

Welcome to **Hamilton!**



We hope you find time to get to know the city and enjoy some of the suggestions on this guide. Even if you're already a Hamiltonian, you might find some new attractions and explore being a tourist in your own city.

Here's some helpful information to get you started.

Local News and Events

Find the latest about the city in one of these local websites

- **Urbanicity** urbanicity.com and @urbanicityhamilton
- **The Spectator** thespec.com or @hamiltonspectator
- **Tourism Hamilton** tourismhamilton.com or @tourismhamilton
- **CHCH** chchc.com or @chchtv

Hamilton City Maps

Interactive City Map



map.hamilton.ca

Getting Around

Consider taking public transit or riding a bike to explore the city.



Local Bus

Hamilton Street Railway Company (H.S.R.)

hamilton.ca/hsr-bus-schedules-fares



Bike Sharing

hamilton.social-bicycles.com

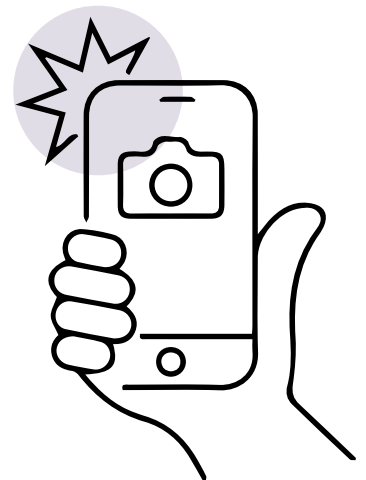
The Language & Culture Centre

The Language & Culture Centre (LCC) is Mohawk's year-round destination for events, conversation, a quiet space (sometimes!), student success workshops and cultural celebrations. A great place to meet a friend or to make one. Everyone is welcome at the LCC – and that means you!

Follow us on Instagram @mohawklcc to learn about our upcoming events and how **you can use this passport to win some cool prizes!**

 **@mohawklcc #lcchamiltonpassport**

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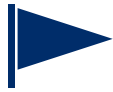


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Downtown Destinations

Hamilton's City Hall

71 Main Street West

Find the statue of Mahatma Gandhi and the "Day of Mourning" statue.

Pro Tip: Take a selfie in front of the giant Hamilton sign.

Hamilton Farmer's Market

35 York Boulevard

Founded in 1837, the Hamilton Farmer's Market is open year-round with 60 vendors.

Fun Fact: The Birks Clock that hangs inside the market was originally placed outdoors, on the corner of King and James Street. For that reason, people would say, "I'll meet you under the Birks clock."

Gore Park

1 Hughson Street South

Gore Park was created in 1816 on a small parcel of land owned by city founder George Hamilton.



Nifty Neighbourhoods

Locke Street South - lockestreetshops.com/business-directory

In the 1800s this street was known as Railway Street because it ran to the Great Western Railway yards. It is now a hub for restaurants, coffee shops, and boutiques.

Pro Tip: Check out Democracy and Donut Monster!

Ottawa Street North - shopottawastreet.com

Ottawa street used to be Hamilton's Fabric and Textile District. Today, it is home to many antique shops, cafes, and restaurants.

Pro Tip: Check out The Hearty Hooligan, an all vegan restaurant and bakery or stop by Canada's first Tim Horton's!

Westdale Village - westdalevillage.ca

Westdale Village is a cute neighbourhood which was established in the 1920s. Look for the iconic Westdale Theatre!

Pro Tip: Tally Ho is only a 20 minute walk from Westdale Village.

Concession Street - concessionstreet.ca

A great stop for dining and shopping right on the mountain. Then visit Sam Lawrence Park for some beautiful views of the city.

James Street North - <https://bit.ly/3o7kaKE>

This street really comes to life every second Friday of the month with the famous Art Crawl where you can watch musicians and buy art directly from the artists.



Get your Culture on

Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH)

123 King Street West

Founded in 1914, the Art Gallery of Hamilton is the oldest and largest art museum in Southern Ontario.

Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum

9280 Airport Road

You can see over 40 military planes from the past and present, try a flight simulator or book your own flight in a vintage aircraft (extra fee).

Dundurn Castle | *610 York Blvd*

Experience a guided tour of this 40-room Italianate-style villa built in the 1830s on Burlington Heights; the former site of a fortified military encampment established by the British in 1813.

Once home to Sir Allan Napier MacNab, railway magnate, lawyer and Premier of the United Canadas (1854-1856) and his family, today Dundurn Castle tells the story of the family who lived above stairs and the servants who lived and worked below stairs to support their affluent lifestyle.

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Foodie

HAMBRGR | 207 Ottawa Street North

The name says it all! A place for great hamburgers. Vegetarian option available.

Loaded Pierogi | 275 James Street North, Unit 3

Pierogis with as many toppings as your heart desires.

Hutch's Fish & Chips

325 Bay Street North or 280 Van Wagners Beach Road

Hutch's Harbour Front is located near Bayfront Park, a perfect place for a picnic.

August 8 | 1066 Upper James Street

This one is for sushi and dim sum lovers.

Pro tip: Mon-Thu at lunchtime is their best price for all you can eat.

Just Pho You | *Your choice!*

Hamilton has many pho restaurants which serve a delicious (and cheap) Vietnamese soup. You pick the one you want to visit!

Nations Fresh Foods | 2 King Street West

Nations is a grocery store that prides itself in carrying items from all over the world. Their hot buffet table is perfect to grab a lunch to go.

Roma Pizza | *Various locations*

Roma Bakery (established in 1952) creates Hamilton's famous slab pizza which can be found at various grocery stores around Hamilton.



Tempting Treats

Canada's First Tim Hortons!

65 Ottawa Street North

Tim Hortons was founded right here in Hamilton! The first store opened in 1964 by Canadian hockey player Tim Horton and served only coffee and donuts.

Pro Tip: Check out the memorabilia upstairs.

Donut Monster

246 Locke Street South

Fresh donuts. Made from scratch. Small batches. Unique flavours!

Pro Tip: Go early or pre-order online as lines can be long, especially on weekends.

Grandad's Donuts

574 James Street North #1

Grandad's Donuts is a family owned and operated coffee and donut shop that has been hand-making donuts every night for more than 30 years.

Pro Tip: Grandad's Donuts is a 5 minute walk from Pier 4.

Great food & treats!

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Love to Shop

Jackson Square

2 King Street West

An indoor shopping mall located in the downtown core. Named after Lloyd Douglas Jackson (Hamilton's mayor from 1950 to 1962).

Pro Tip: While you're there, check out the Farmer's Market and Nations Fresh Foods.

Lime Ridge Mall

999 Upper Wentworth Street

Hamilton's largest shopping mall.

It has two levels and over 213 stores including H&M, Old Navy, and The Bay.

Eastgate Square

*75 Centennial Parkway North,
Stoney Creek*

An indoor shopping mall with over 100 stores, including SportChek, Winners, and Urban Planet.

Mountain Shopping Plaza

661 Upper James Street

This plaza/mall is conveniently located within walking distance from our Fennell Campus.



Coffee Connoisseur

Democracy | *202 Locke Street South*

Democracy serves gourmet coffee, organic tea, and freshly baked goods.

They are proudly vegan and vegetarian friendly.

Pro Tip: Donut Monster is just down the street...

The Cannon | *179 Ottawa Street North*

Known for their award-winning barista (Anne Cumby) and their famous waffles.

Have your coffee made by the second greatest barista in Eastern Canada!

Pro Tip: HAMBGR is just down the street...

Mulberry Street Coffeehouse | *193 James Street North*

The Mulberry opened its doors in 2010 inside the former lobby of an 1880s hotel.

Check out the original plaster ceiling and funky inlaid tile work on the floor.



Energizer Bunny

Walk or Run the Waterfront Trail

Bayfront Park, 200 Harbour Front Drive

The Hamilton Waterfront Trail is 7.5km. It follows Hamilton Harbour from Princess Point (Cootes Paradise) through Bayfront Park, Pier 4 Park, the Discovery Centre, and on to HMCS Haida.

Roller Skate Pier 8

47 Discovery Drive (located behind William's Café)

You can rent roller skates, bikes and helmets. Look online for prices. Take photo ID!

Pro Tip: One of the best sunset views in the city.

The Stairmaster - Climb the Escarpment Stairs

Google: "Escarpment Stairs - The Escarpment Project". There are 5 staircases to choose from. Pick one and start climbing!

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Park Poetry

Gage Park | *1000 Main Street East*

A big, beautiful park located near Ottawa Street North.

Pro Tip: You can also visit the Tropical Greenhouse located on the back of the park for free! Two outings in one.

Pier 4 Park & Waterfront Trail

64 Leander Drive

Located between Bayfront Park and Pier 8, you can combine all three parks into one trip for maximum efficiency. There's a splash pad and a tugboat play structure that kids love.

Sam Lawrence Park | *255 Concession Street*

This park offers spectacular, panoramic views of the lower city and the harbour.

Pro Tip: Take a selfie with downtown Hamilton in the background.



Sports Fan

Hockey | *Hamilton Bulldogs hamiltonbulldogs.com*

The Hamilton Bulldogs are a major junior ice hockey team in the Ontario Hockey League that began to play in the 2015-16 season. The Bulldogs play their home games at the FirstOntario Centre. They won their first OHL Championship in 2018 in front of 10,000 fans. The OHL season starts in September and goes until March.

Football | *Hamilton Tiger-Cats ticats.ca/*

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats plays in the Canadian Football League (CFL), which is the highest level of football competition in the country. You can catch their home games at the Tim Hortons Field. The game season runs from mid-June to early November. Following the regular season, six teams compete in the league's three-week playoffs, which culminate in the Grey Cup championship game in late November. The Grey Cup is one of Canada's largest annual sports and television events. TheTicats has won the Grey Cup eight times.

Soccer | *Forge FC forgefc.canpl.ca/*

Forge FC is a Canadian professional soccer club based in Hamilton, Ontario, that competes in the Canadian Premier League, the top tier of Canadian soccer. The club plays its home matches at Tim Hortons Field. Forge FC joined the CPL in 2019 as one of the league's seven inaugural teams. The regular league season lasts from April to October.

Have fun!

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Winter Wonderland

Hamilton Winterfest | hamiltonwinterfest.ca/

Hamilton Winterfest is a co-production between The City of Hamilton, local arts non-profit Cobalt Connects, and a long list of community partners who bring specialized programming to life every February. Winterfest gives you every excuse to get out of the house or hop online to connect with your community.

Hamilton Waterfront Outdoor Rink Pier 8

Pier 8 | 47 Discovery Drive
hamiltonwaterfront.com/hamilton-waterfront-outdoor-rink/

In the winter, the waterfront roller skating rink is transformed into a ice skating one. You can rent skates, helmet, and safety equipment on the spot. Don't forget to bring a Government Issued ID for rentals.

Tobogganing | *Various locations.*

See hamilton.ca/parks-recreation/outdoor-fitness/permitted-tobogganing-hills.

There are five hills within the city approved for tobogganing. Bring your sled, be safe and have fun!



What's brewing?

Hamilton has a blooming scene of craft and artisan breweries.

Disclaimer: *The legal drinking age in Ontario is 19 years old. Alcohol should not be purchased or served to those who are under the legal drinking age. Please drink responsibly.*

Collective Arts Brewing

207 Burlington Street East

Beer and art go together at Collective Arts. Each of their beer labels features a piece of art by emerging artists from around the world. On their taproom and patio, you can stop by to sip their latest beers, ciders and sparkling hard teas. They have non-alcoholic options available too!

Merit Brewing | *170 James Street North*

Nested in the middle of James St N, Merit offers a beer and food menu you can share with friends on site. A great combo is to take a walk down the street to appreciate the local art gallery and business.

Grain & Grit Beer Co. | *11 Ewen Road*

Merit brings a European flair to their creations. You can enjoy them on their beer garden or purchase them to take home.

Enjoy!

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