

Things to do in Waterloo Region

Welcome to Waterloo!

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From our fantastic Festivals and programming in Waterloo Public Square to the over 475 amazing businesses including 90+ unique shops, award winning architecture, live music venues, vibrant night life, a diverse food scene with everything from [cafés and bakeries](#), to [casual](#) and critically acclaimed [fine dining](#) with summer patios to enjoy a view of everything Uptown has to offer – we have something fabulous for everyone.

There's an exciting vibe in Uptown that you need to experience! Our new streetscape – complete with segregated bike lanes, sidewalks, benches and thematic LED lighting with two hours of [free parking](#) – is unlike any other city core around and augments our active, urban ambiance and lifestyle.



Nestled in the heart of Waterloo Region, the St. Jacobs Market District is a vibrant destination steeped in Mennonite heritage, where a deep-rooted culture of community and craftsmanship continues to thrive.

At the heart of the Market District is the iconic **St. Jacobs Farmers' Market** — Canada's largest year-round market. With three bustling buildings and a lively outdoor market, it's home to hundreds of local vendors offering farm-fresh produce, artisanal foods, handcrafted goods, and unique finds. Whether you're a first-time visitor or a returning regular, the Market delivers authentic local flavor and a welcoming, community-focused atmosphere.

St. Jacobs Farmers Market Hours - Saturday 7 am -3:30 pm



Surrounding the Farmers' Market, guests can browse vintage treasures at **Market Road Antiques** or enjoy a relaxed meal and craft beer at **Stockyards Brewing**, the district's newest addition and quickly a local favourite. The Market District also serves as a perfect launch point for a full day of exploration — with nearby attractions like the **Waterloo Railway Heritage Hopper**, **The Village of St. Jacobs** and **Drayton's St. Jacobs Country Playhouse** just minutes away.

Country Wagon Tours are back at the Market - a fun-filled hour of fresh air, scenic views, and good old-fashioned charm!

Departing from the heart of the St. Jacobs Farmers' Market, you'll ride in style on a tractor-pulled wagon as we roll through the countryside and loop back. It's the perfect way to slow down and soak up the rural vibes—smiles guaranteed!

TOURS RUN EVERY MARKET DAY

TOUR TIMES:

10:00 am, 11:15 am, 1:00 pm, and 2:15 pm.

TOUR DURATION:

1 hour long

TOUR LOCATION:

All tours leave from the St. Jacobs Farmers' Market and returns.

A fun filled hour, each tour is hosted by a local guide who will speak about Mennonite culture, their way of life, farming, and Mennonite history. This is your opportunity to ask questions and learn more about St. Jacobs' rural roots.

TICKET PRICES CAD:

Adults: \$24.95

Seniors: \$22.45



The Mennonite Story

We are located on the grounds of the St Jacobs Farmers Market, in a 1839 Log House built by Mennonite ancestors who settled in this area. We respectfully share our Mennonite/Amish history, faith and culture, and are happy to offer speakers and step-on guides to bus groups, as well as our countryside "back roads" driving tours for smaller private groups & families.

We feature our video presentation entitled 'The Old Order' available in 9 languages. Extend your experience with an outside tour of the beautiful countryside, and fully immerse yourself in our local Mennonite communities. And, of course, enjoy Canada's largest Outdoor Farmers Market, where Mennonite vendors and products abound! While you're here, be sure to get some food that really "schmecks gut."



Arts & Culture

The Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery

25 Caroline Street North

Waterloo, N2L 2Y5

519-746-1882



Emily Carr, “Klee Wyck Bowl”, 1924 – 1926. Ceramic, paint. 14.6 x 14.6 x 7.6 cm. Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery Permanent Collection. Gift of Peter Goring.

L’Abbe Pottery

41 Dupont Street East

Waterloo, N2J 2G8

519-725-2028

Paint By Munzy

32 King Street North

Waterloo, N2J 2W8

226-606-2233

Shopping

The Shops Uptown Waterloo Town Square

75 King Street South, Unit 49
Waterloo, N2J 1P2
519-886-4190

Bauer Marketplace

187 King Street South
Waterloo, N2J 1R1
519-725-2616

Artstore of Waterloo

91 Caroline Street South
Waterloo, N2L 1X4
519-744-1103

Flying Squirrel Fine Yarns and Notions

187 King Street South, Unit 101
Waterloo, N2J 1R1
519-579-7543

Ontario Seed Home Hardware

16 King Street South
Waterloo, N2J 1N3
519-886-2990

Somewhere Garden

191 King Street South, Unit 105
Waterloo, N2L 0A5
519-579-5888

Kind Reason Co.

16 Barrel Yards Boulevard, Unit 109
Waterloo, N2L 0C4
519-897-1225

St. Jacobs Outlet Mall is located directly across the street from the St. Jacobs Farmers' Market. Find apparel, family footwear, accessories and home merchandise, and enjoy up to 60% off original and comparable prices.

OUTLET STORES:

- Cotton Wave
- Tootsies Shoe Market
- Spanner
- Oxford Mills Bedding & Towels

Books

Words Worth Books Ltd.

96 King Street South
Waterloo, N2J 1P5
519-884-2665

Community Theatre

Kitchener-Waterloo Little Theatre

9 Princess Street East
Waterloo, N2J 2H4
519-886-0660

Clothing & Accessories

Lost Vessel Vintage

6 Princess Street West
Waterloo, N2J 2X2
519-755-8635

Lost Vessel (Vintage & Vinyl)

13 King Street North
Waterloo, N2J 2W6
519-755-8635

Restaurants

Solé Uptown

83 Erb Street West
Waterloo, N2L 6C2
519-747-5622

The Bauer Kitchen

187 King Street South, Unit 102
Waterloo, N2J 1R1
519-772-0790

Champa Kitchen - Authentic Thai, Laos & Vietnamese Cuisine

21 King St. N
Waterloo, ON, N2J 2W6
(519) 208-7877

Huether Hotel

The Lion Brewery, founded in 1842 by the Huether family and now operated and preserved by the Adlys family, is one of the oldest breweries in Canada. Our crafted beers are carefully brewed from select ingredients, combining the tastes beloved by Canadian and European beer drinkers.

Enjoy live music and great food!

59 King Street North
Waterloo N2J 2X2
The corner of King and Princess St.
(519) 886-3350

