



2024 | 2025 VISITOR GUIDE



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You can sign up for push notifications that deliver real-time updates in the app as well as by text or email by subscribing to Visit Oakville.

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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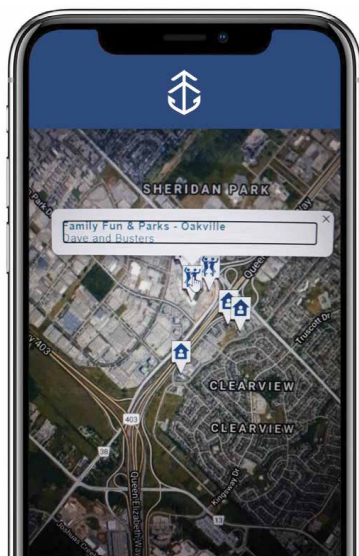


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Bronte Inner Harbour *Photo Credit: Jason Montplaisir*

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Welcome Oakville Explorers,

Our brand new Visitor Guide for 2024/2025 is here, and I couldn't be more thrilled to share it with you!

Oakville's got so much to offer, and this guide is your treasure map to all the hidden gems and must-try experiences. Discover Oakville's distinct shopping districts, extensive trail system, picturesque waterfront, rich arts and culture scene, charming historic areas and diverse restaurants and retailers.

Make your Oakville stay truly memorable by aligning it with our fantastic lineup of events! From Taste of Oakville, the Bronte Creek Maple Syrup Festival, the Oakville Film Festival, the Oakville Family Ribfest, British Car Day, KerrFest Kids, Hometown Holiday in Downtown Oakville or one of the many top-tier sporting events - there is something for everyone.

Extend your stay for a night or a few at one of Oakville's hotels or spend a night camping under the stars at Bronte Creek Provincial Park.

For the most up-to-date information, check out visitoakville.com.

Let the exploration begin! Grab your guide, hit the streets, and get ready to fall in love with Oakville.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sean O'Meara". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "S" and "O".

Sean O'Meara, *Chair of the Board*



Lions Valley Park Photo Credit: Bob Vinzon

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Oakville, as we know it today, is rich in the history and modern traditions of many First Nations. From the lands of the Anishinaabe, to the Attawandaron and Haudenosaunee, these lands surrounding the Great Lakes are steeped in First Nations history. As we gather today on the sacred lands of Treaties 14 and 22, we are in solidarity with Indigenous brothers and sisters to honour and respect Mother Earth, the original nations of the trees and plants, the four legged, the flyers, the finned and the crawlers as the original stewards of Mother Earth. We acknowledge and give gratitude to the waters as being life and being sacred to the carriers of those water teachings, the females. We acknowledge and give gratitude for the wisdom of the Grandfathers and the four winds that carry the spirits of our ancestors that walked this land before us.

The Town of Oakville and Visit Oakville are located on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We acknowledge and thank the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, the Treaty holders, for being stewards of this traditional territory.



Bronte Marina

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



**3 beautiful
harbours**



**Nestled between
Toronto and
Niagara**



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



Bronte Creek Provincial Park

A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE: THE VISIT OAKVILLE TEAM

We asked the team about some of their favourite spots in Oakville that visitors might not know about. Here's what they had to say.

Rebecca - Gairloch Gardens is probably my favourite spot in Oakville. We spent a lot of time there when my daughter was little, running around, searching for frogs in the pond, walking the wall alongside the lake. Oakville Galleries has exhibition space there and I can't think of a nicer location. Local tip: visit during a weekday in the late spring when it is less busy and the gardens are stunning.

Lauren - Bronte Creek Provincial Park is the perfect destination for my family to explore. My son loves the Nature Centre and big Red Play Barn, and my dog can spend hours along the hiking trails.

Christa - I'm a water girl so Sixteen Mile Creek is an amazing spot for paddling or taking a water cruise with CharterAbility and Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park is a great space to enjoy the boats and have an ice cream. In the winter months, you have to check out Downtown Oakville for its tree lighting and holiday activities and Coronation Park for its magical festive lights display!

Tait - I love going to the 5 Drive-In Movie Theatre. There is something so special about grabbing a snack at the concession stand and then watching a movie from your car under the stars. Plus, every movie experience is a double feature, so you get to watch two movies!

Michael - I enjoy grabbing a coffee from Tribeca and heading down to Tannery Park. It's a great spot along the lake away from the busier streets. Perfect for taking my dog on a weekend morning walk and to enjoy the lake views and lighthouse on a nice day!



Oakville Museum



Oakville's Lighthouse



Rainbow Crosswalk

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.

Downtown buzzes with activity, from pop-up events and art installations to street musicians and vibrant open markets. Highlights include GLODITO in March, Hometown Holiday in November and the TD Summer Music Series every weekend in July and August.

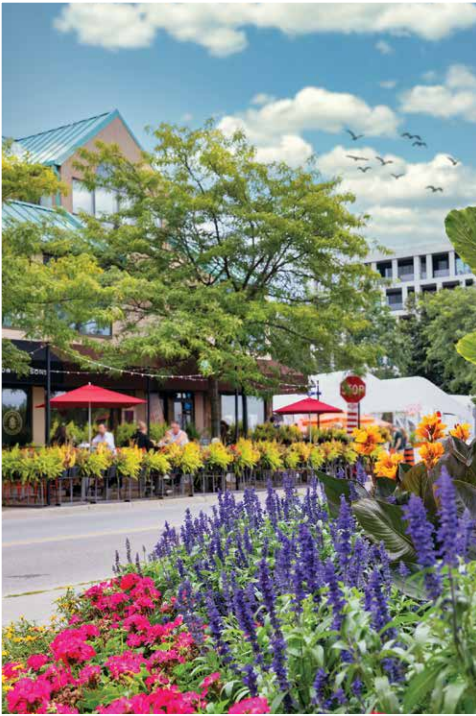
Paid parking is located along the lakeshore and in municipal parking lots throughout the area. Limited free street parking is also available.

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

Facebook: @downtownoakville
Instagram: @oakvilledowntown



Bronte Beach



Explore Bronte Village



Muskoka Chairs

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 Wharf Memorial. Take a seat on one of the hand-painted Muskoka Chairs throughout the neighbourhood, 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

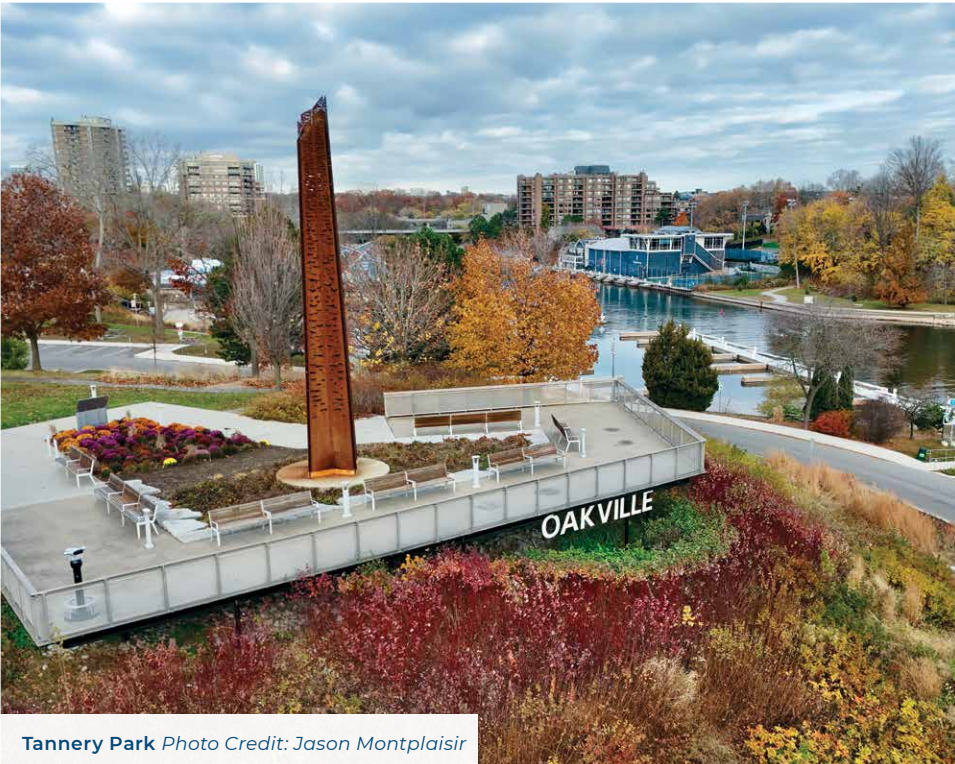
Facebook: [@bronteevents](https://www.facebook.com/bronteevents)

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

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

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

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



Tannery Park Photo Credit: Jason Montplaisir



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 Teagan's Ride on June 9th to benefit the Oakville Milton Humane Society, KerrFest and KerrFest Kids in September at Westwood Park and the Kerr Village Christmas tree lighting in late November at Westwood Park. These signature events provide fun for the whole family.

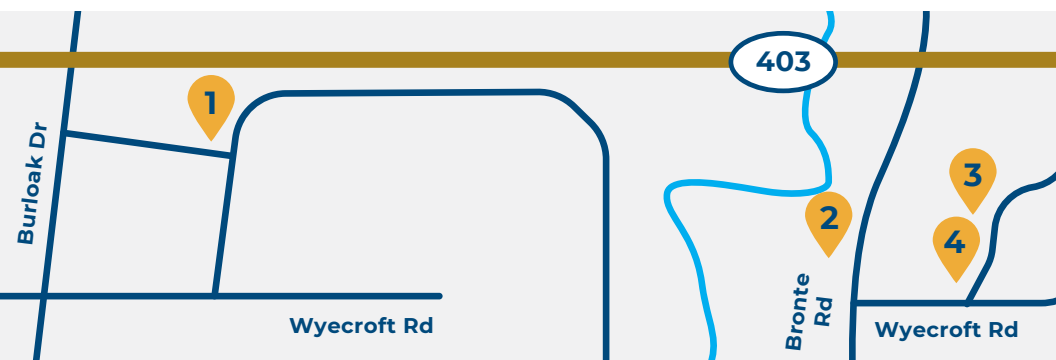
Tannery Park has free parking. Kerr Street has paid parking along the street or in municipal parking lots.

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

Facebook: @KerrVillageBIA

Instagram: @kerrvillagebia

STAY IN OAKVILLE



1 SANDMAN
3451 South Service Rd W
L6L 0C3

Rooms
166

Amenities
Pool, Wifi, Parking

Food & Beverage
Restaurants on site:
Chop Steakhouse
11:30 a.m.- 12:00 a.m.
Denny's
7:00 a.m.-11:00 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

Rooms
94

Amenities
Pool, Wifi, Parking, Gym,
Patio & Weber barbeque, Fire
Pit, 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
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

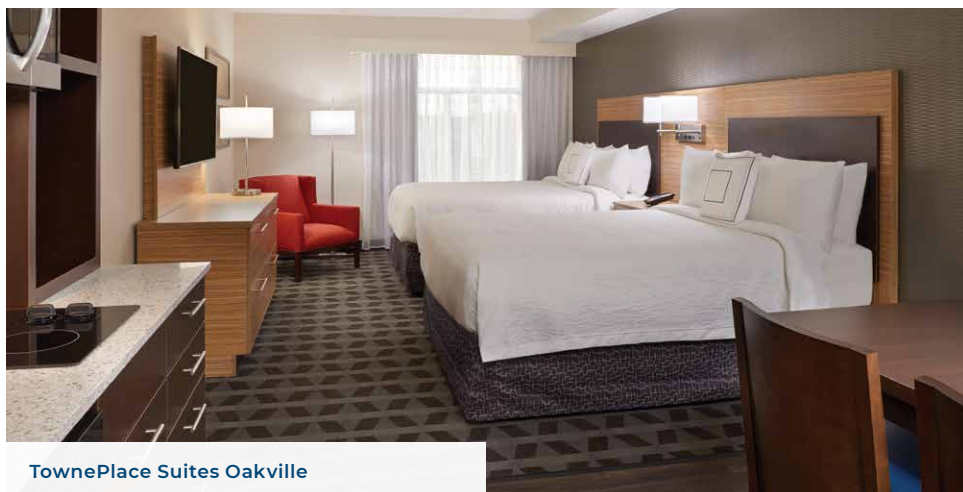
Amenities
Pool, Wifi, Parking

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, Patio,
Fire Pit

Food & Beverage

Breakfast included

Restaurants nearby:

Swiss Chalet, Chef's Door,
Beertown, 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



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

HOTEL AMENITIES



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
No

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 & Hot Tub, Wifi, Parking, Whirlpool Fitness Centre, Laundry Facilities

Food & Beverage

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

Restaurants nearby:

Wendy's, Tim Hortons, Four Brothers Pizza, Scaddabush, Levantine Mediterranean Shawarma & Grill, Trattoria Timone Ristorante

Catering:
Yes

Group Bookings

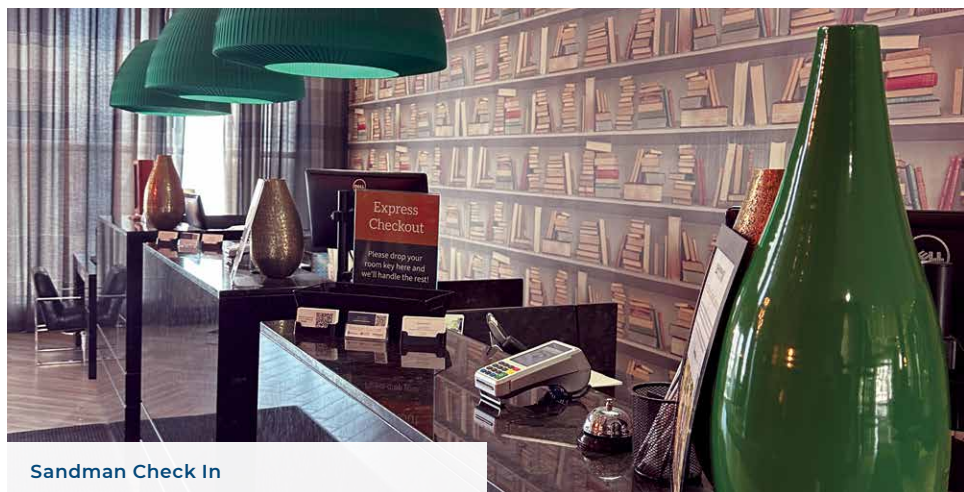
Bus parking
Hilton Honors points
Discounted rates

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, Mon-Fri



Sandman Check In

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

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

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

Food & Beverage

Hot Buffet Breakfast
included, Wednesday
evening social

Restaurants nearby:

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

Catering:

Limited

Group Bookings

Preferred group rates
available

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



Spruce Lane Farmhouse



Bronte Creek Provincial Park



Maple Syrup Festival

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 10, 2024 - OCTOBER 27, 2024



4 campground
loops



3 yurts



5 hiking trails



18-hole
disc golf
course



Dingle Park



Paddleboarding



Kayaking



Shell Park

ENJOY THE OUTDOORS

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.

ON THE WATER

Oakville's 17 km waterfront is home to three 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.

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

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 routes like the Crosstown Trail.

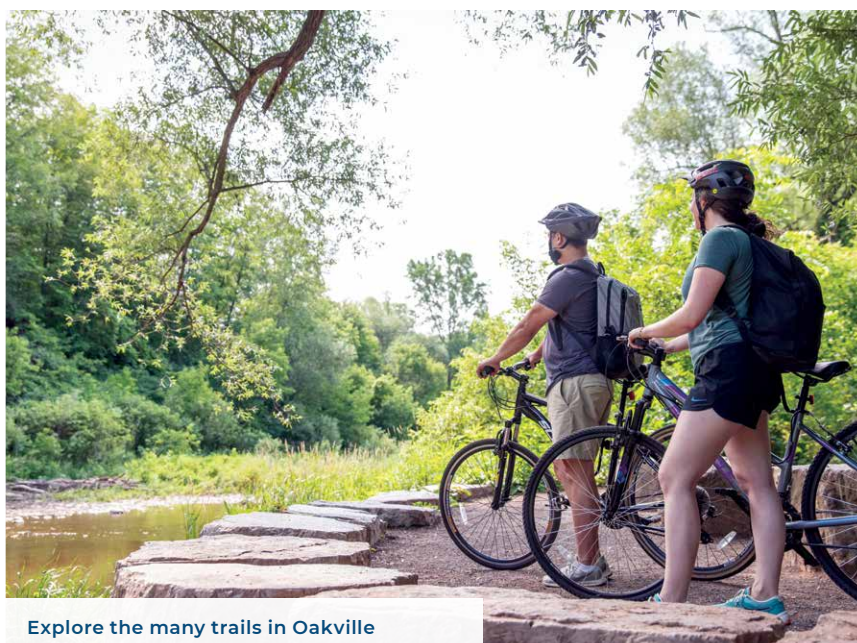
Bird Watching

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



Explore the many trails in Oakville

LOCAL SNAPSHOT: NIDHI BHATIA

Nidhi Bhatia won Visit Oakville's 2023 Fall Photo Contest.

Where did you take your winning photo?

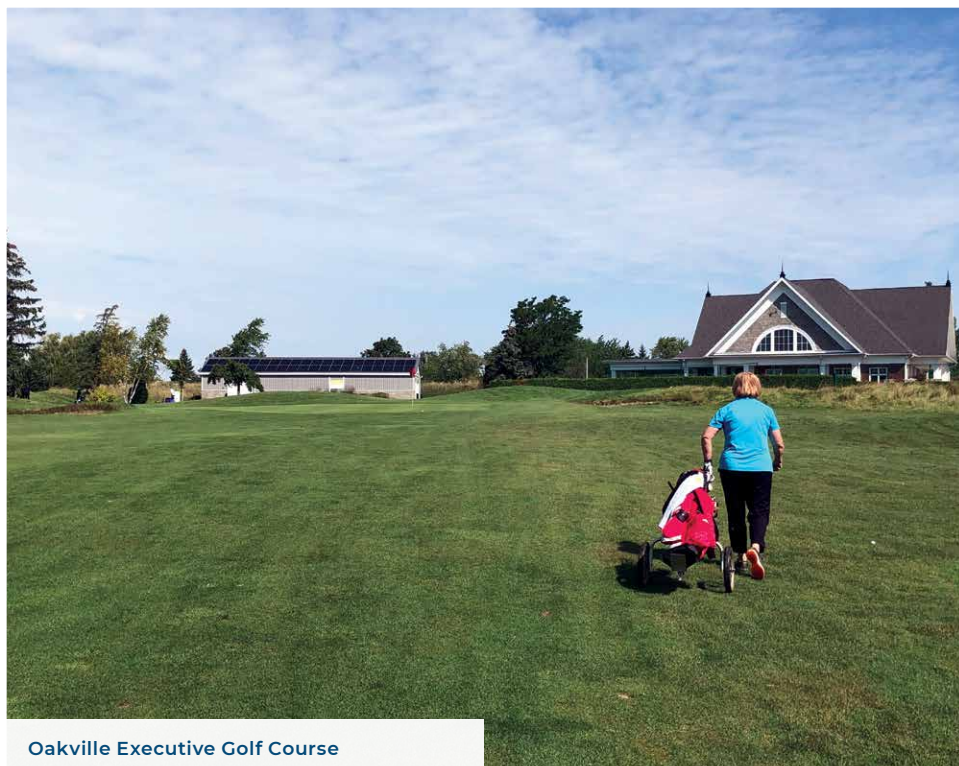
Lions Valley Park.

What makes Oakville a great place to visit?

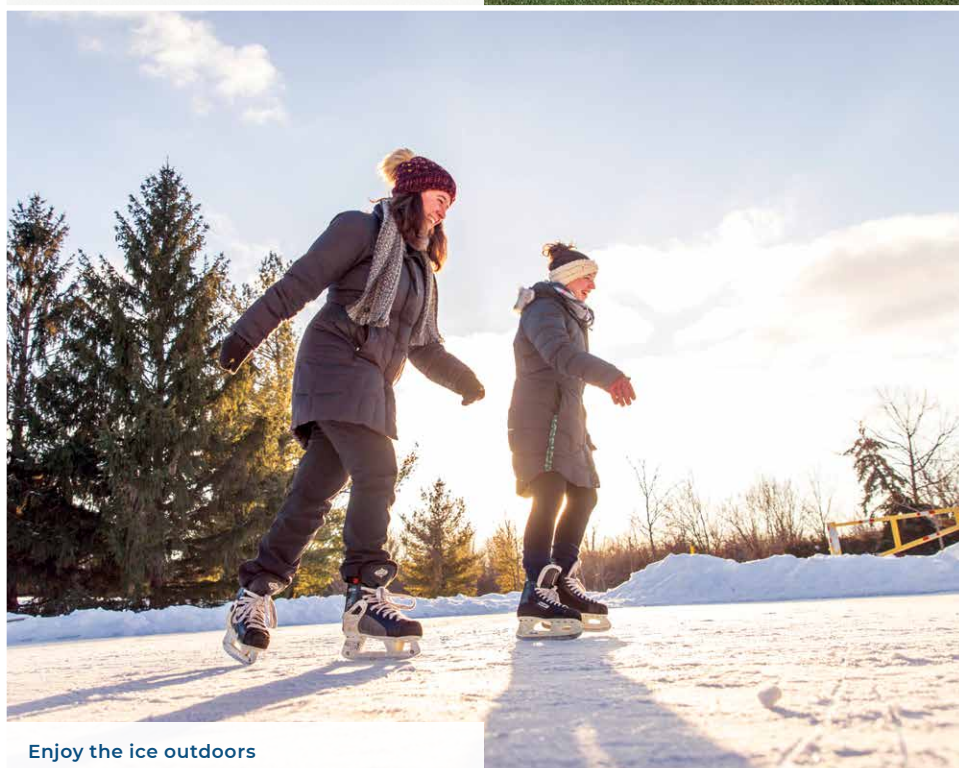
Oakville is a great place to visit because it has it all - walk along the lake, great parks to hike, quaint shops and delicious restaurants to dine at. The residents are warm and friendly!



Lions Valley Park



Oakville Executive Golf Course



Enjoy the ice outdoors

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 30 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



Downtown Oakville Shopping



Beacon



Pasquale's Trattoria



Bronte Shopping

SHOPPING & DINING

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.

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.

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 2025 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

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. Since 2018, Visit Oakville runs the **Talk of the Town Awards** that reward local institutions for excellence in products and services based on feedback from locals and visitors.

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 2023 recipient was Paradiso Restaurant.

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



Winner for best Tour Experience – Oakville Historical Society

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 Museum Coach House

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.

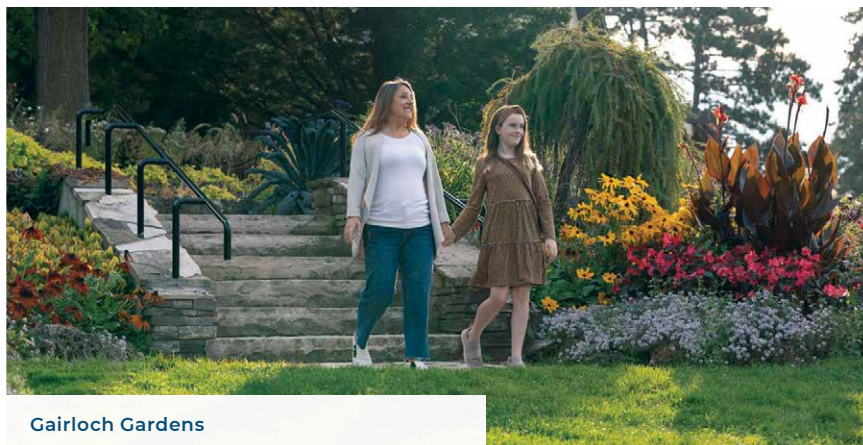
Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre - 1086 Burnhamthorpe Road East

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



Gairloch Gardens

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.

Planet Laser - 461 North Service Road West

Planet Laser is Oakville's ultimate spot for family fun and entertainment, featuring a unique multi-level laser tag arena and competitive play map and arcade and games room.

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



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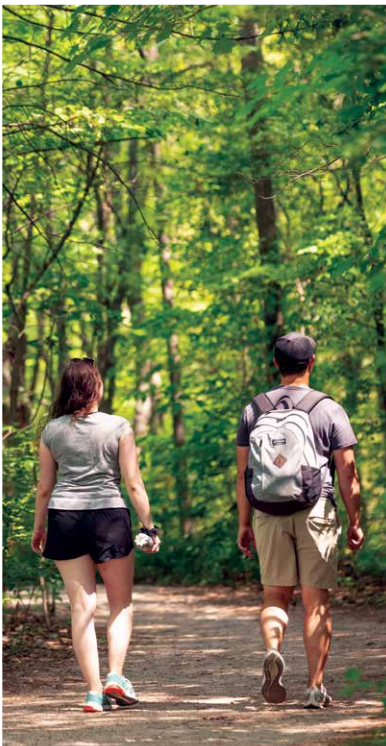


Oakville is a great destination for family travel, romantic escapes and solo trips.

With options to serve a variety of interests, we've put together the ultimate guide to exploring Oakville in 48 hours.

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



Hike a variety of trails



Cruise on the water



Catch a movie

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

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

Bronte Lake Notes - *Thursday evenings Summer, 2024*

Local bands play on a lakeside stage at Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park Thursday evenings all summer long.

Oakville Film Festival - *June 19-25, 2024*

The Festival returns both in-person and online with a new slate of thought-provoking local and international films and a lineup of industry events.

Kerrfest and Kerrfest Kids - *September, 2024*

Kerr Village hosts an amazing music festival and a fantastic lineup of children's performers, activities and local vendors.

British Car Day - *September 15, 2024*

An annual car show that features a wide variety of British cars from classic and vintage models to modern and contemporary vehicles.

Taste of Oakville - *February - March, 2025*

Oakville's favourite food festival features multi-course prix fixe lunch and dinner menus from a diverse selection of restaurants from across town. (tasteofoakville.ca)

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



British Car Day



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 Selection Camp.

We are excited to welcome:

- 2024 Centennial Cup: National Junior A Championship
- 2024 AAA Provincial Baseball Championship
- 2024 International Curlers' Gathering
- 2025 Skate Ontario Synchro Series

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



136 sports fields:
82 fields
52 diamonds
2 cricket fields



**3 golf courses and
4 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
Athletic Centre)**



**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**



**10 pools:
5 indoor
5 outdoor**

*Cricket pitch coming in 2024



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