowing affirmation of the spirit and strength that has permeated the core of this city. Learn more at supercrawl.ca.



Local lads Young Rival played at last year's Supercrawl.



In 1929, local lad George Dawson founded Stoney Creek Dairy from a small garage at the rear of his house on King Street.



The Rockton World's Fair started way back in 1852 when the inaugural Beverly Agricultural Society Fair was held in October 1852.



Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) were built during the Great Depression as a make-work project under Hamiltonian T.B. McQuesten.

FAMILY FUN

Ah, Summertime...if there isn't a plenitude of outdoor celebrations happening around you, then you're certainly not in the Hamilton area! Long-time festival favourite — now in its 46th year — the Winona Peach Festival always promises to be a sweet weekend, with quirky arts and crafts, good eats, a vintage car show, a midway and musical performances galore. Oh, and did we mention the peaches? Speaking of music, Christie Lake's Greenbelt Harvest Picnic hosts big names for its one-day toe-tapping extravaganza (Feist was the fest's big draw in 2012). Miss the traditional art of storytell-

ing? Rockton's Telling Tales: A Family Festival of Stories will get your imagination soaring. Leave technology behind on this Sunday fun day and let your love for literature take you away. And if you've never been to It's Your Festival, this Canada Day weekend is bound to be your best one yet. The country's oldest and largest Canada Day festival, this annual event boasts a stellar musical lineup, unbeatable food, a youth talent search where your little stars can shine, a midway, pony rides, Canada's biggest birthday cake and so much more. Make no mistake — your Summer will be humming with Hamilton's festive fairs and fiestas!



Music Festivals

If you love music, take advantage of the many festivals that take place annually across the city. A great place to start is the It's Your Festival, itsyourfestival.ca, held in Gage Park every July long weekend. Fun for the whole family, this festival boasts a children's stage and midway, as well as some great music for Mum and Dad. For music lovers, there is the Festival of Friends, creativearts.on.ca, which has seen a host of local talent share the stage with global headliners. Held at the Ancaster Fair Grounds in August, this festival also has hundreds of vendors and artisans to explore between acts. And if art is your thing, don't miss Supercrawl, supercrawl.ca.

Located on James St. N. in the heart of downtown, Supercrawl boasts its share of music, but its main focus is on the vibrant community of artists that call Hamilton home. Speaking of local (music) artists, the Hamilton Music Awards, hamiltonmusicawards.com, an annual festival and conference held in November, bring together the best of Hamilton music for a raucous — and rolling — four-day event that celebrates the best of the city's scene. And finally, September also has the Locke St. Festival, lockstreetfestival.com. This one-day event packs Locke Street with local vendors and artisans, as well as showcasing the shops and pubs that are nestled in this beautiful neighborhood.



AGH World Film Festival

Since its inception in 2009, The Art Gallery of Hamilton's World Film Festival has become an important event in Hamilton's

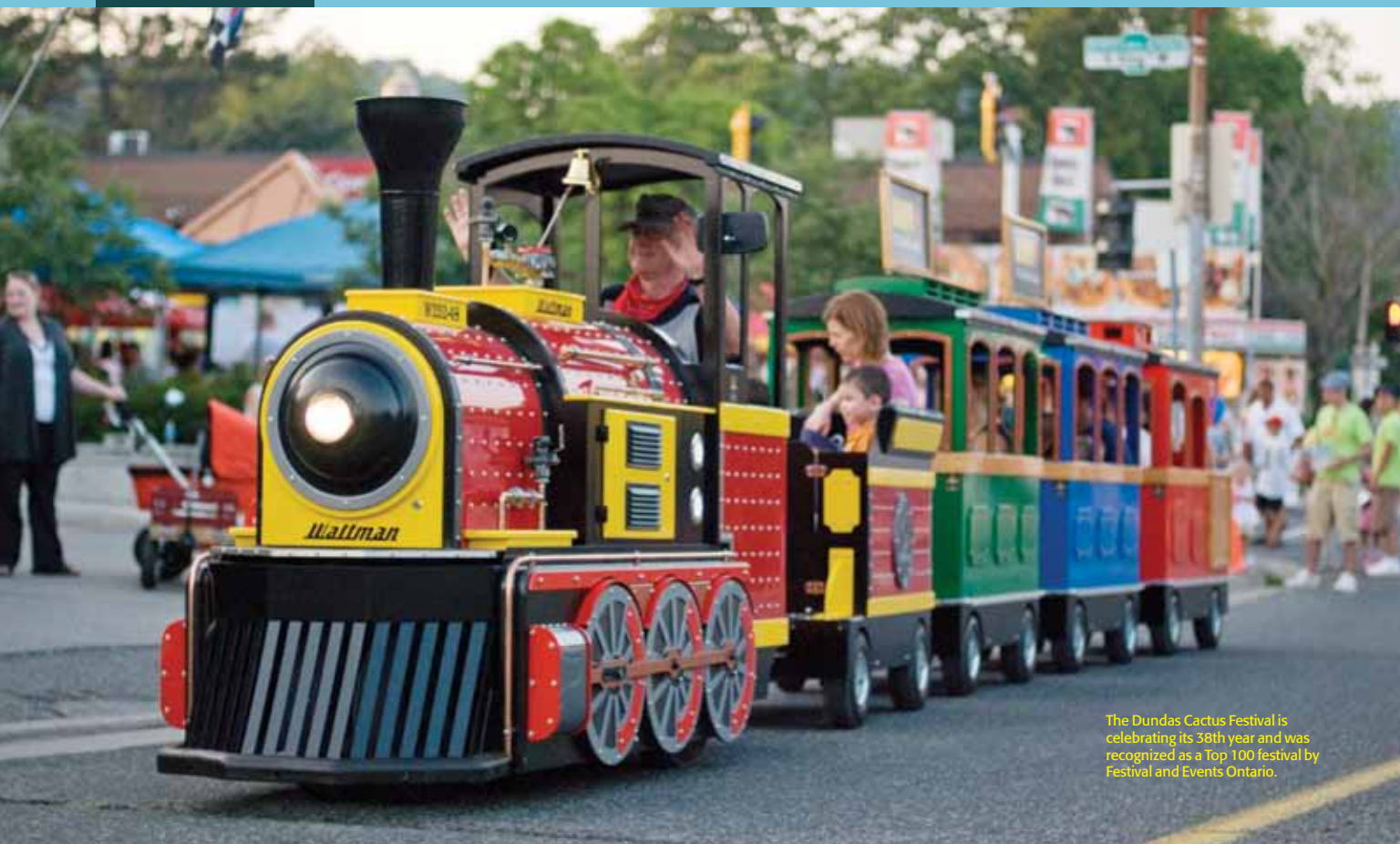
developing film community. For those just interested in a great flick, the festival screens award-winning international, independent and Canadian films in multiple venues across the city. But if you're a diehard cinephile looking for a more involved experience, the festival features talks with many of the directors, producers and actors involved in the pictures being showcased. Or if local is your thing, the festival closes with the Cinema Hamilton Incite Awards, a celebration of Hamilton's independent film scene that strives to reward and encourage local filmmakers through a showcase of the best submissions from the festivals that take place annually here in Hamilton. For more information, visit aghfilmfest.com.



Tammy Hext's rich and textured work celebrate the medium of oil paint. tammyhext.com

FLOWER POWER

Hamilton has some gorgeous green spaces, and there's no better way to show them off than the various flower shows and festivals springing up throughout the year. Every year, Gage Park's greenhouses bloom with the Fall Garden & Mum show featuring vibrant displays of gorgeous stems — more than 75,000 of them, in fact. Take in the Spring Tide Bulb Show, also at the park's greenhouses, where expert horticulturists display glorious shoots and bulbs. Visit hamiltoninbloom.com for more info. Royal Botanical Gardens, rbg.ca, brings the beauty with their Tulip Celebration, which offers their gorgeous azalea display, entertainment and lunch at the Rock Garden Tea House.



The Dundas Cactus Festival is celebrating its 38th year and was recognized as a Top 100 festival by Festival and Events Ontario.

Festivals

Tulip Celebration Weekends in May

Royal Botanical Gardens, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington 905.527.1158 rbg.ca

Make a visit to RBG part of your celebration of spring — see the colourful tulip display, the gorgeous azalea collection, and catch the fresh green tips of new growth on the evergreens. Visit the Rock Garden Tea House for lunch each weekend.

Golden Horseshoe Live Steamer Days May 4-5

Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology, 900 Woodward Ave., Hamilton 905.546.4797 hamilton.ca/museum

Catch a ride on miniature coal-burning steam-powered trains and witness the social and mechanical life of Canada's early industrial revolution. Housed in a 150-year-old Waterworks, this National Historic Site preserves two 70-ton steam engines, perhaps the oldest surviving Canadian-built engines. The historic Hamilton Waterworks is a Civil and Power Engineering Landmark. 11am - 4pm. Free event and museum admission. Additional Live Steamers Days monthly from May to September, check website for dates and details.

Smith's Knoll Memorial Parade and Service May 31

Battlefield House Museum & Park, 77 King St. W., Stoney Creek 905.662.8458 hamilton.ca/museums
The Smith's Knoll Memorial Parade and Service will commemorate those who fought in the Battle of Stoney Creek, and will include a rededication of Battlefield Cemetery at Smith's Knoll. (7pm to 9pm) Visit website for details.

Concession Street Fest Jun 1

Concession Street Shopping District, Hamilton concessionstreet.net

Dubbed Hamilton Mountain's largest one-day event, this alcohol-free fest offers family fun, entertainment and general fun in the sun. Traffic shuts down on this otherwise busy artery of Hamilton for street sales, patio food service and lots of activities for the kids, like face painting, a petting zoo and an inflatable bouncer - all free. 11am-6pm.

Hamilton Blues & Roots Jun 1

Westdale Village, King St. W., Hamilton westdalevillage.ca

Never been to the historic and beautiful Westdale

neighbourhood in Hamilton? The Westdale Village BIA is giving you the perfect opportunity with their community-wide event. Live music, food and drink abound on this cozy strip. Feel part of an era gone by with the Westdale Theatre, the city's only remaining one-screen movie house, as the backdrop for the day's festivities. Check website for more information and events.

Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek June 1-2

Battlefield House Museum & Park, 77 King St. W., Stoney Creek 905.662.8458 hamilton.ca/museums
Two hundred years of peace in what used to be Upper Canada is the theme for this annual re-enactment of a pivotal siege in the War of 1812. Discover Canadian heritage and bring the whole family and re-live first-hand the thrill and pageantry of the June 6, 1813 battle. Visit the encampment and mingle with early 19th century settlers and soldiers as they go about their daily life. Shop among one-of-a-kind merchants. Witness historical demonstrations of cooking, dancing, blacksmithing and more. Food, games, musical entertainment. Wander through the original 200-year-old Gage homestead. Step back in time and listen to the Indian war hero Tecumseh as he recounts his life. The bicentennial events include History in Action Day (May 30), a ceremony to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battlefield Monument (May 31, 1pm) and battle re-enactments (Jun 1, 3:30, 8:30pm and Jun 2, 2pm). Admission fee includes a wristband which allows unlimited re-entry to the event on Sat and Sun. Adults \$10, youths \$5, children 5 and under free.

Gore Park Summer Promenade Jun 5-Aug 30

Gore Park, King and James Sts., Hamilton 905.523.1646 downtownhamilton.org
Experience the outdoor promenade in the heart of historic Gore Park in Hamilton's bustling downtown core, with artisan and craft vendors, music, antiques and collectibles, food vendors and trucks. Wed-Fri 11am-5:30 pm. Free admission.

Dundas International Buskerfest June 7-9

Various locations, downtown Dundas downtowndundas.ca

Jugglers, comedians, stilt-walkers, puppeteers and other street performers from around the globe converge on downtown Dundas for this high-spirited festival. The weekend also includes arts and crafts, live music, a children's area and more. Free.

Ancaster Heritage Days June 8-9

Various locations, Ancaster ancasterheritagedays.com

A community event dating back to 1979, Heritage Days features special tours and exhibits, plus musical entertainment and arts and crafts presentations, all celebrating Ancaster's Upper Canada heritage. The weekend starts with a parade and culminates in a festive fireworks display. Free admission.

Canadian International Military Tattoo Jun 8-9

Copps Coliseum, 101 York Blvd., Hamilton 905.523.1753 canadianmilitarytattoo.ca

This year, the military spectacular guarantees a special experience (or two, if just one show leaves you wanting more) with performance, pageantry and panache, commemorating the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and, specifically, the Battle of Stoney Creek. Come revel in this exuberant display of musical performances, dancing and military displays, where audiences of all ages will experience an evocative evening never to be forgotten. Special guests The Corps of Drums of the Royal Anglian Regiment will be coming from Great Britain for the spectacle. The tributes begin on Sat at 7:30pm and Sun at 2:30pm. Ticket information is on the website or via Ticketmaster. Family passes also available.

Hamilton Pride Festival Mid-June

Various locations, Hamilton thewellhamilton.ca

2012 saw a rejuvenation of this annual event, for the first time organized by the LGBTQ Wellness Community Wellness Centre of Hamilton. A week-long series of events celebrating the diversity, history and achievements of the city's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered communities. Join in for a rally at the beginning of the week's festivities and cap it off at the bayfront with merchants, musical performances, DJs and a beer garden.

A wide-angle photograph of a massive crowd of people at an outdoor festival at night. The crowd is densely packed, filling the frame from the foreground to the background. Many people are looking towards the camera or slightly to the side. In the foreground, a metal crowd control barrier runs across the frame. On the right side, a person is holding a white sign that reads "WE ♥ DALLAS" in black and green lettering. The lighting is bright, likely from stage lights, creating a high-contrast scene. The overall atmosphere is one of a large-scale, energetic event.

Inspired by the Indian Holi Festival of Colours and the Full Moon parties of Thailand, the event begins early afternoon and runs until 11pm, and every hour participants congregate to throw non-toxic paints and powders into the sky, exploding in an expression of love and acceptance. In between, enjoy live music, buskers, art installations and a huge open area in which to meet other lovers of life. All food donations will support Food For Kids. Visit www.foodforkids.org.uk for info on this fun fest.



Festivals

Winona Peach Festival Aug 23-25

Winona Park, Barton St. E. at Fifty Rd., Winona
905.643.2084 winonapeach.com

Now in its 46th year, The Peach Festival attracts well over 100,000 people in just three days. Countless mouthwatering peach confections as well as over 130 arts and craft exhibits, a midway, musical performances and much more. Fri 5-11pm, Sat 10am-11pm, Sun 10am-6pm. Free admission.

Festitalia September

Hamilton, various locations
festitalia.ca

Festitalia celebrations have been a Hamilton tradition for more than 30 years, celebrating the best of Italian culture, tradition and food. Various events are held, including an early start to the festival this year with the Festitalia Italian Heritage Awards Dinner (Jun 6); all other events in Sep. Prices and hours vary.

Greenbelt Harvest Picnic September

Christie Lake, Hwy 5 west of Hwy 6, Flamborough
905.383.4005 harvestpicnic.ca

This new family event celebrating the city's greenbelt heritage has featured the likes of Feist, Emmylou Harris, Daniel Lanois, Gord Downie and The Sadies, Sarah Harmer, Brady L. Blade Sr. and the Hallelujah Train, Brian Blade, Mix Master Mike and Jesse Cooke. Not to mention an impressive selection of visual artists, food/craft vendors and horticultural workshops. Check website to see who's on the bill for this year! Dates, times and admission rates also available online.

Christie Classic Antique Show Sept 7

Christie Lake Conservation Area
Hwy 5 west of Hwy 6, Flamborough
905.525.2181 ext 142 conservationhamilton.ca/
christie-antique-show

Regarded by some collectors as Canada's favourite antique show, over 10 acres of show space is filled with more than 300 booths highlighting antiques and rare treasures you can take home for the right price. Free delivery to your car; shuttle service to and from parking lots. ATM is available on-site. 8am-5pm, rain or shine. \$10 per person. No pets.

Locke Street Festival Sept 7

Locke St. between Aberdeen and Main, Hamilton
lockestreetfestival.com

Come experience the best that trendy Locke Street has to offer at this one-stop street fest. Presented by the Locke Street Merchants Association, visit vendor stalls, take in live entertainment, enjoy awesome food and so much more for a fun-filled family day out — and one of the last of the summer. The fun begins at 10am and goes all day, and into the night!

Supercrawl 2013 Sept 13-14

James St. N., Hamilton supercrawl.ca

Supercrawl is a blockbuster two days of creative culture in the heart of the city. This is the fifth annual installment of this crowd-pleasing celebration of art and culture. Art installations, craft vendors, street painters, multicultural dance, theatre and comedy acts will also be featured, plus after-parties that will keep the beat going long after the streets have emptied. Check our website for the stellar list of scheduled performers, as well as times.

Pagan Pride Day Sept 15

Gage Park, Main St. E. at Gage, Hamilton
ppdhamilton.org

Celebrate the autumnal equinox at this annual event, which promotes tolerance and diversity. Enjoy hundreds of vendors, speakers and workshops. Free admission. Visit website for more details.

Telling Tales: A Family Festival of Stories Sept 15

Westfield Heritage Village, 1049 Kirkwall Rd., Rockton
tellingtales.org

Step into a world of storytellers, children's authors, illustrators and musicians at this family festival held in support of literacy projects in Hamilton; in just three years it has raised \$50,000 for local literacy projects. Over 20 performers generally entertain and delight; check website for finalized lineup. 10am-4pm, gates open at 9:30. Free.

Ancaster Fall Fair Sept 19-22

Ancaster Fairgrounds, 630 Trinity Rd., RR1, Ancaster
905.648.6198 ancasterfair.ca

Now in its 163rd year, the Ancaster Fall Fair is a cherished annual tradition in the region's fall fair lineup. Exhibits, livestock demonstrations, farm animals and agricultural education displays as well as a midway, live entertainment, harness racing and an always popular (and spectacularly dusty) demolition derby add up to an entertaining time. Check website for times and fees. Weekend passes also available.

AGH BMO World Film Festival Sept 20-29

Art Gallery of Hamilton, 123 King St. W., Hamilton
905.527.6610 ext 232 aghfilmfest.com

The Art Gallery of Hamilton's annual multi-day, multi-venue international film event, the AGH BMO World Film Festival pledges to showcase the very best in innovative international and Canadian cinema. The Festival provides the movie-loving public access to some of the most critically acclaimed films, filmmakers and emerging talent. Additional festival events embrace creativity and multimedia, off-screen. Single tickets \$10, festival passes \$250.

Downtown Localicious Experience Sept 20-Oct 6

Various venues, Hamilton

905.523.1646 downtownlocalicious.org

From local fields to our chefs' tables, Localicious supports the local food movement with prix-fixe menus in many downtown restaurants for a three-week culinary festival. The Official Localicious Launch Party will be held Sep 17 (check website for venue), where Localicious restaurants will be on hand to give you a taste of what is to come during the festival and local wineries, breweries and local entertainment will showcase the region's best. Call or check website for ticket prices and to find out who is in the "Delicious Dozen" this year!

Apple Festival Sept 28

Battlefield House Museum, 77 King St. W., Stoney Creek
905.662.8458 hamilton.ca/museum

Games, wagon rides, pumpkin decorating, live entertainment and more are all part of this Battlefield Park harvest festival. Tour the museum to revisit history and enjoy tasty, fresh-baked apple treats too. 9am-4:30pm. Free admission for outdoor event; regular admission rates apply for museum.

Hamilton Halton Fall Wedding Show Late Sep

Careport Centre, 270 Longwood Rd. S., Hamilton
bridalshowtoday.com

Let the Hamilton Halton Wedding Show help make all your choices easier with more than 100 top bridal professionals gathered, plus daily fashion shows and the chance to win door prizes. Check website for admission times and rates.

Rockton World's Fair Oct 11-14

Rockton Fairgrounds, 812 Old Hwy 8, Rockton
519.647.2502 rocktonworldsfair.com

The Rockton World's Fair brings the world to Rockton for the 161st year. Located just 20 minutes outside Hamilton on Hwy 8. Enjoy over 1,200 exhibitors, a midway and a livestock demonstrations and three



One of the highlights of the Winona Peach Festival are the peaches and ice cream. Go on, treat yourself!



There's no shortage of family-friendly events in and around Hamilton.

championship rounds of Demo derby. Check website for times and admission rates. Parking not included. Cash, debit and credit cards all accepted at the gates.

Psychic Show Oct 25-27

Convention Centre, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton
psychicexpos.com

Experience the powers of the paranormal and gain a glimpse into yourself (and perhaps the future) through demonstrations, readings and more. Admission price covers the entire weekend. Visit website for prices and times.

Hamilton Fall Garden & Mum Show Oct 25-Nov 3

Gage Park, Main St. E. at Gage, Hamilton
905.546.2424 hamiltoninbloom.com

The popular Chrysanthemum Show is an amazing floral display created by some of Hamilton's finest horticulture staff. The display is a breathtaking feature of over 200 varieties of Chrysanthemums, and more than 75,000 blooms! Over 20,000 square feet of display space houses the show. 10am-8pm daily. Adults 13-54 \$6.25, adults 55+ \$5.25, children 5-12 \$5.25, children 5 and under free. Wheelchair accessible. Free parking.

Potters' Guild of Hamilton Fall Sale November

Dundas Lions Memorial Community Centre
10 Market St. S., Dundas hamiltonpotters.ca

Established in 1971 by 32 enthusiastic potters, Guild membership has grown to over 300. This annual sale is a great place to enjoy the work of some of the area's finest potters: More than 10,000 pots over two floors and an impressive three rooms of pottery. Wheelchair accessible. Free.

Hamilton Santa Claus Parade Nov 9

905.387.2682 hamiltonsantaparade.com

Come see the jolly old elf and his helpers, festive floats and local celebrities, and listen to some great music. Starts at 2pm at Queen and Main Streets in Hamilton's downtown core, moves east on Main to John St., then north on John to King St. and finally west on King to Bay St. Free admission, but be sure to get there early to snag a prime spot to view the parade!

Hamilton Music Awards, Festival and Conference November

hamiltonmusicawards.com

An annual festival, conference and gala awards show-held in November, the Hamilton Music Awards — or the Hammys, as they are affectionately called — brings together a 'who's-who' of Hamilton music for a raucous — and rolling — four-day event that celebrates the best of the city's music scene.

Ancaster Craft Show Nov 23-24

Ancaster Fairgrounds, 630 Trinity Rd., Ancaster
miltonfarmcraftshows.com

A great place to start your holiday shopping. Enjoy the wares of local crafters and artisans. 10am-4pm daily. Check website for admission fees.

First Day of Christmas Nov 30

Dundurn Castle, 610 York Blvd., Hamilton
905.546.2872 hamilton.ca/museum

On the first day of Christmas Dundurn opens its doors for free! They would like to invite everyone to kick off the first day of their Victorian Christmas with them. Join costumed interpreters at Dundurn Castle for a free tour of the lavish home of Sir Allan MacNab and his family. The castle will be decorated by The Garden Club of Hamilton with cedar boughs, ribbons and dried flowers. Bring your family and share a Hamilton holiday tradition. Please bring a non-perishable food item to help stock the Good Shepherd's pantry. 12-4pm. Free.

Christmas in Gore Park December

Gore Park, King and James Sts., Hamilton
downtownhamilton.org

The Official City Light-Up Ceremony launches the Christmas season with a free concert sponsored by CHML/Y108 in support of the Christmas Tree of Hope. Donations of cash and toys are gratefully accepted on both days. Children can bring down their letters to Santa. Free pictures with the big guy compliments of the Downtown BIA. Refreshments, Christmas crafts, horse and wagon rides and free Christmas wrapping from 11-3pm. Free rides on the miniature train and merry-go-round will also be in the park area.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas Dec 7, 14, 21

Westfield Village, 1049 Kirkwall Rd., Rockton
1.800.883.0104 westfieldheritage.ca

Enjoy Westfield by candlelight and feel the warmth of the season through music, food samples, fireworks and a visit from Father Christmas. Christmas shopping is available at the Gift Shop and the restaurant features light meals and refreshments. Runs from 5-9pm. Adults \$11, seniors/disabled \$10, children \$6.50. Children 5 and under are free. Free parking.

The Big Sing! Dec 13

Old Town Hall, 310 Wilson St., Ancaster
hamilton.ca/museum

It's big! Live music, hot cider, cookies and prizes. Get

primed for the holiday season with this dynamic and lively event for the whole family. Food donations for local food banks are appreciated. 7-9pm. \$8 per person, \$15 per family.

Christmas Family Sunday Dec 15, 22

Whitehern Historic House and Garden
41 Jackson St. W., Hamilton

905.546.2018 hamilton.ca/museum

Celebrate the Holiday season with a visit to view the McQuesten Childhood Christmas in the home — an outstanding example of a 1930s urban estate — then visit The Stable for a seasonal concert and sing-along with refreshments. 1-4pm.

Winter Whimsy Dec 27-Jan 13

Hamilton Children's Museum, 1072 Main St. E., Hamilton
905.546.4848 hamilton.ca/museum

The weather outside may be frightful, but it's nice and sunny at the Hamilton Children's Museum (and lots of fun, too — school is out!). Join them for a beach party — relax under the palm trees, snack on healthy and fruity treats and make fabulously colourful beach-themed crafts and doo-dads. Regular museum admission rates apply; check website for details.

Hamilton Winterfest January

Various locations, Hamilton, hamiltonwinterfest.ca

Hamilton's annual Winterfest invites family and friends to take part in a range of seasonal — and oh-so-fun — activities to beat the winter blues. Admission rates vary by location and event so be sure to check the website for more information.

Food and Drink Fest April

Convention Centre, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton
foodanddrinkfest.com

Celebrate the wide variety of restaurants, breweries and wineries in the Hamilton, Halton and Niagara regions. Dishes from a wide range of backgrounds will be available for sampling, as well as culinary demonstrations and live music. Must be at least 19 years old. Refer to website for admission rates and times.

gritLIT April

Various locations, Hamilton gritlit.ca

Hamilton's annual literary festival celebrates new and established Canadian authors. Hear authors read from their novels, share ideas, ask questions and participate in writing workshops. The event ends with LitLive, a free event exploring poetry with authors from smaller Canadian presses. Visit website to confirm dates and fees.

Active Living



Get out and enjoy these local 'Sporting Activities'

The Bruce Trail **brucetrail.org**

Hamilton Bulldogs Hockey **hamiltonbulldogs.com**

Cootes Paradise **rbg.ca**

Hamilton Tiger-Cats Football **ticats.ca**

Hamilton's Waterfront **hamiltonwaterfront.com**

Hamilton TiCats Still Eatin' 'Em Raw...but in Guelph!

Don't let the temporary jump to Guelph fool you – the Tabbies are STILL Hamilton's hometown heroes and a roaring force in the CFL. Ivor Wynne Stadium, the team's previous home, is undergoing a massive transformation and will be a world-class facility in time for the 2015 Pan Am Games, which means the Tiger-Cats will play out their 2013 season just up Hwy 6 in Guelph – a stone's throw away at 17 minutes from Hamilton's northern border. The 15-time

Grey Cup champions still have the city chanting "oskee-wee-wee", the team's battle-cry since 1869, and Guelph's Alumni Stadium welcomes the Cats and their fans this year with new artificial turf, a sophisticated lighting system and a state-of-the-art scoreboard. Put on your game face and show your stripes in support of the team. Yes, it's true – Ivor Wynne was the team's home-turf hunting field all the way back to 1950. So we're curious if the venue switcheroo can fetch our boys another Grey Cup win. But then again, curiosity killed the...actually, never mind.



King's Forest Golf Course features many fantastic elevated tee shots, including six that cross the picturesque Red Hill Creek.

FORE!

An American sportswriter once referred to golf as "a passion, an obsession, a romance...a nice acquaintanceship with trees, sand and water." If reading that evokes similar utopian sentiments about the sport, you'll be well served in Hamilton. The city is home to a fair number of private clubs for the ardent golfer, but for those who approach the game a little more casually, Hamilton is festooned with no less than three public courses when you're looking to practice your swing. In the west end of

the lower city, Chedoke Civic Golf Club boasts two golfing terrains, the Martin and Beddoe courses. Both located amidst a sweeping landscape, these 18-hole courses are perfect for the professional or amateur putter. At the other end of town you'll find King's Forest Golf Course, nestled at the foot of the Niagara Escarpment. Ranked in 2010 by *SCOREGolf* magazine as a top public course in Canada, the facility's classic yet strategic design make this a course that demands top concentration, which its natural setting lends itself easily to. Did someone just yell "fore"?

A City of Waterfalls

Bet you didn't know that Hamilton is the waterfall capital of the world?! Not only are we the self-proclaimed 'City of Waterfalls,' but this picturesque city boasts over 126 of these flowing beauties. From the scenic Webster's Falls to the oh-so-stunning cascading Albion Falls, they are sure to stir the hearts of nature lovers and in-

curable romantics alike. The Devil's Punchbowl – a 37 metre ribbon waterfall – is another impressive sight not to be missed. At night, selected waterfalls are illuminated on special occasions – in fact, the first ever livestreamed online illumination was at Sherman Falls this past St. Paddy's Day. Now, are you green with envy yet? Learn more at **cityofwaterfalls.ca**.



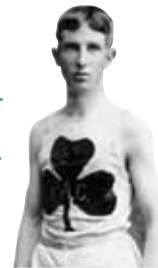
Hamilton has more than 126 gorgeous waterfalls of various shapes and sizes.



In 1894, *Hamilton Herald* owner Billy Carroll established the Around the Bay Road Race, the oldest road race in North America.



In 1890, Hamilton's first public bowling alley opened at the back of the J.W. MacDonald Tobacco shop, located at 66 James Street North.



In 1906, local lad William "Billy" Sherring won an Olympic gold medal for the marathon at the Athens Games.

GREAT OUTDOORS

Hamilton Conservation Authority

905.525.2181 conservationhamilton.ca

The HCA's 4,200 hectares of protected land stretch from the harbour to the escarpment. Two dozen environmentally significant conservation areas offer local city dwellers escape from the concrete jungle. Hiking, cross-country skiing, camping, fishing, boating, swimming or taking in the nature trails and historical sites are just a few ways to enjoy the area's recreational facilities. **Valens Lake** (RR 97 west of Hwy 6, Flamborough, 905.525.2183) is the site of 220 camping spaces along Spencer Creek; campsites are open 11 months of the year. Ponds are stocked with pike, panfish and bass from the last Saturday of June. One of the warmest and cleanest beaches on western Lake Ontario, **Fifty Point** (Fifty Rd. and the QEW, Stoney Creek, 905.525.2187) is home to an 80-hectare park. The beach and picnic grounds complement its 320-boat marina and fully serviced docking station. Part of a vast glacial valley spreading out into Lake Ontario, **Dundas Valley's** (Governors Rd., Dundas, 905.627.1233) five trails access almost every part of this conservation area. A replica Victorian train station, the trail centre connects the winding trails, providing visitors with interpretive displays, valley maps and a food concession (open Mon-Fri 8am-3pm, Sat, Sun, Hol Mon 8am-4pm). With 40 km of well-groomed trails, the route is one of the region's most significant routes for walking, cycling and horseback riding, and home to historical sites, including the **Ancaster Hermitage** ruins and **Griffin House**. Picturesque **Spencer Gorge** (Webster's Falls Rd., Greenville, 905.628.3060) also showcases views of Dundas and Hamilton and the biologically rich forests below. Containing more than 500 different plants and several rare species, visit one of the several lookout points for a glimpse of its curtain waterfall, **Webster's Falls**, or the 41-metre ribbon waterfall **Tews Falls**, which is just a few metres shorter than Niagara Falls. Bordering the table lands owned by the Royal Botanical Gardens at Rock Chapel above the escarpment, **Borer's Falls** (Rock Chapel Rd., Dundas, 905.627.1233) provides visitors with a world of forested land and trails to explore. Follow the 4.2 km promenade along the Hamilton Beach Trail from **Confederation Park** (Van Wagners Beach Rd., Stoney Creek, 1.800.555.8775) to the Burlington Ship Canal. **Christie Lake** (Hwy 5, West of Hwy 6, Dundas, 905.628.3060) offers a range of recreational activities across a 336-hectare conservation area. Paddleboat and canoe rentals and covered picnic pavilions are among the site's attractions, as well as its expansive 360-metre beach and swimming area. The Eramosa Karst (Upper Mount Albion Rd. at Highland Rd., Stoney Creek), the HCA's newest conservation area, is located in the southwestern section of Stoney Creek. Karsts are geological formations including underground drainage, caves and passages caused by dissolving rock found in limestone formations such as the Niagara Escarpment. The Eramosa Karst contains examples of 16 different karst features, including sinking streams and a 335-metre-long cave (the tenth longest in Ontario).

Cootes Paradise Sanctuary

905.527.1158 rbg.ca

Nestled at the westernmost tip of Lake Ontario, just minutes from the heart of the city, Cootes Paradise is managed and protected by the neighbouring Royal Botanical Gardens. The 540-hectare Carolinian forest and wetland reserve provides visitors with a look at the abundant ecosystem of indigenous waterfowl, including more than 250 species of migrating birds, fish and aquatic plants. Native and endangered fish can be seen at the Great Lakes' first two-way fishway. A variety of species pass through the area, including double crested cormorants, great blue herons, white pelicans, great egrets and more. Bald eagles have also overwintered here in recent years; their nest (in a solitary white pine) is located on the north shore, about 400m west of the Marshwalk Observation Platform. Home to some of Canada's oldest forests, Cootes offers hiking trails in the Hamilton Harbour Waterfront and Desjardins Trails, and Princess Point is the perfect spot to paddle your kayak.

Just east of the Devil's Punchbowl, Beamer Memorial Conservation Area encompasses 53 hectares of protected escarpment land and mature forests. The conservation area is monitored to preserve the diverse vegetation, wildlife and valley. A water discharge area for the Forty Mile Creek system, the valley promotes the sustainability for a variety of species, including reptiles, amphibians, small mammals and many resident migratory birds. Each year an average of 15,000 hawks, eagles, falcons and vultures make their way from South and Central America, the Caribbean and the southern United States to their nesting territories in Canada during their spring migration at Beamer Memorial (Mar-May). Along the park's nature trails, the Bruce Trail leads to four lookouts offering a view of Lake Ontario and the Town of Grimsby below, and exceptional vantage points for observing the annual hawk migration. Open year-round 8am-8pm daily.

Beamer Memorial Conservation Area

Quarry Rd. off Ridge Rd., Grimsby

905.788.3135 npca.ca/conservation-areas/beamer-memorial

Animal lovers come here to get closer than they ever imagined to the thousand-plus animals that roam free in the open wildlife reserves. In keeping with the park's name, visitors get a taste of the Sahara, driving their cars through the park or taking an educational tour aboard the Safari Bus and cruising the waters aboard the *African Queen*. Of the 132 species of exotic animals that call the Safari home, including lions, elephants, rhinos, giraffe, ostrich and baboons, the park has bred 20 different endangered and threatened species. Wildlife shows such as the birds-of-prey flying demonstration and elephant roundup, provide further entertainment, while kids can hand-feed little animals at Pets' Corner. Take a trip on the *Nature Boy* scenic railway and have fun in Misumu Bay Wet Play Area and Jungle Playground. Gift Shops and picnic areas are on-site, or you can dine in the licensed Mombasa Market restaurant. Summer admission rates (May 18-Sep 2): adults (13+) \$32.95, seniors (60+) \$30.95, children (3-12) \$25.95. HST not included. Prices subject to change without notice. All features weather permitting. No pets allowed.

African Lion Safari

RR1, 1386 Cooper Rd., Cambridge

1.800.461.9453 lionsafari.com

The site of 37 annual waterfront festivals, the 730 km Lake Ontario Waterfront Trail stretches along the shore of the Great Lake and the St. Lawrence River from Niagara to Quebec. Opened in 1995, the trail passes through 182 parks and conservation areas, 170 marinas and yacht clubs and 31 cities, towns and villages. Visitors can bike, blade or stroll along the path, while they take in the Golden Horseshoe's his-

The Westdale Aviary
85 Oak Knoll Dr., Hamilton
905.546.4842 friendsoftheaviary.ca
For 70 years Dundurn Castle was this aviary's home, but it's now located at the Royal Botanical Gardens' Teaching Garden, just a short stroll from King and Marion in Westdale, where it lets visitors get up close to a variety of fowl, including the African Grey Congo, cockatoo, macaw, large parrot, hook-bill, finch and dove housed on the premises. Guided tours Sundays 1-4pm.

Lake Ontario Waterfront Trail

waterfronttrail.org

Giraffes are but one of the 132 species of exotic animals that call the African Lion Safari home.



Hamilton artist Eric Ranveau works in acrylics to create abstract landscapes, ericranveau@yahoo.fr



Active Living

tory and natural environment. The local beachfront link, the Breezeway Trail, connects Lakeland Pool, Confederation Park, Wild Waterworks and touches on Van Wagners Beach, bordered by Lake Ontario to the north and green spaces and wetlands to the south. True to its name, the newly completed 200-metre Waterfront Link Pedestrian Bridge (Van Wagners Beach Rd. at Nash Rd. N.) connects the Waterfront Trail to the Bruce Trail through the Red Hill Valley Trail. The Waterfront Trail links to New York State's 730 km span of the Seaway Trail at Wolfe Island in Kingston. By 2014, the Waterfront Trail will connect to Windsor along Lake Erie's waterfront, creating 1,400 km of amazing walking and cycling along two Great Lakes.

Hamilton to Brantford Rail Trail

905.525.2181 conservationhamilton.ca

Canada's first fully developed, multi-use, inter-urban system, this 32 km trail is a joint operation under the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) and Grand River Conservation Authority. Running from Ewen Road in west Hamilton through the Dundas Valley Conservation Area and on to Brantford, it's part of the Trans-Canada Trail Network, linking to Paris and Cambridge for a total length of 80 km. Rural areas provide a trail for equestrians, hikers, runners and cyclists. Access at West Hamilton: exit Hwy 403 at Main St. W., follow Main W. to Ewen Rd. and turn left (south).

Lafarge 2000 Trail

905.525.2181 ontariotrails.on.ca

Born with the new millennium, the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) created this 22 km trail in Flamborough, linking Dundas Valley, Christie Lake, Valens Conservation Area and the ecologically important Beverly Swamp, a 2,400-hectare area that features a rich diversity of plant and animal life, including some species that are rare to the region.

Dofasco 2000 Trail

905.525.2181 ontariotrails.on.ca

This 11.5 km trail runs from the Devil's Punch Bowl Conservation Area through to the Vinemount South Swamp. The trail will eventually connect to the Bruce Trail, 1812 Battlefield House Museum and Waterfront

Trail at Fifty Point Conservation Area and Marina on Lake Ontario. Another "on-road" link will make the connection to the Chippewa Trail which is now designated a part of the Trans-Canada Trail network.

Chippewa Trail

905.525.2181 ontariotrails.on.ca

A former rail corridor that connected Hamilton and Caledonia, the abandoned 15 km strip is part of the Trans-Canada Trail's Niagara branch, linking to the Caledonia-to-Dunnville rail trail. The majority of the route has already been laid out, with completion work proceeding as funding permits.

Red Hill Valley Recreational Trail

905.546.2489 ontariotrails.on.ca

Beginning at the top of the Niagara Escarpment (Mud St., just east of Albion Falls at the eastern end of Mountain Brow Rd.), this urban trail winds down the escarpment, running northeast through the Red Hill Valley to its end at Brampton St. just south of the QEW, where the newly completed Waterfront Link Pedestrian Bridge arcs above the highway and connects the Red Hill Valley Trail to the Waterfront Trail and Lake Ontario. Approximately 10.5 km long by 3 metres wide, it includes a 1.1 km-long barrier-free section that is accessible from Greenhill Bowl through Kings Forest Golf Course. (Most of the trail is not wheelchair accessible due to steep grades.)

The Bruce Trail

905.529.6821 / 1.800.665.4453 brucetrail.org

Canada's oldest and longest marked trail, running along the Niagara Escarpment, the Bruce Trail provides an impressive wilderness experience for hikers of all levels. Recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as a World Biosphere Reserve in 1990, its continuous footpath of more than 885 km from Niagara to Tobermory is an attraction for hikers from across the globe. Hamilton's Iroquoia tract, one of the most scenic stretches of the Bruce Trail, snakes through conservation areas, the lush Escarpment and picturesque waterfalls, including Webster's, Sherman and Tiffany. Hikers venture through natural wonders such as the Devil's Punch Bowl and Spencer Gorge. Indigenous wildlife of the region is often seen along

the trail. In winter, the trail is a popular place for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Located at the arboretum area of the Royal Botanical Gardens, off Old Guelph Road, the Bruce Trail Association (BTA) offers a trail guidebook. To obtain memberships, maps or friendly advice, visit the BTA weekdays 8:30am-4:30pm.

Trans-Canada Trail

905.525.2181 / 1.888.319.4722 tctrail.ca

The local section of this cross-country trail encompasses 70 km of pathways and converted rail corridors across Hamilton. Connections from the west start at the Hamilton-to-Brantford rail trail, linking to the Escarpment rail trail, a proposed route through the city, and the Chippewa Trail to the east have all been registered as part of the Trans-Canada route. When completed, the Trans-Canada Trail (TCT) will traverse every province and territory, touch the three oceans bordering Canada and, at over 22,500 km, become the longest shared-use trail in the world. The TCT accommodates several activities, including cycling, horseback riding and cross-country skiing.

Royal Botanical Gardens

680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington

905.527.1158 rbg.ca

A perennial favourite of horticulturists, RBG is Canada's largest botanical garden. It encompasses a plenitude of gardens, nature sanctuaries and over 30 km of walking trails. Enjoy acres of meticulously landscaped gardens, featuring thousands of bulbs, irises, rose bushes, a vast lilac collection and New World orchids. A recent renovation of the Gardens established the sun-drenched Camilla and Peter Dalglish Atrium as well as the Helen M. Kippax Wild Plant Garden, a one-acre tract that's home to more than 14,500 plants. Tulips show in April and early May, lilacs in the second half of May. Visit in June for the Rose Celebration (Hendrie Park Gardens). Call or visit website for full event listings and admission rates. A gift shop and dining are available on-site.

Hamilton Harbourfront Parks

905.546.2666 / 1.800.263.8590

As a port city, Hamilton has an abundance of har-

bourfront parks, including Bayfront, Pier 4 and Pier 8. Bordering the shores of Lake Ontario, these harbourfront parks provide easy access to aquatic entertainment of all varieties. A six-metre-wide asphalt path along **Bayfront Park** (enter off Bay St. N. at Harbourfront Drive) is perfect for rollerblading, walking or biking, while a gravel path stretches across the shoreline for a closer stroll along the bay. A public boat launch is free to visitors. **Pier 4 Park** (enter at Bay St. N. at Guise St.) boasts a waterplay area, boardwalk and a wheelchair access ramp. Access to Harbour West Marina, a prime location for sailing in the harbour, is available via **Pier 8 Park** (off Guise St.). All three parks have beaches, free parking and public washrooms (limited hours).

Hamilton Harbour Boat Tour

47 Discovery Dr., Hamilton
905.525.4498 hamiltonwaterfront.com
Up to 200 passengers can board the *Hamilton Harbour Queen (HHQ)* for tours lasting two-and-a-half to three hours. Also available for charter, the *HHQ* offers lunch, dinner, sightseeing or special event cruises of the city's harbour, including the lush northwestern shoreline. The *HHQ* docks off Guise St. E., just north of Williams Fresh Café. Also launching from the dock is the 28-foot *Hamiltonian*, taking a dozen passengers on an intimate and informative 50-minute tour of the harbour. Circling the harbour in counter-clockwise loops, the boat guides passengers past lush wildlife, teeming marinas and the waterfront's history. The *Hamiltonian* departs regularly from 11am-6:30pm and operates daily Jun 9-Sep 3 and on weekends only May 19-Jun 3 and Sep 8-Oct 8. Tickets via Scoops Ice Cream Parlour. The *Hamiltonian* may not operate during inclement weather.

SPORTING LIFE

Baseball

Mohawk Sports Park, Mohawk Rd. E. at Upper Kenilworth, Hamilton
iblcardinals.com

Despite a strong informal presence in the early 19th century, the first organized baseball team didn't come to Upper Canada until the arrival of 1854's Young Canadians of Hamilton. The popularity of local baseball continues with the Hamilton Cardinals. The Bernie Arbour Stadium home team plays May to August to a grandstand of more than 300 spectators.

Beach Volleyball

380 Van Wagners Beach Rd., Hamilton
905.544.7122

Head down to the waterline for some beach volleyball. More than just a restaurant, Baranga's on the Beach (on the sunny shores of Lake Ontario) has two outdoor courts, which can be booked by the hour, subject to availability.

Cricket

Churchill Park, Parkview Dr. at Franklin Ave., Hamilton
905.979.3796 hamiltoncricket.com

The oldest amateur sports club in the city, the Hamilton Cricket Club (HHC) hosts international games and tournaments. Formed in early 1847, the club has welcomed representative teams from Bermuda, Australia, West Indies, Ireland, New Zealand, England, Barbados, Trinidad, Grenada and across North America in the past 63 years alone. Team members have represented various teams at both league and provincial levels. The club is home to two competitive league teams. Check website for schedule and practice times.

Cross-Country Skiing/Snowshoeing

conservationhamilton.ca 905.525.2181

If you like your winter sports to be more horizontal than vertical, you'll find a number of groomed and

partially groomed trails across local conservation areas for cross-country skiing expeditions. **Christie Lake** (905.628.3060) and **Valens Lake** (905.525.2183) have established 10 km routes for those looking for a shorter trek, while **Dundas Valley's** 40 km trail system offers a more challenging mix of terrain for skiers (905.627.1233). The **Hamilton To Brantford Rail Trail** (905.525.2181) is a good start for novice cross-country skiers with levelled and relaxed paths. Call ahead or check website for admission rates.

Equine Competition

Black's Equine Centre, 6095 Dickenson Rd., RR 2, Hannon 905.679.1224 blacksequinecentre.com
Shows, events and breeders sales are held throughout the year at Black's Equine Centre. Located near the Chippewa Rail Trail, the centre boasts an unsurpassed horse facility. With four indoor arenas, three outdoor rings and an Olympic-size show arena featuring grandstand seating for 800, BEC captures the pageantry and competition of horses of all breeds and disciplines.

Fishing

Fifty Point, Fifty Rd. and the QEW, Stoney Creek
905.525.2187 conservationhamilton.ca
Valens Lake, RR 97 off Hwy 6, Flamborough
905.525.2183 conservationhamilton.ca
Christie Lake, Hwy 5, west of Hwy 6, Dundas
905.628.3060 conservationhamilton.ca
Most conservation areas across the region offer stocked fishing ponds and licensed fishing areas. **Fifty Point's** non-licensed fishing ponds are filled with rainbow trout and bass every summer for visitors to reel in. **Valens** boasts a pristine lake brimming with northern pike, largemouth bass and panfish. Stocked ponds at **Christie Lake** are filled with rainbow trout from the last Saturday in April to early June. Novice anglers can venture to Eddie's Fly Fishing School (8211 Chippewa Creek Rd. E., Mount Hope), where recreational fly fishing and

tying is taught amidst ponds stocked with varieties of fish including perch and catfish. Eddie's also provides chartered boats for those ready to take on the Great Lakes (905.679.1876).

Football (Hamilton Tiger-Cats)

Alumni Stadium, University of Guelph, Guelph
905.547.CATS / 1.800.714.ROAR tiscats.ca

Though they're playing their home games this season in Guelph while Ivor Wynne Stadium undergoes a facelift, the Hamilton Tiger-Cats will still keep hometown fans roaring in the stands. In the course of this season's home games, the TiCats host rivals the Winnipeg Blue Bombers (Jun 20, Jul 13 and Aug 24); Edmonton Eskimos (Jul 7); Saskatchewan Roughriders (Jul 27); BC Lions (Sep 7); Calgary Stampeders (Sep 28); Toronto Argonauts (Oct 14) and Montreal Alouettes (Oct 26). Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

Go-Karting

Lakeland Kartway, Van Wagners Beach Rd., Hamilton 905.544.3951
Cameron Motorsports, 2633 Upper James St., Hamilton 905.679.2122 ext 2
cameronmotorsports.com

Need to burn up some asphalt without risk of demerits? **Lakeland Kartway's** half-kilometre asphalt track allows speed demons to put the pedal to the metal in a controlled and safe environment. Situated just a short distance from waterfront walkways and the shores of Lake Ontario, Lakeland has been a family favourite for over 50 years. The two-seater cart is perfect for parents and young children, or anyone who wants to share the racing experience. Single-driver carts offer loads of fun and exciting thrills for any soloist. Open May-Aug 10am-10pm daily; open in Sep from Mon-Fri 11am-3pm and on weekends 11am-9pm; operating in Oct on weekends only 11am-9pm. For a little more track space to burn your tires, the separately owned **Cameron Motorsports Karting Complex** has been making serious inroads with its serpen-



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tine 1.5 km circuit. With high-performance Italian F1-K karts, the track is no stranger to fierce competition behind the wheel. The complex's tracks are open daily, with great lighting to provide racing and practice anytime. Rookie F1-K drivers will require an annual membership (\$99.99).

Golfing

King's Forest Golf Course, 100 Greenhill Ave., Hamilton 905.546.4781 golfhamilton.ca; Chedoke Civic Golf Club, 563 Aberdeen Ave., Hamilton, 905.546.3116 golfhamilton.ca; Rock Chapel Golf Centre, 167 Hwy 5 W, Dundas, 905.689.8860 rockchapel.ca

Open since 1973, **King's Forest Golf Course** features a rolling layout with many fantastic elevated tee shots, including six that cross the picturesque Red Hill Creek. Spanning 7,150 yards, this premier public golf facility is located at the foot of the Niagara Escarpment, and its challenging terrain and stunning location make it a popular choice – over 40,000 rounds are played here each year. Featuring two public golf courses, **Chedoke Civic Golf Club** is Canada's first 36-hole municipal golf facility. Enthusiasts have been teeing off on these grounds since 1896, though the original layout, designed by famed golf course architect Stanley Thompson, has seen numerous changes over the years. Still gorgeous and challenging, the two courses on this site, Martin and Beddoe, make up one of the most affordable golf facilities in the area. For a more varied golf experience, visit **Rock Chapel Golf Centre**, which features 9 and 18-hole courses, an aqua driving range, junior golf programs and ladies leagues. Located just north of the Hamilton border at Clappison Corners, this sprawling facility offers golf and putting activities for the experienced putter or the novice, and caters to individuals and families alike.

Harness Racing

Flamboro Downs, 967 Hwy 5 W, Flamborough 905.627.3561 flamborodowns.com

Harness racing lovers flock to **Flamboro Downs**, Canada's fastest half-mile track located just outside of Hamilton. For the best view of the races, visit the Top O' The Turn restaurant, which offers a commanding view of the course, a range of foods from the buffet-style menu and a live music series for a well-rounded dining experience. Try your luck at one of the over 800 slot machines between races or place bets on one of hundreds of races taking place across North America. Be sure to catch the 37th Annual Confederation Cup (generally in Aug; call for information), the finest day Canadian harness racing has to offer.

Hockey (Hamilton Bulldogs)

Hamilton Bulldogs, Copps Coliseum, 101 York Blvd., Hamilton, 905.529.8500 / 1.866.DOGS.TIX hamiltonbulldogs.com



An American Hockey League affiliate and farm team to the storied Montreal Canadiens — and 2007 Calder Cup Champions, we might add — the Bulldogs stay true to the team name, bringing competitive tenacity and grit to the ice. The hockey squad's home in Copps Coliseum is an understated yet well-equipped sporting facility. The teams' rabid fans — especially when the arch-rival Toronto Marlies are in town — cheer on the team alongside mascot Bruiser in the Dog Pound as the Bulldogs' season runs October through Apr-May.

Ice Climbing

Tiffany Falls, Hwy 2, between Ancaster and West Hamilton; Tews Falls, Hwy 5, W of Hwy 6, S on Brock Rd., E on Harvest Rd., Dundas, 905.525.2181 conservationhamilton.ca

While ice climbing has yet to reach its full potential elsewhere in Ontario, this exciting winter sport has been practiced on frozen crags at Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) parks for more than 25 years. Balmy winters and suburban salt runoff have made this a risky and problematic enterprise in recent years, but conquering an icy ascent in the

snowbound wilderness is a feat many still look to attempt. Ice climbing is currently limited to Tiffany Falls Conservation Area and Tews Falls in the Spencer Gorge/Webster's Falls Conservation Area. (Note: ice climbing is prohibited at Webster's Falls.) Individual climbers must be members of the Alpine Club of Canada or be attending an ice climbing class with a school that has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the HCA. Signed release of liability waivers are mandatory before climbing; each waiver also requires a \$35 processing fee (plus HST).

Indoor Climbing

Gravity Climbing Gym, 70 Frid St., Hamilton 905.522.8778 gravityclimbinggym.com
Climber's Rock, 5155 Harvester Rd., Burlington 905.633.7625 climbersrock.com

A warehouse-sized indoor complex featuring more than two dozen routes and a 35-foot vertical climb, **Gravity Climbing Gym** offers facilities and lessons for climbers of all skill levels. For those who are new to the sport, equipment rentals and instruction from trained staff are available. **Climber's Rock** is one of the largest indoor climbing facilities in Canada. Founded in 2008, its walls were designed and built using the latest technology in the industry and have been enjoyed by thousands of people every month since its doors opened. It offers no fewer than 100 spectacular routes maintained and updated constantly to provide you with new challenges, a variety of grades, incredible top-out bouldering and exceptional instruction and training programs.

Lacrosse (Hamilton Nationals)

Ron Joyce Stadium, McMaster University 1280 Main St. W., Hamilton, 905.525.9140 nationals-lacrosse.com

In 2011, the Toronto Nationals decided to head west along the QEW and make the Hammer their



Wild Waterworks is home to one of Canada's largest wave pools.





Susan Outlaw's work can be found at Early Court Gallery on Ottawa Street North or online at susanoutlaw.com.

home, thus becoming the Hamilton Nationals. The first-ever Canadian team in Major League Lacrosse (MLL), this men's team's identity represents both the face of Canada and the Iroquois communities, with elements of their logo borrowed from both the national and the Iroquois Five Nations flags. For the third straight year, the popular team will face off for their home games in 2013 at the Ron Joyce Stadium on the McMaster University campus. Why not bring the family and make a "fast-break" to cheer them on when they go up against the New York Lizards (May 11); Charlotte Hounds (May 17); Rochester Rattlers (Jun 22); Chesapeake Bayhawks (Jun 29); Ohio Machines (Jul 20); Boston Cannons (Jul 27) and Denver Outlaws (Aug 10). Game times vary; check website to verify and to buy tickets.

Rugby

Mohawk Sports Complex, 1100 Mohawk Rd. E., Hamilton 905.575.3133 hamiltonrugby.com

The physically challenging and daunting sport of Australian Rules Football is still alive and kicking, despite a mainstream drop-off since its early-1990s peak. Fielding a senior men's rugby club for more than half a century, the Hamilton Hornets train on Tuesday and Thursday nights, with games on Saturdays from Mar-Oct at the Mohawk Sports Complex. The club also offers programs for junior men of all ages. Watch the Hamilton Wildcats Australian Football Club tear up the field on Saturdays May-August when the team takes on rivals at the Sports Complex.

Sailing

Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, 1 MacNab St. N., Hamilton 905.528.8464 rhy.ca; Burlington Sailing and Boating Club, 841 Lasalle Park Rd., Burlington 905.681.6547 burlbay.com

Since 1888, the **Royal Hamilton Yacht Club** has brought a number of regattas to the southwestern shore of the harbour. One of only nine Canadian clubs granted the "Royal" distinction, the organization provides instruction for several marine activities, including junior sailing, day-sailing, anchoring, and competitive sailing and racing. Check website for upcoming race schedules. The **Burlington Sailing & Boating Club** has been bringing social events, weekend regattas, boating seminars and tours to Burlington for more

than 30 years. Located in LaSalle Park overlooking scenic Burlington Bay, the club will also host the BS&BC 3rd Annual "Bur" Gatta (July).

Skydiving

Dundas Air Plaza, 461 Hwy 5 W, Dundas 1.800.463.JUMP swoop.on.ca

Take the plunge for a breathtaking experience with the South Western Ontario Organization of Parachutists (SWOOP). After just 30 minutes of ground training, your highly skilled and certified Tandem Jumpmaster and you will free-fall together for 40 seconds from 10,500 ft at speeds over 120 mph before deploying your parachute. Individual and tandem jumps are available with the assistance of an instructor. Appointments must be booked well in advance. Skydivers must be at least 18 years old and weigh no more than 225 pounds to participate. Visit the website for more information.

Soccer

Soccerworld Hamilton, 104 Frid St., Hamilton 905.521.8750 soccerworldhamilton.com
Players Paradise, 565 Seaman Rd., Stoney Creek 905.643.3200 playersparadisesoccer.com

Soccerworld's 44,000 square foot facility is the perfect spot to tear up the turf, regardless of the season. This multi-sport indoor field accommodates football and baseball in addition to its namesake sport, and is Hamilton's only indoor golf dome (equipped with 11 tee boxes and 65 yards of free span driving distance). Open weekdays Nov-Mar. Facility rental is available. **Players Paradise** is a state-of-the-art FIFA-approved indoor field that can be broken out into four playing fields separated by a mechanical mesh screen system. The climate-controlled facility features a premier synthetic turf system and 52-foot ceiling clearance. Fields are available for booking 8am-11pm daily.

Adventure Village

580 Van Wagners Beach Rd., Hamilton 905.549.9444 adventure-village.com
Adventure Village features a wide range of fun. Tee off at the pro 18-hole mini-golf course, built around two acres of rapids, waterfalls, shipwrecks and a train trestle. Slo-pitch and hardball skills can be put

to the test and polished to perfection in one of the park's batting cages. Explore Big Al's Mining Camp in search of precious gemstones, climb the 25-foot Rocky Mountain climbing wall, spin out in the state-of-the-art Krazy Kars bumper cars, jump four storeys high on the new Bungee Trampoline and zap your pals with a game of outdoor laser tag. Enjoy an extensive menu of top quality value-priced meals at Big Al's Cookhouse (fully licensed). Open daily Apr-Sep, weekends in October. Hours and prices vary; check website for info.

Confederation Park

585 Van Wagners Beach Rd., Hamilton 905.547.6141 conservationhamilton.ca
This 93-hectare recreation ground, located on the shores of Lake Ontario, provides non-stop fun. Encompassing the wet wonderland Wild Waterworks, Adventure Village and Lakeland Kartway, it's easy to spend the day at Confederation Park's facilities. Follow the 4.5 km Breezeway Trail lakeside promenade along Van Wagners Beach to an oasis of lush trees and rolling hills, featuring camp and picnic grounds. Refuel at the classic casual beach eatery Hutch's or visit Baranga's on the Beach, which serves up Mediterranean cuisine on the largest patio on western Lake Ontario.

Wild Waterworks

585 Van Wagners Beach Rd., Hamilton 905.547.6141 ext 5007 conservationhamilton.ca
A million gallons of water provide relief from summer swelter. Home to one of Canada's largest outdoor wave pools, the water park has four tube slides: Night Rider, Blue Demon, Vertigo and Side-winder. Take the 5.5-storey plunge solo or in pairs, or try the heart-pounding twists of the Corkscrew and the Kamikaze body slides. The winding Easy River tube ride provides a lazy time for those who shy away from nerve-rattling slides. The park will also delight children with Little Squirt Works, a wading pool with computer-controlled mists and fountains. Open early June-Labour Day. Visit website for hours. Admission: General (11-64) \$24.49, seniors \$21.49, children 3-10, disabled and their attendants \$15.99, children under 3 free.

Dining



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Hooked on the Classics

It's impossible to pay homage to Hamilton's foodie institutions without mentioning Hutch's. Opened in 1946, it has won followers for its burgers, shakes, famous fish and chips and lakeside setting.

Also in the cheap and cheerful category is the Big Top Family Restaurant, a beacon of greasy goodness for 60 years at Main and Sherman. The decor and old-menu may seem frozen in time, but that's the way its patrons like it.

Since 1969, Black Forest Inn has dished out German and Austrian specialties, including schnitzels so big they dwarf the plates they're

served on. Having to make the choice between these and the homemade sausages is a 'wurst-case' scenario all diners must face.

At Shakespeare's, everyone from Liberace to Martin Short has waltzed through the doors in search of beef and seafood for 43 years. It's still owned and operated by the Putignano family and remains the go-to restaurant for special occasions.

Capri Ristorante Italiano circa 1960 has changed with the times, but its pizzas remain objects of desire. Pasta dishes swim in homemade meat sauce and may cause rampant belt-loosening.



TEA FOR TWO?

Locke Street's Ceylon Tea Bush boasts more than 40 types of loose leaf teas, including their popular, and oh-so-blissful, Ginger Peach – a Sri Lankan black tea with ginger and peach pieces. Oh, did we mention they have 10 flavours of macarons?

BITS & BITES

HUNGRY IN HAMILTON?



PIZZA

Small on space, big on taste – and portions – Bronzie's Place (201 James St. S.) has been serving up top Italian nosh for years and their pizzas are no exception.



CAFE

The European-inspired Mezza Caffé in Ancaster (1142 Wilson St. W.) serves up some of the best coffee, specialty beverages and desserts you'll ever taste.



BREAKFAST

Papa Leo's (638 Concession St.) features locally sourced eats in a cozy, family-friendly setting. Leo's Huevos Rancheros is the stuff of culinary legend.



SUSHI

Matsuri Sushi (29 King St. W.) in Dundas serves up authentic Japanese sushi, prepared by Master Chef Simon Wong. His sushi, and sashimi, is a revelation.



BURGERS

From the folks behind the Harbour Diner, Chuck's Burger Bar (194 Locke St. S.) delivers grain-fed perfection that lives up to the hype. Best burger in the city.



WINGS

The birthplace of the chicken wing, Anchor Bar (2 King St. W.) opened its first Canadian location in Hamilton. And yes, their wings are as good as they say.



SWEETS

Nickey and Josie's Cake & Loaf Bakery (321 Dundurn St. S.) is a Hamilton institution and their desserts are not only made from scratch, but beyond delicious.



Hamilton is home to G.S. Dunn, the largest and oldest dry mustard miller in the world, established back in 1867.



The Hamilton Farmers' Market was founded in 1837, at the corner of York and James Streets.



In 1882, local farmer E.D. Smith established a 120-acre farm in Winona, which would go on to become one of North America's largest food manufacturers.

Arts & Drafts

Although Hamilton's breweries have not lasted, many of the area's beer establishments have.

The Collins Brewhouse in Dundas has poured pints since 1841, decades before Canada became a country. Meanwhile in Ancaster, The Coach & Lantern Pub traces the roots of its home to 1823.

Across from the Gore Park fountain, Chester's Beers of the World caters to drinkers wanting to taste global beers without the travel. The list of offerings is lengthy, but the knowledgeable servers deftly guide customers through it.

Also downtown is The Ship, which bills itself as Hamilton's first "nano" brewery. Its own brew, The Ships Rations, is a 6.5 percent high-octane IPA.

Crafty types like the Winking Judge in Hess Village; with 22 beer taps in operation, sippers never experience lack of choice.



Quatrefoil in Dundas has earned rave reviews from magazines such as *enRoute*.

YOU GOTTA EAT HERE

Restaurants are a lot like movies. Critics, and crowds, love 'em or hate 'em. These eateries are superstars in their own right, earning glowing reviews!

Quatrefoil in Dundas is a blockbuster based on the rave reviews. Dishes flow out of the kitchen like a well-paced tango. Delicately flavoured appetizers include grilled calamari and ricotta gnocchi.

One of the top-rated eateries amongst the dining public is Rapsallion, whose menu focuses on

dishes with a dash of decadence, such as foie gras-stuffed meatballs and mini filet mignon sliders.

It's not just the location that has won Sarcoia raves. Overlooking Pier 8, diners can gaze at sailboats out on the water while nibbling on Ontario-centric fare. Local, fresh and homemade are the key words here.

Stoney Creek's Edgewater Manor is housed in a 1920s mansion. In such a luxe setting, the food has to match, and it does. International flavours meet Canadian sensibility in entrees like pan-seared tuna and Australian rack of lamb.



Grape Expectations

Tiptoe through the vineyards in Niagara and sip your way through the region's wineries, more than 80 in total. Hamilton is a perfect gateway into wine land, given its proximity. Within a half-hour's drive, you'll be nose-to-glass in some exquisite varietals. There's no doubt that Icewine is the jewel in the crown here, but others are now emerging as worthy opponents for top billing. The terroir (or dirt, as regular folks might say), Niagara Escarpment and the cooling winds off the lake create growing conditions that make grapes, and winemakers, very happy.

Given Hamilton's proximity to the Niagara region, it's not surprising that the area boasts two wineries of its own. Ridge Road Estate Winery, ridgeroadwinery.ca, has won accolades for its Gamay Noir and Pinot Noir, two reds pleasing to diverse palates. At Puddicombe Estate, puddicombefarms.com, it's all about the fruit. Their playful fruit-based wines go great with slices of their amazing pie.

Been There, Drank That!

In the city that gave the world its first Tim Hortons, you can bet that coffee is much revered. At Speakeasy Café on Ferguson Avenue North, you can savour Kochere Gayo, a house blend judged at an international food show as being the best in the world. At Red Crow Coffee on James Street South, cups of locally roasted and micro-bean varieties are poured with pride. In Dundas, staff members from Detour Roasters Café compete for national acclaim as the best barista and have the ability to describe coffee nuances like fine wine. Watch for places like The Freeway or Connections Café offering pours from Red Hill Coffee Trade, Hamilton's own roaster of artisan java, free trade and organic beans.



The first Tim Hortons opened on Hamilton's Ottawa Street North in 1964!

Around the World

Don't look now, but there's a definite buzz around Hamilton's burgeoning culinary scene, whether it be the appearance of local eateries on the Food Network's popular *You Gotta Eat Here* or the continued emergence of quality restos in the core. It's clear that visitors to our fine city are cottoning on to what hardcore Hamilton foodies have known for years; that the Greater Hamilton area can give our big-city brethren a run for its culinary money. No matter your craving, chances are there's a restaurant, bar, eatery or bistro in the area that will not only satisfy, but leave you spoilt for choice in the process. From Ethiopian and Peruvian to Indian, French and every nation in between, Hamilton's got you covered. So really, there's no excuse not to partake of the top quality food and drink on our doorstep.



Wass Ethiopian Restaurant

207 James St. S., Hamilton

Hamilton restaurants are packed with global flavours. Local Ethiopian resto Wass cooks up oh-so aromatic Ethiopian dishes that are sure to tantalize your taste buds. Snagging the Gold Star Award for the best vegetarian/vegan restaurant in *View Magazine*, its hearty stews and vegetarian fare are local favourites, offering a taste of Africa in Steeltown. wassethiopianrestaurant.com



My-Thai Restaurant

42 Wilson St. W., Ancaster

21 John St. N., Hamilton

399 Elizabeth St., Burlington

There's no need to travel for authentic Thai cuisine. From their signature pad thai to crisp mango salad and spicy curries, My-Thai is also veggie and belly-friendly, offering a selection of vegetarian and gluten-free dishes. mythai.ca



India Village Restaurant

100 King St. W., Dundas

370 Wilson St. E., Ancaster

If you love Indian food, you'll be spoilt for choice, as India Village has two locations serving up delectable Indian cuisine. Try the korma shahi, with its rich and creamy coconut drenched vegetables and the butter naan is out of this world. Or better yet, try their popular Curry Special, which gets you a curry combo and an imported beer for \$18 (Tuesday & Wednesdays only.) indiavillage.ca



Culantro Cookery

47 King William St.

Culantro is a Peruvian cookery serving up fast casual – and slow-cooked – dishes. Chef Juan offers up empanadas as well as a handful of entrees, including Lomo Saltado, strips of beef in soy sauce with red onions and potatoes, and Pollo A La Brasa – Peru's national dish, don'tcha know – marinated rotisserie chicken. Oh, and try the purple corn juice, which is way more delicious than it sounds. culantro.ca



Bistro Parisien

150 James St. S., Hamilton

Bistro Parisien, Hamilton's only authentic French bistro, is nestled in a 150-year-old former bookshop in the city's upscale and picturesque Durand neighbourhood and not surprisingly, the ambience is as genuine as the cuisine. For a taste of Paris, try the Rabbit Pâté, the Coquilles Saint-Jacques, Mussels Provençal or the Duck Confit. Wednesdays feature all-you-can-eat mussels for \$12.95 and they feature a three-course lunch and dinner *prix fixe* menu. bistroparisien.com

Zum Linzer

537 Main St. E., Hamilton

Not only is Zum Linzer one of the cosiest – and comfiest – restaurants in Hamilton, but their authentic Austrian and German cuisine keeps the schnitzel joint jumpin' six days a week, and has done so since 1997. Their schnitzels are legendary – doesn't matter which one, they're all delicious – as is their selection of German lagers. Just be sure to bring an appetite as the portions are beyond generous.



La Spaghetti Pasta House

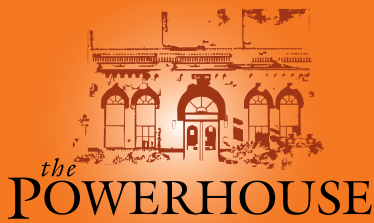
970 Upper James St., Hamilton

If authentic Italian cooking in an oh-so-intimate setting is on your culinary wishlist, then La Spaghetti will not disappoint. For more than 20 years, this resto has been serving classic Italian fare – with over 30 types of artisan pasta sauces, made from scratch, to choose from and an extensive wine list to boot, featuring more than a few bottles you won't find in stores. laspaghett.com

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pheasantplucker.ca



The Augusta House welcomes you to an upscale dining experience that skillfully combines traditional favorites and innovative pub fare. Explore a menu filled with exceptional selections, including a delicious brunch you won't soon forget all weekend from 11am-2pm. We also serve up food for the soul hosting a regular schedule of great live music. The Augusta House - a true gastropub!

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BISTRO

Bistro Parisien

150 James St. S., Hamilton, 905.546.0003
bistroparisien.com

Housed in a restored heritage terrace building, Bistro Parisien boasts a warm, comfortable atmosphere. Savour the delectable menu of Hamilton's only authentic French bistro. Select breakfast items available Sun 11:30am-3pm. \$\$\$ ☺ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹

Boo's Bistro & Wine Bar

164 James St. S., Hamilton, 905.296.7598
boosbistro.ca

Casual fine dining in a snug but stylish space. The focus is on global cuisine with an eclectic palate. The menu centres around brilliant textures and spices, and varies in ethnicity from Thai, Malaysian, Singaporean, Indian and North American cuisines. \$\$\$ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹

Il Fiasco

182 Locke St. S., Hamilton, 905.522.8549
ilfiasco.ca

Casual, colourful and intimate, Il Fiasco offers a selection of fun, flavourful dishes with a hint of the exotic, as well as an array of inventive and satisfying daily specials. \$\$\$ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹

The Village Green Cuisine

925 King St. W., Hamilton, 905.296.6300
thevillagegreencuisine.com

Take in the inviting scents of vegetarian fusion cuisine. Daily beef or chicken entrees available as well. Bistro is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Private dining room for groups of up to 20. \$\$\$ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹

CAFÉ/TEA HOUSE

The Baltimore House

43 King William St., Hamilton, 289.396.4830
baltimorehouse.ca

A vibrant addition to the King William strip as of December 2011, this cozy and dramatic spot is all at once a café, lounge, music venue, reading perch and night spot. Inspired by the likes of Edgar Allan Poe, this sophisticated and stirring space brings a bit of poetic grace and class to the neighbourhood. \$\$ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹

The Bean Bar

1012 King St. W., Hamilton, 905.524.2326
beanbar.ca

This Westdale fixture offers designer coffees and a wide variety of teas, hot and cold sandwiches, pizzas, pastas and dozens of tempting desserts. \$\$ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹

Cannon Coffee Co.

179 Ottawa St. N., Hamilton, 289.700.0088

A beautiful artisan coffee shop on Ottawa Street at Cannon, featuring locally roasted coffee and delicious food made in-house. Come in and enjoy a ridiculously good waffle sandwich! \$ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹

Detour Roasters Café

41 King St. W., Dundas, 289.238.8360
detourcafe.ca

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Johnny's Coffee

129 Locke St. S., Hamilton, 905.769.3694

johnnyscoffee.ca

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28 James St. N., Hamilton (Lister Block)

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Mulberry Street Coffeehouse

193 James St. N., Hamilton, 905.963.1365

mulberrystreet.ca

Chic and airy, this corner café plays on the history and creativity of the James North neighbourhood, as well as the obvious charms of its delicious organic menu and wealth of specialty coffees. \$ ☕ 🍰 🍳

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1020 King St. W., Hamilton, 905.777.8100

mydogjoe.squarespace.com

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548 Old Dundas Rd., Ancaster, 905.648.1828

ancastermill.ca

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Rousseau House Restaurant and Lounge

375 Wilson St. E., Ancaster, 905.648.8863
rousseauhouse.ca

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Sarcoa

57 Discovery Drive, Hamilton, 905.528.5757
sarcoa.ca

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VIP Restaurant

649 Main St. W., Hamilton, 905.527.3555
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Wass Ethiopian Restaurant

207 James St. S., Hamilton, 289.389.5294
wassethiopianrestaurant.com

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EUROPEAN

Black Forest Inn

255 King St. E., Hamilton, 905.528.3538
blackforestinn.ca

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284 King St. E., Hamilton, 905.528.8468
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34 Hess St. S., Hamilton, 289.389.2551
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225 King St. W., Dundas, 905.627.4677
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Wild Orchid Restaurant

286 James St. N., Hamilton, 905.528.7171
wildorchidrestaurant.ca

Specializing in authentic Portuguese cuisine, the unique menu features crab, grilled calamari and other fresh fish plus a variety of other dishes such as pasta, steak, chicken and pork. The ideal location for special occasions. \$\$ 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

Zum Linzer

537 Main St. E., Hamilton, 905.528.0023

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Rapsallion Restaurant

61 Young St., Hamilton, 905.522.0088
rapsallionrestaurant.com

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201 James St. N., Hamilton, 905.528.5548
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163 Main St. W., Hamilton, 905.524.2815
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43 King William St., Hamilton, 905.522.6999
currypalacerestaurant.com

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Earth to Table Bread Bar

258 Locke St. S., Hamilton
905.522.2999 breadbar.ca

Earth to Table bills itself as an artisanal bakery by day and pizzeria by night, but serves everything from pizza and pasta to salads and sandwiches. They offer handcrafted food, made with the finest ingredients for people who want a better quality meal. \$\$ 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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25 John St. N., Hamilton, 905.525.7811
capri ristorante.ca

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165 Jackson St. E., Hamilton, 905.528.0205
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maccheronicucina.com

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1275 Rymal Rd., Hamilton, 905.387.6041,
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824 King St. W., Hamilton, 905.523.4240
835 Paramount Drive, Stoney Creek, 905.385.3284
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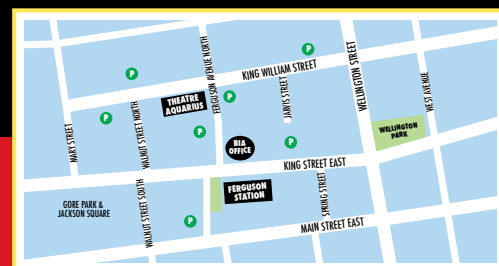
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This tiny gastropub offers a pleasing assortment of tapas, appetizers and mains, alongside regular live performances from area musicians. \$\$ 🍷 🍹

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199 James St. N., Hamilton, 289.396.8508

Art-fuelled and intimate, this cult-cool boîte offers an astute selection of microbrews and imports, as well as a limited but delicious menu (antipasti, artisanal cheeses, panini and more) and a reliably eclectic selection of music. \$ 🍷 🍹

Cat 'n' Fiddle

174 John St., Hamilton, 905.525.3855
catnfiddlepub.com

A friendly British-style pub serving traditional fare, including pie-of-the-day and intriguing and not-so-traditional culinary choices. \$ 🍷 🍹

Ceilidh House Irish Pub

107 George St., Hamilton, 905.528.5256
ceilidhhouse.ca

This Irish gem in the heart of Hess Village features a great selection of import draughts and a tasty seasonal menu that's available until 11pm. \$ 🍷 🍹 🍽️

Chester's Beers of the World

62 King St. E., Hamilton, 905.577.7722

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175 Young St., Hamilton, 905.572.9242
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Gallagher's Bar & Lounge

69 Augusta St., Hamilton, 905.577.6900
gallaghersbar.ca

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The Gown and Gavel

24 Hess St. S., Hamilton, 905.523.8881
gownandgavel.ca

An historic converted house is the setting for this traditional English-style pub that stocks a range of imported beers. The Gown's patio is a popular summer-time destination. \$\$\$

The Pheasant Plucker

20 Augusta St., Hamilton, 905.529.9000
pheasantplucker.ca

Housed in a cozy stone building with wood floors, an inviting fireplace and plenty of character, the Pheasant Plucker offers a range of imports on tap, pleasing pub fare and more elaborate beef, chicken and seafood entrees. Brunch on weekends. \$\$\$

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120 King St. W., Dundas, 905.627.8016
thewinchesterarmsdundas.com

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The Winking Judge

25 Augusta St., Hamilton, 905.524.5626
winkingjudge.com

The 22 taps in this microbrewery pub have featured hundreds of different beers from Ontario, Quebec, Alberta and Europe. Cask ale and bottled microbrews are available, along with pub fare. \$\$\$

STEAK / SEAFOOD

The Innsville

1143 Hwy 8, Stoney Creek 905.643.1244
innsville.ca

The historic Innsville specializes in prime rib, Lake Erie yellow perch, various seafoods and steak. Daily specials on offer. \$\$\$

Lord Byron Steak and Seafood House

10 Main St. S., Waterdown, 905.689.6648
lordbyron.ca

Superlative steaks and seafood, impeccable service, tableside cooking and a good wine list make Lord Byron a memorable dining experience. \$\$\$

Shakespeare's

181 Main St. E., Hamilton, 905.528.0689
shakespeares.ca

Shakespeare's is ideal for special occasions or a night out just for a change. Specializing in steaks and seafood, the versatile menu covers everything from pasta to wild game. \$\$\$

The Ship

23 Augusta St., Hamilton, 905.526.0792
theship.ca

The menu at this petite eatery is heaped with seafood options that are humble but hearty. Expect alligator, shrimp, scallops, fish and chips plus land-based options and choice microbrews. \$\$\$

THAI / VIETNAMESE

Bangkok Spoon Deluxe

57 King St. W., Dundas, 905.628.8808
bangkokspoon.com

Enjoy an authentic Thai experience in the relaxing ambience of Bangkok Spoon's beautifully appointed Asian-inspired decor. \$\$\$

Lemon Grass Restaurant

1300 Garth St., Hamilton, 905.574.3932
lemongrassrestaurant.ca

An upbeat little eatery serving polished, freshly prepared Thai and Vietnamese dishes in a casual setting. Something for every taste, mild to spicy. \$\$\$

My-Thai Restaurant

21 John St. N., Hamilton, 905.526.8373
399 Elizabeth St., Burlington, 905.631.8373
42 Wilson St. W., Ancaster, 905.304.8424

Freshly prepared genuine Thai cuisine with warm atmosphere and friendly service. Express lunch and convenient takeout available. \$\$\$

Siam Dish

137 Locke St. S., Hamilton, 905.393.2525
1477 Lakeshore Rd., Burlington, 905.632.2525
siamdish.ca

Authentic Thai cuisine in a modern, elegant atmosphere. Special lunch menu. Scenic patio overlooks the lake at our Burlington location. \$\$\$

Thai Memory

25 King William St., Hamilton, 905.296.1077
thaimemory.ca

Feature dishes at this authentic Thai restaurant include regional foods of Thailand. Lunch available on Thu and Fri. \$\$\$

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Beyond the Valley Studio Tour beyondthevalley.ca

West Hamilton Artists Tour westhamiltonartiststour.com

Dundas Studio Tour dundasstudiotour.ca

Art in Action Studio Tour artinaction.ca



Local artist To call Tor Lukasik-Foss a Renaissance man would be something of an understatement. In fact, the Hamilton artist, writer and performer leaves nary an artistic rock unturned, working in a wide array of media, including salvaged and abandoned wood sculpture, aluminium sign fabrication and performance (under the stage name of Tiny Bill Cody), to name but a few. A founding member of the TH&B artist collective (visit them at the 270 Sherman Creative Arts Centre, 270sherman.ca), much of Lukasik-Foss' work explores the ways in which art becomes a public language, or a publicly shared experience. To even try and further expound on his CV would be far too daunting a task. torlukasikfoss.com.

Design Annex

Part gallery, part event venue, part arts incubator and part life-style boutique, the AGH Design Annex not only expands the Gallery's presence along James Street North, but adds some welcome mainstream muscle to the grassroots arts scene that has been transforming the area.

The Design Annex is housed in the former Dominion Furniture building, a heritage property that was bought and restored by

local partners Doug McKelvie, Bill Curran and Tim Potocic. The trio returned 118 James North to its former glory and the space is a beguiling — and eclectic — mix of urban decor, all exposed brick, original tin ceilings and hardwood floors. The art and design store features one-of-a-kind furniture, lighting, accessories and artwork from local, Canadian and international artists, artisans and designers. Sometimes you just have to treat yourself. artgalleryofhamilton.com.



MICHELLE PROSEK

Uber popular local glass artist, Prosek's "kiln-blown glass" technique creates oh-so-vibrant jewelry, coasters, platters and wall tiles.



LAURA TEDESCO

A custom jewellery designer, Hamilton's Tedesco creates pieces that are wearable bits of art — and breathtaking ones at that.



MARSHA McISAAC

McIsaac transforms scraps of fabric and unwanted material into chic and vibrant fashion pieces that are as fun to look at as they are to wear.



ROSE SAVAGE OUELLETTE

Ouellette's beadwork uses Swarovski crystals, Japanese seed beads, pearls and gemstones to create beautiful pieces.



SIOBHAN LYNCH

According to Lynch's website, she likes "to make sunlight dance." Her stained glass panels, windows and inserts do just that.



TERRY OSBORNE

Osborne is a co-founder of the long-running Beyond the Valley Studio Tour, and her pottery is well-known city-wide.



ROGER WOOD

Local artists Roger Wood crafts one-of-a-kind, oh-so-whimsical, timepieces that are as fantastical as they are functional.



In 1894, a group of local women met at the home of Mrs. John Calder. From this, the Women's Art Association was formed.



Lord and Lady Aberdeen officially opened Hamilton's first Public Library on September 16, 1890.



The Hamilton Art School was founded in 1886 and its students included Group of Seven members J.E.H. MacDonald and A.J. Casson.



Art in the City

In case you hadn't heard, Hamilton has a new steel — art. The city is experiencing something of a cultural renaissance with its burgeoning art scene, slowly becoming the backbone of Hamilton. With a thriving art community on James St. North — marked by an influx of independent artists from Toronto and beyond — culture and art in Hamilton is alive and well. From the artist-run centre Hamilton Artist Inc. to the recently opened Manta Contemporary and the Nathaniel Hughson Gallery, there is a plethora of local art to admire and purchase. If you can't walk, maybe you can crawl. The

James St. North Art Crawl happens on the second Friday of every month; where you can connect to artists, their work and most of all, experience the cultural vibe of the city. But there's more than just the crawl. The Art Gallery of Hamilton on King St. West — Ontario's third largest public art gallery — showcases some of the finest pieces of art from around the world. King William Street forms a beguiling urban art trail, a creative way to engage with art on the street. But for a full taste of art culture, hit up Supercrawl, an annual free weekend art and music street festival bringing together multi-disciplinary artists and the community.

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ART CRAWL

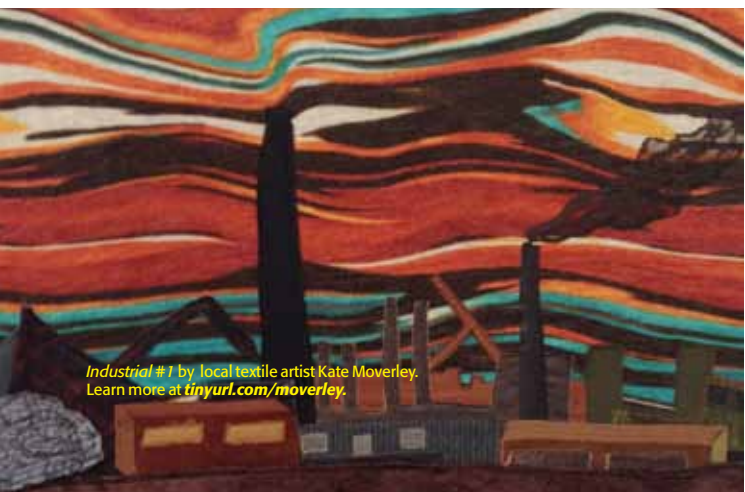
Over the past five years or so, something of a phenomenon has been happening in this historic neighbourhood north of the downtown core — the lower tract of James Street has been emerging as a hip and eclectic arterial vein of the city, housing innovative cafés, funky restos and super-cool art galleries. This latter feature of the area is constantly evolving yet is an undeniable presence, and there is no better way to inhale the artsy air than the Art Crawl that takes place on

the second Friday of each month. A self-guided tour, revellers explore the many studios, shops and spaces that inject an irresistible ideology into the area — art is fun. A staple of the evening, make sure to crawl aboard the Art Bus, departing from The Pearl Company, thepearlcompany.ca. A guide takes you to top galleries for openings and meetings with artists, where you can learn about their work and hang out with other art enthusiasts. After-crawl bonus: awesome food and drink venues abound in this area!



OTTAWA STREET

Art, food and fashion — Ottawa Street has it all. The largest fabric and textile district in Canada, O-street is always bustling. From the street's countless art galleries (Earls Court Gallery and the AllSorts Gallery are but two), to the one-of-a-kind vintage shops, you're sure to find things beyond curtains and drapes. Speaking of drapes, you can also get fresh grapes in the summer — the Ottawa Street Farmers' Market boasts vendors carrying local produce and goods. And if you like a bit of food with your art, you're in luck: the street's annual — and award-winning — food truck rally, Sew Hungry, sees more than 12,000 foodies partake in a 'who's-who' of local and imported food trucks. Did we mention that the street is home to the first Tim Hortons store opened in 1964? And if that isn't enough to justify bragging rights, this Hamilton street took second place in the nation-wide Great Places in Canada contest in 2011. More at shopottawastreet.com



Industrial #1 by local textile artist Kate Moverley. Learn more at tinyurl.com/moverley.



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GALLERIES

AllSorts Gallery

244 Ottawa St. N., Hamilton
905.393.7381 allsortsgallery.com

Owned and operated by area artists, this co-op allows local artists to display and sell their work as well as increase appreciation of the arts in the community. Work featured encompasses a wide range of media, including pottery, metal sculpture, wood turning, photography, paper, fibre, glass, weaving, silk and jewellery.

Arctic Experience McNaught Gallery

191 James St. S., Hamilton
905.522.9443 arcticexperience.com

This gallery specializes in Canadian historical artwork and Inuit sculpture by artists living in Cape Dorset, Baffin Island and Nunavut, including many items from estate collections. Offering consulting, appraisals, donations, framing and conservation services.

Art Bus

16 Steven St., Hamilton
905.524.0606 pearlcompany.ca

Explore Hamilton's exciting and varied art scene. Starting at The Pearl Company at 6:30pm on the first and second Fridays monthly and ending at the same spot with a post-tour wind-down. Host and tour guide Barbara Milne takes you to Hamilton's top galleries, where you can catch Friday night openings, meet the artists, learn about their work and encounter other fine arts enthusiasts on the bus. \$15 per person. Please call ahead to reserve.

Art Gallery of Hamilton

123 King St. W., Hamilton
905.527.6610 artgalleryofhamilton.com

The third-largest public gallery in Ontario, the Art Gallery of Hamilton has an impressive collection of historic, modernist and contemporary art by Canadian, American and European artists. The AGH permanent collection houses close to 10,000 pieces. Also visit our newly opened Design Annex, an exhibition, retail, performance and rental space at 118 James Street North. Don't forget to bring the little ones along for Family Fun Days, generally held on the last Sunday of each month and featuring Family-Time Mini-Tours and art activities for the entire family. Admission to Level Two exhibitions is free. Admission applies for Gallery One; on the first Friday of every month, all exhibitions are free from 4-8 pm. Café and gift shop located on main level.

ARTrageous

243 James St. N., Hamilton
ARTrageous is a not-for-profit art collective in the artsy James St. N. district. It features fine art, photography, upcycled textiles, fashion accessories, watercolours, jewellery and more.

Artword Artbar

15 Colbourne St., Hamilton
905.543.8512 artword.net/artbar
Artword Artbar is a licensed café-bar in the James North Art District with live music Wed to Sat evenings (folk, jazz, songwriter, world beat), plus monthly art exhibits.

b contemporary

226 James St. N., Hamilton
289.389.3949 bcontemporary.ca
A new contemporary art venture of David Brace, b contemporary is a fine art and custom picture-framing gallery.

Blue Angel Gallery

243 James St. N., Hamilton
905.522.8735
Featuring visual art from both emerging and established artists. Exhibits rotate monthly.

Bold Artiste Gallery

6 Bold St., Hamilton
905.902.2219 boldartiste.com
This art studio sells and promotes the creations of established and emerging artists located in

Hamilton and the surrounding area. The studio offers art from various genres and media suitable for framing, as well as sculpture, glass, wood, textiles, jewellery, handmade specialty cards and unique gifts for every occasion.

Carnegie Gallery

10 King St. W., Dundas
905.627.4265 carnegiegallery.org

Resident in Dundas' freshly renovated former library building, this gallery's exhibitions of regional artists rotate frequently. Carnegie Gallery houses a gallery shop offering the finest in visual art, pottery, sculpture, jewellery, glass, woodworking, textiles and photography. The gallery also boasts one of the busiest exhibition schedules in the area with monthly shows. Their high standards have made Carnegie one of the busiest galleries in the region.

Centre 3 (formerly The Print Studio)

173 James St. N., Hamilton
905.524.5084 centre3.com

This not-for-profit artist-run centre in the heart of James Street North Art scene is dedicated to promoting print media and media arts in contemporary artistic discourse for practicing artists and the community at large. As a print production, exhibition centre, animator of community arts and education centre, Centre 3 supports both traditional and experimental print and new media practices. Also check out their sales gallery and shop for a wide array of items, including their "Art is the New Steel" t-shirts, bags and aprons.

Creations Gallery

436 Wilson St. E., Ancaster
905.648.6199 creations-gallery.com

Family owned and operated for more than 25 years, this gallery features paintings, sculptures, etchings and art glass. At Creations, they pride themselves on providing exceptional service to their clients. They also offer consultation in your home or office, delivery and installation, restoration and appraisals.

Creative Works Studio

992 King St. W., Hamilton
905.667.0818 creative-works.ca

A showcase of Sylvia Simpson's watercolour scenes of city streets, landscapes and florals as well as reproduction prints, plaque art and greeting cards. Also featuring the Carolinian Woodturnings of Peter Reisiger.

Dundas Valley School of Art

21 Ogilvie St., Dundas
905.628.6357 dvsa.ca

For 45 years the Dundas Valley School of Art (DVSA) has been dedicated to teaching aspiring artists. The Dofasco Gallery in the DVSA houses monthly exhibits showcasing the work of local and regional artists, faculty, full-time students and children. The annual spring art auction typically features over 1,200 works of art for sale.

Earls Court Gallery

215 Ottawa St. N., Hamilton
905.527.6685 earlscourtgallery.com

Operating since 1973, Earls Court Gallery features contemporary and historical Canadian artworks. Our location has a 1600 sq. ft. gallery and a 1000 sq. ft. framing facility. There is a cross-section of media on display, and exhibition space changes every 4-5 weeks. Historical consignments welcomed regularly.

The Focus Gallery

66 James St. N., Hamilton
905.218.9557 thefocusgallery.ca

The Focus Gallery is an elegant gallery space in Hamilton's historic Jamesville, with many mid-1800s prominent buildings in the James Street Art Crawl district. Excited to be celebrating its second year among a great collection of other fine art galleries within this attractive and evocative downtown enclave, Focus Gallery brings a fresh verve to the street. Our rotating art exhibitions feature local, national and international artists.



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Gallery 4

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905.546.3200 hpl.ca/organizations/gallery-4
Gallery 4, at the central branch of the HPL, is the second oldest gallery in the James North district. They offer a program of exhibitions by emerging local artists and give established artists the opportunity to develop new ideas in a public setting.

Gallery on Locke

254 Locke St. S., Hamilton
905.522.6678

The Gallery on Locke is home to a variety of original works in oil, acrylic, pastel and watercolour by local artist Cynthia Bernstein, as well as hand-crafted stoneware pottery made by Stephen Bernstein. Special exhibits throughout the year.

Gallery on the Bay

231 Bay St. N. (at Barton), Hamilton
905.540.8532 galleryonthebay.com

Offering fine Canadian Art since 1995 in a relaxing atmosphere of tropical plants and a cappuccino bar. Located in the converted headquarters of a steel company, they feature local and regional artists as well as a collection of historical work. Gallery on the Bay also hosts literary events and musical evenings. Events occur in their main and studio galleries.

The Grey Room

195 James St. N., Suite 211, Hamilton
905.730.7899 thegreyroom.ca

The Grey Room Art Studio features local artists each month for the James North Art Crawl (every second Friday of the month). Also open on an appointment basis; please call or email to schedule.

Hamilton Artists Inc.

155 James St. N., Hamilton
905.529.3355 theinc.ca

Hamilton Artists Inc. is an artist-run centre committed to the presentation, dissemination and advocacy of Canadian contemporary visual arts practices which speaks to and enhances our regional cultural activity. This non-profit organization has been promoting art in Hamilton since 1975, and regularly features contemporary art exhibitions.

Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts Gallery

126 James St. S., Hamilton
905.528.4020 hcart.ca

Established in 2001, the HCA Gallery provides accessibility to all levels of the community in order to nurture existing and emerging art audiences. The historic Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts features 18 sound-proof music rooms, inspiring visual arts spaces, spacious dance studios, an acoustically perfect recital hall and an art gallery.

HiStory & HERitage

165 James St. N., Hamilton
905.526.1405 historyandheritage.ca

HiStory + HERitage is a unique exhibition and meeting space combining historical content (architectural, social and cultural) and new technology (mini-computers and flat screen monitors) to share the story of Hamilton.

James North Art Collective

328 James St. N., Hamilton
905.528.6437 jamesnorthartcollective.com

Home to a collective of visual artists and craftspeople working in drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, jewellery, photography and sculpture.

James North Art Crawl

James St. N. (from King William to Murray), Hamilton
On the second Friday of every month, James North comes alive as businesses and galleries along the strip coordinate exhibit openings, special events and lively entertainment on this free self-guided walk. Generally runs from 7-11pm.

Manta Contemporary

51 King William St., Hamilton
289.639.3815 mantacontemporary.com

Recently opened last year, Manta Contemporary is

Hamilton's newest art gallery showing both emerging and established artists. On the second Friday of every month, they feature a new exhibition reception.

McMaster Museum of Art

Alvin A. Lee Building, University Ave.
McMaster University, 1280 Main St. W., Hamilton
905.525.9140 ext 23241 mcmaster.ca/museum
The McMaster Museum of Art offers a year-round program of changing exhibits of historical, modern and contemporary art, and complementary activities. McMaster's internationally recognized art collection of more than 7,000 objects includes the Levy Collection of Impressionist and Post Impressionist paintings and a specialized collection of German Expressionist prints. Wheelchair accessible. Admission by donation.

Melanie Gillis Studio & Gallery

126 James St. N., Hamilton
905.297.7050 melaniegillis.com
The Melanie Gillis Studio & Gallery is located in the heart of Hamilton's up-and-coming artist district of James Street North. The studio is a warm and intimate setting tucked away on the third floor of an historic building on the east side of James.

Nathaniel Hughson Art Gallery

27 John St. N., Hamilton
905.923.1192 nathanielhughsongallery.com
The Nathaniel Hughson Art Gallery on John Street North is the Hamilton hub for over a dozen established Ontario artists.

The Pearl Company

16 Steven St., Hamilton
905.524.0606 thepearlcompany.ca
Displaying works by almost exclusively Hamilton artists, this approximately 2,700 square-foot gallery is also somewhat of a theatre-in-the-round and a highly flexible performance space. The Pearl Company's exhibits are multi-cultural, socially aware, politically engaged and connected to Hamilton's diverse communities.

Socald Gallery

244 James St. N., Hamilton
905.934.7690
A communal art space that features work from emerging artists. Exhibits rotate.

Textures Craftworks

236 Locke St. S., Hamilton
905.523.0636 texturescraftworksblog.blogspot.ca
This collective-based gallery features fine craft work including original stained glass pieces, pottery, jewellery, leather, slumped glass, wood, metal, fabric and more. Located on trendy Locke St., Textures has provided unique handmade one-of-a-kind items and gifts since 1983.

Tiger Group Studio Gallery

335 Barton St. E., Hamilton
905.528.8873 tigergroup.ca
Since 1974, a group of local artists has been coming together for mutual inspiration, support and arts promotion. Their styles, media and subjects are diverse; the quality of their work is extraordinary. Current members of the Tiger Group are Bill Powell, Eric Ranveau, Rick Cook, Lesley Cordero and Claudette Losier.

Workers Arts & Heritage Centre

51 Stuart St., Hamilton
905.522.3003 wahc-museum.ca
The WAHC is Canada's only national organization dedicated to workers' history and culture. WAHC's goal is to preserve, honour and promote the plight and spirit of dedicated labourers and to create a cultural and educational experience. The contributions of working people — not only in Canadian history but worldwide — are showcased in art, exhibits and performances.

You Me Gallery

330 James St. N., Hamilton
905.523.7754 youmegallery.ca
You Me Gallery offers monthly exhibitions of paintings, prints, photographs and sculptures by artists from Hamilton and other areas.

Henri LeSitaner (French, 1862 – 1939), on view in summer 2013 exhibit



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The Pearl Company, 16 Steven St., thepearlcompany.ca

Best Seats in the House

Some of Southern Ontario's most storied entertainment venues are located in Hamilton, found downtown in the cultural heart of the city. Home to Hamilton's AHL team, the Bulldogs (farm club to the Montreal Canadiens), Copps Coliseum is by far the largest venue in the city. With a seating capacity of 19,000, Copps — as it is affectionately known — is more than just a hockey arena; it's hosted some of the biggest names in music, from U2 and Elton John to Britney Spears and Carrie Underwood. A few blocks south of Copps is The Great

Hall at Hamilton Place, home to the world-renowned Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra. With spectacular acoustics and nary a bad seat in the house, Hamilton Place is the ideal venue for concerts, theatre and even live sporting events. For a more intimate experience, the 300-seat Molson Canadian Studio is located right next door and offers a chance to see your favourite performers up close and personal. A wide variety of acts have graced this compact stage, from Kathleen Edwards to Joel Plaskett, and the experience is one you're not likely to soon forget. hecfi.ca.



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FRANKIE VENOM

A local legend, the late Venom was the leader of erstwhile punk band Teenage Head, and the Godfather of Hamilton's punk music scene.



WHITEHORSE

The Hammer's First Couple of music, Luke Doucet and Melissa McClelland have been blazing an alt-rock-country trail as Whitehorse.



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Hamilton's resident 'Rawk God', and a familiar sight about town; the multi-Juno-winning singer is also an accomplished painter.



NEIL PEART

Not just the drummer for legendary Rush, Hamilton-born Peart is also a critically acclaimed author. Did we mention he's in Rush?



DANIEL LANOIS

Hamilton's own producer, guitarist, vocalist and songwriter to the stars, Lanois has worked with everyone from U2 to Bob Dylan.



IAN ASTBURY

Astbury spent his formative years growing up in Hamilton before finding music stardom as frontman of The Cult.



RITA CHIARELLI

Hamilton's very own "Goddess of Canadian blues," Chiarelli possesses "a voice so blue it could make the angels weep."



Robert Stanley Weir, best known as the author of the English lyrics to “O Canada,” was born in Hamilton in 1908.



Pantages Theatre opened on King Street in 1921 with a seating capacity of 3,500. It was the largest theatre in Canada at the time.



Hamilton’s own Florence Lawrence is often referred to as “Hollywood’s First Movie Star.”



Boris Brott’s namesake music festival is celebrating its 26th anniversary this year.

BEING BORIS

If you hear someone mentioning orchestral music and Hamilton in the same breath, the likelihood is that Boris Brott is also included in that sentence. An internationally renowned conductor, Brott’s career has taken him all over the world, but he is a proud Hamiltonian — so much so that Tourism Hamilton anointed him with the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007. A cultural cornerstone in this city for the past 26 years, each summer sees another season of the Brott Music Festival, bringing the best of

orchestral, chamber, jazz and pops to venues throughout Hamilton. Begun in 1988 as a two-week event to promote cultural activity, the festival now spans the summer. World-class soloists play alongside Brott’s orchestra-in-residence The National Academy Orchestra of Canada, and audiences return year after year for the festival’s sonorous masterpieces. World-class music in Hamilton... Brott himself has explained why he has been so committed to bringing the two together: “This festival is home to me...and you are my favourite audience.”

Live ‘n’ Local

Want to understand what makes Hamilton so special? Get out to one of the local venues and soak in the energy of a Hamilton band playing to a hometown crowd; it’s an experience you won’t soon forget. And while you might already be familiar with the hook-laden rock’n’roll of Hamilton band Arkells, they’re only the beginning of what this city has to offer. Enjoy 60s garage pop? Check out Young Rival. 80s new wave? Check out New Hands. Punk rock? The Dirty Nil. Grass roots hip hop? Canadian Winter. Each has earned themselves a reputation for their live performances and if they’re

playing near you, run don’t walk. As for the venues themselves, they offer a uniquely Hamilton experience and are what makes the scene thrive. Queen Street has The Casbah, home to craft beer and the finest in Indie music; Baltimore House on King William offers eclectic musical fare in a gorgeous Victorian setting; and This Ain’t Hollywood on James North is a vintage rock’n’roll bar a la CBGBs. But it doesn’t matter where you end up, as each venue embodies the enthusiasm and spontaneity that characterizes Hamilton music. Look below for some notable local bands. Trust us, you won’t be disappointed.

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Catherine Jeffrey paints Hamilton’s urban landscape using oils; learn more at catherinejeffreystudio.com.

A BYGONE ERA

Nestled in the heart of picturesque Westdale Village, the Westdale Theatre is a triumph of Art Deco sensibilities and a living testament to the golden age of film. Built in 1935, the single screen theatre remains virtually unchanged; the beautiful lobby leads you past a vintage snack bar and into the long theatre room that seats 498 people. Even the way movies are shown hasn’t changed much in Westdale. While the films may be modern, you won’t find any concessions to the digital age here; the movies shown at the Westdale theatre are all on glorious-24-frame-per-second film and still require a projectionist. And while this limits the films they can bring in to the theatre, the Westdale Theatre makes it their mission to provide a combination of recent blockbusters and independent fare. All of this combines for a truly unique movie-going experience, one you won’t soon forget.



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PERFORMANCE

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Dundas Little Theatre

Centre for the Arts, Market St., Dundas
905.627.5266 dundaslittetheatre.com

Founded in 1960, Dundas Little Theatre has operated out of the Garstin Centre for the Arts since 1980. Among shows slated for this season, *How Could You, Mrs. Dick?*, a true life whodunit based on an unforgettable part of Hamilton's history runs until May 11. Please check our website for other performances, ticket prices and dates.

Hamilton Theatre Inc.

HTI Studio Theatre, 140 MacNab St. N., Hamilton
905.522.3032 hamiltontheatre.com

One of the most successful theatre companies in Southern Ontario, Hamilton Theatre has been delighting local audiences and lighting up the stage since 1956. Check website for the organization's 2013/2014 season lineup. Tickets: adult \$25, seniors and students \$22.

The Players' Guild of Hamilton

80 Queen St. S., Hamilton
905.529.0284 playersguild.org

The Players' Guild, by some estimates the oldest continually operating community theatre group on the continent, opens its 137th season this fall with a playbill that encompasses drama and comedy at Guild House (Queen St. N. at Jackson St. W.), one of the city's oldest and most unique theatre spaces. Evening performances at 8pm; matinees at 2pm. The theatre is air conditioned and wheelchair accessible.

Theatre Aquarius

190 King William St., Hamilton
905.522.PLAY theatreaquarius.org

The Dofasco Centre for the Arts hosts Theatre Aquarius and its yearly ambitious schedule. The 2013/2014 playbill includes Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* (Sep 25-Oct 12); Soulepper Theatre's *Kim's Convenience* (Nov 6-23); *The Sound of Music* (Dec 11-Jan 4); *Driving Miss Daisy* (Feb 5-22); *Cabaret* (Mar 12-Apr 5) and Theatrefront's *Tribes*. (May 7-24). Ticket and show information available online or by calling the box office.

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MUSIC

Brott Music Festival

Various venues, Hamilton/Burlington/Ancaster
905.525.7664 brottmusic.com

The country's largest orchestral music festival, the Brott Music Festival encompasses jazz, chamber music, pop, family concerts and much more...now in its 26th year! Full details on the season, with maps, are available online.

Copps Coliseum

101 York Blvd., Hamilton
905.546.4040 hecfi.ca

With a seating capacity of up to 19,000 people, Copps is designed to accommodate an eclectic variety of events. Among upcoming dates, Copps welcomes Rush (Jul 6) and Sarah Brightman (Sep 13). Check website for upcoming events and to purchase tickets.

Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra

Hamilton Place, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton
905.526.7756 hpo.org

In 1884, The Hamilton Orchestral Society was established with approximately 30 musicians. In the intervening years, it has grown and evolved to become one of Canada's major professional orchestras, the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra. The HPO plays in the Great Hall at Hamilton Place and features world-renowned conductors, guest artists and talented locals performing various styles of music. Listings for upcoming performances available on the website. All concerts at 7:30pm.

Great Hall at Hamilton Place

1 Summers Lane, Hamilton
905.546.3100 hecfi.ca

The acoustically rich Hamilton Place hosts a variety of performances in the upcoming months including pop, comedy, classical and theatrical spectacles. Among the upcoming performances slated to appear on the Great Hall stage are *West Side Story* (May 25); Jerry Seinfeld (May 29); Daniel O'Donnell (Sept 12), Celtic Thunder's *Mythology* (Sept 22) and Jethro Tull's Ian Anderson (Oct 17). Check website for full schedule of upcoming events and to purchase tickets.

The Molson Canadian Studio at Hamilton Place

1 Summers Lane, Hamilton
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The intimate and dynamic Studio showcases intimate and magical evenings with local, national and international recording artists, as well as theatre events and other live performances. Upcoming performances include Skydiggers (May 31), David Francey (Oct 9) and the Steel City Rovers (Dec 20). Check website for upcoming events.

McMaster Celebrity Concert Series

Convocation Hall (University Hall 213),
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Opera Hamilton

130 Jackson St. E., Hamilton
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Opera Hamilton's epic evenings are one of the area's hottest theatrical draws. To get the summer started, check out *A Night at the Opry* (Jun 15) for a country and western hoopla of songs, dance and delicious barbecue at Dymet's Family Farm (416 Fallsview Rd. E, RR#2, Dundas). \$100 per person with country dress code in effect. Also refer to the website for the full schedule of the 2013/2014 season. All productions take place at The Dofasco Centre for the Arts, 190 King William St., Hamilton.

The Pearl Company

16 Steven St., Hamilton
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The Pearl Company has a commitment to presenting work that draws on all the arts, including music, visual art, dance, film, spoken word and theatre. The building houses an acoustically rich concert hall, a theatre and a gallery space. Check website for details on shows and ticket prices.

The Staircase Theatre

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The Westdale Theatre

1014 King St. W., Hamilton, 905.522.7173
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In the golden days of movies – the 1930s and 1940s – Hamilton's movie-going public was served by more than 20 motion picture theatres. The city boasted six major palaces downtown and 15 neighbourhood or "second run" theatres scattered across the lower city, ranging in size from small (400 seats) to large (2,000 seats and up). Before the advent of television, they were a popular diversion, and hard times saw movie-goers escape indoors to watch the hapless rich in romantic comedies, westerns and crime dramas — happy their financial woes were nothing compared to Hollywood's celluloid versions. Most theatres had been designed and built in the previous decade, principally as venues for vaudeville and burlesque, with movies as an afterthought – a decent sound system being unimportant. Almost all went through major upgrades and restoration, sometimes more than once, and by 1930, all of the vaudeville and burlesque theatres had been converted to movie houses. An Art Deco-era neighbourhood movie house, the historic Westdale Theatre is unique in that it is Hamilton's only theatre constructed in that era that has continually functioned as a cinema to this day. The last free-standing movie house in the city, the 593-seat Westdale shows a mix of top-tier current releases, art house fare, independent and foreign films, and its stately and subdued interior will send you back in time to a period when popular entertainment was a far more genteel proposition.

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905.572.7878 macnabterrace.ca

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30 South St. W., Dundas
289.238.9278 oslerhouse.com

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902 Shaver Rd., Ancaster
905.648.0116 ridgemoor.ca

Rose Arden Bed & Breakfast

266 Mountain Park Ave., Hamilton
905.387.2000 rosearden.com

Rutherford House

293 Park St., S., Hamilton
905.525.2422 rutherfordbb.com

Sadwick's Place

725 Mohawk Rd. E., Hamilton
905.383.2783 bbcana.com/1137

Serenity Ranch Bed & Breakfast

2171 Wilson St. W., Jerseyville
289.346.0278 serenityranchbb.com

The Homestead 1867

36 Melville St., Dundas
289.238.8720 thehomestead1867.ca

The Meadows Bed and Breakfast

58 Galley Rd., Ancaster
905.648.6853 bbcana.com/10178

The Shavers Bed & Breakfast

1868 Shaver Rd., Ancaster
905.648.3326 theshaversbnb.ca

Tranquility Base B & B

110 Abbey Close, Ancaster
905.648.1506 tranquilitybase.on.ca

CAMPGROUNDS

Emerald Lake Trailer Resort & Waterpark

7248 Gore Rd. RR#2, Puslinch
905.659.7923 emeraldlake.ca

Fifty Point Conservation Area and Campground

1479 Baseline Rd., Winona
905.525.2187 conservationhamilton.ca

Flamboro Valley Camping Resort

1158 Regional Rd. 97 Flamborough
905.659.5053 flamborovalley.com

Gulliver's Lake & Park

792 Safari Rd., Millgrove
905.659.7300 gulliverslake.com

Lawson Park

322 Concession 11 Rd. E., Freelon
905.659.3395 lawsonpark.ca

Lost Forest Park

4449 Millborough Line, Millgrove
905.689.7648 lostforestpark.com

Maple Grove Trailer Park

1488 Concession 11 West, Flamborough,
905.659.3311 maplegroveflamborough.com

Olympia Village RV Park and Campground

1161 Conc 4, RR 2, Waterdown
905.627.1923 olympiavillage.ca

Pine Valley Park Campground Resort

955 Valens Rd., Flamborough
519-623-4998 pinevalleypark.com

Ponderosa Nature Resort

1218 Concession Rd. 8 West Flamborough,
905.659.3410 ponderosaresort.ca

Valens Conservation Area and Campground

1691 Regional Rd. 97, Cambridge,
905.525.2183 conservationhamilton.ca

CAMPUS ACCOMMODATIONS

McMaster University — Conference & Event Services

1280 Main Street West Hamilton
905.525.9140 ext 26898
conference.mcmaster.ca/index.php

Mohawk College Residence and Conference Centre

245 Fennell Ave. W., Hamilton
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- 4 Cottage in the City 905-389-5067
- 5 Duck Tail Inn B&B 905-648-3596
- 6 Glenwood B&B 905-628-8104
- 7 Homestead House 905-679-2581
- 8 Log Inn B&B 905-679-1876
- 9 Olser House 289-238-9278
- 10 Ridgemoor B&B 905-648-0116
- 11 Rose Arden B&B 905-387-2000
- 12 Sadwicks Place 905-383-2783
- 13 Serenity Ranch B&B 289-346-0278
- 14 The Homestead 1867 289-238-8720
- 15 The Meadows B&B 905-648-6853
- 16 The Shavers B&B 905-648-3326
- 17 Tranquility Base B&B 905-648-1506

ARTS

- 1 Carnegie Gallery
- 2 Donn Zver Pottery & Potters Cafe
- 3 McMaster Museum of Art
- 4 The Pearl Company

ATTRACTIONS

- 1 African Lion Safari
- 2 Flamboro Downs/Slots
- 3 Royal Botanical Gardens
- 4 Van Wagner's Beach
- 5 Wild Waterworks

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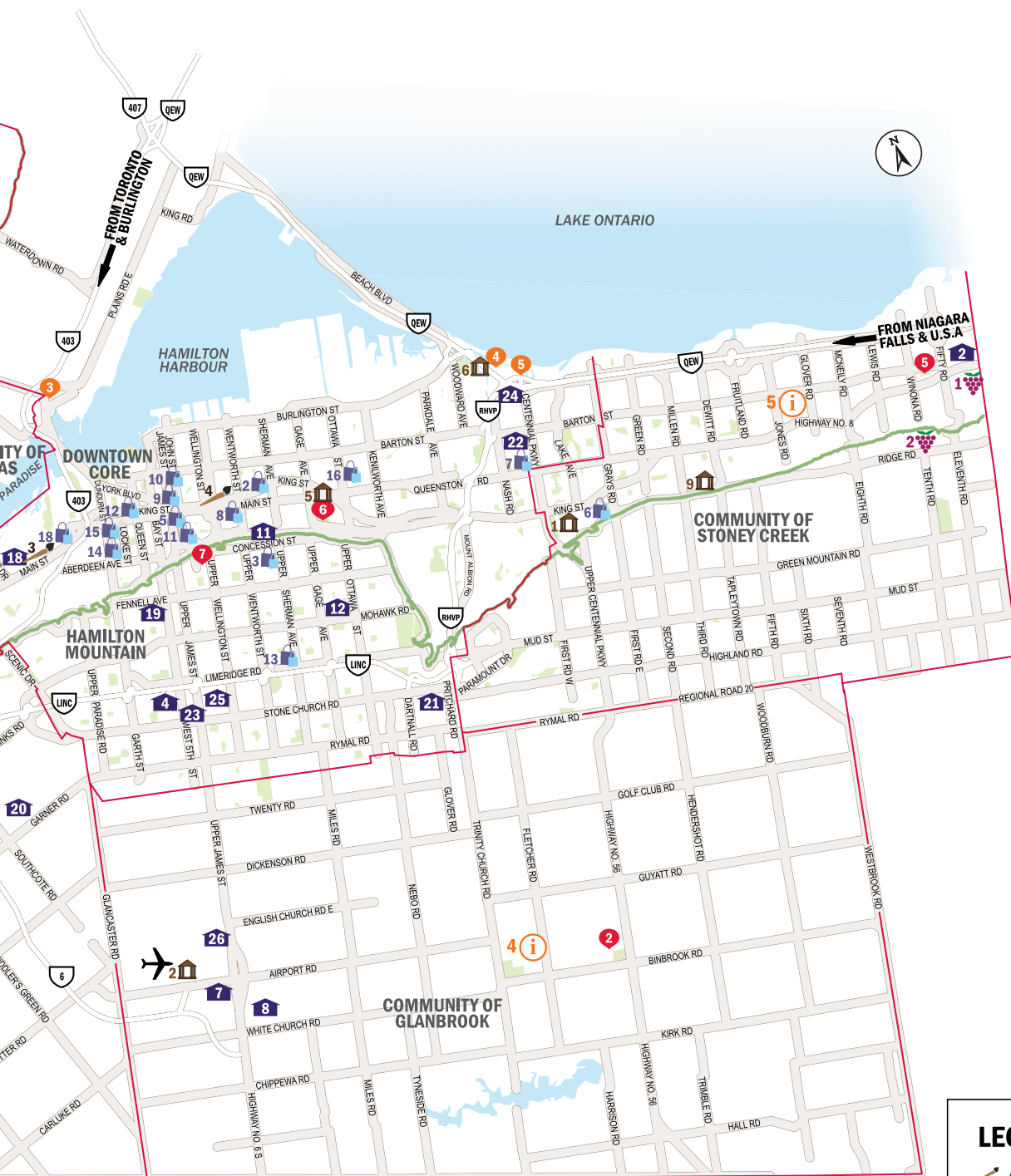
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MUSEUMS

- 1 Battlefield House Museum & Park
- 2 Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum
- 3 Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum
- 4 Griffin House National Historic Site
- 5 Hamilton Children's Museum
- 6 Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology
- 7 Westfield Heritage Village
- 8 Dundas Museum & Archives
- 9 Erland Lee Museum National Historic Site

DINING & SHOPPING DISTRICTS

- 1 Ancaster BIA
- 2 Barton Village BIA
- 3 Concession Street BIA
- 4 Downtown Dundas BIA
- 5 Downtown Hamilton BIA
- 6 Downtown Stoney Creek BIA
- 7 Eastgate Mall
- 8 International Village BIA
- 9 Jackson Square Mall
- 10 James Street North
- 11 James Street South
- 12 King Street West
- 13 Lime Ridge Shopping Centre
- 14 Locke Street South BIA
- 15 Main Street West
- 16 Ottawa Street BIA
- 17 Waterdown BIA
- 18 Westdale Village BIA



FAIRGROUNDS/PARKS

- 1 Ancaster Fairgrounds
- 2 Binbrook Fairgrounds
- 3 Dundas Driving Park
- 4 Rockton Fairgrounds
- 5 Winona Park
- 6 Gage Park
- 7 Sam Lawrence Park

HOTELS/MOTELS/INNS

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| 22 | Comfort Inn | 905-560-4500 |
| 23 | Courtyard by Marriott | 905-383-7772 |
| 24 | Holiday Inn Express | 905-578-1212 |
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SATELLITE TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRES

- 1① Ancaster Municipal Service Centre
- 2① Dundas Municipal Centre
- 3① Flamborough Municipal Service Centre
- 4① Glanbrook Municipal Service Centre
- 5① Stoney Creek Municipal Service Centre

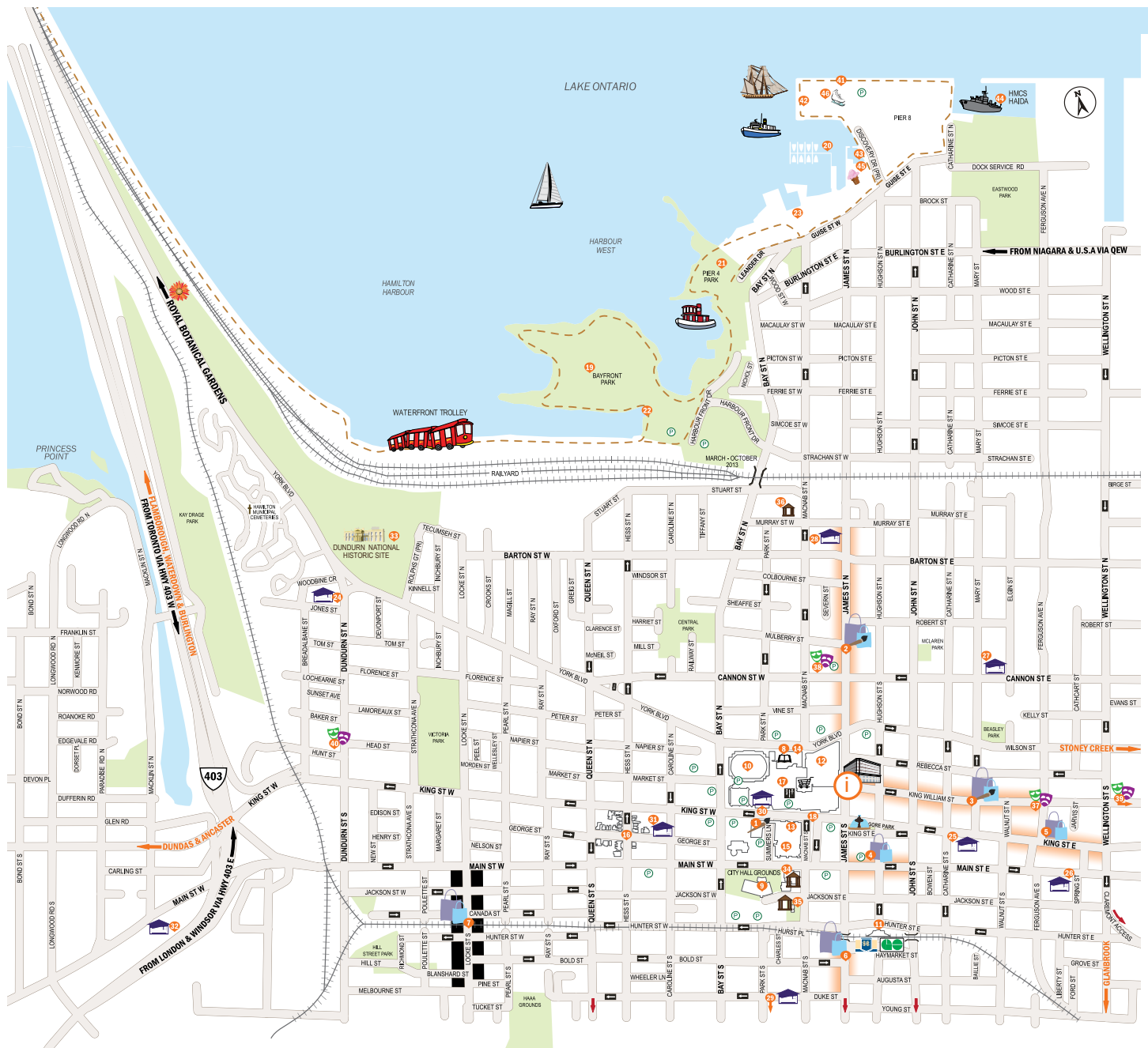
WINERIES

- 1② Puddicombe Estate Farms & Winery
- 2② Ridge Road Estate Winery



LEGEND

- Arts
- Accommodations
- Attractions
- Museums
- Community Boundaries
- Escarpment
- Fairgrounds
- John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport
- LincIn Alexander Parkway
- Queen Elizabeth Way
- 407 ETR Highway
- Shopping Districts
- Tourism Information
- Water
- Wineries



MAJOR ATTRACTIONS



ART AREAS

- 1 Art Gallery of Hamilton
- 2 James Street North Galleries & Art Crawl
- 3 King William Art Walk District



BIA/SHOPPING DISTRICTS

- 4 Downtown BIA
- 5 International Village BIA
- 6 James Street South
- 7 Locke Street

GENERAL

- 8 Central Library
- 9 City Hall
- 10 Copps Coliseum
- 11 GO Transit Station & HSR Ticket Office
- 12 Hamilton City Centre
- 13 Hamilton Convention Centre
- 14 Hamilton Farmers' Market
- 15 Hamilton Place
- 16 Hess Village Entertainment District
- 17 Lloyd D. Jackson Square
- 18 MacNab Transit Terminal



HARBOUR WEST

- 19 Bayfront Park
- 20 Harbour West Marina
- 21 Pier 4 Park
- 22 Public Boat Launch Ramp
- 23 Royal Hamilton Yacht Club



ACCOMMODATIONS

- 24 Admiral Inn 905-529-2311
- 25 Crowne Plaza 905-528-3451
- 26 Days Inn 905-528-3297
- 27 Hamilton Guest House (B&B) 289-396-1659
- 28 MacNab Terrace Guest House (B&B) 905-572-7878
- 29 Rutherford House (B&B) 905-525-2422
- 30 Sheraton Hamilton 905-529-5515
- 31 Staybridge Suites 905-527-1001
- 32 Visitors Inn 905-529-6979



MUSEUMS

- 33 Dundurn National Historic Site
- 34 Canadian Football Hall of Fame
- 35 Whitehern Historic House & Garden
- 36 Workers Arts and Heritage Centre



THEATRES

- 37 Theatre Aquarius/Dofasco Centre for the Arts
- 38 Hamilton Theatre Inc
- 39 The Pearl Company
- 40 The Staircase Theatre

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- 41 Pier 8 (TALL SHIPS® Hamilton, June 28-30)
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- 43 Hamiltonian Tour Boat
- 44 HMCS Haida
- 45 Scoops Ice Cream Parlour
- 46 Outdoor Rink

LEGEND

- Parks / Open Spaces
- Water
- Railway
- One Way Street
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- Hamilton Waterfront Trail
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- Shopping Centre
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