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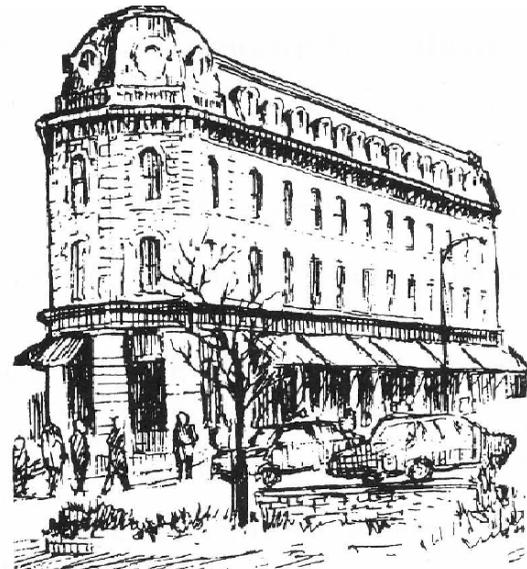
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HISTORICAL WALKING TOURS

2017



ABOUT OUR TOURS

For over thirty years, Guelph Arts Council has promoted the cultural heritage of Guelph by offering six different walking tours on selected Sundays from April to October (excluding July). The tours are a unique opportunity for tourists and locals alike to learn about Guelph's history while taking in the beautiful architectural and natural features of the city. Available on each tour is a booklet of historical information and architectural drawings, which allows self-guided tours and serves as a lovely keepsake.

Details

Start time: Sundays at 2 p.m.
Start location: see each tour
Tour duration: 2 hrs
Weather: rain or shine
Cost: \$5/person in cash to the guide (exact change appreciated)
Booklets: \$5/booklet, available for purchase from guide



MISSION

During post-war expansion, many of Guelph's downtown stone buildings were destroyed. We aim to create awareness and appreciation of the remaining buildings to ensure an interest and concern in preserving them, even as the city continues to expand. Thanks to dedicated volunteers, we are able to offer these tours at an affordable price.

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TOURS

TOUR I: WHERE GUELPH BEGAN

April 23, May 28, August 6, and September 10

Tour starts at 2 p.m.

Leaves from Juice Inc, 25 Waterloo Ave, corner of Dublin Street

This tour encircles the original Market Square area of almost twenty-four acres laid out by John Galt in 1827. Serving as the focal point for Guelph's early social and business life, the area also contains the sites of many of Guelph's first buildings.

TOUR II: DOWNTOWN WALKABOUT

April 30, August 13, and September 3

Tour starts at 2 p.m.

Leaves from Juice Inc, 25 Waterloo Ave, corner of Dublin Street

The present downtown centre of Guelph, with its wide main street, provides a compact walking tour, which includes many buildings and sites of considerable historical and architectural interest.



TOUR III: THE SLOPES OF THE SPEED

May 7, June 4 and September 17

Tour starts at 2 p.m.

Leaves from Guelph Youth Music Centre, 75 Cardigan Street

Participants will explore the slopes of the Speed River between Norwich and Macdonell Streets, where many of Guelph's largest and most distinguished historic homes are located.

TOUR IV: ALTAR AND HEARTH (Exhibition Park and Catholic Hill)

May 14 (CH), June 11 (EP), August 27 (CH) and September 24 (EP)

Tour starts at 2 p.m.

Catholic Hill tour leaves from Juice Inc, 25 Waterloo Ave, corner of Dublin Street

Exhibition Park tour leaves from Guelph Public Library, 100 Norfolk Street

Visitors will get a glimpse of the Victorian era in Guelph. Covering the area west of Norfolk Street, between Essex Street and London Road, the tour includes several historic stone churches and many historic homes representing a variety of architectural styles.



TOUR V: BROOKLYN AND THE COLLEGE HILL

June 18, August 20 and October 1

Tour starts at 2 p.m.

Leaves from McCrae House, 108 Water Street

Participants will be taken to the south side of the Speed River to explore one of Guelph's early industrial sections, formerly known as Brooklyn, as well as the College Hill area that developed around the Ontario Agricultural College. The tour includes some of the city's best examples of masonry and stone carving.

TOUR VI: WARD ONE GUELPH

May 21, June 25 and October 8

Tour starts at 2 p.m.

Leaves from Tytler School, 131 Ontario Street, Toronto Street entrance (off York Road near York Road park)

This tour of the area southeast of the downtown, between the Speed and Eramosa Rivers, reveals the rich variety of historic architecture and the diversity of peoples who formed Guelph. Particular attention is devoted to residential/industrial proximity and the city's early Italian community.