

Gather in Guelph 2024



Guelph



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Correspondence



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WELCOME and **Gather**



Get ready to explore all things Guelph and follow along with the Begging Bear and Guelph Gryphon on an adventure through our beautiful city! Visit our user-friendly website, **gatheringuelph.com** designed to help you plan your Guelph adventure.

Visitor Information Kiosk:
Guelph Civic Museum
52 Norfolk St. Guelph ON
N1H 4H8. Open Tuesday
to Sunday 10am-5pm



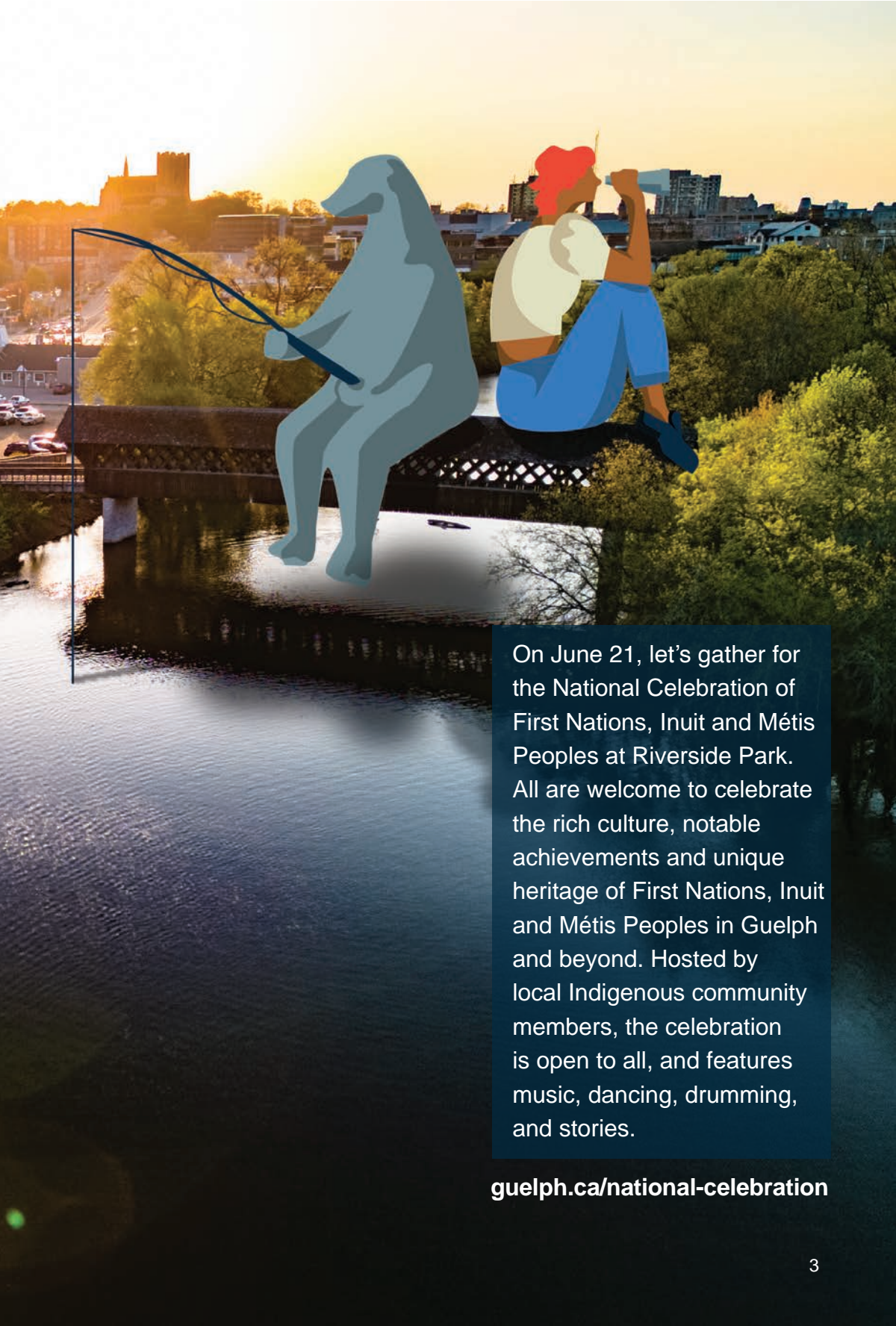
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LAND Acknowledgement



As we gather, let us take time to reflect on our privilege to live, work and visit in Guelph; a city built over rich Indigenous histories. We are guests here, and we should reflect upon the responsibility to care for this land, the people who live here today, and the generations to come. If our actions today can move us towards reconciliation, we should take pause and make those decisions with intention and gratitude.

This place we call Guelph has served as traditional lands and a place of refuge for many peoples over time, but more specifically the Attiwonderonk, and the Haudenosaunee. This land is held as the treaty lands and territory with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Guelph lies directly adjacent to the Haldimand Tract and is part of a long-established traditional hunting ground for the Six Nations of the Grand River. Many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples who have come from across Turtle Island call Guelph home today.



On June 21, let's gather for the National Celebration of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples at Riverside Park. All are welcome to celebrate the rich culture, notable achievements and unique heritage of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples in Guelph and beyond. Hosted by local Indigenous community members, the celebration is open to all, and features music, dancing, drumming, and stories.

guelph.ca/national-celebration

PLAN

Your Weekend

Friday - Get ready for a weekend in Guelph that breaks free from the ordinary! Start your Friday night with a bold-ering rock climbing adventure at **The Guelph Grotto Climbing Gym**, followed by a refreshing brew from **Royal City Brewing Co.**

Saturday - Begin your morning with a light breakfast at **Capistrano Bistro & Espresso Bar**, then stroll to the **Guelph Farmers' Market** to explore the local food and treasures. Get creative at **Lucent Glass** by participating in a walk-in glass art workshop. Grab lunch at **The Woolly Pub** and fuel up on “all-Canadian” pub food featuring the best of British pub culture. Stroll along the Eramosa River on the **Downtown Trail** and find your way to **Riot Axe** to let off some steam the “lumberjack” way. Indulge with **Sugo on Surrey**, a casual fine-dining experience suitable for all. Finish your day at Canada’s smallest bar, **Standing Room Only**. Walk in or book ahead to save your spot!

Sunday - Get ready to say “Good morning Guelph” with breakfast at **Red Brick Café**, then visit the **Guelph Civic Museum** to explore the rich collection of history on the hill. Be sure to shop the **Hilltop Shop** where you’ll find many local artisans and “Guelphie” souvenirs. Have time to keep shopping? Explore some of downtown’s boutique shops like **Ms. Meri Mack** or **Old Pal Vintage**. Arresto momentum! Grab a final bite to eat at the magical world of shwarma pizza at **Shawarma Alley** inspired by Harry Potter.



TOP 10 THINGS

To Do ✓

- 1. Make a splash or skate in **Market Square** **FREE!**
- 2. Connect with nature on one of **Guelph's scenic trails** **FREE!**
- 3. Stroll through **Riverside** or **Royal City Park** **FREE!**
- 4. Get inspired at the **Art Gallery of Guelph** or **Artworks Gallery** **FREE!**
- 5. Visit the **Guelph Farmers' Market** bustling with local vendors selling fresh produce, artisan goods, and much more **FREE!**
- 6. View the stunning **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate** - a national landmark and architectural gem **FREE!**
- 7. Stroll through the **University of Guelph Arboretum**, a serene and beautiful natural reserve **FREE!**
- 8. Hop on the **Guelph.Beer Bus** to explore the local craft beer scene and enjoy tastings at local breweries (select dates) **FREE!**
- 9. Get a glimpse of Guelph's history at the **Civic Museum** and **John McCrae House**
- 10. Cheer on Guelph! We've got games for all you sports fans: OHL **Guelph Storm**, ICBL **Guelph Royals**, League 1 **Guelph United FC**, and the **University of Guelph Gryphons**.



FROM THE Globe to Guelph FOOD FOR EVERYONE

Guelph's global food scene showcases international cuisines at every turn, making it a culinary destination that celebrates flavours from around the world.

CANADIAN

Miijidaa Café + Bistro

37 Quebec St

miijidaa.ca



THAI

Na Ha Thai's Kitchen

471 York Rd

nahathaikitchen.ca



FRENCH

Eric the Baker

46 Carden St

(519) 265-8999

Heads up: cash only



GREEK

Café Greek Garden

497 York Rd

cafegreekgarden.ca



ITALIAN

Buon Gusto Restaurant

69 Wyndham St N

buongusto.ca



JAPANESE

Crafty Ramen

17 Macdonell St

craftyramen.com



La Cucina Ristorante

25 Macdonell St

lacucinaguelph.com



INDIAN

Kirtida Kitchen

265 Eramosa Rd

kirtidakitchen.com



BRITISH

Fleetstreets - A British Shop

45 Cork St E

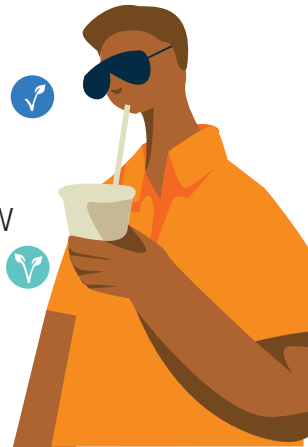
(519) 710-7437



Spice Roots

200 Kortright Rd W




spiceroots.ca



LEBANESE

Retour Bistro

50 Wellington St E unit 103

retourbistro.com   

DUTCH

Dutch Toko


666 Woolwich St

dutchtoko.ca

MEXICAN

La Reina


10 Wyndham St N

lareina519.com 

ETHIOPIAN

The Warka Tree



75 Willow Rd

(519) 265-8500 

CHINESE

Zen Garden


104 Surrey St E

zengardensguelph.ca  

MEDITERRANEAN

Cusina Mediterranean Bistro


160 Kortright Rd W

cusinabistro.com 

GLOBAL

Lucky Belly

763 Woolwich St

theluckybelly.com   Vegetarian Vegan Allergy Friendly Find more at [gatheringuelph.com](https://www.gatheringuelph.com)

Suggestions based off online reviews and recommendations.



BEER/COFFEE/DISTILLERIES

Brew Capital

Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of local flavours as you explore Guelph's craft breweries, each offering a unique blend of creativity and tradition. Savour the artistry of our coffee roasters, where every cup is a masterpiece crafted from the finest beans. And for those seeking a different kind of spirit, Guelph's distilleries drip magic into every bottle. The city's brew culture runs deep; every cup, mug, and glass is an experience to savour the essence of Guelph. Every brew tells a story, and every sip is a journey into the heart of our vibrant and eclectic city!

BREWERIES:

- Brothers Brewing Company**
- Fixed Gear Brewing Co.**
- Royal City Brewing Co.**
- Sleeman Breweries**
- Wellington Brewery**
- Wrinkly Bear Brewing Company**

COFFEE ROASTERS:

- Cavan Coffee**
- Lost Aviator Coffee Co.**
- Planet Bean Coffee**

DISTILLERIES:

- Dixon's Distilled Spirits**
- Spring Mill Distillery**

**SUPPORT MORE GUELPH
BEVERAGE MAKERS:**

- Laza Food and Beverages**
- The Towne Winer**
- Cox Creek Cellars**
- Hitchhiker Beverage Company**

CIDERY:

- Revel Cider**



RIDE THE

Guelph.Beer Bus

Guelph's breweries have teamed up to create the Award-Winning Guelph.Beer Bus!

The **Guelph.Beer Bus** is free to ride, open to everyone - including families - and provides a safe and accessible way to visit your favourite Guelph breweries. On the days the bus operates, each brewery will offer a lineup of locally brewed beer including year-round classics and small-batch specialty beers. Many breweries will also be offering pop-up food vendors, food trucks and tap room activities including live music, DJs, photo booths, and other interactive fun.

2024 Dates:

April 13

May 11

June 15

July 13

August 17

September 14

October 12

November 16 -

Guelph.Beer Day



TASTE

Detours

Taste Detours is a food and drink tour with a heritage twist, telling the stories of the people and the places that give Guelph and Wellington County its flavour, while celebrating their deep agricultural roots through unique locales where you have to dig a bit deeper to unearth the true sense of place. More than just a mouthful, the tours open doors for visitors and locals by nourishing all the senses, connecting you with unique seasonal flavours, and with each other. Celebrate the power of fresh local food that brings people together and helps create communities. Feed your need for connectivity and fuel exploration through the cuisine that gives this slice of Southwestern Ontario its magic.

Taste Detours feeds curiosity, step bite step.


Find a tour that's right for you! Check out tastedetours.ca



Guelph Performs

Guelph is a city that gets the creative juices flowing! Here, the arts take centre stage, from classical elegance to the realms of drama, humour, and storytelling, Guelph provides a diverse array of artistic encounters.

Gain Media 
gainmedia.ca

River Run Centre 
riverrun.ca

Guelph Guild of Storytellers 
guelphstorytellers.com

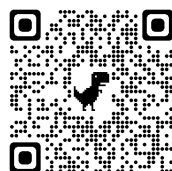
Guelph Little Theatre 
guelphlittletheatre.com

Silence 
silencesounds.ca

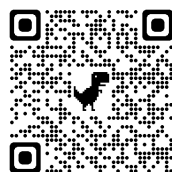
Guelph Symphony Orchestra 
guelphsymphony.com

Royal City Musical Productions Inc. 
rcmpi.ca

Music Lives is a hub for live music in Guelph. Scan to check out the events calendar.



Guelph Arts Council events calendar for all things artistic. Scan to check out the Guelph Arts Calendar.



Save the Date



Date	Event	Website
February 2-4	Hillside Inside	hillsidefestival.ca
March 16-17	College Royal	collegeroyalsociety.com
April 26-28	Gain Fest	gainmusic.ca
April 27	Doors Open Guelph	guelph.ca/doors-open
June 8	Special Saturday Aberfoyle Antique Market	aberfoyleantiquemarket.com
May 31-June 2	Guelph Dance Fest	guelphdance.ca
June 1-2	Guelph Potters Market	guelphpottersmarket.com
June 2	Downtown Guelph Exotic Car Show	princeadventures.com
June 7-9	Guelph and District Multicultural Festival	gdmf.ca
June 22	Art on the Street	guelpharts.ca

Date	Event	Website
July 5-7	The Good Games	thegood.games
July 19-21	Hillside Festival	hillsidefestival.ca
August 8-11	Guelph Fringe Festival	theguelphfringefestival.ca
August 23-25	Guelph Ribfest	ribfestguelph.com
September 6-7	Welly CaskFest	wellycaskfest.com
September 6-8	Eden Mills Writers Festival	edenmillswritersfestival.ca
September 12-15	Guelph Jazz Festival	guelphjazzfestival.com
October 12-13	Guelph Studio Tour	guelphstudiotour.ca
November 1-9	Guelph Film Festival	guelphfilmfestival.ca
November 16	Guelph.Beer Day	guelph.beer
November 21-24	Fair November	fairnovember.ca
December 13-31	Sparkles in the Park	sparklesinthepark.ca

For more events: gatheringuelph.com/calendar

Event dates are subject to change.

UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH COLLEGE ROYAL 100th Anniversary

College Royal is the largest university open house event of its kind in North America. Each March, the University of Guelph opens its doors to the general public in a campus-wide open house. Open House Weekend is packed full of fun events for the whole family to enjoy and learn! There are plenty of exciting things to see on campus, including classic events such as a tour of Old MacDonald's New Farm, livestock show, dog show, square dancing competition, art show, pancake breakfast, kid's carnival and various club displays. This year, College Royal is particularly excited to be celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of the event. Be sure to walk down memory lane and learn about College Royal's history at the Bullring on campus. College Royal's roots run deep in agriculture, but it has diversified into a campus-wide event that brings thousands of people from across the province. It's a completely free event that has something for everyone in the family.

Find more information about College Royal at
collegeroyalsociety.com



UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

150th Anniversary

In 1874, the **Ontario Agricultural College** (OAC), a founding college of the University of Guelph, was created by the provincial government as the Ontario School of Agriculture and Experimental Farm. It was established on a 550-acre farm purchased from Frederick W. Stone in the south end of Guelph and enrolled 28 students in its first year on May 1st. One hundred fifty years later, the OAC has become internationally renowned for research, teaching and knowledge extension in the broad areas of food, agriculture, communities and the environment. OAC is excited to honour its legacy throughout 2024 and invites community members to help celebrate this historic milestone.

In May, get ready to celebrate the Ontario Agricultural College's one-hundred-fiftieth anniversary through a week of exciting activities, honouring its rich history and vision for a vibrant future. Discover the legacy of innovation and community that defines OAC, and be part of this historic milestone. Visit uoguelph.ca/oac150 to stay up to date on anniversary projects and celebrations.





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Tour Guelph



Ghost Walk of Guelph - *select dates and private bookings*

Engage in a spine-chilling journey into Guelph's eerie history with the Ghost Walk of Guelph. This hour long walking tour delves into the haunted past of our city, promising goosebumps and a thrilling experience.

ghostwalkofguelph.com



Guelph Urbex Walking Tour - *select dates and private bookings*

Embark on guided walking excursions throughout Guelph, exploring notable sites such as the abandoned Guelph Correctional Centre grounds and concealed burial sites in downtown Guelph.

guelphurbex.com



Historical Walking Tours - *select Sundays, April to October*

Participate in one of the six distinct walking tours organized by the Guelph Arts Council. These tours provide exclusive chances to delve into Guelph's heritage, all while admiring the city's captivating architectural and natural highlights.

guelpharts.ca/programs/walking-tours





JayWalking Guelph - *select dates and private bookings*

Experience “Guelph’s Smallest Live Theatre Company” featuring group walking tours, recitations, stories, and live theatre.

jaywalkingguelph.ca



Taste Detours - *year-round and private bookings*

Immerse yourself in the culinary pleasures of Guelph with Taste Detours. This unique experience introduces you to the city’s food establishments, the individuals driving them, and its profound agricultural heritage. Indulge in Guelph’s narratives through a delightful journey of food and drink.

tastedetours.ca



University of Guelph Campus Walk - *self-guided tour*

Discover the University of Guelph’s rich history and tour prominent buildings named after individuals who have made indispensable contributions to the university’s development.

uoguelph.ca/historicaltour

Woodlawn Memorial Park - *self-guided tours*

Explore a range of self-guided tours that lead you through the 80 acres of Woodlawn Memorial Park, unraveling its 160-year-old history, remarkable art, and noteworthy individuals.

woodlawnmemorialpark.ca



Where to Stay

Annex Garden Bed & Breakfast and Suites

annexgarden.com
80 London Road West
416-258-1179
*not wheelchair accessible

Comfort Inn Guelph

choicehotels.com
480 Silvercreek Parkway North
519-763-1900

Delta Hotels by Marriott Guelph Conference Centre

deltaguelph.ca
50 Stone Road West
519-780-3700

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Guelph

marriott.com
35 Cowan Place
519-763-2339

Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton

guelphsuites.hamptoninn.com
725 Imperial Road North
519-821-2144

Norfolk Guest House

norfolkguesthouse.ca
102 Eramosa Road
519-797-1095
*not wheelchair accessible

Staybridge Suites

staybridge.com
11 Corporate Court
519-797-3300

Western Hotel Executive Suites

westernhotelsuites.com
72 Macdonell Street
844-937-8123
*not wheelchair accessible

	Fitness Area	Kitchenette	On site Dining	Pet Friendly	Pool	Wifi
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Cycle Guelph

Guelph is actively expanding its network of on-road cycling infrastructure and off-road trails, many of which follow the picturesque Speed and Eramosa Rivers. A visit to our unique and historic downtown is a must, offering opportunities to explore numerous local shops and markets. The city is an ideal destination for cycling enthusiasts, serving as a superb starting point for Wellington County exploration and access to the **Goderich to Guelph Rail Trail**. Or, join the **Guelph Off-Road Bicycling Association** for more than 20km of trails at **Guelph Lake Conservation Area**. Whether you're into mountain biking or a leisurely family ride, Guelph's extensive trail system is a perfect spot to explore.

Plan your route with a Bike Friendly Map
guelph.ca/bike

Visit an Ontario by Bike Friendly Business

Flow State Bike Co

flowstatebikeco.com

Fixed Gear Brewing

fixedgearbrewing.com

Speed River Bicycle

speedriverbicycle.com

Royal City Brewing Company

royalcitybrew.ca

Delta Hotels Guelph Conference Centre

deltaguelph.ca

Bar Mason

barmasonrestaurant.ca

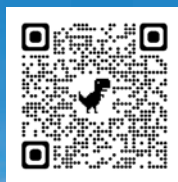


EXPLORE THE CITY

On 2 Wheels

Lock your bike at **Eric the Baker** in Downtown Guelph and step into the French-inspired bakery for a to-go breakfast. Indulge in mouthwatering croissants or sausage rolls, but don't forget it's cash only! Hop back on your bike and enjoy a picturesque picnic-style breakfast at **Riverside Park**, exploring attractions like the antique carousel and floral clock. After a ride along Victoria Road, replenish at **Fixed Gear Brewing** with a variety of craft beverages. Continue your journey with a visit to the **Guelph Civic Museum** to immerse yourself in the city's rich history. Conclude the day at the Beer Hall at **Royal City Brewing**, for a perfectly paired bite and a fresh poured pint. As the tour winds down, head back downtown and home, knowing there's always next weekend for more exploration.

Scan for the full
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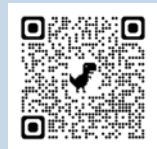


Guelph Trails

The splendour of the great outdoors has reached new heights. Explore well over 1,000 hectares of parks and open spaces, featuring an extensive network of trails and paths covering more than 70km. In addition to essential amenities such as benches, picnic tables, and washrooms, you'll encounter award-winning floral displays, a large disc golf course, and many playgrounds. This offers a diverse range of nature experiences and outdoor activities year-round. As a well-established centre of activity, Guelph presents abundant opportunities for nature adventures, thanks to its extensive network of trails and parks.



Find a City of Guelph trail map



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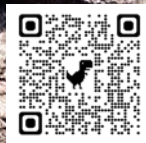
Wellington County

Seeking an adventure outside the city for a few hours before returning to your hotel room? Explore the rich offerings of Wellington County, a diverse blend of towns, villages, and rural landscapes that invite exploration and excitement. Immerse yourself in the agricultural history and culture. Delight your taste buds with unique regional foods, skillfully prepared by talented chefs. Roam trails on foot or by bike, try your hand at fishing, and discover one-of-a-kind treasures at various distinctive markets. Your thrilling journey awaits!

Places to see:

- Donkey Sanctuary of Canada** (Puslinch)
- Wellington County Museum and Archives** (Centre Wellington)
- Grand River Raceway** (Centre Wellington)
- Rockwood Conservation Area** (Guelph/Eramosa)
- Silver Fox Distillery** (Wellington North)
- Drayton Festival Theatre** (Mapleton)
- Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum** (Town of Minto)

Experience Wellington County



A DAY

Downtown

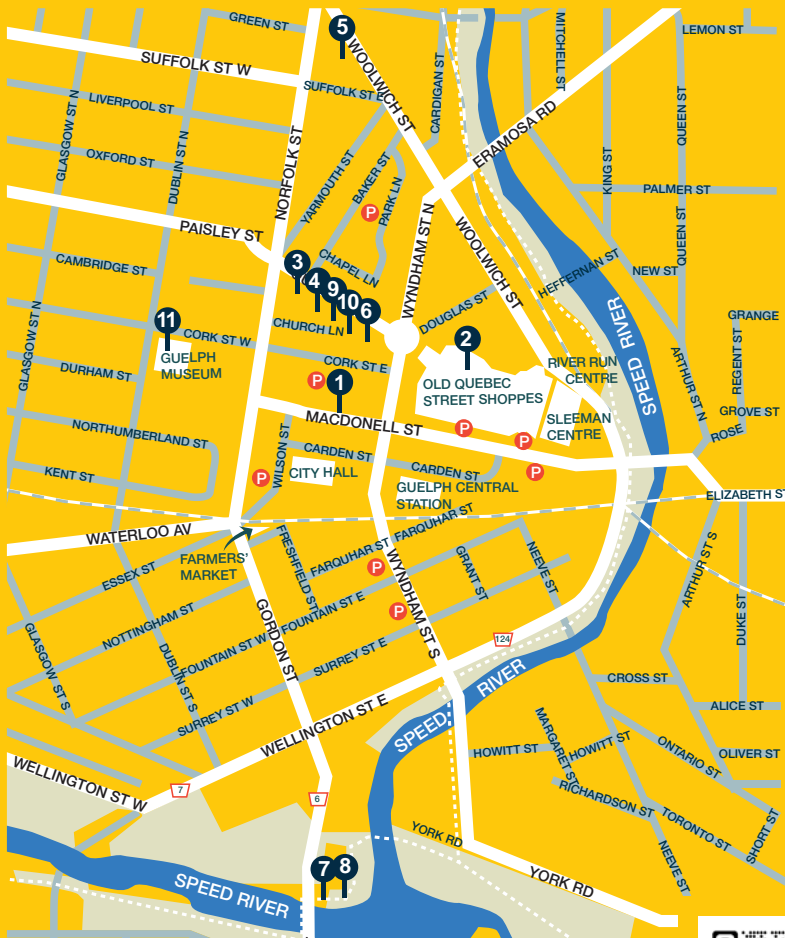
Get ready for a day filled with culinary delights, artistic endeavours, and outdoor adventures in Guelph's picturesque downtown. Start your day with a hearty breakfast at **Rise and Shine Island Flavour** before immersing yourself in the charm of **Old Quebec Street Shoppes**. Take a walk down Quebec Street to explore unique shops like **Creative Edge** and **Feather & Foe**. Stop to smell the flowers and fuel your afternoon with a delightful coffee break at **Sunday Blooms**. Over lunch, unleash your creativity at **Play with Clay** and enjoy appetizers at the **Clay Bar** while painting a beautiful piece of art. By the river, you'll find **The Boathouse** to indulge in some delicious tea or ice cream, and admire the scenic beauty of the covered bridge and the rivers. If you're feeling adventurous, hop in a canoe or kayak at **Speed River Paddle** and experience a new side of the city. As evening descends, savour a delectable dinner at **Miijidaa Café + Bistro** and cap off the night with a visit to **The Bookshelf Cinema** to catch a film.



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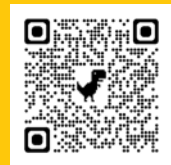
Downtown Guelph

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| 2. Old Quebec Street Shoppes | 8. Speed River Paddle |
| 3. Creative Edge | 9. Miijidaa Café + Bistro |
| 4. Feather & Foe | 10. The Bookshelf |
| 5. Sunday Blooms | 11. Information Kiosk |
| 6. Play with Clay & Clay Bar | P Parking |



downtownguelph.com

For all things Downtown Guelph





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