

2023 | 2024 VISITOR GUIDE



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OAKVILLE

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Interested in upcoming events? Use the "Event" feature to see what is happening in town throughout the year.

Whether familiar with Oakville or visiting for the first time, Driftscape is a great way to discover everything this town offers.

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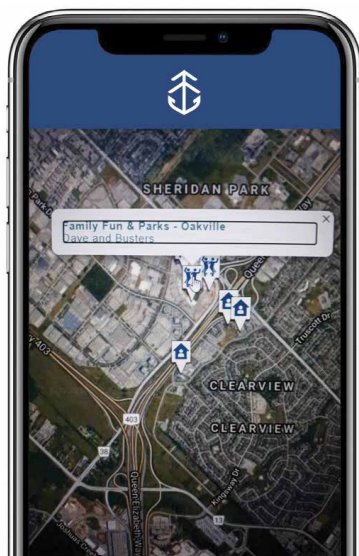


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Lake Ontario

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Hello and thank you for your interest in Oakville!

As you flip through the pages of the 2023-24 guide, we hope you feel inspired to come for a visit, explore Oakville, and fall in love with the town like we have.

Take time to explore Oakville's distinct shopping districts, extensive trail system, picturesque waterfront, rich arts and culture scene, charming historic areas, diverse restaurants, retailers and more.

Don't miss pages 11 and 27 to read what two Oakville residents – and Visit Oakville board members - love most about Oakville,

including their favourite spots and recommendations for visitors.

Plan your stay around one of Oakville's annual events like Taste of Oakville, Maple Syrup Festival at Bronte Creek, the Oakville Film Festival, the Oakville Family Ribfest, British Car Day, KerrFest Kids, or Hometown Holiday in Downtown Oakville. Extend your stay for a night – or a few – at one of Oakville's ten hotels, or spend a night under the stars at Bronte Creek Provincial Park.

If sports are your thing, we've got you covered with fantastic amenities and a variety of top-tier sporting events throughout the year. New in 2023-24, Curling Canada's PointsBet Invitational in September '23, and the Centennial Cup – Canada's National Junior A Championship – in May '24 – both held at the fully-accessible Sixteen Mile Sports Complex.

For the most up-to-date information to start planning your trip, check out visitoakville.com and get ready to fall in love with Oakville.

We can't wait to welcome you!

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Sean O'Meara, *Chair of the Board*



Sixteen Mile Creek

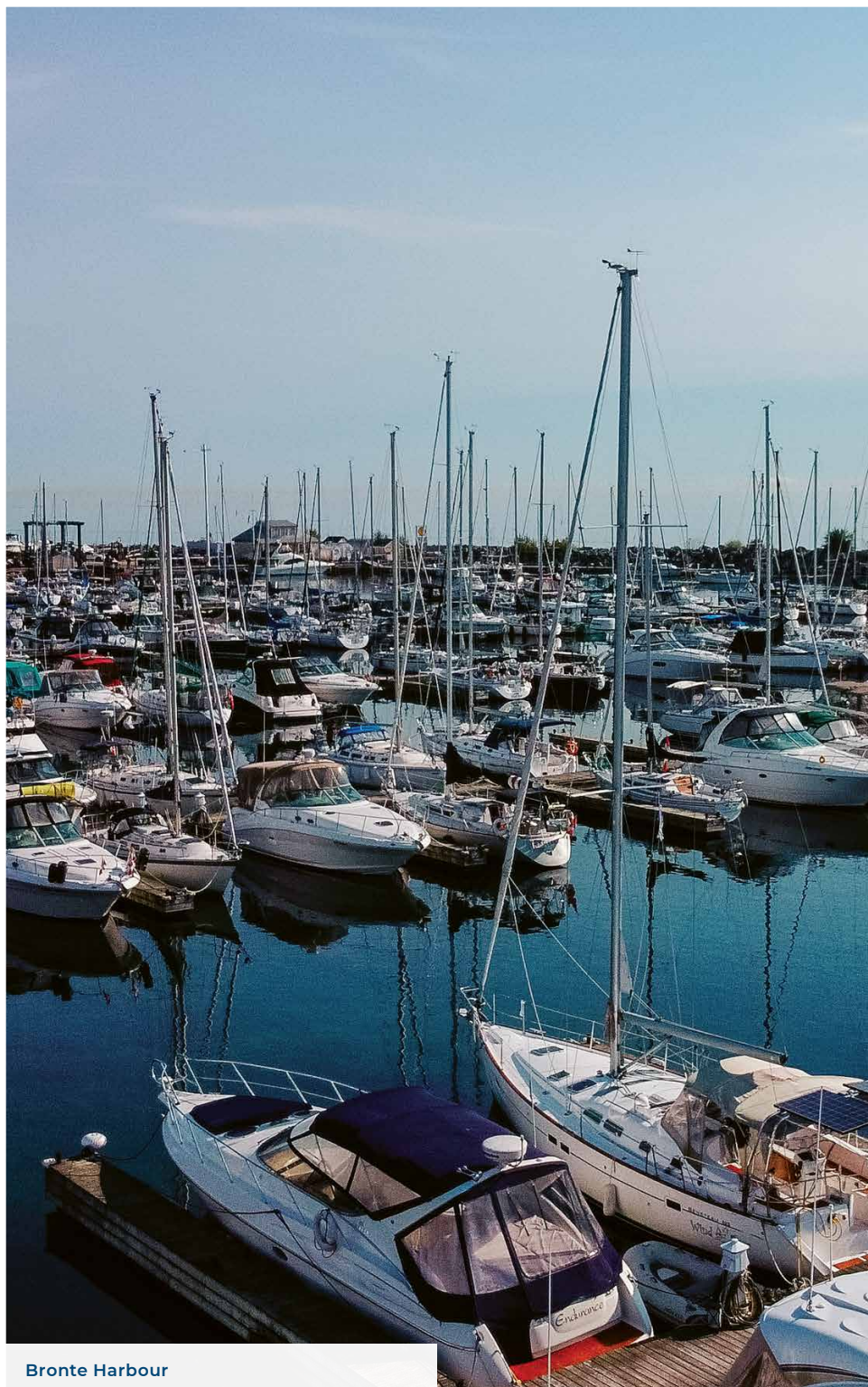
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

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

Please gather on these treaty lands and experience their natural wonders, but do so with honour and respect for lands, waters, plants and animals, as well as Indigenous communities and their heritage.

Join us in our reconciliation journey of evolving and educating ourselves. Learn more about this land through the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation website: mncfn.ca, the First Nations, Metis and Inuit collections at the Oakville Public Library, and the Town of Oakville's Indigenous Culture and Community page.



Bronte Harbour

ABOUT OAKVILLE

Located on the shores of Lake Ontario about 30 km/18.5 miles southwest of Toronto and 90 km/56 miles from Niagara falls, Oakville is a gem within the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). With a growing and diverse population of over 200,000, Oakville embodies the charm of a small town, with the amenities and conveniences of a city.

Oakville's waterfront is must-see. Serene at times, active at others, it is always photo ready. It is home to a variety of eye-catching wildlife including loons, swans, the white owl of Bronte, and more. Harbours in Bronte and Downtown Oakville are popular spots to take in the scenery. Other shoreline parks, including Gairloch Gardens and Coronation Park, are well worth a visit.

Oakville has three Business Improvement Areas (BIAs), Downtown Oakville, Kerr Village and Bronte Village. Each area has its own distinct personality but offers common elements: shopping and dining options that will satisfy a variety of styles and palates.

Explore the town's history at the Oakville Museum, including the importance of the lakefront as an entry point for many American slaves travelling the Underground Railroad, as well as to the development of early industries.

Enjoying your time in town? We'd love to hear about it. Share your adventures by tagging us @visitoakville or using the hashtag #VisitOakville

Learn more about exploring Oakville here: visitoakville.com



3 BIAs



**2 beautiful
harbours**



**Nestled between
Toronto and
Niagara**



**Easy access to the
QEW, 403, 407 and
401**



Charles and his husband Jose



Charles and his dog Chloe

A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE: CHARLES

Can you tell us a little bit about yourself and how long you've lived in Oakville?

My husband and I moved to Oakville in 2020 at the peak of the pandemic. We were looking for open space and wanted a strong sense of community. I've lived in Toronto, Miami, Pittsburgh and Texas, in urban to suburban neighbourhoods, but never felt home like I do in Oakville. It is so unique because of its small-town charm, which comes from a welcoming community, walkable areas, and resident pride that you can feel – but with the amenities of a larger city.

What are some hidden gems in Oakville that visitors might not know about?

Oakville Centre for Performing Arts, located in the heart of Downtown Oakville, is a gem. It opened in 1977 and has been a focal point for cultural life in Oakville ever since. They host a variety of performances, but my favourites are the Oakville Symphony concerts. They are a community orchestra with a new and talented Conductor and Music Director, Lorenzo Guggenheim.

What are your favorite restaurants or cafes in Oakville?

Stoney's Bread Company in Kerr Village has amazing sandwiches, and the service is so friendly. Also, at the top of my list is Thai Siam in the Upper Oakville Shopping Centre. Their food is so delicious!

What is your favorite park in Oakville?

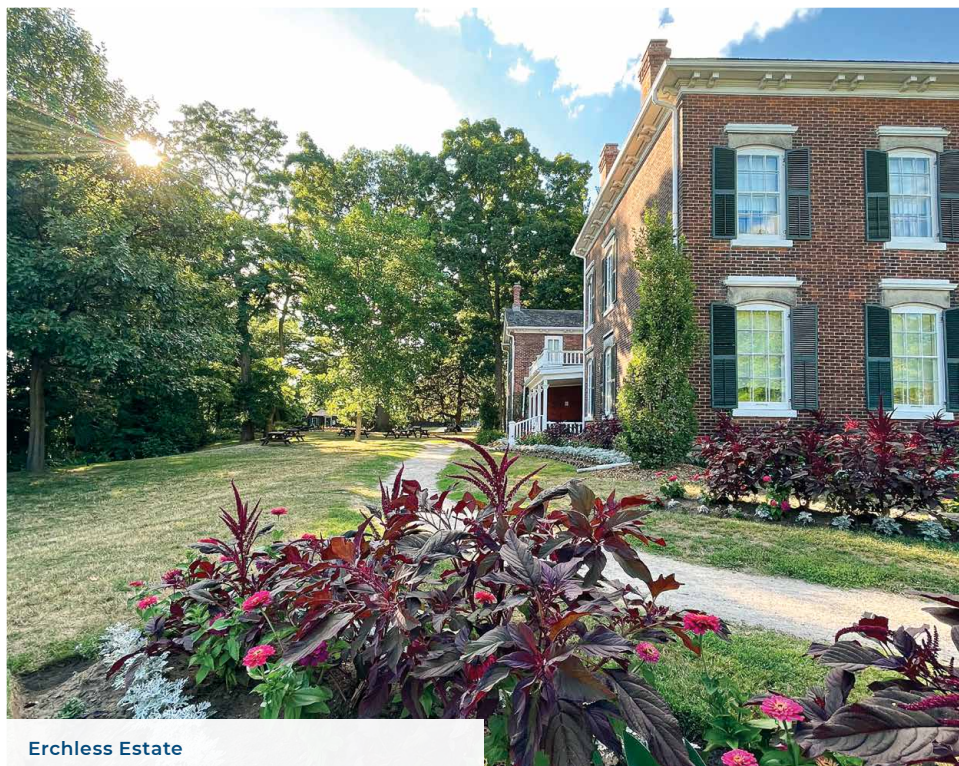
There are so many beautiful parks in Oakville. However, Post Park is my go-to and the best if you have a four-legged friend. An enclosed off-leash dog park surrounded by mature trees is the perfect place to let our dog, Chloe, run free with her friends.

What are some of the best neighborhoods to explore in Oakville and why?

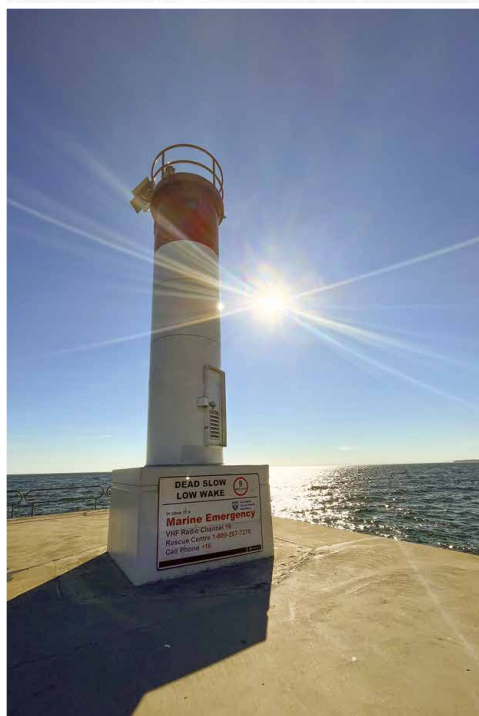
Old Oakville features historic buildings, quaint shops, and parks. There is also Bronte Village, known for its marina, restaurants, and galleries. Finally is Kerr Village, a lively district with various shops, restaurants, and yearly events.

Is there anything else you think visitors should know about Oakville?

Oakville is a wonderful place to visit. Whether you're outdoorsy, looking for great shopping, a foodie, or visiting for an event, adding an extra couple of nights to your itinerary to explore Oakville is the best advice I could give.



Erchless Estate



Oakville's Lighthouse



In honour of children of the residential school system.

DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE

Downtown Oakville is an upscale lakeside shopping district rich in history and character. Here you'll find six blocks of beloved local shops, restaurants, and special boutiques and services, as well as top names in fashion.

Take a stroll through the area and spot the lovingly maintained heritage homes marked by plaques identifying the name and occupation of the original owner, and the year of construction. The Oakville Museum, Thomas House, and the Oakville Historical Society are located here.

Visit Lakeside Park and enjoy the views of the Toronto skyline. Mature trees shade the park, providing an ideal place for a picnic, a run-around the playground, or simply watching the boats sail by.

From DIY classes and wellness events to sidewalk sales and street musicians, there is always something happening Downtown. Don't miss the sights and sounds of the Hometown Holiday experience starting in November, or the TD Summer Music Series on Saturdays and Sundays in July and August.

Paid parking is located along the lakeshore and in municipal parking lots throughout the area. Free limited small street parking is also available.

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

Facebook: [@downtownoakville](https://www.facebook.com/downtownoakville)

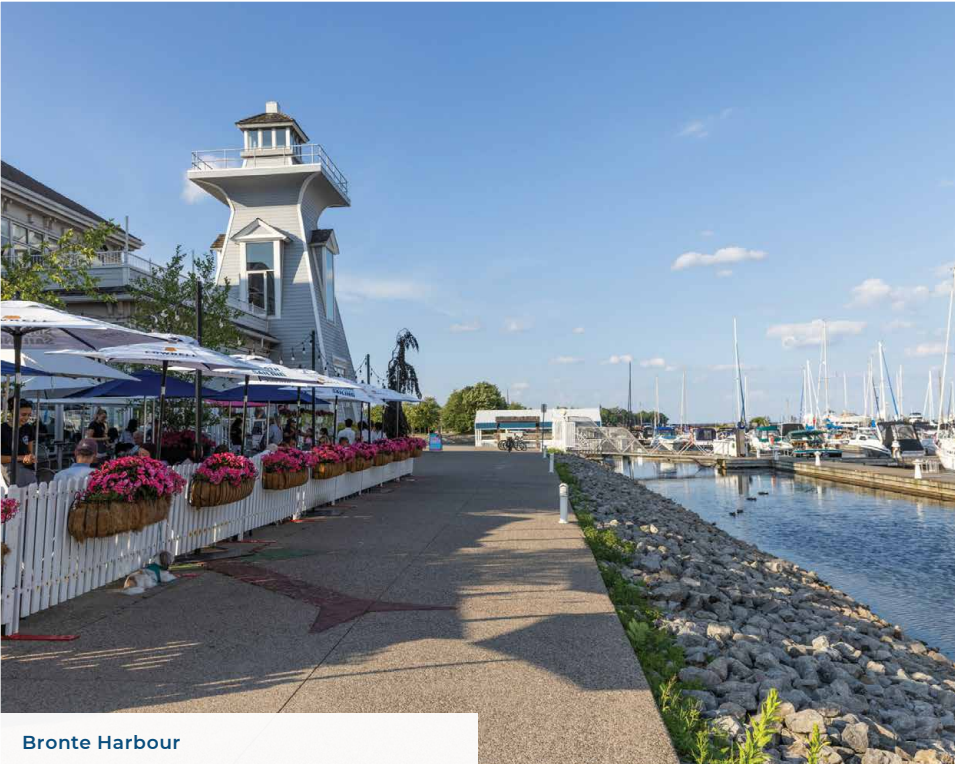
Instagram: [@oakvilledowntown](https://www.instagram.com/oakvilledowntown)



Explore Bronte Village



Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park



Bronte Harbour

BRONTE VILLAGE

Bronte Village is one of Ontario's oldest communities. Established in 1834 as a small fishing settlement at the mouth of the Twelve Mile Creek, it quickly became a major trading post and, in the 1950s, a vacation spot for families from Toronto and the region. Today it is a beautiful destination known for its marine heritage.

On the harbour's east side, you will find friendly owner-operated specialty shops, galleries, and diverse award-winning dining options. You can grab an ice cream, walk to the pier, enjoy the views and explore Fishermen's Warf Memorial. Take a seat on one of the of the hand-painted Muskoka Chairs throughout the neighborhood, which are part of the ongoing "At Home in Bronte Outdoor Art Exhibit."

There's always something happening in Bronte!

- Lakeside concerts
- Outdoor festivals
- Walking tours
- Family-friendly programs
- ...and so much more!

Venture to the west side of Twelve Mile Creek and you will find Bronte Bluffs Park, Bronte beach and the historic Sovereign House. A great place to take in Bronte scenery, take a dip and learn about the area's rich history.

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

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

Facebook: [@bronteevents](https://www.facebook.com/bronteevents)

Instagram: [@brontebia](https://www.instagram.com/brontebia)

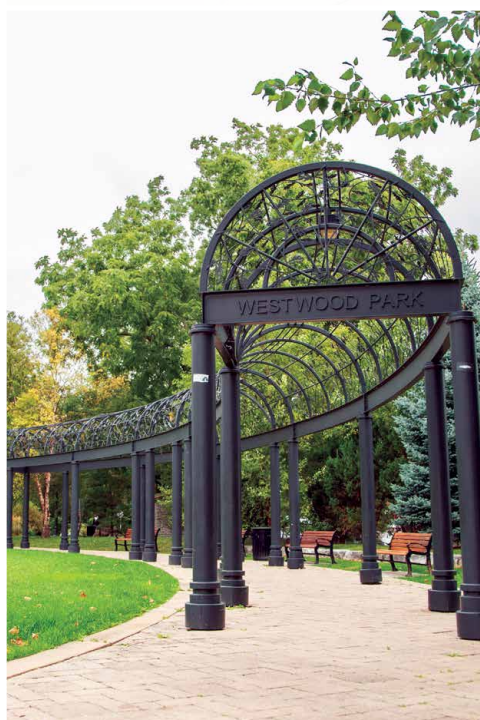
For more information about the history of Bronte Village, visit: brontehistoricalsociety.ca

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Tannery Park



Westwood Park



Explore Kerr Village

KERR VILLAGE

Kerr Village is a vibrant and unique community, nestled in the heart of Oakville, within walking distance of the Lake and Downtown Oakville. The Village is a trendy and eclectic neighbourhood offering a mix of welcoming hospitality and urban revitalization.

In the heart of Kerr Village, you will find a selection of independently owned retailers, specialty stores, yoga studios, and spas, and, as many locals will tell you, some of the best cafes and restaurants in town. This trendy area boasts businesses representing 39 different cultures.

Head south and visit Tannery Park with its striking obelisk and water views. Explore the First Nations history wall depicting a timeline of First Nations settlements in the area, and a First Nations Moccasin Identifier gathering circle. The Park includes an accessible concrete promenade, lots of seating, a cobble beach, and gardens for migratory birds and butterflies.

Don't miss KerrFest Kids in September and the lighting of the Kerr Village Christmas tree in late November or early December, two signature events that provide fun for the whole family.

Tannery Park has free parking. Kerr Street has paid parking along the street or in municipal parking lots.

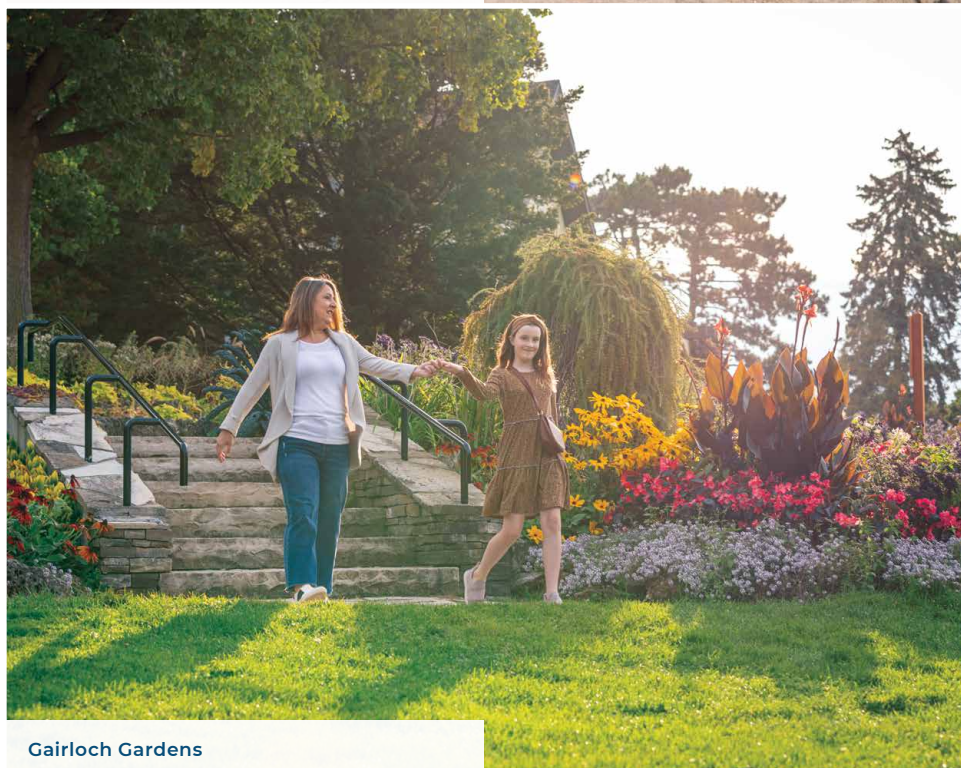
For more information about Kerr Village, visit: kerr-village.ca

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Bronte Beach



Gairloch Gardens

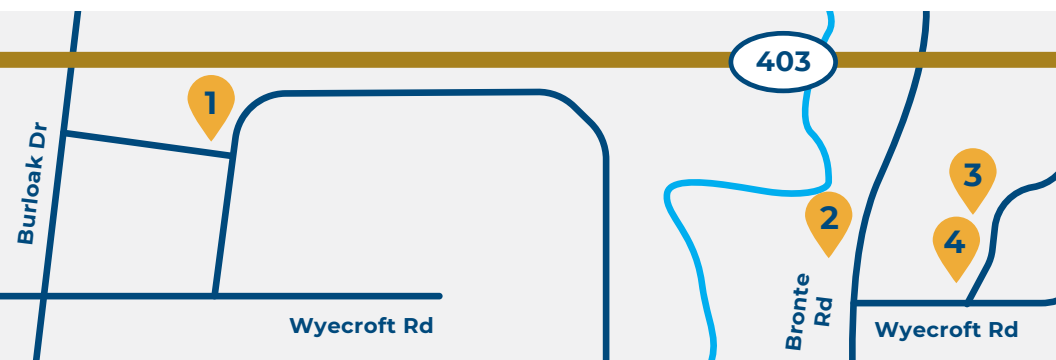
STAY IN OAKVILLE

Whether visiting for business or pleasure, Oakville's range of hotels has you covered. Book a night and explore some of these vacation ideas:

- **Family Vacation:** You'll find something for everyone with family-friendly entertainment such as iFly, Aerosports Trampoline Park, Bronte Creek Provincial Park, the 5 Drive-In, Hopedale Bowl and Film.ca Cinemas.
- **Romantic Weekend:** Enjoy some time for two with a trip to the spa, a candle-lit meal, a show at the Oakville Centre for Performing Arts, and a sunset walk in a lakeside park.
- **Art and History Buffs:** Plan an enriching escape with trips to the Oakville Museum and Oakville Galleries and self-guided tours through historic areas.
- **Friends and Family:** Loved ones coming into town? Book them a room at a local hotel and then show off your town with a tour around Oakville.
- **Outdoor Escape:** Oakville's many parks and extensive trail system give outdoor enthusiasts a memorable escape. Hike, bike, boat, skate, and ski your way around town.

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

AMENITIES - WEST END



1 SANDMAN
3451 South Service Rd W
L6L 0C3

Rooms
166

Amenities
Pool, Wifi, Parking

Food & Beverage
Restaurants on site:
Chop Steakhouse
11 a.m.- 11 p.m.
Denny's
6 a.m.-11 p.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

**2 TOWNEPLACE
SUITES OAKVILLE**
754 Bronte Rd
L6L 6R8
*Reopened Spring 2023
Newly Renovated*

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

**3 HOLIDAY INN &
SUITES OAKVILLE @
BRONTE**
2525 Wyecroft Rd
L6L 6P8
Newly Renovated

Rooms
144

Amenities
Pool, Wifi, Parking

Food & Beverage
Restaurants on site:
Burger Theory Restaurant
& Bar
Open for breakfast
and dinner

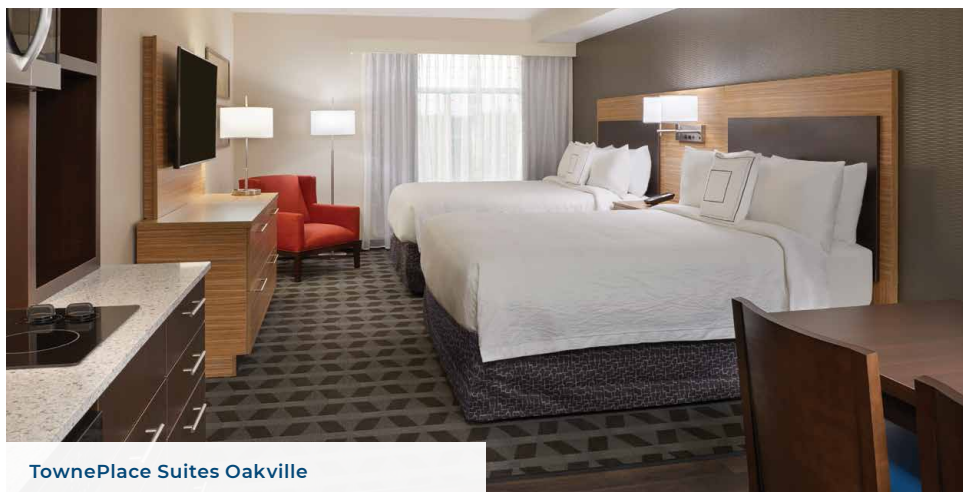
Restaurants nearby:
Bronte Sports Kitchen,
Plank Restobar & Firehall

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



TownePlace Suites Oakville

4 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



1 HOLIDAY INN OAKVILLE (CENTRE)

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

Discounted Rates
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
L6J 2X6

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



4 THE QUALITY INN & SUITES

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

5 HOMEWOOD SUITES

2095 Winston Park Dr
L6H 6P5

Rooms
108

Amenities
Wifi, Parking, Fitness Centre,
Business Centre, Private
Courtyard with Basketball
Court and BBQs, Laundry
Facilities (\$)

Food & Beverage
Hot Buffet Breakfast
included

Restaurants nearby:
Boston Pizza, Dave &
Busters, Wild Wing, Baton
Rouge, Scaddabush,
Trattoria Timone, Sukothai,
Subway, East Side Mario's,
K&B Sushi

Catering:
Limited

Group Bookings
Discounted group rate

Meeting Space
1120 sq. ft
Max # theatre style: 50
Max # cocktail reception: n/a

Shuttle
No

6 FAIRFIELD INN

2937 Sherwood Heights Dr
L6J 7L3

Rooms
65

Amenities
Pool, Wifi, Parking

Food & Beverage
Breakfast included

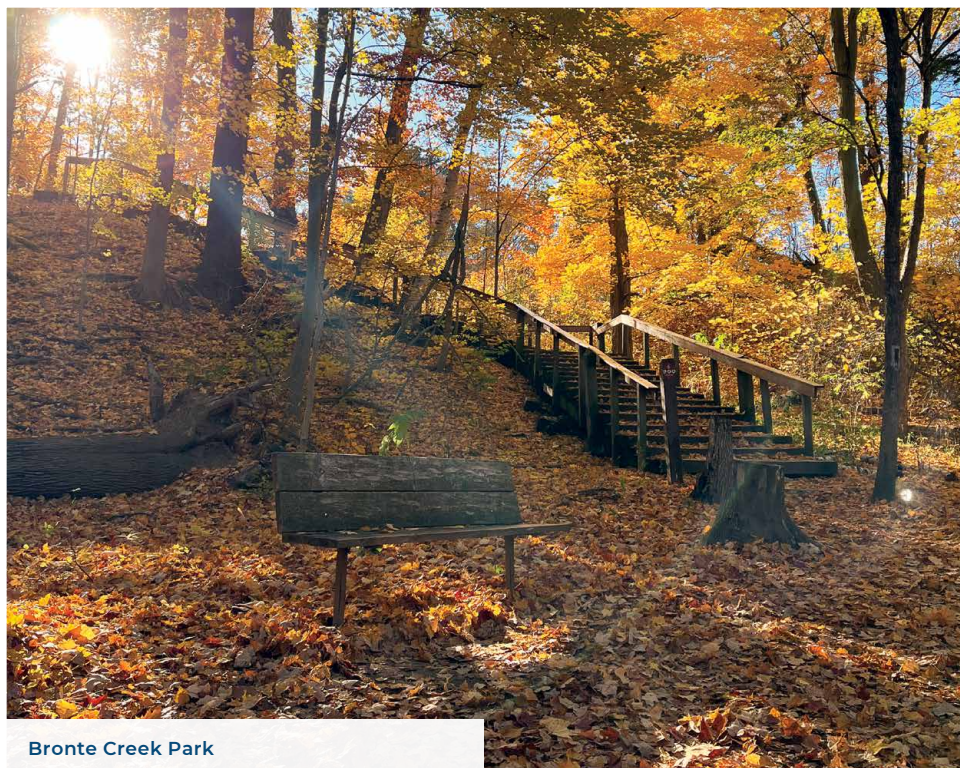
Restaurants nearby:
Wendy's, Tim Hortons,
Boston Pizza, Dave &
Busters, Wild Wing, Baton
Rouge, Scaddabush

Catering:
No

Group Bookings
Group points

Meeting Space
450 sq. ft
Max # seated dinner: 14
Max # theatre style: 20
Max # cocktail reception: 20

Shuttle
No



Bronte Creek Park



Bronte Creek Campground



Farm Animals

CAMPING IN OAKVILLE

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

Things to do:

- Reconnect with nature and relax by the campfire
- Explore the history of Spruce Lane Farmhouse
- Attend Educational Discovery Programs (Follow @opbrontecreek on Instagram to see the programs and schedules.)
- Travelling with kids? Don't miss the Play Barn, farm animals and outdoor playground
- Play a round of Disc Golf
- Hike or bike one of 5 trails: Maiden's Blush Trail, Trillium Trail, Ravine Trail, Gateway Trail, Halfmoon Valley Trail.
- Take your furry family member for a run at the leash-free dog park
- Watch for over 190 species of birds in their habitat
- Fish in the Twelve-Mile creek for rainbow trout, splake, steelhead and Pacific salmon.

Getting Here

The park has two entrances on the opposite sides of the ravine. For the camping entrance, take Bronte Road to Upper Middle Road and go West. For day visits, use the entrance on Burloak Drive.

Insider tips

Consider a visit during the week when the park is less busy.
Visit ontarioparks.com/park/brontecreek to view availability.

CAMPING SEASON: MAY 12, 2023 - OCTOBER 22, 2023



4 campground
loops



3 yurts



5 hiking trails



18-hole
disc golf
course



Adrienne and Her Kids

A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE:

ADRIENNE

Can you tell us a little bit about yourself and how long you've lived in Oakville?

I moved to Oakville when I was five years old. I went to school, had my first job here, and my parents still live in the same house I grew up in. After living across different parts of Canada, I was lucky enough to move back to Oakville 15 years ago, and I am now raising my three kids here.

What are some hidden gems in Oakville that visitors might not know about?

There are a few places in Oakville that I think are perfect for visitors who want to experience the Town like a local! One of my favourites is Erchless Estate and the nearby lakeside park. It's such a peaceful spot for an afternoon picnic or some quiet reading time. Another must-see is Gairloch Gardens, especially in the summertime when the rose gardens are in full bloom. The views of the lake are truly breathtaking from there.

What are your favorite restaurants or cafes in Oakville?

I recommend a few of my tried-and-true favourites. You can't go wrong with Beacon in Downtown Oakville for a delicious meal with a cozy, intimate ambiance. Cucci is an absolute must-try if you're in the mood for upscale dining. For a laid-back brunch or coffee date with friends, Kerr Street Café is a fantastic option, and Simple Kitchen is my go-to for a healthy meal.

What are some of the cool neighbourhoods to explore in Oakville and why?

There are so many amazing neighbourhoods to explore in Oakville! I love the ones along the lakeside. There's so much to see and do from downtown Oakville to Bronte Harbour. You can take in breathtaking historical homes, explore beautiful parks, and enjoy quality time with your loved ones. It's the perfect place to create unforgettable memories!

Is there anything else you think visitors should know about Oakville?

Oakville is a place that is easy to fall in love with! Oakville is unique in that it has many of the offerings of a big city, with a small-town community feel. It is also a beautiful place to explore. Whether you are looking for a day outside hiking, biking or boating, or you are looking for that perfect place to shop and have a fabulous dining experience. Oakville has it all!



Sunset at Coronation Park



Tannery Park



Dingle Park



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 the award-winning gardens, plan a picnic in a park, or enjoy the winter scenery. Oakville is worth exploring all year.

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's 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



Paddleboarding



Kayaking



Cruise Sixteen Mile Creek

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

Paddling along the shores of Lake Ontario, Sixteen Mile Creek or Bronte Creek, is a neat way to see Oakville. Bring a kayak, canoe or paddleboard and sightsee from Oakville's shoreline.

Boating

Take a trip up the Sixteen Mile Creek with CharterAbility, a registered charity that provides accessible recreational boating. Cruise the lake and do some fishing with one of several boat charter companies. Coming in on your own vessel? Contact Bronte Outer Harbour Marina at 905-827-7575 or visit Oakville.ca for more information.

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.

New this year: fishing from August 1 – October 15. Night fishing is permitted from 9 pm - 12 am from Oakville piers.

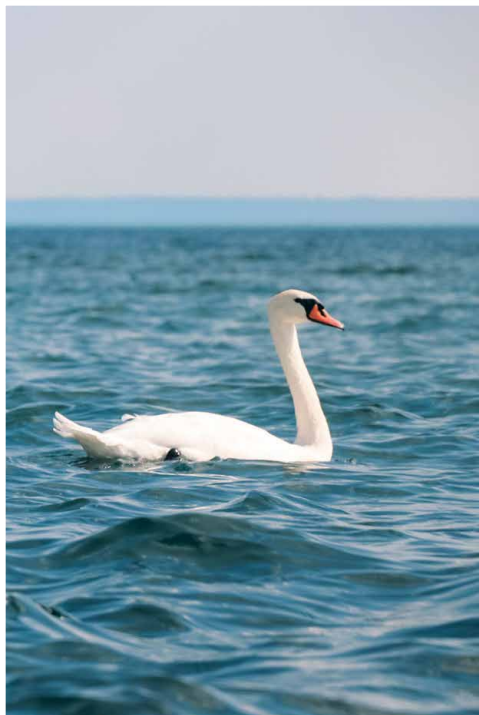
Learn more about exploring Oakville on the water here:
visitoakville.com/experience-oakville/get-active/water-sports



Bronte Creek Provincial Park



Coronation Park



Wildlife on lake Ontario



Cross-country skiing at Bronte Creek

ON THE TRAILS

Oakville's extensive trail system is over 200km 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 routes 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.

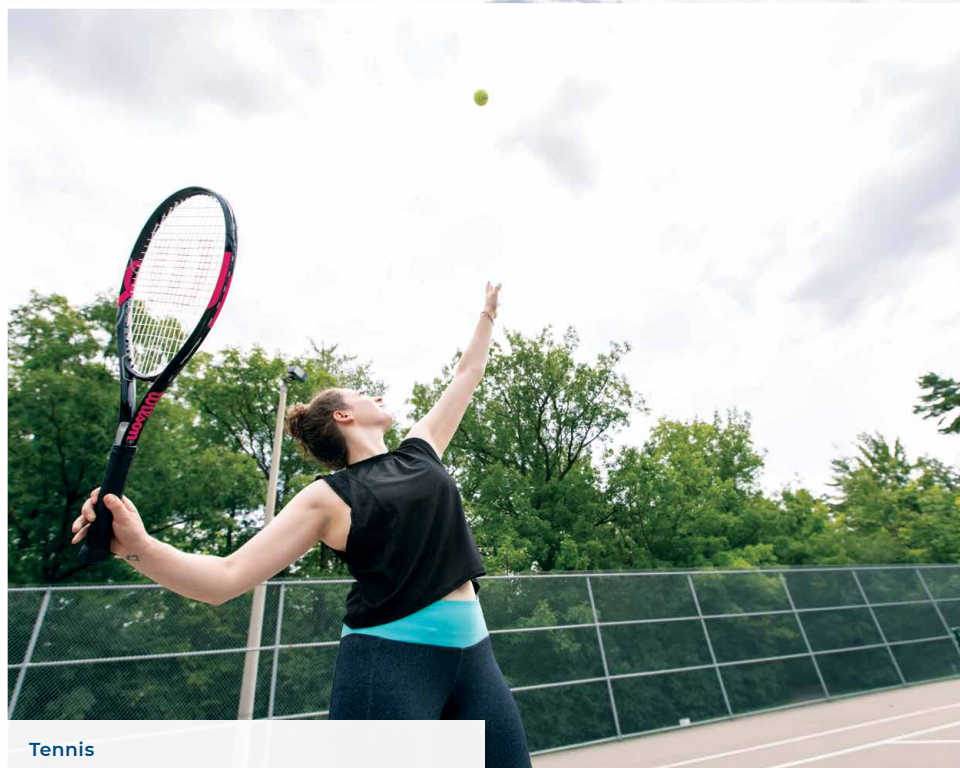
Snowshoeing and Cross-Country Skiing

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



Disc Golf



Tennis

STAYING ACTIVE

Pick up an old hobby or try something new on your next visit to Oakville.

Golfing

From driving ranges to golf courses, you will find a variety of golf facilities that cater to every skill level.

Tee it up at iconic course Glen Abbey, host of a record 28 Canadian Open Golf Championships, or another Oakville course.

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

Skating

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

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

Disc Golfing

Catch a round of Disc Golf at the 18-hole course at Bronte Creek Provincial Park. While you are there, explore nature and take in the fresh air.

Learn more about disc golf in Oakville:
visitoakville.com/disc-golf

Tennis and Pickleball

Oakville is home to plenty of public tennis and pickleball courts, so anyone can stay active during their lakeside escape.

Learn more about tennis and pickleball in Oakville:
visitoakville.com/tennis-and-pickleball



Photo by: Rachel Williams

LOCAL SNAPSHOT: RACHEL WILLIAMS

Tell us about yourself and what got you started in photography.

Photography has always been a huge part of my life. As an artist, I'm constantly looking for moments and scenes that I can refer to in my paintings. Growing up, my Dad always had a "good" camera with film rolls, and while we used to complain about posing for photos at every family outing, he was kind enough to let us all take turns using it. I loved capturing landscapes and special moments with my family. Looking back, that's when my passion for photography began to take root.

Where did you take your winning photo?

The photo that won was taken at sunrise in Lakeside Park, near the pier. I love spending time by the lake during twilight - it's such a magical time of day with surprises waiting for you every day.

What do you love about winter in Oakville?

The Oakville winter is a chance to experience everything with a fresh perspective. The cold season can be sharp and clear, and the snow and ice transform everywhere into a wonderland.

What are the must-see spots or activities you would recommend to someone visiting Oakville for the first time?

I recommend checking out Lakeside Park or Tannery Park - they're great spots for families. For a bit of history, you can visit the Oakville Museum and explore the surrounding area to learn about Treaty 22, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and the founding of Oakville. If you're into art, visit Oakville Galleries to see some fantastic exhibitions. If you venture away from Lakeshore, head to Kerr Street - it's got some of the best cafes and restaurants in town. And if you're looking for a fun day trip, spend some time at Bronte Marina - it's beautiful!

What makes Oakville a great place to visit?

Oakville is a wonderful place to visit because there are endless opportunities for entertainment and fun. Whether you're interested in exploring the parks, trying new restaurants, learning about history or attending cultural events, Oakville has something to enjoy. If you stay connected, online resources such as Visit Oakville's website and social media can provide much information about these activities.



Downtown Oakville Shopping



Bronte Shopping



Lakeside Livin'



Kind Matter Company

SHOPPING

Oakville is a great shopping destination that offers a unique and personalized experience for those looking for something special.

Shop Oakville and find a vast selection of clothing, decor, jewelry, art, toys, knitting, vintage antiques and more. With a wide selection of local boutiques, shoppers can find one-of-a-kind products, from fashion and accessories to home decor and gifts.

Boutique stores in Oakville pride themselves on exceptional customer service, providing personalized attention and expert advice to help you find what you're looking for.

The town's charming streets and historic buildings also add a picturesque backdrop to your shopping experience. Whether you're a local or a visitor, boutique shopping in Oakville is a must-do activity for those seeking a memorable retail adventure.

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



Fluf Soufflé Cheesecake



Bronte Boathouse Restaurant



Maro's Bistro



Mayura Indian Twist

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:

- Sample 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 2024 event by purchasing from select restaurants offering prix-fixe menus.
- Bring Oakville home with 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 Taste of Oakville here: tasteofOakville.ca



OFFA 2022



OFFA 2022 Gala



OFFA 2022 Entrance

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 quarterly 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 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.

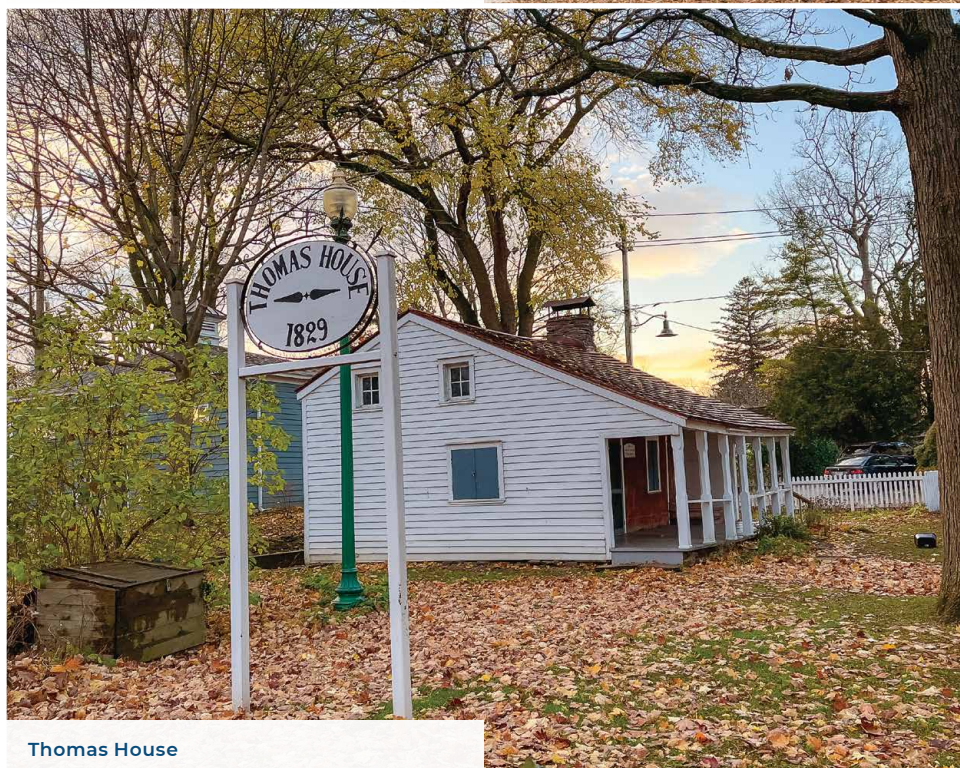
Our 2022 recipient was Oakville Festivals of Film and Art.

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

Photo Credit: Mark Zelinski



Oakville Museum Coach House



Thomas House

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, located in Erchless Estate, is 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*.

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.

Old Oakville Lighthouse - Oakville Yacht Squadron

The Old Oakville Lighthouse is one of the town's first landmarks, originally built in 1837 to mark the mouth of Sixteen Mile Creek at Lake Ontario. Destroyed by a severe storm in 1886, the current lighthouse was built in 1889 and served as a navigational aid until 1960. Now retired from duty, the visitors can explore this historic structure and learn about its role in the town's early history.

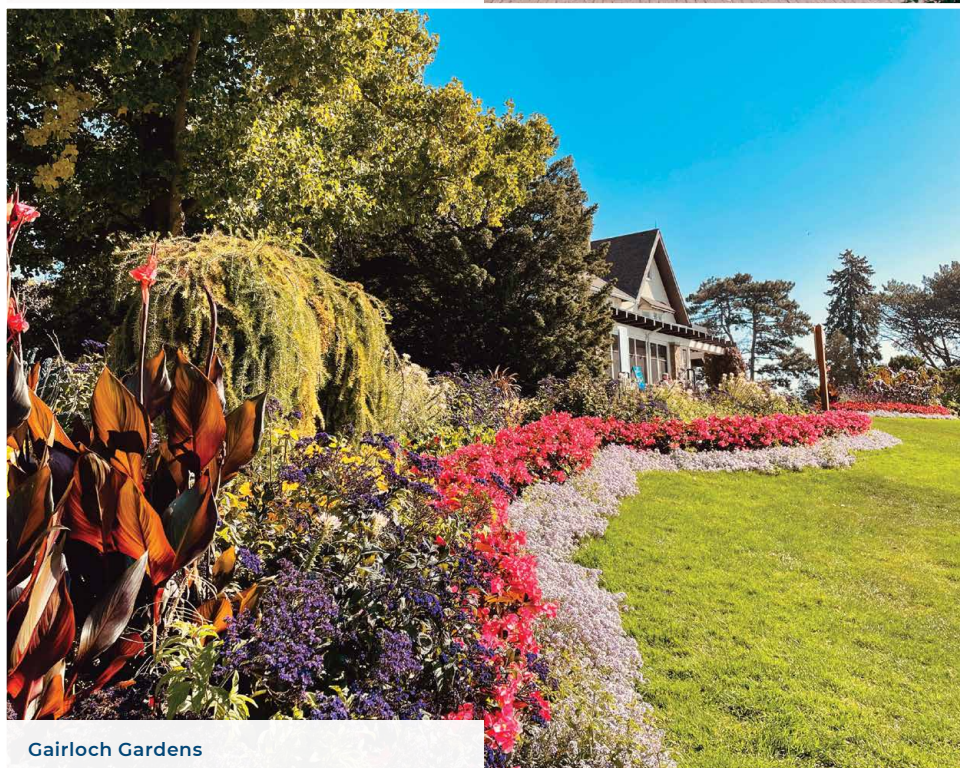
Historic Houses

Oakville is home to several historic houses that have been preserved and restored. Explore the Merrick Thomas House, Coach House, Oakville's First Post Office, and Sovereign House. These unique structures offer a glimpse into the town's past. Whether you're interested in learning about early settlers or notable residents these historic houses are a must-visit for anyone interested in local history and culture.

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



Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts



Gairloch Gardens

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. The Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts hosts a range of music, theatre, and dance performances throughout the year, providing an opportunity to experience live entertainment and culture. With a calendar full of events, there is always something new to discover and enjoy.

Oakville Galleries - *120 Navy Street & 1306 Lakeshore Road East*

The Oakville Galleries are a popular destination for art enthusiasts, offering a diverse range of contemporary art exhibitions and public programs. With two locations at Gairloch Gardens and Centennial Square, visitors can explore and appreciate a variety of art forms and media.

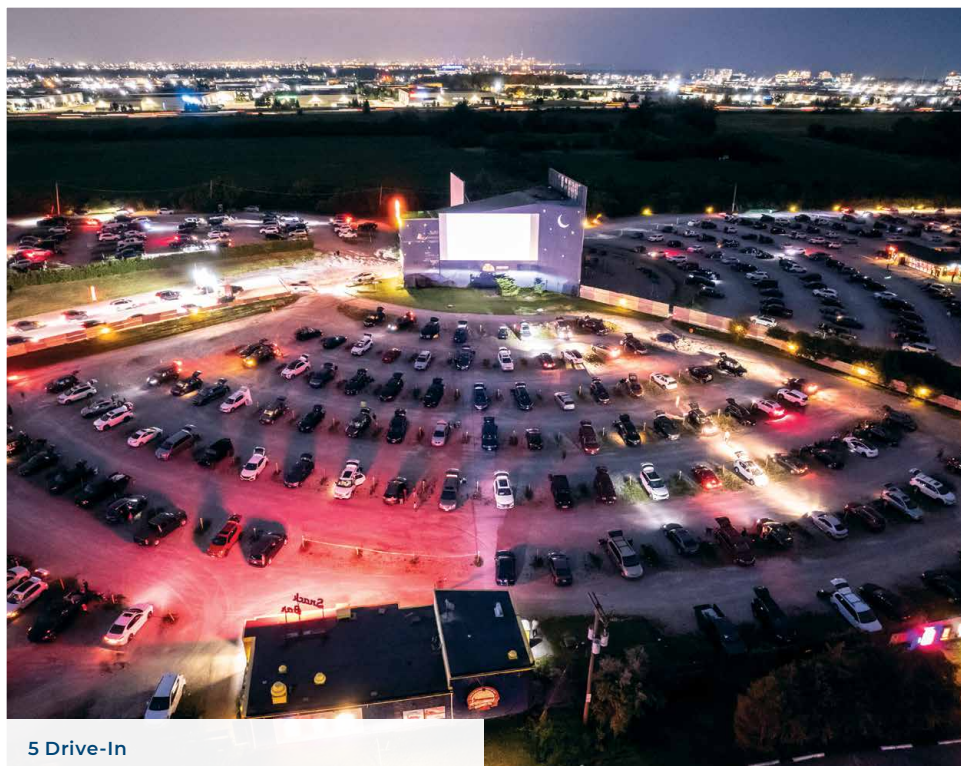
Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre - *1086 Burnhamthorpe Road East*

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. Whether you want to admire art or try your hand at creating it, the centre provides a welcoming space to learn and explore.

The Sovereign House - *7 W River St*

Sovereign House, set on the picturesque Bronte Bluffs, is open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 pm. Sovereign House is home to Art on the Bluffs. Local artists showcase their creations weekly from late May to the end of October. Free parking is available in the lot adjacent to Sovereign House.

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



5 Drive-In



iFLY



Dave & Busters

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.

Putting Edge - 2085 Winston Park Dr, Oakville

Putting Edge Oakville is an indoor miniature golf and entertainment center. Enjoy glow-in-the-dark mini-golf courses with fun and challenging obstacles, as well as arcade games and party rooms for private events. It is a great place for families, friends, and groups to enjoy a unique and exciting experience.

Learn more about local entertainment and leisure here:

visitoakville.com/experience-oakville/entertainment-and-leisure



Tannery Park



Oakville Museum



Cove Bar & Restaurant



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.

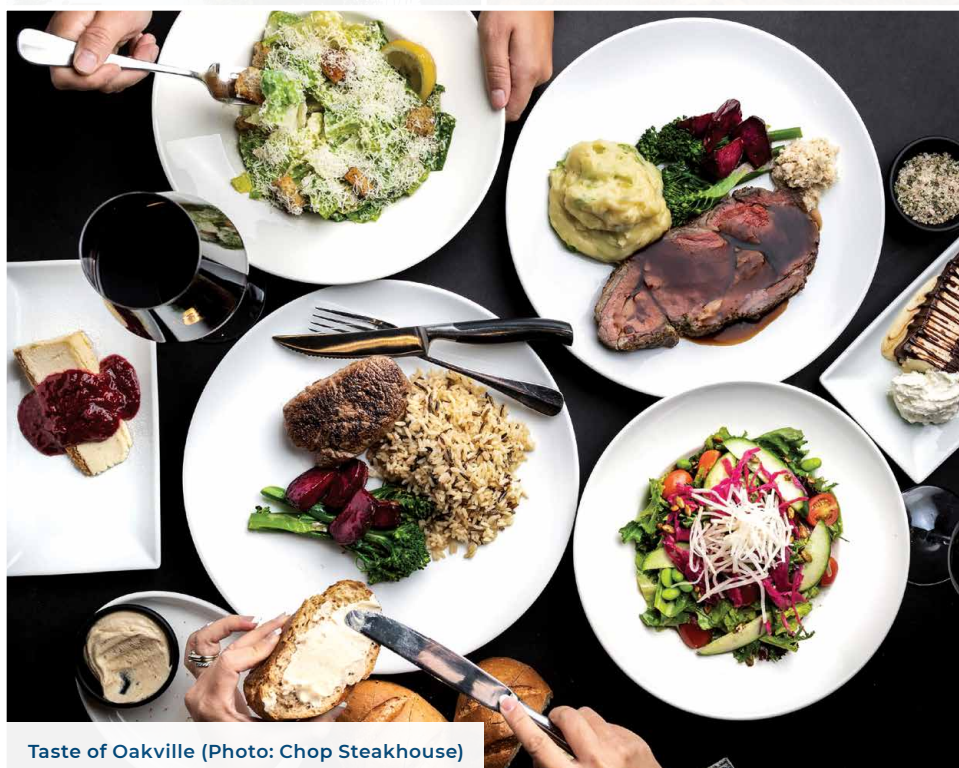
As always, share your Oakville excursions with us @VisitOakville and choose your own adventure with the help of our seasonal itineraries: visitoakville.com/oakville-itineraries



Kerrfest Kids



British Car Day



Taste of Oakville (Photo: Chop Steakhouse)

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Oakville hosts a variety of events throughout the year. Some of the highlights include:

Bronte Lake Notes - *Thursday evenings Summer, 2023*

Pack your dancing shoes and your lawn chair and get ready to sing and dance on a lakeside stage! Bronte Lake Notes will host local bands on Thursday evenings all summer long.

Oakville Film Festival - *June, 2023*

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.

Kerrfest Kids - *Fall 2023*

Find yourself in Kerr Village this September for a music festival featuring a lineup of children's performers and activities during Kerrfest Kids. Shop local vendors, indulge in great eats and dance to incredible music under the stars at this beloved local event.

British Car Day - *September 2023*

This is an annual car show event that celebrates British automotive heritage. The event attracts thousands of car enthusiasts from across Ontario and beyond. British Car Day features a wide variety of British cars, from classic and vintage models to modern and contemporary vehicles, and provides a fun and engaging experience for car enthusiasts of all ages.

Taste of Oakville - *Winter 2024*

This beloved food festival will make a return in winter 2024, 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



Sixteen Mile Sports Complex

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:

- 2023 PointsBet Invitational hosted by Curling Canada
- 2024 Centennial Cup: National Junior A Championship

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
1 disc golf course



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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