

# WATERLOO REGION / 2021 ITINERARY IDEAS

# **OPEN PLACES & SPACES**











## Village of St. Jacobs

1 - 2 Hrs. // Shopping & Dining // 1386 King St. N, St. Jacobs // stjacobs.com

Established in 1852, located just outside of Waterloo, Ontario, along the Conestoga River, the Village of St. Jacobs is filled with authentic sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and incredible one-of-a-kind shopping, there is truly something unique for everyone.

Open 7 days a week.

## St. Jacobs Farmer's Market

1 - 2 Hrs. // Shopping & Dining // 878 Weber St N, Woolwich // stjacobsmarket.com

Known as Canada's largest year-round farmers' market & flea market, find hundreds of local vendors inside three main buildings and in an outdoor area that swells as the growing season progresses. Some items are brought to market by the truckload; other arrives by horse & buggy from local Old Order Mennonite farms: fresh local fruits and vegetables, quality meats and cheeses, locally-produced maple syrup, honey, preserves, baking, authentic cuisine from many cultures, imported produce, various gluten-free and organic options, local crafts, housewares, wearables, and more.

Open Thursdays & Saturdays 7am - 3:30pm, Tuesdays in the Summer

#### African Lion Safari

1 - 2 Hrs. // Drive Through Tour // 1386 Cooper Rd, Hamilton // lionsafari.com

African Lion Safari is open with a modified experience. The drive through Game Reserves and walking area is open to visitors and groups. With seven large Game Reserves, totaling 750 acres, animals such as lions, giraffes, rhinos, zebras, and many more are free to roam in a more spacious environment. African Lion Safari is home to over 1,000 animals covering 100 different species.

Open May - October.

# **NEW! Stroll Walking Tours**

60 min. - 1.5 hrs. // Walking Tours // 217 Waterloo St, Kitchener // strollwalkingtours.com

Stroll has a full collection of guided walking tours in Waterloo, Kitchener & Cambridge offered year round. Walks are completely private for groups and available by pre-booking. Tour topics include: Urban Art, the Tech Corridor, History, etc.

\* St. Jacobs Village tours being developed for Spring 2021

Tours running all year round.

# Canoeing the Grand

1.5 - 8 Hrs. // Canoeing/Kayaking // 3734 King St E, Kitchener // canoeingthegrand.com

Canoeing the Grand offers canoeing, kayaking, and tubing trips along the scenic Grand River. They provide direct access to the river, and proximity to many more points along nearly 100 km of river trails.

Offered Spring through Fall.

## **Grand Experiences**

1.5 - 8 hrs // Canoeing/Kayaking/Cycling // 425 Bingemans Centre Dr, Kitchener // grand-experiences.com/about-us/our-places/bingemans/

Grand Experiences has partnered with Bingemans amazing riverside Camping Resort + Event & Entertainment Centre located along 1.3 km stretch of the Grand River to offer canoe, kayak, raft & cycling experiences. Experiences include Single and Multi-day Trips.

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# Cycling

1 - 2 Hrs. // ontariobybike.ca/great-places-to-cycle/huron-perth-waterloo-wellington/waterloo-region

Waterloo Region welcomes new and seasoned cyclists alike to discover all the community has to offer. The surrounding Townships of North Dumfries, Wilmot, Wellesley, and Woolwich are well-known for their historic villages, scenic countryside, and cultural heritage. The growing network of bike-friendly roads and trails connects you to the vibrant downtowns of Cambridge, Kitchener, and Waterloo from almost anywhere in the core.

Trails open year-round.

## St. Jacobs Horse Drawn Tours

75 - 90 mins. // Mennonite Farm Tour // 878 Weber Street North, Waterloo // stjacobshorsedrawntours.com

The horse drawn trolley leaves from the St Jacobs Farmers Market at 10am, 12pm & 2pm throughout the market days. Set out over tranquil country roads on a journey that will carry you to a typical Old Order Mennonite mixed farming operation. While heading to the farm you will be introduced to the Mennonite people, including their history, different groups in the area and their beliefs.

Other Horse Drawn Tours include: Maple Sugar Bush tour, Winter Sleigh Rides & Educational Tours.

Tours available year round.

#### West Montrose Covered Bridge

30 min - 1 Hr. // 1232 Rivers Edge Drive, West Montrose // woolwich.ca/en/living-here/Communities-and-Landmarks

Great photo opportunity! The West Montrose Covered Bridge is Ontario's last remaining covered bridge. Located in Woolwich Township, the bridge has a 198-foot span across the Grand River. Built in 1881, visitors come from all over the world to experience this picturesque and unique bridge.

# Conestogo River Horseback Adventures

1 - 4hrs. // Horseback Riding // 535 Northfield Drive E, Waterloo // horsebackadventures.ca

Enjoy horseback riding next to the scenic Conestogo River. Trail rides are offered all year round, and vary in length from 1, 2 and 4 hours. Amenities include; indoor riding arena, meeting/event room with kitchenette, a large attached deck, BBQ facilities, washrooms, and parking on site.

Trail rides offered year round

#### Fishing

1 - 2 hrs // Waterloo Region //

Walleye, trout, pike, smallmouth bass – there's a wide variety of world-class recreational fishing waiting for you in Waterloo Region. The Grand River is a great place to fish from a small boat, canoe, or from the shore. The Bridgeport to Cambridge stretch of the Grand is particularly popular for casual fishing: once you're ready to pull up your fishing line, you're just minutes for amenities like restaurants, attractions and hotels.

# Lyndon Fishing Pond

1 - 2 Hrs. // 1745 Huron Rd, Petersburg // lyndonfishingpond.com

Set on spacious grounds fed by pristine spring water, the Lyndon Fishing Pond is continually stocked with over 3,000 lbs of feisty trout, all raised in the onsite hatchery, very local and farm fresh! The pond has been the home of fishing adventures for more than 50 years - with capacity for up to 400 people at one time, it is great for groups! Lyndon has created a fun, relaxing fishing experience, providing rods, bait, and complimentary fish cleaning. No fishing license required.



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# Cambridge Butterfly Conservatory

1 - 2 Hrs. // 2500 Kossuth Road, Cambridge // cambridgebutterfly.com

Stroll alongside 1,000's of free-flying butterflies in a lush tropical garden. Discover exotic plants, cascading waterfalls, birds, fish and turtles in this 10,000 square foot Conservatory. Timed tickets must be purchased online, in advance.

Open 10am - 5pm daily.

## Fashion History Museum

75 - 90 mins. // 74 Queen St E, Cambridge // fashionhistorymuseum.com

The Fashion History Museum is located in a former post office in Hespeler. The collection in the museum spans from the 1660s to the present day, and includes almost 10,000 different items.

Coming Fall 2022: The Wardrobe of Cher

Open 11am - 5pm daily.

# Fields Trips Snapshots of Waterloo Region

1 - 3.5 Hrs. // Waterloo Region // fieldstrips.ca/collections/canada-tours

Part-scavenger-hunt, part-amazing-race, part-road-rally, part-history-lesson, part-adventure, part-puzzle building and a whole lot of fun! Fields Trips has designed an intriguing, safe, regional road trip. The theme is industry to innovation and all that is in between. By way of using clues and directions, you're encouraged to take photos along the way. You will be rewarded with a 500 piece puzzle as a reminder of your time exploring the Region.

Four routes have been mapped out that when pieced together will take approximately 3  $\ensuremath{\ensuremath{\mathcal{V}}}$  hours.

#### Golf

2 - 4 Hrs. // Waterloo Region // explorewaterloo.ca/listing/public-golf-courses-in-waterloo-region/

Waterloo Region's public golf courses offer picturesque settings, professionally designed courses, and greens that will challenge players of all levels. There are 15 public courses to choose from, each with its own scenic layout and challenging design. From golfing in the middle of Mennonite country, to playing a course in the heart of the city – no matter where you choose to play, enjoying a great game of golf in Waterloo Region is par for the course!