

Stratford Strolls & Gardens

STEP-ON-GUIDED TOUR

Contact Tourism Stratford **Stratford**
(519) 271-5140 or 1-800-561-SWAN (7926)

A trained tour guide will step on to your motorcoach and warmly welcome you to Stratford. You and your group will embark on a 90-minute tour of historic homes, the business district, theatres and parkland along the picturesque Avon River. You will learn about the history of this community, the Stratford Festival, our famous swans and architectural highlights seen in our area. Guides will share entertaining folklore to take away with you.

HOURS Tours by appointment
ADMISSION \$3 per person. Minimum of \$60
FACILITIES Tours begin at the William Allman Memorial Arena at Morenz and Lakeside Drive. Two stops are included on the tour, the Shakespearean Gardens and Confederation Park.
GROUPS Always welcome

AVON RIVER STROLL

A picturesque walk along both sides of the Avon River. Self-guided.

HOURS Accessible year round
ADMISSION Free
FACILITIES Follow the River walkways.
The Small Loop: from the corner of Waterloo St. and around. Approx. ½ mile or 927.1 m.
The Big Loop: from the Kiwanis Centre around and back. 1 3/8 mile or 2693.8 m.
The Whole River: Both loops added together and the road. Approx. 2 1/8 mile or 3470.1 m.
GROUPS Always welcome

GUIDED HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR

Visitors' Information Centre, **Stratford**
York Street at Lakeside Dr.

Contact Tourism Stratford
(519) 271-5140 or 1-800-561-SWAN (7926)

Explore Stratford on a guided walking tour and be part of this rich heritage. (Self-guided tours are also available).

HOURS 9:30 am – 11 am Saturdays only in May - October for individuals. By appointment, weather permitting. Leave from the Visitors' Information Centre.
ADMISSION \$3 per person, minimum \$60
GROUPS Always welcome. Tours by appointment.

T.J. DOLAN NATURAL AREA

Contact Tourism Stratford **Stratford**
(519) 271-5140 or 1-800-561-SWAN (7926)

Follow the river to this rustic wilderness park, perfect for a casual stroll. Enter from John Street.

HOURS Walks by appointment.
ADMISSION TBA
FACILITIES A well marked trail along the river becoming part of The Avon Trail.
GROUPS Always welcome

MEADOW RUE CORNER

Lower Queen's Park **Stratford**

A collection of small, naturalized gardens linked by a fully accessible path where visitors can enjoy a variety of mainly native plant communities and an abundance of birds, butterflies and other wildlife.

HOURS May to September
ADMISSION Free
FACILITIES Herbs and edibles, prairie-meadow, Carolinian-woodland and pond
GROUPS Always welcome

THE SHAKESPEAREAN GARDENS

Contact Tourism Stratford **Stratford**
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Located at the Huron Street Bridge, the garden is designed after the English gardens by Thomas Orr, a prominent businessman in Stratford. The garden contains herbs, roses and English flowers, many from Shakespeare's plays.

HOURS Open year round.
ADMISSION \$2.50 per person. Minimum \$ 40 for guided tour
FACILITIES Begins at the Visitors' Information Centre.
GROUPS Always welcome. Group tours by appointment.



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CONFEDERATION PARK

Beside the Gallery/Stratford **Stratford**

Visit Confederation Gardens with its soothing waterfall, birch, evergreen trees and flowers next to the Gallery Stratford.

HOURS	Open year round.
ADMISSION	Free
FACILITIES	This small Japanese garden was designed in 1967 to commemorate the 100 th anniversary of Confederation. The fir trees were planted by the Boy Scouts in 1937 to mark the coronation of King George VI
GROUPS	Always welcome



MILLENIUM PARK

Beside Gallery Stratford **Stratford**

Water plantings, lit fountains, native tree selections and ornamental planting beds are the highlights of this park. Wander around the ponds and admire the sculpture.

HOURS	Seasonal
ADMISSION	Free
FACILITIES	
GROUPS	Always welcome

BURNHAM WOOD ARBORETUM

All nestled together is a number of different varieties of trees.

HOURS	Seasonal.
ADMISSION	Free
FACILITIES	Opposite the Meadow Rue Gardens.
GROUPS	Always welcome

STRATFORD AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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The Stratford and District Horticultural Society, founded in 1878, operates under the umbrella of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and is affiliated with the Ontario Horticultural Association.

HOURS	Seasonal. Tours by appointment
ADMISSION	TBA
FACILITIES	The Society holds a two-day Flower & Rose Show in June; a mixed Flower Show in May and a Flower & Vegetable show in September. Throughout the city, the Society plants and maintains four primarily perennial beds and five beds planted with annuals. Garden tours are available.
GROUPS	Always welcome

THE AVON TRAIL

St. Marys to Conestoga

This beautiful hiking trail links the Thames Valley Trail and the Grand Valley Trail.

HOURS	Accessible year round
ADMISSION	Guide book \$10.
FACILITIES	Hike leaders, snow shoeing and cross country skiing.
GROUPS	Always welcome

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WILDWOOD CONSERVATION AREA

Upper Thames River Conservation Authority
RR#2 St. Marys

(519) 284-2292 or (519) 284-2829

The trails offer a variety of year-round hiking opportunities. From season to season, the trails offer something different on every visit. The trails offer spectacular views of our reservoirs, pass through our campgrounds and day use areas and meander through a variety of plantations.

HOURS	Open year round
ADMISSION	Please contact for rates
FACILITIES	The Green Trail is 1 km. The Blue Trail is 2 km and the Red Trail is 3 km. The trails are well marked. Trail maps are available at the gatehouse during operating season or in distribution boxes located at the park entrance during the off season.
GROUPS	Always welcome

ST. MARYS MUSEUM GUIDED TOURS

177 Church Street St. Marys
(519) 284-3556

Walking tours or bus tours of St. Marys featuring St. Marys architecture is provided through the St. Marys Museum/St. Marys Tourism.

HOURS	Year round
ADMISSION	TBA
FACILITIES	Guided tour of St. Marys architectural history (approximately 1 hr)
GROUPS	Always welcome

MITCHELL HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR

Contact Christine Baker, Town of Mitchell Mitchell
(519) 348-8429

The original home of NHL star Howie Morenz.

HOURS	Seasonal. By appointment.
ADMISSION	Free. They also have self guided pamphlets available.
FACILITIES	Guided historical tour of Mitchell. (approx. 1 ½ hrs.)
GROUPS	Always welcome

