

Did you know, in Ontario

Once Upon a Time, History and Heritage

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Yours to discover



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| 1 | Doors Open | <p>Across Ontario The Ontario Heritage Trust works with communities across the province to open the doors, gates and courtyards of their unique and most fascinating cultural sites so you can explore the stories inside. https://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/</p> |
| 2 | Oil Museum of Canada | <p>Village of Oil Springs The Oil Museum of Canada preserves the site of the first commercial oil well in North America. Visitors from around the world come to learn the story of Canada's Oil Pioneers – a unique and captivating era of history! Explore the working oil pumpjacks or take an audio tour through the oil wells. https://www.lambtonmuseums.ca/oil/</p> |
| 3 | Sir Harry Oakes Chateau | <p>Kirkland Lake Explore the impressive chateau of the eccentric Sir Harry Oakes, the famous prospector of the gold-mining era that put Kirkland Lake on the map. At the turn of the century, the chateau was a place to entertain the "movers and shakers" of the local gold-mining industry. Now housing the Museum of Northern History, it provides a fascinating glimpse into Kirkland Lake's past. https://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/en/index.php/properties/sir-harry-oakes-chateau</p> |
| 4 | Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology National Historic Site | <p>Hamilton Witness the social and mechanical life of Canada's early industrial revolution. Housed in a 150-year-old Waterworks, this National Historic Site preserves two 70-ton steam powered water pumping engines, perhaps the oldest surviving Canadian-built engines. The museum offers guided tours, various exhibits and features special events for the whole family. https://www.hamilton.ca/attractions/hamilton-civic-museums/hamilton-museum-steam-technology-national-historic-site</p> |
| 5 | L'Original Old Jail | <p>L'Original Visit the oldest jail in Ontario and the second oldest jail in Canada. The L'Original Old Jail is a unique tourist attraction in eastern Ontario. Once Ontario's only Francophone jail, the site still houses a working courthouse, a collection of jail artifacts, exhibits on local history and according to rumours, a few paranormal guests as well. https://www.loriginalprison.com/home</p> |
| 6 | Cheltenham Badlands | <p>Caledon The Cheltenham Badlands is one of Ontario's geological treasures, first formed at the base of an ancient sea over 400 million years ago. The site is a provincially significant Area of Natural and Scientific Interest and one of the most recognizable and visited natural heritage landmarks in southern Ontario. https://cvc.ca/enjoy-the-outdoors/conservation-areas/cheltenham-badlands/</p> |
| 7 | Mackenzie Printery | <p>Village of Queenston Discover 500 years of printing technology inside the restored home of William Lyon Mackenzie. The Mackenzie Printery offers a hands-on experience with a working linotype and eight operating heritage presses. Don't miss the rare Louis Roy Press, the oldest printing press in Canada and one of the few original wooden presses remaining in the world. https://www.niagaraparks.com/visit/heritage/mackenzie-printery/</p> |
| 8 | Point Clark Lighthouse | <p>Point Clark The Point Clark Lighthouse was built in the 1850s to warn sailors of the shoal about 3 km offshore. Now a National Historic Site, the lighthouse still performs its duty of guiding ships through the Great Lakes. Visitors see the working light and the lightkeeper's dwelling is also open to the public and features a museum of local and maritime history. https://www.huronkinloss.com/point_clark_lighthouse.cfm</p> |
| 9 | Schneider Haus National Historic Site | <p>Kitchener Schneider Haus National Historic Site is Kitchener's oldest surviving building. Today, history comes to life as staff demonstrate traditional tasks in concert with the seasons. The modern interpretation wing hosts gallery exhibits, workshops and lectures. Come for a visit and enjoy hands-on activities, special events, and more! https://www.schneiderhaus.ca/en/index.aspx</p> |
| 10 | Upper Canada Village | <p>Morrisburg Go back to the 1860s and spend a day with the villagers. Meet the friendly blacksmith, the jovial baker and the happy cheesemaker as they go about their daily chores using authentic historic tools! Help the farmer milk a cow, feed the fish and see the piglets! Your horse and wagon await! https://www.uppercanadavillage.com/</p> |