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OAKVILLE

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Here in Oakville, we have so many stories to share that reflect the diversity, passion, and heritage of those who do and have called this place home, past, present, and future. We're proud of our charming community, its vibrant neighbourhoods, restorative green spaces, passionate and friendly locals, bustling arts and culture scene, and world-class recreation opportunities. If you're looking for storytelling inspiration, the ideas below are a good place to start.

Of course, we invite you to visit us in person to experience first-hand all we have to offer and follow your storytelling inspiration wherever it leads you. Have questions? Get in touch!



## Rich History, Heritage, Arts, and Culture

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## The Inspiring People that make Oakville, Oakville.

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## A City of Festivals and Events

One of the largest events in Oakville each year, we host our annual Taste of Oakville festival every year.



# Rich History, Heritage, Arts, and Culture



## Did You Know?

Did you know that Oakville served as a major gateway to Canada for those fleeing slavery using the Underground Railway? Many first entered Canada through Oakville, usually by boat or on foot, and the legacy of their contributions to our community endure. Learn more about Oakville's black history [here](#) or try a [self-guided](#) black history tour of Oakville!

## Additional Information

### History

Oakville is located on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, whose ancestors arrived in this area towards the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century and left a mark on this place that endures today. Learn more about the rich culture and heritage of the Mississaugas, known as “people of the water” for their strong connection to and understanding of the area’s lakes, rivers, and water sources. Explore interpretive Treaty signage throughout Oakville that explains this land and follow the posted QR codes to learn more about the [Debwewin Project](#), a partnership between the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Oakville Community Foundation to further a shared understanding of Oakville’s Indigenous past and support local Truth & Reconciliation.

### Upcoming Events & Exhibits

- The exhibit [Between Heaven and Earth](#) by Ilya & Emilia Kavakov at Oakville Galleries is on until September 20, however their installation [The Ship of Tolerance](#) in Gairloch Gardens will remain on show until the end of 2025. This project involved over a thousand children in the production of the ship’s sails.
- The next Culture Days national celebration will take place from September 19 to October 12! Oakville is a huge supporter of Culture Days and in 2023, the annual Culture Days celebration in Oakville received many accolades and was ranked first overall in the [Culture Days 2023 Top Participating Communities Listing](#)! This year, Oakville will have a Creative in Residence - Shary Boyle who will create a large-scale effigy sculpture, “The Sleeper: What keeps you up at night?”, an installation in the Oakville Museum's Erchless Estate. Learn more [here](#).
- The Banff Mt. Film Festival World Tour returns to Oakville on September 20. Learn more [here](#).
- The Wearable Art Show returns October 23-25. More [here](#).
- The Oakville Symphony’s 2025/2026 season starts [November 1](#) with the performance [Together](#), music that unites us, inspired by friendship and connection.



# The Inspiring People that make Oakville, Oakville.



## Did You Know?

Oakville has produced top athletic talent from Olympic gold medalists (like Brienne Jenner and Larry Cain) to grand prix winning race car drivers (like James Hinchcliffe), to professional coaches/officials. We are frequently honoured to host top-tier athletic events like the 2024 [Centennial Cup](#), there is always something going on sports-wise in Oakville to discover. Learn more about our top-tier recreation and sports facilities and events [here](#).

## Additional Information

### Local Business

Our local business owners are passionate and engaged with their community. Come on by to learn more about their love for Oakville and enjoy the creative energy of their businesses. From [restaurants](#) serving up everything from dim sum to charcuterie, cute and quirky [boutiques and shops](#), and thrilling attractions for [entertainment and leisure](#), our enthusiastic business owners have you covered for more than a few days of merriment.

### Culinary Delights

Oakville's culinary scene is truly outstanding, with [Hexagon restaurant](#) recently [awarded](#) a coveted 2025 MICHELIN star for a second year in a row. The restaurant 7 Enoteca also earned a Bib Gourmand in the 2025 MICHELIN Guide Toronto & Region! Hexagon's Chef Rafael Covarrubias was also honoured as the [2024 MICHELIN Guide Toronto Young Chef Award winner](#). Chef Victoria Rinsma from Hexagon Restaurant was also named the Canadian regional winner of the S. Pellegrino Young Chef Academy Competition 2024-25 with her signature dish, "Across the Sea and Home Again."

### Recent Award Winners

- Cucci Ristorante won our Talk of the Town Award for Most Romantic Restaurant. Check them out [here](#).
- If you're looking for family friendly dining, check out [STACK BBQ Smokehouse](#), the winner of our latest Talk of the Town Award for Best Kids Menu!



# A Town of Festivals and Events



## Did You Know?

Fall is an incredible time to visit Oakville, with the town's stunning autumn scenery and vibrant seasonal events. We've curated a list of amazing happenings this season – check them out [here](#).

## Additional information

### Upcoming Events

- One of the most popular events of the season is the Oakville Historical Society's annual [Ghost Walks](#). From October 14-30, discover the eerie tales and haunted history of Oakville on these spine-chilling tours.
- There's always so much to do at Bronte Creek Provincial Park including [British Car Day](#), [Harvest Festival](#), and the [Hand-made Craft Festival](#) and the campground is open until October 26 for overnight stays!



British Car Day



Bronte Creek Provincial Park



Ghost Walks

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