



2022 | 2023 VISITOR GUIDE

EXPLORE LOCAL

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Exploring Oakville's hidden gems has never been easier thanks to Visit Oakville's new partnership with the Driftscape App.

By using the Driftscape app, you will be able to discover various points of interest throughout town, including historical landmarks, unique attractions, trails and parks, or places to stay the night. With over 40 points of interest highlighted in the app, you can personalize your exploration on the go and find something to entertain everybody.

Planning on staying the whole day? Use the itinerary feature to organize your adventure. Click the direction button once you have planned out your day, and it will give you the best route to explore all of your stops.

Interested in upcoming events? Use the event feature to learn more and stay up-to-date about local events and festivals throughout the year.

Whether you are familiar with Oakville or visiting for the first time, Driftscape is the perfect way to discover all the wonderful things this charming town has to offer.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



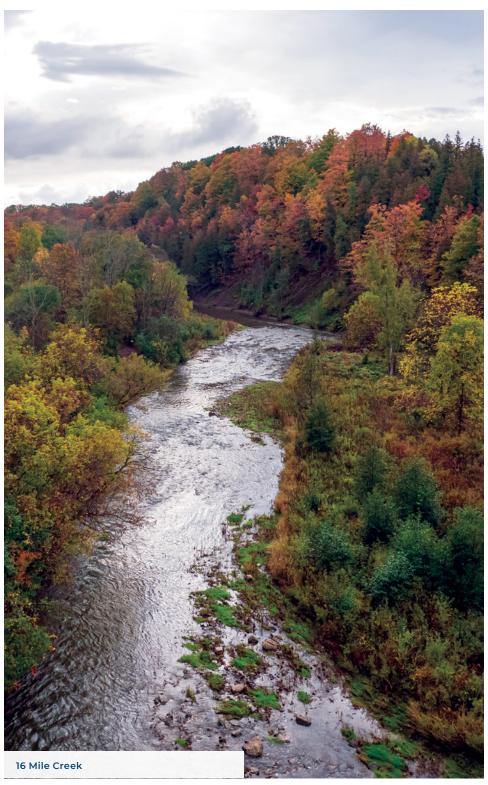
Hello and thank you for taking an interest in our 2022/2023 Visit Oakville Guide! We are so excited to welcome everyone back and hope this booklet can help all visitors navigate Oakville through every season.

With top-tier shopping, dining, accommodations and sights, now is the perfect time to explore all the incredible things that our return visitors have come to expect from Oakville. Extensive trail systems, a vibrant food scene, rich history and an active arts community. You will even be able to revel in the return of local events like Kerrfest, The Oakville Film Festival and the Grand Slam of Curling's Masters.

Escape from the city for the weekend and come explore this town where small town charm and big city energy combine. Whether you are sleeping under the stars at Bronte Creek Provincial Park or in a warm bed at one of our hotels, you will feel safe at home in Oakville.

Browse through these pages to start planning your next weekend getaway, road trip, cycling excursion or shopping spree, and make Oakville your next breath of fresh air.

Sean O'Meara, Chair of the Board



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Oakville and Visit Oakville are located on Treaty #14 and Treaty #22 lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee.

Oakville is steeped in Indigenous history and is currently home to many different First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We are grateful for the opportunity to work and create on this land, and we acknowledge and thank the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for being stewards of this traditional territory.

As we ask you to gather on these treaty lands and experience the natural wonders that have become synonymous with Oakville's tourism industry, we ask that you do so while honouring and respecting the traditional stewards and the land on which we are interconnected.

We will continue to evolve and educate ourselves through our reconciliation journey and ask the same of all those who visit Oakville. Local resources can be found through the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation website: *mncfn.ca*, the First Nations, Metis and Inuit collections at the Oakville Public Library, and also through the Town of Oakville's Indigenous Culture and Community page.



ABOUT OAKVILLE



The Town of Oakville is a vibrant community within the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and a beautiful lakeside destination. With its strong cultural heritage, breathtaking scenery and lively arts scene, Oakville has something for everyone to enjoy.

Drop anchor and experience over 1,400 hectares of parkland and 200km of trails, take in local lore at historical sites and indulge

in delicious meals and delightful purchases at an array of small independent businesses.

Book a tour at the Oakville Museum, see a show at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts, explore the outdoors at Bronte Creek Provincial Park, see a movie under the stars at the 5 Drive In and treat yourself to an elegant meal.

Discover the charm of our lakeside town while indulging in all the modern amenities of a city. Even though you're close to everything, you'll feel far enough away.

Share your adventures with us by tagging @visitoakville in your photos and using the hashtag #VisitOakville!

Learn more about Oakville here: visitoakville.com/about-oakville



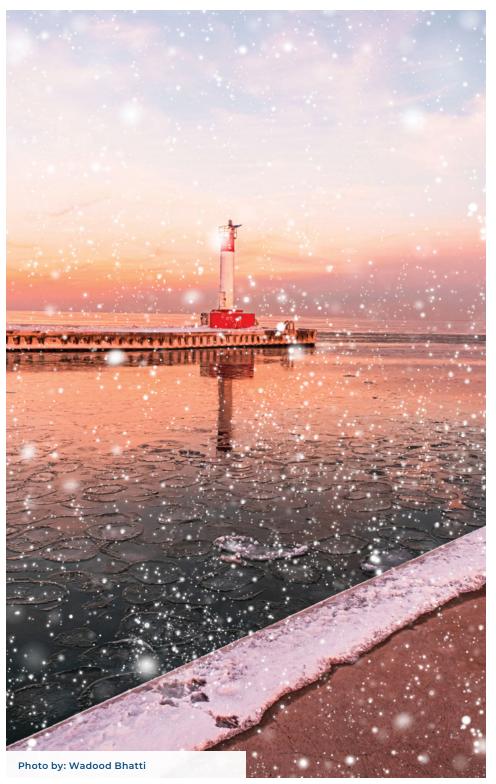




Nestled between Toronto and Niagara



Easy access to the QEW, 403, 407 and 401



LOCAL SNAPSHOT: WADOOD BHATTI

With its beautiful landscapes and lakeside views, Oakville is an incredible hub for photographers. Keep reading to learn more about how Wadood Bhatti makes the most of her snapshots in Oakville:

My name is Wadood Bhatti. My husband, I and our two sons have been living in Oakville for almost 18 years now.

A few years ago, I started my photography journey as a hobbyist which dramatically changed my perspective about how I saw places I visited. I enjoy landscape/cityscape photography with the occasional Event, Nature and Portrait photography.

Where was this photo taken?

Tannery Park Oakville.

How did you end up taking this photo?

My husband and I went to the lighthouse to capture the sunset in the winter of 2019. Even though the sun sets west of the lighthouse, if you get lucky you can get intense colours and dramatic skies with the lighthouse in the foreground and that was the case on this day.

What is your favourite season to photograph in Oakville?

Summer and fall. These are the seasons when you can truly appreciate the breathtaking scenery and abundance in nature of the scenic trails, creeks, rivers and lakefront parks.

What are your favourite Oakville locations to photograph?

Bronte Harbour and Fisherman's Wharf in Bronte village, Tannery Park in downtown Oakville, Lions Valley Park (stunning fall colours), and Bronte Creek Provincial Park is a fantastic location for hiking, camping, picnics and photography.

What are your favourite things to do when you're spending time in Oakville? I absolutely love the small town feel with a mix of small boutique style cafes, shops and some award winning restaurants. I also love the small festivals and celebrations, as well as the waterfront.

Why is Oakville a great place to visit?

Oakville has everything a big city offers but without the fast pace. It has something for everyone whether you are a photographer, nature lover, foodie, art/theatre lover or family with young kids.

You can follow all of Wadood's Oakville adventures on Instagram at @WadoodBhatti and connect with her at wadoodbhatti@gmail.com







Explore local shops

Lakeside Park

DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE

Downtown Oakville is an upscale lakeside shopping district rich in historical character. Just steps from Lakeside Park and Oakville Harbour, you'll find six blocks of beloved local shops, restaurants, specialty boutiques, services and top names in fashion.

Signature events like Hometown Holiday, along with many can't-miss street sales, foster a sense of community and create the perfect backdrop for the best part of your day.

Don't-Miss:

- Oakville Galleries
- Oakville Museum
- · Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts
- Hometown Holiday
- Fall Fest

For more information about Downtown Oakville, visit: oakvilledowntown.com





Bronte Harbour

Beautiful scenery



BRONTE VILLAGE

The Bronte Village and Harbour area is one of Ontario's oldest and most scenic lakeside communities with inner and outer harbours.

Bronte Harbour is known for its marine heritage, friendly owner-operated specialty shops and galleries, and diverse award-winning dining options.

Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park is a serene access point to the Waterfront Trail system, including unmatched views of the harbour, boardwalk and pier, beach, bluffs, parklands and multi-use trails.

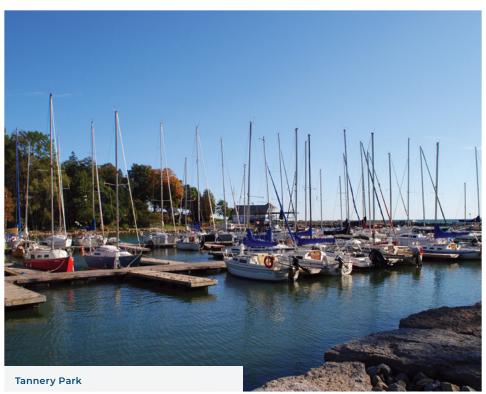
Don't-Miss:

- Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park
- Sovereign House
- · Bronte Bluffs Park
- At Home in Bronte Muskoka Chair Outdoor Art Exhibit
- Patio Season

Parking in Bronte is easy! There are hundreds of free and paid parking spots waiting for you, including bike corrals.

For more information about Bronte Village, visit: bronte-village.ca

Facebook: @BronteEvents Instagram: @brontebia







Westwood Park

Explore Kerr Village

KERR VILLAGE

Just a stone's throw from the tranquil waters of Lake Ontario, you'll find a trendy and eclectic neighbourhood shaped by the 39 cultures the community represents.

A mix of small town hospitality and urban revitalization, Kerr Village is a destination for niche foodies and hobbyists alike.

You'll find a diverse selection of award-winning restaurants and independently-owned retail boutiques, offering anything from DIY crafts and artwork to gaming.

Don't-Miss:

- · Waterworks Park
- Film.ca
- Tannery Park
- Westwood Park
- Kerrfest

For more information about Kerr Village, visit: kerr-village.ca





STAY IN OAKVILLE

Cash in your vacation days and book a weekend in Oakville!

Whether you're visiting family, taking a romantic vacation, or coming into town for business, Oakville's wide range of award-winning hotels will help you make the most of your stay.

Spend time with the ones you love and take advantage of Ontario's staycation tax credit with these vacation ideas:

- Family Vacation: You'll find something for everyone with family-friendly entertainment such as iFLY, Aerosports Trampoline Park, Film.ca Cinemas and Hopedale Bowl.
- Romantic Weekend: Leave the kids at home and take some time away
 with a trip to the spa, a romantic meal and a show at the Oakville Centre
 for the Performing Arts.
- Art and History Lovers: Plan an enriching escape with trips to the Oakville Museum and Oakville Galleries, as well as self-guided tours through historic locales.
- Friends and Family: Book your friends and family into a local hotel to discover the beauty of this town.
- Outdoor Escape: Hike, bike, boat, ski and skate through Oakville's extensive outdoor delights.

Visit visitoakville.com/stay-dine-shop/stay-in-oakville for more information about local accommodations.

AMENITIES - WEST END





SANDMAN

3451 South Service Rd W L6L 0C3

Rooms

166

Amenities

Pool, Wifi, Parking

Food & Beverage

Restaurants on site:

Chop Steakhouse 11 a.m.-12 a.m.

Denny's 6 a.m.-12 a.m.

Restaurants nearby: Montana's, Milestones, Kelseys, Swiss Chalet

Catering:

Provided by Chop Steakhouse

Group Bookings

1 comp room per 25 rooms booked (some blackout dates apply)

Meeting Space

1600 & 989 sq. ft 2 meeting rooms 2 boardrooms Max # seated dinner: 120 Max # theatre style: 200 Max # cocktail reception: 150

Shuttle

No



754 Bronte Rd L6L 6R8

Formerly Quality Suites. Scheduled to re-open Fall 2022

Rooms

94

Amenities

Pool, Wifi, Parking, Gym, Patio & Weber barbecue, Full kitchen in all rooms, Pet friendly

Food & Beverage

Hot buffet breakfast included in the rate Sundry/Convenience store

Restaurants nearby: Bronte Sports Kitchen, Burger Theory Restaurant & Bar, Fire Hall

Catering: Outside catering

permitted in hospitality area

Group Bookings

Bonvoy Rewards program

Meeting Space -Bronte Room

670 sq. ft Free set up, table clothes Max # seated dinner: 24 Max # theatre style: 45 Max # cocktail reception: 30

Shuttle

No

HOLIDAY INN & SUITES OAKVILLE @ BRONTE

2525 Wyecroft Rd L6L 6P8

Newly Renovated

Rooms

Amenities

Pool, Wifi, Parking

Food & Beverage

Restaurants on site:
Burger Theory Restaurant
& Bar
Open for breakfast

and dinner
Restaurants nearby:

Bronte Sports Kitchen, Plank Restobar & Firehall

Catering: Menu available

Group Bookings

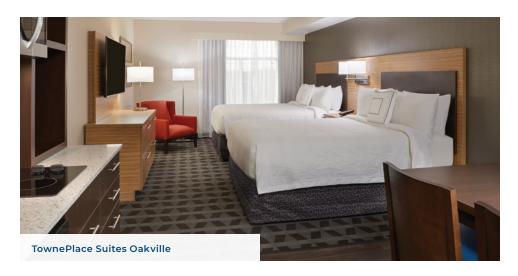
IHG Business Rewards Discounted Group Rates

Meeting Space

Over 7000 sq. ft of flexible space Full catering packages Max # seated dinner: 100 Max # theatre style: 160 Max # cocktail reception: 150

Shuttle

No





STAYBRIDGE SUITES

2511 Wyecroft Rd L6L 6P8

Rooms

105

Amenities

Pool, Wifi, Parking

Food & Beverage

Breakfast included

Restaurants nearby: Swiss Chalet, Chef's Door, Beertown, South St. Burger, Gazebo Burgers, Burger Theory Restaurant & Bar

Catering:

No

Group Bookings

1 in 35 comp ratio IHG Rewards program Bus parking available

Meeting Space

1250 sq. ft Free set up, table clothes Max # seated dinner: 70 Max # theatre style: 100 Max # cocktail reception: 80

Shuttle

No

AMENITIES - EAST END





590 Argus Rd L6J 3J3

Rooms

147

Amenities

Pool, Wifi, Parking, 24 hour Gym & Business Centre, Laundry Facilities

Food & Beverage

Courtyard Bistro & Lounge open for breakfast and dinner

Restaurants nearby: Swiss Chalet, Beertown, Chef's Door, McDonalds, Ami Sushi, OWL, Tim Hortons, Starbucks, Harpers Landing

Catering: Yes

Group Bookings

1 in 35 comp ratio IHG Rewards program Bus parking available

Meeting Space

7200 sq. ft 7 meeting rooms Max # seated dinner: 200 Max # theatre style: 300 Max # cocktail reception: 300 Flexible space, pillar free, on main lobby level

Shuttle

6 person van, 5km radius, Mon-Fri

2 MONTE CARLO INN

374 South Service Rd E

Rooms

70

Amenities

Wifi, Parking

Food & Beverage

Complimentary breakfast for hotel guests

Restaurants nearby: Boston Pizza, Dave & Busters, Wild Wing, Baton Rouge, Scaddabush

Catering: No

Group Bookings

Discounted group rate

Meeting Space

3025 sq. ft Max # seated dinner: 80 Max # theatre style: 100 Max # cocktail reception: 100

Shuttle

No

3 HILTON GARDEN INN

2774 S Sheridan Way L6J 7T4

Rooms

127

Amenities

Pool, Wifi, Parking, Whirlpool Fitness Centre

Food & Beverage

On site restaurant open for breakfast, dinner & evening room service

Restaurants nearby: Wendy's, Tim Hortons, John's BBQ Chicken, Golden Palace, Four Brothers Pizza, Scaddabush

Catering:

Yes

Group Bookings

Bus parking Hilton Honors points Discounted rates

Meeting Space

3000 sq. ft Flexible space, barrier free Max # seated dinner: 120 Max # theatre style: 160 Max # cocktail reception: 150

Shuttle

10 passenger, 8km radius, based upon availability





2930 S Sheridan Way L6J 7T4

Rooms

71

Amenities Wifi, Parking, Gym

Food & Beverage Hot breakfast included

Restaurants nearby: Wendy's, Tim Hortons, Boston Pizza, Dave & Busters, Wild Wing, Baton Rouge, Scaddabush

Catering: No

Group Bookings 10% off for group rate

Meeting Space

1150 sq. ft 3 meeting rooms Max # seated dinner: 70 Max # theatre style: 150 Max # cocktail reception: 100

Shuttle

No

HOMEWOOD SUITES 6 FAIRFIELD INN

2095 Winston Park Dr L6H 6P5

Rooms

108

Amenities

Wifi, Parking

Food & Beverage

Breakfast included

Restaurants nearby: Boston Pizza, Dave & Busters, Wild Wing, Baton Rouge, Scaddabush

Catering: No

Group Bookings Discounted group rate

Meeting Space

1120 sa. ft Max # theatre style: 50 Max # cocktail reception: n/a

Shuttle

No

2937 Sherwood Heights Dr L6J7L3

Rooms

65

Amenities

Pool, Wifi, Parking

Food & Beverage

Breakfast included

Restaurants nearby: Wendy's, Tim Hortons, Boston Pizza, Dave & Busters, Wild Wing, Baton Rouge, Scaddabush

Catering: No

Group Bookings

Group points

Meeting Space

450 sa.ft Max # seated dinner: 14

Max # theatre style: 20 Max # cocktail reception: 20

Shuttle

Yes







Victorian Farmhouse

Dog walking

CAMPING IN OAKVILLE

Take your vacation away from the crowds and spend a secluded weekend under the stars at one of Bronte Creek Provincial Park's four campground loops.

Reconnect with nature by taking to their five hiking trails, playing a round of disc golf, letting your dogs run free at the leash-free park, exploring the history of Spruce Lane Farmhouse and seeing all the animals that call this park home.

Insider tip: Book yourself a mid-week trip. It's usually easier to find available campsites and you get to experience Oakville in the off hours.

Visit ontarioparks.com/park/brontecreek to view the site availability, safety procedures and amenities.

CAMPING SEASON: MAY 13, 2022 - OCTOBER 23, 2022



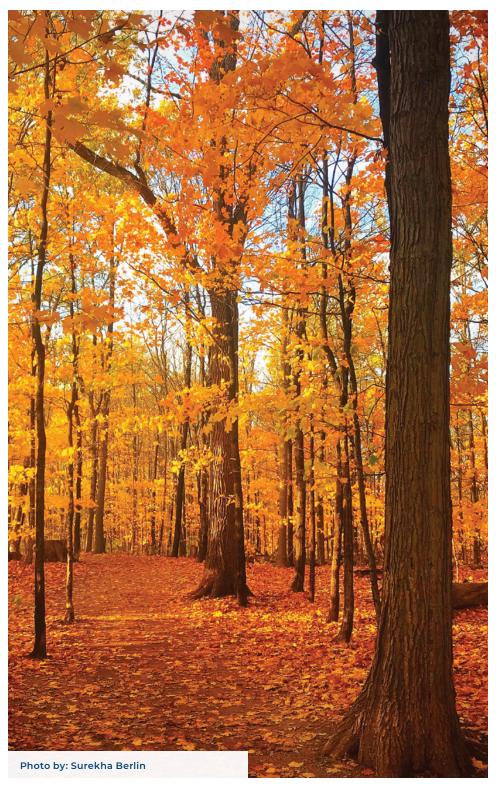




5 hiking trails



18-hole disc golf course



LOCAL SNAPSHOT: SUREKHA BERLIN

Fall is a spectacular season for photography and no one knows this better than Surekha Berlin. Keep reading to learn more about what it's like to explore Oakville seasonally as a photographer:

I am Surekha Berlin, and I love to capture moments which can be cherished for a lifetime. I am professionally an Electrical Design Engineer. Besides Photography, I love all forms of art like cooking, food styling, painting, hand embroidery and crochet.

I am interested in natural light photography both indoors and outdoors. I love doing nature photography, food photography, baby photography, and portraits.

Where was this photo taken?

The location was Lions Valley Park, near the Sixteen Mile Creek Trail loop.

How did you end up taking this photo?

The first and most important step in a fall photo shoot is to carefully choose your locations. I took many photos that day, but this one is my favourite since it's very dense and I was super satisfied with the light which poured from the side to the trail.

What is your favourite season to photograph in Oakville?

I love taking photos of all seasons. It's very hard to pick a favourite time of year for photography, but fall makes a pretty good case for the most photogenic season. Fall is the perfect time to explore the surroundings and experiment with your photographic skills, the colourful leaves and soft light create an opportunity for all kinds of beautiful landscape and portrait shots.

What are your favourite Oakville locations to photograph?

Lions Valley Park, Gairloch Garden, Bronte Creek Provincial Park and Lakeside Park.

What are your favourite things to do when you're spending time in Oakville? Nature watching is my favourite thing in Oakville because there are plenty of beautiful creeks and trails. Also, I love to explore new restaurants and coffee shops.

Why is Oakville a great place to visit?

Oakville is a beautiful town with calm and peaceful neighbourhoods. The town has some of the most picturesque trails and beautiful parks on the shores of Lake Ontario. It also has some of the most beautiful art galleries and museums, and some wonderful restaurants and coffee shops.

You can follow all of Surekha's Oakville adventures on Instagram at @surekhabee

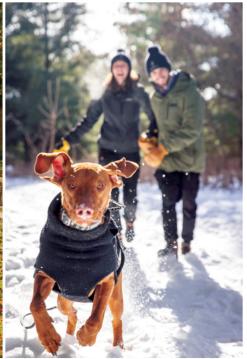




Shell Park



Dingle Park



Sixteen Mile Creek

Bronte Creek Provincial Park

NATURAL WONDERS

With its extensive trail systems, beautiful parklands and lakefront views, Oakville is a natural playground for those who love exploring the outdoors.

Come see the colours change, explore our award-winning gardens, plan a picnic by the lake or revel in holiday decor. There is truly something for everyone to gain from experiencing Oakville outdoors in every season.

Join our community of photographers and share your favourite Oakville snaps with us at @VisitOakville on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Visit *visitoakville.com/experience-oakville/get-outside* to learn more about Oakville outdoors.



Best time to see the fall leaves: Early-mid October



Best time to explore local gardens:

June



Best time to plan a picnic:

August - September



Best time to take in winter sights:

January - February





Ready to launch



Set sail



Get reel

Skate in Oakville

ON THE WATER

Oakville's 17km waterfront is home to two beautiful harbours and many lakeside parks, making Oakville a gem for those looking to experience life on the water.

Paddling

Bring your own kayak, canoe or paddleboard, or rent from EuropeBound (hikershaven.ca) once you're in town, and experience the unique beauty of Oakville on the water.

Boating

Dock your boat or charter a cruise from Oakville's harbours with one of several local charter companies. Take a tour around Sixteen Mile Creek with CharterAbility, a registered charity that provides accessible recreational boating in Oakville.

Fishing

Oakville offers a variety of angling opportunities, including spots at both Bronte Creek and Sixteen Mile Creek that harbour trout and salmon action during the spring and fall.

Skating

Indulge in some classic Canadiana this winter and take in Oakville's snowy scenery from one of many local outdoor skating rinks.

Learn more about exploring Oakville on the water here: visitoakville.com/experience-oakville/get-active/water-sports

See more about local outdoor skating rinks here: visitoakville.com/experience-oakville/get-active/outdoor-ice-rinks





Edgeware Park



Ride the trails



Bird watching

Cross-country skiing at Bronte Creek

ON THE TRAILS

Oakville's extensive trail system is over 200 km and invites you to explore the natural wonders of local forests and the splendor of seasonal changes.

Hiking

Steps away from many streets in Oakville is access to the trail system where you can hike, bike, run or walk.

Cycling

Oakville hosts plenty of multi-use trail systems that allow cyclists to explore these natural escapes on wheels. Take advantage of local bike corrals and repair stations when exploring systems like the Crosstown Trail.

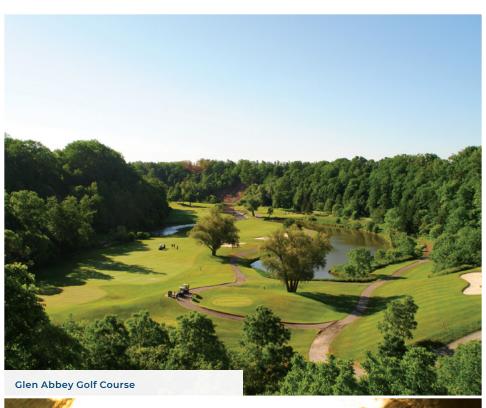
Bird Watching

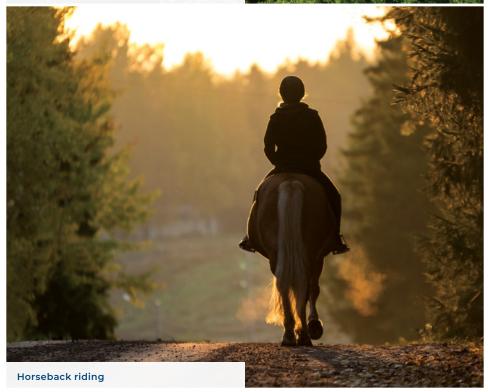
Oakville is a great place for novice and experienced birders alike to view a variety of woodland birds and waterfowl, like the pileated woodpecker, Baltimore oriole and red-tailed hawk.

Snowshoeing and Cross-Country Skiing

Don't let winter shut you indoors. Many of Oakville's trails are perfect for cross-country skiing, including those at Bronte Creek Provincial Park!

For more information about exploring local parks, trails and gardens, visit: visitoakville.com/experience-oakville/get-outside/parks-trails-gardens





STAYING ACTIVE

Pick up an old hobby or try something new on your next visit to Oakville with a little help from these local institutions.

Golfing

Heralded as the home of the Canadian Open, Oakville hosts a great variety of golf courses and facilities that cater to every skill level. Spend your day swinging on legendary courses like Glen Abbey Golf Course, host of 28 Canadian Open Golf Championships.

Follow the link for more information about golfing in Oakville: visitoakville.com/experience-oakville/get-active/golf

Horseback Riding

Explore Oakville with a trail ride at one of Oakville's local stables. Once you're paired up with their well-trained horses, you'll see a side of Oakville often hidden from plain sight.

Follow the link to learn more about trail riding in Oakville: visitoakville.com/experience-oakville/get-active/horseback-riding



LOCAL SNAPSHOT: STEPHANIE AMARAL

Oakville is a breathtaking destination for those looking to capture the sunrise. Keep reading to learn more about how Stephanie Amaral won our 2019 summer photo contest with this beautiful capture:

My name is Stephanie Amaral and I am an outdoor enthusiast with a high spirit and love for all seasons. During the winter, you can catch me snowshoeing frozen sceneries and working on my snowboarding skills.

My mission is to inspire women to adventure solo, to push men past their comfort zones and to build meaningful relationships with other outdoor addicts.

Where was this photo taken?

On a quiet morning along the shoreline of Lake Ontario off Lakeshore Road West.

How did you end up taking this photo?

I was dog-sitting one day and stumbled upon Burloak Waterfront Park. The views are undeniable and the small parking lots along Lakeshore Road West provide ample opportunity for one to stop to enjoy the landscape.

What is your favourite season to photograph in Oakville?

I have a love for all seasons in Oakville. In the winter, the shorelines and ground are covered in frozen sheets of ice. When the sun kisses those shards of ice, it highlights the bubbles and reminds us of their original liquid state. In spring, the bare trees suddenly come back to life, showcasing new growth and chattering sounds of the new life. Summer is eventful, with boats coming in and out, people out taking in the sunshine and socializing with others.

What are your favourite Oakville locations to photograph?

The Bronte Harbour would be my favourite for sure. I enjoy the ships, artistically painted Muskoka chairs and the live music that is sometimes playing.

What are your favourite things to do when you're spending time in Oakville? Oakville is one of my favourite places to watch the sunrise. Also, I enjoy the unique eateries around the Bronte Village. My favourite is Plank Restobar, and I often bring friends here for a quick bite.

Why is Oakville a great place to visit?

I believe Oakville is a great place to visit because the people are really friendly and inviting. With unique eateries and family-owned bars located across the town, as well as beautiful parks around the community, it's easy to entice others to visit.

You can follow all of Stephanie's Oakville adventures on Instagram at @wandering_outside





Ananda Gear Music







Lords of War Games & Hobbies

SHOPPING

Shop Oakville and find unique selections in clothing, decor, jewelry, art, toys, knitting, vintage antiques and more. Oakville's small business owners are welcoming, helpful and experts in their field, providing all shoppers with a memorable and positive experience.

Indulge in a little retail therapy and help celebrate all that these local businesses are doing to provide.

Visit visitoakville.com/stay-dine-shop/shop-in-oakville to learn more about shopping in Oakville.

WHAT YOU'LL FIND IN OAKVILLE



Sustainability specialists



High-end fashion



Local makers



DIY experts



Designer decor



One-of-a-kind consignment finds



Farmer's Markets





Tribeca Coffee Co.



Monaghan's Sports Pub & Grill



Mye 2 Japanese Restaurant

DINING

Oakville is home to a vibrant independent food scene made up of a variety of award-winning staples and innovative up-and-comers.

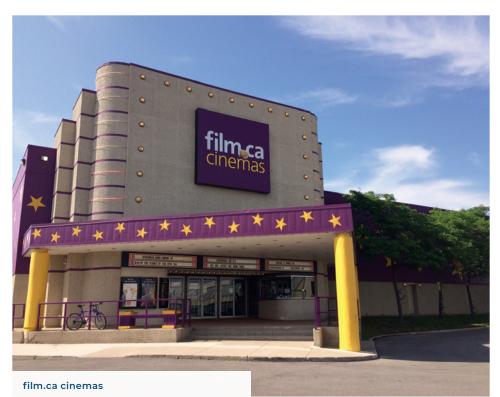
Expand your palate and indulge in fine dining, pub fare, vegan food, Thai, Mediterranean, Indian and so much more with Oakville's diverse selection of restaurants

How to experience the best of Oakville's culinary scene:

- Experience Oakville's best by dining at Talk of the Town Award-winning restaurants.
- Try something new from every local neighbourhood Bronte Village, Kerr Village, Downtown Oakville and North Oakville.
- Participate in our Taste of Oakville 2023 event by purchasing from select restaurants offering prix-fixe menus.
- Bring Oakville home with some takeaway treats from local breweries, bakeries and specialty food stores.

Visit visitoakville.com/stay-dine-shop/dine-in-oakville for more information about dining in Oakville.

Learn more about A Taste of Oakville here: tasteofoakville.ca







Welcoming atmosphere

Sweet interiors

TOURISM AWARDS

Oakville is home to hundreds of tourism businesses contributing to the visitor economy, and Visit Oakville has found different ways to celebrate their efforts. Visit Oakville created the Talk of the Town Awards in 2018 with an intent to reward local institutions for excellence in products and services based on feedback from locals and visitors.

We are continuing to run the awards to celebrate all that our local tourism businesses are doing to innovate, celebrate and welcome visitors to our town

Keep an eye on our social media for monthly category announcements and follow the link to learn more about our past winners: visitoakville.com/talk-of-the-town-awards

Visit Oakville also sponsors the Tourism Excellence Award, part of the Oakville Awards for Business Excellence.

This award recognizes Oakville's businesses that have contributed to the local visitor economy by:

- Marketing Oakville and attracting visitors.
- · Providing exceptional experiences to visitors.
- Partnering with visitor-minded businesses to create/contribute to visitor experiences.
- Advocating for the value of the local tourism industry.

Our 2021 recipient was film.ca cinemas.

Read more about the Oakville Awards for Business Excellence here: oabe.ca





HISTORY

Oakville is steeped in a rich history dating back to the early 1800s that has been well preserved and documented by local historians.

Step back in time and learn about Oakville lore with these local institutions.

Oakville Museum - 8 Navy Street

The Oakville Museum is located in Erchless Estate, the former home of Oakville's founding family the Chisholms. Explore rotating exhibits and learn about Oakville's Black History with their permanent exhibits, Freedom, Opportunity and Family: Oakville's Black History and The Underground Railroad: Next Stop Freedom.

Golf Canada Hall of Fame - 1333 Dorval Drive

Housed on the grounds of Glen Abbey Golf Course, the Golf Canada Hall of Fame celebrates the outstanding players, builders and architects who have been fundamental in the evolution of the game in Canada.

Howard Iron Works - 800 Westgate Road

Explore this hidden gem that unlocks the history of printing. This museum is home to printing machinery dating from the 1830s to the 1950s, including iron presses, platens, bindery equipment, trade journals and more.

Historic Houses

Oakville is home to hundreds of historic houses that have been preserved and restored. Delve into local history at the Merrick Thomas House, Coah House, Oakville's First Post Office and Sovereign House.

Learn more about these local historical organizations here: visitoakville.com/about-oakville/oakville-history





ARTS AND CULTURE

Oakville is home to a vibrant arts community that hosts performances, shows, discussions and showcases year-round.

Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts - 130 Navy Street
Catch local artists and famous faces at this intimate theatre in Downtown
Oakville. They host can't-miss discussions, concerts, productions and more,
showcasing favourites like Tom Cochrane, Serena Ryder, and Classic Albums
Live.

Oakville Galleries - 120 Navy Street & 1306 Lakeshore Road East
The Oakville Galleries have two locations along Oakville's lakeshore, hosting
a rotating collection of innovative artistic minds. You can also indulge in a
gorgeous floral display at their Gairloch Gardens location.

Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre - 1086 Burnhamthorpe Road East Located in a refurbished barn that was built in 1827, this community art centre hosts artistic programs for adults and youths, as well as gallery showcases for local artists.

Learn more about current exhibitions, shows and tours here: visitoakville.com/experience-oakville/arts-and-culture







iFLY Dave & Busters

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ENTERTAINMENT

Oakville is a premier destination for family entertainment, playing host to a variety of attractions, businesses and activities to satisfy all interests.

film.ca Cinemas - 171 Speers Road

This local independent theatre has been screening blockbuster films at affordable prices in Oakville for over 15 years. Catch a movie, order concessions for takeaway or get the kids involved in filmmaking bootcamps.

iFLY - 2007 Winston Park Drive

Reach for the skies at this indoor skydiving facility! Anyone over the age of four can participate and learn, so chase the thrill and plan a family visit.

5 Drive-In - 2332 Ninth Line

Enjoy the warmer weather and experience movies under the stars at this retro drive-in theatre! Pack up the chairs and settle in for a night at this can't-miss attraction.

Dave & Busters - 2021 Winston Park Drive

Eat, drink and play games with the whole family at this family-friendly sports bar and arcade hybrid.

Learn more about local entertainment and leisure here: visitoakville.com/experience-oakville/entertainment-and-leisure



Hike and explore



Music and culture



Tasty food

Scenic views

HOW TO SPEND 48 HOURS EXPLORING OAKVILLE

Oakville is a great destination for family travel, romantic escapes and solo trips.

With options to serve a variety of interests, we've put together the ultimate guide to exploring Oakville in 48 hours. Keep reading to start planning your next adventure:

Day 1:

Start your day in nature by hiking or biking local trails, teeing it up at one of our golf facilities, or playing disc golf at Bronte Creek Provincial Park.

Stop for lunch in one of our local neighbourhoods before heading out for an afternoon of history at the Oakville Museum, art at the Oakville Galleries, family fun at Aerosports Trampoline Park or shopping in Downtown Oakville, Kerr Village or Bronte Village.

Treat yourself to dinner. Then, indulge in a night out with a show at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts or a movie at film.ca cinemas.

Day 2:

Enjoy brunch minutes away from the water in Downtown Oakville, Kerr Village or Bronte Village. Once you've had your fill, take to the lake and enjoy some peaceful paddling or charter a cruise to explore Oakville's waterways.

Spend your afternoon on a self-guided tour of Oakville's Black History, exploring natural outlooks at Sixteen Mile Creek Trail or Lions Valley Park, or getting active on local bike trails and skate parks.

Sit down for one final dinner, and take some souvenirs home from local food and drink specialty shops like Cameron's Brewing, Farmhouse Artisan Cheeses and Florence Meats

As always, share your Oakville excursions with us @VisitOakville and choose your own adventure with the help of our seasonal itineraries: visitoakville.com/oakville-itineraries



Kerrfest Taste of Oakville



EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Enjoy one of Oakville's beloved annual events.

Whether you're here for the food, entertainment or fun, you'll find an escape worthy of a weekend away.

Kerrfest - Fall 2023

Find yourselves in Kerr Village this fall for a multi-day music festival featuring Canadian rock legends, local up-and-comers, as well as a day of children's performers during KerrFest Kids! Shop local vendors, indulge in great eats and dance to incredible music under the stars at this beloved local event.

Oakville Film Festival - June 22-28, 2022

The Oakville Film Festival will return this summer both in-person and online with a new slate of local and international films. This premier event offers access to a variety of thought-provoking films about the human condition, as well as a lineup of industry events for those looking to gain experience and insight.

Taste of Oakville - Winter 2023

This beloved food festival will make a return in winter 2023, featuring a diverse selection of restaurants from every corner of Oakville. Enjoy a delicious lunch or dinner by choosing from a prix-fixe menu. Takeout, delivery and indoor dining options are to be determined. Watch *tasteofoakville.ca* for updates.

Stay up-to-date with local events here: visitoakville.com/events



SPORT TOURISM

Oakville is an established sport tourism destination with an impressive hosting history.

The town's exceptional variety of event and athletic facilities has led to the successful acquisition of events such as the Grand Slam of Curling's Masters, the RBC Canadian Open, the Skate Canada Autumn Classic International and the Canadian National Junior Hockey Team Sport Chek Selection Camp.

We are excited to welcome the 2022 Canadian Under-18 Boys and Girls Curling Championship in May, and welcome back the Grand Slam Masters in 2022.

Looking for an event host? Take a look at all that Oakville has to offer and consider us for your upcoming sporting needs.

For more information about sport tourism in Oakville, visit: visitoakville.com/stay-dine-shop/sports-groups



115 sports fields: 70 soccer 45 baseball



3 golf courses and 3 golf ranges/ facilities



100,000 sq.ft indoor sport complex (Pine Glen Soccer Centre)



80,000 sq.ft arena with 2 turf regulation-sized rinks (Toronto Rock AC)



17 ice pads in 8 facilities



8 sheet curling facility



3 quality rugby pitches set in 26 acres of parkland



1 beach volleyball facility with 5 beach courts











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