

Getting Around Toronto

It is easy to spend many hours walking around Toronto. Ferries to the islands, VIA trains, GO (commuter) trains and the GTA Public Transit System allow you to travel around the city and Southern Ontario without needing a car. (Some of the places mentioned on this webpage, however, would be difficult or time consuming to access without a car).

Public Transport in the GTA (Greater Toronto Area) includes a network of buses, streetcars and the subway also known as "The Rocket"

<http://www3.ttc.ca/>

PATH is downtown Toronto's underground walkway linking 27 kilometres of shopping, services and entertainment. Follow PATH and you'll reach your downtown destination easily in weatherproof comfort.

www.toronto.ca/path

Restaurants

When your city has over 7,000 restaurants, everything is on the menu. Diversity of race, religion and lifestyle help define and set Toronto apart from other world cities. Toronto is home to virtually all of the world's culture groups and is the city where more than 100 languages and dialects are spoken. Consequently you can find restaurants to suit every taste or challenge you to try something different!

Toronto for Families (and the Young-At-Heart!)

Toronto is a great city to visit with families. You can always find something to do either inside or out. Keep in mind that we do often have hot and humid weather in the summers but temperatures are usually cooler near the waterfront or on the islands. Swimming is fine in Lake Ontario (beaches and water conditions are closely monitored). Most of the amusement-type parks also have water activities or splash pads if you need to cool off.

Canada's Wonderland

Canada's Wonderland is the home of the most exhilarating collection of rides, roller coasters and Splash Works, a 20-acre water park, in all of Canada. New for 2007 - an all new line up of two award-winning live shows, plus the return of a Nickelodeon superstar!

9580 Jane St.,

Vaughan, Canada

L6A 1S6

www.canadaswonderland.com

Centreville Amusement Park

With over 30 rides and attractions and more than 14 food outlets, there's something for everyone at Centreville. Across the harbour by ferry (416- 392-8193), the Islands are a popular spot for families with children, picnics and groups. Open daily at 10:30 am June 3-September 5 and all weekends in May and September, weather permitting.

Located on the Toronto Islands
Toronto, Canada
M8Z 2T7

www.centreisland.ca

Canada's Wonderland

Canada's Wonderland is Canada's premier amusement park and features over 200 attractions, more than 65 thrilling rides, North America's greatest variety of roller coasters, and Splash Works, a 20-acre water park. For guests who prefer milder thrills, a variety of relaxing rides await you. Every member of your family is sure to find one that is just right for them. Where else can kids hang out and play with superstars like Dora the Explorer, Sponge Bob Square Pants, and Scooby Doo then at Canada's Wonderland! The park features three areas just for kids including Nickelodeon Central, Kidzville and Hanna-Barbera Land. It's showtime every day at Canada's Wonderland! With award-winning shows, the return of a Nickelodeon superstar, dazzling dives and gymnastics shows and characters galore - Canada's Wonderland is the place for fabulous live entertainment!

www.canadaswonderland.com

CN Tower

Think you're not scared of heights? Try hanging out on the Glass Floor, with the ground over 300 metres beneath your feet. Even higher is the SkyPod, the world's highest public observation deck. It's 447 metres above the city. The CN Tower is very familiar to the world record folks at Guinness: among the many titles linked to the tower is the record for most steps fallen down by a person (1,760), done in less than two hours by a stuntman (with padding) in 1984. You'll need permission if you want to try to break that record.

www.cntower.ca

Go Medieval!

Travel back in time to an 11th century Spanish castle. Witness brave knights on horseback in a tournament of swordfighting and jousting while feasting on a fabulous four-course meal. www.medievaltimes.com

Ontario Place

Located on the waterfront of Lake Ontario, this world-class attraction has been entertaining families and kids since 1971, and is still a must-see. This unique complex houses more than 30 rides and attractions including bumper and pedal boats, a children's play area, IMAX films on the largest screen in Ontario at Cinesphere, Mega Maze, miniature golf, a motion simulator ride and much more.

955 Lakeshore Blvd. W.,

Toronto, Canada

M6K 3B9

www.ontarioplace.com

Rogers Chinese Lantern Festival

Lose yourself in the beautiful lights created by master craftsmen of China.

Usually begins in late July
Ontario Place
www.chineselanternfestival.ca

Toronto Zoo

A great place to while away a day. The Zoo has over 5,000 animals representing over 460 species. With 287 hectares (710 acres) it is one of the largest zoos in the world. There are over 10 km (6 miles) of walking trails. The Zoo is divided into six zoogeographic regions: Indo-Malaya, Africa, the Americas, Australasia, Eurasia and the Canadian Domain. Animals are displayed indoors in tropical pavilions and outdoors in naturalistic environments, with viewing at many levels. The Main Entrance is located on Meadowvale Road, Scarborough, north of Highway 401 (Exit #389 eastbound and westbound). The Zoo is accessible by car and public transit.
www.torontozoo.com

Sports

*Golf, tennis, sailing, canoeing, kayaking, dragon boat racing, climbing walls, archery... there are participation sports for all ages and abilities.
Spectator Sports are also numerous...*

NFL – Buffalo Bills

Yes – NFL! The Bills were in town for some pre-season games in July 2008 and are expected to return in July 2009.

Major League Soccer

BMO Field
<http://toronto.fc.mlssnet.com>

RBC Canadian Open

Witness some of the world's greatest golf at the 2009 RCB Canadian Open, a week-long challenge of 156 professional and amateurs at Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville - just a 25 minute drive from the city.
July 21, 2009 to July 26, 2009
Glen Abbey Golf Club
www.thecanadianopen.ca

Toronto Blue Jays Baseball

When the weather gets hot, baseball is the biggest game in town. The Toronto Blue Jays are the city's "boys of summer", and play to enthusiastic crowds at the Rogers Centre.
Rogers Centre
<http://toronto.bluejays.mlb.com>

Toronto Argonauts

One of the most storied franchises in the Canadian Football League, they take to the field every year to the cheers of "AAAARRGOOOOS" from the loyal fan-base. With a larger field and fewer downs than American football, games are always filled with huge breakout plays and thrilling lead changes.

Rogers Centre
www.argonauts.ca

Museums Abound!

Pioneer Villages, Historical Houses. Toronto's very own "castle", Hockey Hall of Fame, Bata Shoe museum AGO and ROM.. there are museums to suit all tastes and interests. My favourites are the Science Centre and Black Creek Pioneer Village!

Art Gallery of Ontario

Founded in 1900 by a group of private citizens as the Art Museum of Toronto, the Art Gallery of Ontario is one of the largest art museums in North America, with a physical facility of 583,000 square feet. The AGO currently has more than 68,000 works in its collection, spanning from 100 AD to the present.

www.ago.net

Bata Shoe Museum

At the Bata Shoe Museum, our collection contains countless stories. What was it like to be a knight going into battle and donning long pointed sabatons? What can intricately crafted beaded moccasins indicate about trade patterns in Native North America? How have shoes signified status in different cultures? With about 1000 items of footwear on display at any given time, we've got a lot to show and tell.

www.batashoemuseum.ca

Black Creek Pioneer Village

Step into Canada's past and explore an authentically re-created 1860's Ontario country village. Enjoy more than 40 restored homes, tradeshops, public and farm buildings, interpreters and artisans in period dress, special events, programs and demonstrations, country dining, unique shopping and village made crafts

1000 Murray Ross Pkwy.

Toronto, Canada

M3J 2P3

Area: West Toronto

www.blackcreek.ca

Hockey Hall of Fame

The world's one and only! Voted Toronto's Top Appeal Attraction by Zagat Survey. Experience the game that defines Canada and a sport that has been adopted by over 80 countries. Home of the STANLEY CUP, the Hockey Hall of Fame has something for everyone: state-of-the-art games, interactive exhibits, larger-than-life statues, replica dressing room and rink zone, theatres, extraordinary gift shop, and hockey's most precious artefacts.

30 Yonge St., Brookfield Place

Toronto, Canada

M5E 1X8

Area: Downtown

www.hhof.com

Casa Loma

Visit Canada's Majestic Castle, Casa Loma and step back in time to a period of European elegance and splendour. The former home of Canadian financier Sir Henry Pellatt, Canada's foremost castle is complete with decorated suites, secret passages, an 800-foot tunnel, towers, stables, and beautiful 5-acre estate gardens (open May through October). A self-guided digital audio tour in 8 languages (English, French, Japanese, German, Italian, Spanish, Mandarin and Korean) is available.

www.casaloma.org

Colborne Lodge

See a restored 1837 regency villa located in High Park.

1 Colborne Lodge Drive
(just north of the Queensway)

Limited free parking

clodge@toronto.ca

Fort York National Historic Site

Explore Toronto's birthplace and Canada's largest collection of original War of 1812 buildings.

100 Garrison Road
(north of Fort York Boulevard)

Free parking

fortyork@toronto.ca

Gibson House Museum

Visit an 1851 family farmhouse to get a glimpse into Toronto's rural past.

5172 Yonge Street
(north of the North York Centre Subway)

Free parking

gibsonhouse@toronto.ca

Historic Zion Schoolhouse

Groups can travel back to 1910 to experience an unforgettable school day in this beautifully restored, one-room schoolhouse.

1091 Finch Avenue East
(east of Leslie Street)

Free parking

mnewell2@toronto.ca

Mackenzie House

View the 1858 home of Toronto's famous rebel and first mayor, William Lyon Mackenzie.

82 Bond Street
(two blocks east of Eaton Centre, south of Dundas)

Paid parking

machouse@toronto.ca

Montgomery's Inn

Enjoy the hospitality of an 1847 country inn.

4709 Dundas Street West

(at Islington)

Free parking

montinn@toronto.ca

Ontario Science Centre

Our mission at the Ontario Science Centre is "To delight, inform and challenge visitors through engaging and thought-provoking experiences in science and technology.

"There's always lots to see and do at the Ontario Science Centre!" With nine exhibition halls, we've got something for all ages!

www.ontariosciencecentre.ca

Royal Ontario Museum

Canada's largest museum features more than 40 galleries of art, archaeology and natural science.

www.rom.on.ca

Spadina Museum: Historic House & Gardens

Take in the beauty of one of Toronto's finest mansions and tour its restored Victorian and Edwardian gardens. 285 Spadina Road

(next door to Casa Loma)

Paid parking

spadina@toronto.ca

Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum & Arts Centre

Observe a fascinating collection of early industrial buildings in the Don River Valley. 67

Pottery Road

(bottom of Pottery Road, west of Broadview)

Free parking

todmorden@toronto.ca

York Museum

View a collection of artefacts representing the history of York.

2694 Eglinton Avenue West

(west of Keele Street)

Free parking

yorkmuseum@toronto.ca

Out on the Trails

From walking tours of the city to hiking along the Bruce Trail – or just wanting to stop and smell the roses.. take the time to explore on foot or by canoe.

Allan Gardens

In the city!

Features six greenhouses comprising over 16,000 square feet of colourful seasonal plants which supplement the permanent plant collection. Of botanical importance since 1858 the conservatory boasts the "Palm House" (1910) modeled after similar structures in the United States and England.

South side of Carlton Street between Jarvis and Sherbourne Streets

Bronte Creek Provincial Park

This pastoral, all-season oasis between Burlington and Oakville offers a place to unwind and step back in time. View living history demonstrations in an 1890s farmhouse. Take the children to the playbarn to pet the animals or romp in the outdoor playground. Camp overnight, swim in a huge outdoor pool, stroll along nature trails, and pedal your bicycle (rentals available at the park).

www.ontarioparks.com/English/bron.html

Bruce Trail

Canada's oldest and longest footpath, provides the only public access to the magnificent Niagara Escarpment, a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve. It is one of only twelve such reserves in all of Canada. The Bruce Trail is the oldest and longest continuous footpath in Canada. It runs along the Niagara Escarpment from Niagara to Tobermory, spanning more than 850 km of main trail and 250 km of side trails.

www.brucetrail.org

Earl Rowe Provincial Park

Every spring, rainbow trout leap up a fish ladder on their way up the Boyne River to spawn. Once occupied by Hurons and farmed by settlers, this scenic river valley has been partially flooded to create a reservoir. Visitors can paddle here, sunbathe at two beaches, swim in a pool big enough for 2,000 or hike to lookouts.

www.ontarioparks.com/english/earl.html

Edwards Gardens

A former Estate garden featuring perennials and roses on the uplands and wildflowers, rhododendrons and an extensive rockery in the valley.

South west corner of Leslie Street and Lawrence Avenue East North York

High Park

Home of the summer Shakespeare in the Park Festival – also called Dream in High Park Formal garden in the south portion of Toronto's largest park, adjacent to Grenadier Pond and Colborne Lodge.

South side of Bloor St W., west of Keele St

<http://www.toronto.ca/parks/highpark.htm>

Kortright Centre

Discover the Kortright Centre's beautiful trails all season long, great for hiking, cross-country skiing and much more.

Walk the Power Trip Trail and see Canada's largest educational demonstrations of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies. Take your energy education one step

further and participate in one of the Kortright Centre's energy workshops and learn how to conserve energy and save money!

www.kortright.org

Theatre

Toronto is the undisputed entertainment capital of Canada – in large part due to the wealth of lavish Broadway-style musicals, homegrown productions, traveling road shows and classical concerts being staged at any given time.

Most schedules are yet to be announced for July. Watch this space for updates!

High Park

Home of the summer Shakespeare in the Park Festival – also called Dream in High Park. Take a picnic, family and friends and enjoy a great performance under the stars.

The Stratford **Shakespeare Festival** and **Shaw Festival** in Niagara on the Lake are further afield but worth the trip. Both locations can be day (or evening) trips. (See the Day Trip section of the web page)

Day Trips

African Lion Safari

Located about one hour west of Toronto, African Lion Safari is a Canadian owned family business created in the name of conservation. Our manner of exhibiting animals is completely different from the traditional approach; that is, the visitor is caged in the car, and the animals roam in 2 to 20 hectare (5 to 50 acre) reserves. **ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE:** Drive Through Game Reserve (9 km), Parrot Paradise show, Elephant Roundup, Birds of Prey flying demonstration, Misumu Bay Wet Play area (**WEATHER PERMITTING**, height restrictions apply), Jungle Playground (height restrictions apply) Demonstration, a scenic railway tour, Pets' Corner, a cruise aboard the "African Queen"

www.lionsafari.com

Combine a trip to Mennonite Village of St Jacob's with an evening at the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford!

St Jacob's

Acquaint yourself with a gentler time in St. Jacobs Country. Discover the village, hear the fascinating story of the **local Old Order Mennonites** or sample some locally-produced maple syrup or over 100 shopping experiences. Visit a variety of cultural exhibits, meander along a river trail and relax at one of many fine restaurants. Nearby, explore one of Canada's largest year-round farmers markets for an outstanding offering of locally-grown produce, foods and crafts. Round out your stay with a splendid performance at one of St Jacobs Country's theatres, or take a trip through St. Jacobs Country aboard the Waterloo Central Railway.

www.stjacobs.com

Stratford

If you only have a day to spend visit Stratford's Shakespearean Gardens and the Arthur Meighen gardens on the Stratford Festival grounds. Shop for yourself, your home or that favourite person on your list. A morning browse through The Quilt or a walk along the Avon River will recharge your batteries. Lunch at one of our great restaurants or order a picnic to eat in the park.

www.welcometostratford.com

Stratford Shakespeare Festival

Take in a play or a musical at one of the four theatres at Stratford Shakespeare Festival. The diverse 2009 playbill includes Macbeth, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Importance of Being Earnest and West Side Story! Backstage Tours and a visit to the Costume Warehouse will add to your trip.

www.stratford-festival.on.ca

A day in the Niagara region is easily filled. From wine tasting at one of the many vineyards, to viewing the world-renowned Niagara Falls and an evening at the Shaw festival at beautiful Niagara on the Lake. There is something for everyone.

Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls is far more than a natural phenomenon. A world-class destination with something for everyone, the city offers thriving night life, one-of-a-kind sightseeing, and adventure for all ages. The Niagara Falls family activities like the Maid of the Mist tour and Marineland are long-time traditions, while new Niagara attractions such as Casinos, Butterfly Museum, Walk Behind the Falls abound.

www.niagarafallstourism.com

Niagara on the Lake

Enjoy a round of golf at North America's oldest golf course. Executive & Cayman-play golf is available at Peach Trees golf course. See living history at Fort George or learn about the past at the Historical Museum. Speed up the river on the Whirlpool Jet Boat or enjoy a bird's-eye view from aboard a National Helicopter. The northern terminus of the Niagara River Recreation Trail is at Fort George. Used as a walking, cycling and rollerblade path parallel to the Niagara River, you can travel 56 kms south to Fort Erie. Rent a bike or join a guided bicycle tour of our wineries. You can also follow the wine route by car or visit the wineries in season on a local tour bus.

www.niagaraonthelake.com

Shaw Festival

One of Canada's most brilliant cultural icons and one of the worlds finest theatre companies, The Shaw Festival is an annual eight-month celebration of plays by Bernard Shaw and his contemporaries - from Oscar Wilde and Noel Coward to Chekhov, Isben and Brecht. Unique in terms of its focus, geographical reach and artistic development, The Shaw is like no other theatre in North America. The Shaw Festival runs in three theatres. Check our website for this season's playbill, tickets and more.

www.shawfest.com

Kingston

Explore the historic sites and modern attractions of Canada's second-oldest city on the Confederation Tour Trolley, or visit www.kingstonaudiotours.com and download your own personal walking tour. Visit the 20-plus museums and historic sites -- as well as three art galleries -- that Kingston has to offer. Enter a marvellous reproduction of the 19th-century military life at Fort Henry National Historic Site. Take advantage of Kingston's amazing shopping opportunities -- everything from the quaint shops and boutiques dotting our downtown core to malls and outlet stores throughout the city. Take a Kingston 1000 Islands Cruise and be amazed by this areas glorious natural beauty. <http://tourism.kingstoncanada.com>

Ste Marie Among the Hurons and Georgian Bay

Follow in the footsteps of Ontario's first Europeans at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, near Midland, Ontario in Southern Georgian Bay. Explore this recreated, 17th century French Jesuit mission headquarters and experience the interaction of the French and native Wendat Huron nation. This Ontario tourism destination in the Georgian Bay region features a unique time in Canadian history when French missionaries and their workers lived and worked among the Wendat. A rare chance to see the earliest in Canadian pioneer life, Sainte-Marie among the Hurons will shed light on one of the earliest examples of the introduction of Christianity into Aboriginal culture.

www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca

Often referred to as the sixth Great Lake, **Georgian Bay** features more than 30,000 islands and 2,000 kilometres of shoreline. Georgian Bay's beauty is serene. Windswept pines, majestic towering cliffs, endless beaches and clear blue water all create a one of a kind destination. Discover the rich marine heritage and lighthouses that dot the coastline, relax on a beach, explore the great outdoors or take a leisurely cruise.

www.visitgeorgianbay.com

A little further afield... but worth the effort!

Algonquin Park

Millions of people have precious memories of an Algonquin experience — perhaps the unforgettable fishing trip twenty years ago, perhaps falling asleep after a hard day with the wild calls of loons reverberating from ancient moonlit hills, or perhaps marvelling from a clifftop at wild, rugged country stretching as far as the eye can see. Indeed, as a refuge from our urban way of life, Algonquin's 7,630 square kilometres of forests, lakes, and rivers have assumed an almost incalculable importance as a living link with a vanishing past. How many city children have, or will, come to Algonquin and hear for the first and only time in their lives the mournful howl of a wolf? How many will see first-hand — in Algonquin and nowhere else — a reasonable facsimile of the wilderness that once covered all of Ontario? Hiking, canoeing, museums, nature trails and more..

www.algonquinpark.on.ca

Sudbury, Science North and Dynamic Earth

Science North

“Cool science” is what it's all about! Internationally renowned for its personal approach to science education and its friendly resident Bluecoats, the Science Centre is filled with

fun and imagination. Experience innovative and highly entertaining Object Theatres. Get up close to a porcupine, a beaver and flying squirrels, build a robot in the LEGO® Mindstorms Robotics Lab, ride the Segway personal transportation device, manipulate a replica of the Canadarm and walk amidst hundreds of free-flying tropical butterflies in the F. Jean MacLeod Butterfly Gallery. ‘Fly like the wind’ in Wings Over the North: A 4D Bush Plane Adventure, a 3D film with special effects seating.

<http://sciencenorth.ca>

Dynamic Earth

Appease your deepest curiosity at the newly expanded Dynamic Earth, a sister attraction to Sudbury's renowned science centre, Science North. In Dynamic Earth: Phase 2, visitors embark on an adventure to the depths of the Earth with above- and below-ground experiences. Wherever you look, there are things to dig, probe, explore and examine. Enter an underground tunnel to discover the fascinating world of rocks and minerals, or debunk ancient metal myths while exploring brand new gold-themed exhibits. But that's not all: you can find out how to turn a three-ton Floating Granite Globe that adorns the newly expanded lobby and watch a dazzling film about gold in the state-of-the-art Atlas Copco Theatre, equipped with the latest in high-definition digital technology. These new features are sure to educate and entertain inquiring minds of all ages.

<http://dynamicearth.ca>

Ottawa – the nation’s capital

Nestled at the junction of three picturesque rivers, Ottawa is considered one of the world's most beautiful capitals. The city also borders the province of Québec, creating a dynamic cultural milieu in which both French and English cultures are deeply rooted. The result is a truly cosmopolitan experience—a North American city with a distinctly European charm and flair.

The seat of Canada's federal government, Ottawa is a major centre for the visual and performing arts. Yet the city retains the accessibility, atmosphere and charm of a smaller centre—rich in wide-open green spaces, parks and wilderness areas.

A four-hour drive north-east of Toronto, Ottawa presents visitors with a wide selection of sightseeing and outdoor-leisure options. In fact, with more than a dozen national museums and galleries—and a full calendar of festivals and activities—Canada's Capital Region has something for everyone.

www.ottawatourism.ca

Additional Information....

Toronto CityPass

Valid year-round

This pocket-size booklet contains tickets to CN Tower, the world's tallest structure; Hockey Hall of Fame; Casa Loma – castle on the hill; Ontario Science Center; The Royal Ontario Museum; and Toronto Zoo. You have nine leisurely days from the day of first use to enjoy admission to each attraction once, and will avoid most ticket lines.

<http://www.citypass.com/city/toronto.html>

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www.attractionsontario.ca

Tourism Toronto

www.torontotourism.com

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