

# Questions?

Have a question or need help planning  
your trail adventure?

We would love to help. Contact us!  
Call Jeanne at 1-866-801-7368 x3355  
E: [tourism@oxfordcounty.ca](mailto:tourism@oxfordcounty.ca)

*There is more online* at  
[www.oxfordcountycheesetrail.ca](http://www.oxfordcountycheesetrail.ca)



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**#TryTheTrail**



**EVERY SATURDAY  
IN MAY**



*Discover new cheese, exciting flavours  
and rural experiences*

[www.OxfordCountyCheeseTrail.ca](http://www.OxfordCountyCheeseTrail.ca)



# Our Story



WHY **OXFORD** IS THE  
**DAIRY CAPITAL**

Oxford County produces  
the most milk in Ontario...  
**286,000,000** litres.

That's **1.14 billion**  
glasses of milk!



In the 1800's

THERE WERE **98**  
**CHEESE**  
**FACTORIES**  
**IN OXFORD**



See a replica cheese factory (Ingersoll Cheese Museum)

**8** Cheese  
Companies &  
**70+** VARIETIES  
of Cheese & Dairy Products are made in Oxford



## Udderly awesome events!



### James McIntyre Poetry Contest

Held in honour of a local poet who wrote the "Ode to the Mammoth Cheese". There is a special category for cheesy poems!

### COW.a.pol.co.za

Yes they have a cow  
milking contest!



Watch a robotic milker demo  
at this industry event that  
draws over **40,000** people.



A family friendly cheese  
festival in April.

## MARKETING OXFORD WITH A **MAMMOTH** Cheese



In 1866 James Harris produced a **7300 lb** wheel of cheese that went on tour to the New York World Fair and Great Britain. This marketing ploy resulted in Oxford shipping **300,000** boxes of cheese to Great Britain every year.

## HOW BIG WAS IT?

It weighed as much as **10 COWS!**



**66,200** Servings of cheese!

Visit the site where the cheese was made –  
now the **Elm Hurst Inn**.

## OTHER **BIG CHEESES**



### Harvey Farrington

Started Canada's first cheese co-op



### Lydia Ranney

Opened Canada's 1st Cheesemaking School



### James Harris

Maker of the Mammoth Cheese



### Ross Butler

Artist & Butter Sculptor



### Springbank Snow Countess

World record butterfat  
producing cow



## CHEESE REVIVAL

**1999**

Local Dairy Products

**2011**

Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese

**2012**

Quality Sheep Milk

**2012**

Mountainoak Cheese

### Bright Cheese & Butter

is 140 years old!

Visit their turn of the century  
factory



## NOMINEES & Winners

10 of the 81 finalists,  
in 2015 were from the  
cheese trail!



That is **12%** of all finalists in Canada



Locally there are 4 Grand Prix award winning  
cheeses (2013, 2015)



**CHEESE AWARDS**  
in the past **4** years.

The Oxford County Cheese  
Trail was the proud recipient  
for the award for Culinary  
Leadership in Ontario from  
Culinary Tourism Alliance.





# Meet the Cheese Makers

## BRIGHT CHEESE AND BUTTER



### *Tastings & Shop*

The beginning of Bright Cheese and Butter dates back to 1874 when a group of local farmers decided to establish a cheese factory to turn surplus milk into cheddar. Over 140 years later, they are still producing award-winning cheese at their 1800s factory in Bright Ontario, including: aged cheddars, Asiago, Colby, Monterey jack, feta, Havarti, specialty flavours and of course, curds. Open Mon-Sat.

816503 County Rd 22, Bright ON

519-454-8600

[brightcheeseandbutter.com](http://brightcheeseandbutter.com)

  @BrightCheese



## GUNN'S HILL ARTISAN CHEESE



### *Tastings, Pre-Booked Tours & Shop*

Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese is an artisan cheese plant and specializes in crafting cheeses using top quality milk from the family's farm across the field. Owners Shep Ysselstein and Colleen Bator have been operating the plant for 6 years and are proud to share their award winning cheeses. The cheeses produced here are unique although you can taste the Swiss influence from techniques and recipes Shep learned while making cheese in the Swiss Alps. Along with others, these include 5 Brothers, Oxford's Harvest, Tipsy, Handeck and fresh curds each Friday. Visitors are welcome to visit and experience the area, learn about dairy farming and local agriculture, take a tour (must book ahead) and enjoy delicious cheeses.

445172 Gunn's Hill Rd. Woodstock ON (use Google Maps, not GPS)

519-424-4024

[gunnshillcheese.ca](http://gunnshillcheese.ca)

  @GunnshillArtisanCheese



## LOCAL DAIRY PRODUCTS

### *Purchase at Tremblett's Independent Grocer & Foodland Ingersoll*

For over two decades, Amarjit Singh and his family have been producing high quality, artisanal, local and all natural dairy products out of a historic cheese factory. Though it is located in Ingersoll, the unique products created on site have been inspired by a varied and international world of cheeses. 20 vegetarian products including yogurt, cultured butter, ghee and several cheeses including Oaxaca, paneer and Chihuahua. Sample their products along the Cheese Trail and stop by Tremblett's Independent Grocer, Ingersoll Foodland, and Dairy Capital Cheese Shoppe.

519-485-4242

[www.localdairy.ca](http://www.localdairy.ca)



## MOUNTAINOAK CHEESE



### *Tastings, Pre-Booked Tours & Shop*

The van Bergeijk Family moved to Canada in 1996, after studying cheese making in Gouda and running their own dairy farm. They focused on the art they had always loved: farming and making artisan cheese. They strive to make high quality products using the best ingredients. Today, they enjoy a state-of-the art facility using milk from their own herd. They have 18 flavours of gouda, including Black Truffle, Celery (newest flavour) as well as their award winning Farmstead Premium GOLD and Smoked varieties. For tours, please call ahead.

3165 Huron Rd. New Hamburg, ON

519-662-4967

[www.mountainoakcheese.ca](http://www.mountainoakcheese.ca)

  @MountainoakC



## QUALITY SHEEP MILK

### *Purchase at Foodland Ingersoll; Tremblett's Independent Grocer; Village Cheese Mill, Parion Farm and Table*

Quality Sheep Milk Ltd produces delicious sheep milk on their 128 acre sheep and dairy goat farm. Operated by Ellis, Hazel and Sion Morris, this farm produces delicious dairy products worth stopping for. Currently, Quality Sheep Milk Ltd. uses half of the milk produced on the farm for the creation of fine cheeses and yogurts such as their Italian-style Pecorino cheese and feta. You'll love the farm fresh taste.

Salford

519-485-5405

[www.qualitysheepmilk.com](http://www.qualitysheepmilk.com)



## AND MUCH MORE CHEESE!

- Agropur, which has a plant located in Woodstock where they process many of the cheeses you see often at your local grocery store.
- Saputo, located in the historic Tavistock Cheese Factory, still produces Tavistock and Armstrong cheese.
- Springbank Cheese Company has been packaging and selling local, Canadian and imported cheese for more than half a century.





# Varieties

## Bright Cheese & Butter



### ASIAGO

Bright's Asiago is a firm bodied cheese with a smooth texture. This cheese starts on the palate mild but finishes with a robust flavor reminiscent of parmesan and enhances with age.



### EXTRA OLD CHEDDAR

A firm structured cheese, smooth and buttery with nutty notes throughout and a hint of salt with slight crystallization.

## Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese



### HANDECK

This firm, washed rind cheese is made in a similar method to typical Swiss mountain style cheeses. Handeck, aged 16 months is rich with complex flavours.



### 5 BROTHERS

5 Brothers, named for the cheese maker and his 4 brothers, combines traits from Gouda and Appenzeller. It has a firm, creamy texture with rich and diverse flavours and sweeter overtones.

## Local Dairy Products



### OAXACA

Similar to mozzarella, Oaxaca is a mild and slightly salty hand stretched curd cheese kneaded and gently wound into balls. Its savoury, mellow buttery flavor makes it an excellent melting cheese.



### PANEER

Paneer is a soft unripe cheese made from milk and vinegar that has a mild, fresh flavor. Both soft and firm paneers are available and can easily be infused with spices and herbs when cooking.

## Mountainoak Cheese



### FARMSTEAD PREMIUM GOLD GOUDA

Fresh, raw, thermalized milk creates the rich flavor in this cheese which is slightly sweet and nutty. Aged 15-18 months, hints of butterscotch and caramel upon finish are characteristic of aged goudas



### WILD NETTLE GOUDA

Wild Nettle provides a herbal, earthy flavor. When combined with the creamy farmstead gouda, these combinations create an exceptional taste experience.

## Quality Sheep Milk



### SMOKED FETA

A salty and crumbly cheese, this cheese is a twist on classic Greek feta that boasts added hints of smoked Applewood.

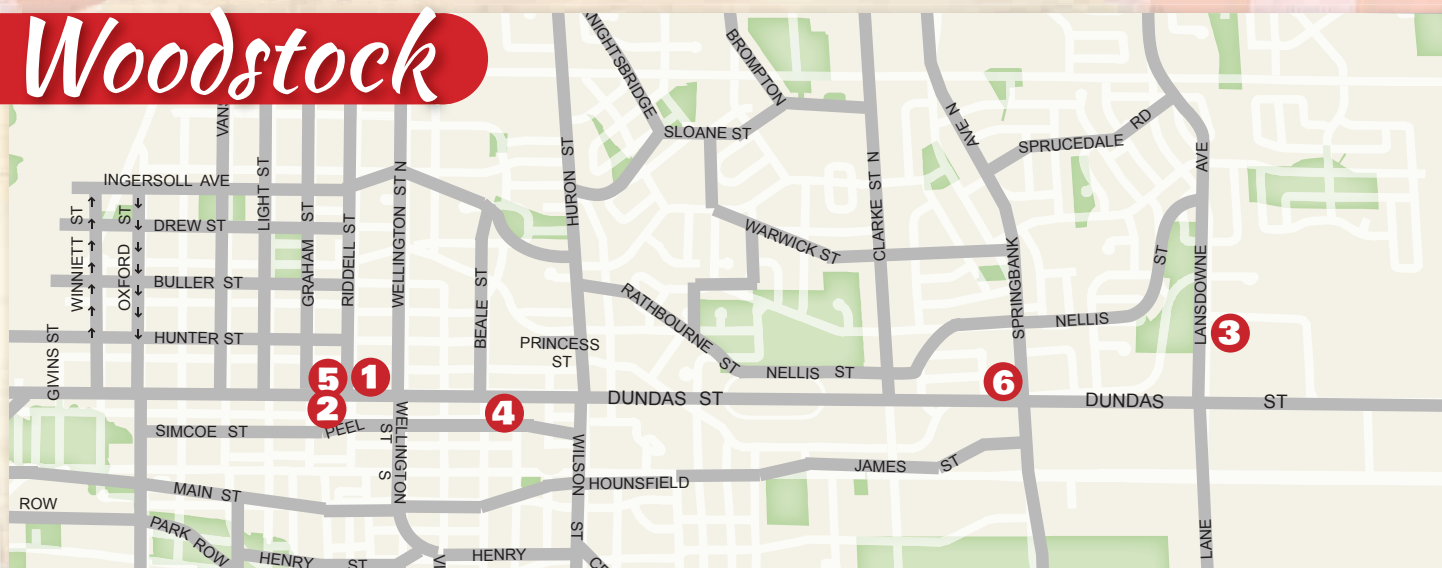


### MANCHEGO

Originating in Spain, Manchego is full bodied in flavor and very robust in taste. It is firm and compact with a slightly buttery texture.



# Woodstock



## 1 CHARLES DICKENS PUB

### *Poutine (Curry or Original)*

The best of Canadian and British cuisine is found here. Charles Dickens Pub combines a hearty English menu with Canadian classics like poutine, made with Gunn's Hill cheese curds. Check out over a dozen other menu items featuring local cheese.

505 Dundas St., Woodstock, ON.

519-421-2218

[charlesdickenspub.com](http://charlesdickenspub.com)

[f](#) [t](#) @CDPubWoodstock



## 2 DAIRY CAPITAL CHEESE SHOPPE

### *Granite and Wood Cheese Boards*

This unique shop showcases quality, locally sourced cheeses along with a wide range of cheese accessories. A part of the community since the 1970s, the Dairy Capital Cheese Shoppe is well known for its abundant selection of dairy products, catering and quality service. Enjoy homemade fare over lunch in the café. Open Monday-Saturday.

474 Dundas St., Woodstock, ON

(519) 537-7623

[dairycapitalcheese.com](http://dairycapitalcheese.com) [f](#)



## 3 UPPER THAMES BREWERY

### *Flight and Local Cheese Pairing*

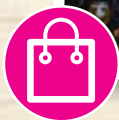
Tap into delicious craft beer at Oxford County's only craft brewery. With several house brews and a few guest taps each week, there's always a new way to enjoy a pint. You'll want to take this taste of Oxford home so grab a growler on your way out the door. Open Tues-Sat. 11am-7pm and Sun 11-4 pm.

225 Bysham Park Drive, Woodstock, ON.

519-290-0053

[upperthamesbrewing.ca](http://upperthamesbrewing.ca)

[f](#) [t](#) @upperthamesbrew [i](#) @upperthamesbrewing



## 4 SIXTHIRTYNINE

### *Cheese/Bread/Preserve Board*

Eating local never tasted so good. Seasonal menu items that feature the freshest local ingredients make SixThirtyNine one of Oxford's tastiest places to dine and Oxford's only FeastON-designated site. Open Wednesday-Sunday.

639 Peel St., Woodstock, ON

519-536-9602 [sixthirtynine.com](http://sixthirtynine.com)

[f](#) [t](#) [i](#) @sixthirtynine



## 5 WOODSTOCK ART GALLERY

### *Gift Shop and Art Openings*

Explore over 1000 pieces of art at Oxford County's largest municipal gallery. See pieces done by local, regional and international artists, attend art openings and visit the gift shop.

449 Dundas St., Woodstock, ON

519-539-6761 x 2801

[woodstockartgallery.ca](http://woodstockartgallery.ca)

[f](#) [t](#) @WAGWoodstock



## 6 SPRINGBANK SNOW COUNTESS

### *Roadside Photo Opportunity*

Snap your photo with the legendary Springbank Snow Countess monument. In 1933 she broke the world record for butterfat production and held the record for 21 years. It's udderly fantastic.

Corner of Springbank & Dundas, Woodstock, ON





# Ingersoll



## 7 CHOCOLATEA

### Local Cream Chocolates

Treat yourself to handcrafted decadent chocolates and a wide variety of loose leaf teas all in one stop. To honour Oxford's dairy tradition, Chocolatea uses local cream to craft all of their chocolates. Open Tuesday-Saturday.

38 King St E., Ingersoll, ON  
519-495-6020 [chocolatea.ca](http://chocolatea.ca)

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## 8 ELM HURST INN

### Oxford County Cheese Board

First in quality and service, The Elm Hurst Inn is a gem in the county for excellent dining experiences. Their local cheese board will give you a great taste of the trail. Enjoy it in the dining room or back in your room with local wine and chocolate when you book the Oxford Cheese Trail Package.

415 Harris St., Ingersoll, ON  
519-485-5321 [elmhurstinn.com](http://elmhurstinn.com)

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## 9 INGERSOLL CHEESE AND AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM & THE CHEESY PLAYGROUND

### Tasting, Tour & Cheese Maker Photo

Explore Ingersoll's rich, cheesy history as you learn about more than 150 years of cheese making. Seven on-site buildings and exhibits will show you why we're home to the cheese trail. Open Monday-Friday year round, weekends by appointment/seasonal.

290 Harris St., Ingersoll, ON  
519-485-5510  
[ingersoll.ca/cheesemuseum](http://ingersoll.ca/cheesemuseum)

[f](#) [t](#) @IngersollMuse1



## 10 LEAPING DEER ADVENTURE FARM AND MARKET

### Apple Pie Bread Grilled Cheese

Capitalize on local flavours and discover this hidden gem. The on-site bakery serves up the freshest goods including the trail's sophisticated twist on your favourite childhood grilled cheese. Eating a sandwich never tasted so grown up. Open Thursday-Sunday, April-December.

544212 Clarke Rd., Ingersoll, ON  
519-485-4795 [leapingdeer.com](http://leapingdeer.com)

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## 11 LOUIE'S PIZZA AND PASTA

### Deep Fried Cheese Curds with House Marinara

Home of the Big Ass Panzerotti, Louie's is known for their generous servings. With a menu highlighting your favourite comfort foods, you won't leave hungry. Ask about their other cheesy menu items. Open daily.

440 Bell St., Ingersoll, ON

519-485-4441

[louiespizzapasta.com](http://louiespizzapasta.com)

[f](#) [t](#) @LouiesIngersoll



## 12 THE OLDE BAKERY CAFE

### Mexican Caramel (Cajeta) Latte, Gunn's Hill Breakfast

### Sandwich and Paneer Bread Pudding

Your local stop for breakfast and lunch featuring Gunn's Hill all day breakfast sandwich and decadent desserts. Check out their large assortment of loose leaf teas, tea accessories and locally roasted fair trade coffee. Open Monday-Saturday.

120 Thames St., Ingersoll, ON

519-485-5757

[theoldebakerycafe.com](http://theoldebakerycafe.com)

[f](#) [i](#) @oldebakerycafe



## 13 PATINA'S GIFTS OF ART & CRAFT

### Brie Bakers & Cheese Platters

Patina's has been a local favourite for years. With a unique selection of artsy gifts and Oxford's biggest collection of pottery handmade in Canada, you won't want to leave empty-handed. Expect the unusual.

112 Thames St. S., Ingersoll, ON

519-485-6466 [f](#)



The 54 ribbons sewn on this dress were won by champion cheesemaker, Tom Aiken. His wife sewed the ribbons on a dress for their 2 year old daughter.



# Tillsonburg




## 15 COYLE'S COUNTRY STORE

### "Cheese Trail" Trail Mix

Discover a unique store in a lovely country setting for fresh roasted nuts, delicious baking supplies and quality giftware. Trendy wall art, home décor and accent furniture all at incredible prices. Family owned for over a hundred years. Open daily.

244282 Airport Rd., Tillsonburg, ON.  
519-842-5945

coylescountrystore.com 



### Local Stops to Grab Cheese

Being in the heart of Canada's Dairy Capital means you can find our cheese in grocery stores and farm co-ops all over the county. Here are a few quick in and out stops to grab cheese on the mooove.

#### FOODLAND INGERSOLL

72 Charles St. W. Ingersoll, 519-485-1430  
Quality Sheep Milk, Local Dairy

#### PARION FARM & TABLE

596206 Hwy 59, Hickson, 519-462-2222  
Quality Sheep Milk, Bright Cheese and Butter,  
Gunns Hill, Mountainoak

#### TREMBLETT'S INDEPENDENT GROCER

273 King St. W., Ingersoll, 519-425-4406  
Local Dairy, Gunn's Hill, Quality Sheep Milk

## 16 THE CUP AND CAKE

### Smoked Cheese and Apple Tea Biscuit

The Cup and Cake makes top-notch baked goods, soups, salads and sandwiches. Taste traditional British baking and sip on tea served in real china cups. Pop by for breakfast or lunch. Open Tuesday-Saturday.

38 Ridout St. West, Tillsonburg, ON  
519-409-2253

  @TheCupandCake12



## 17 SUNDOWN FARMS COUNTRY MARKET

### Local Apples and Cheese

Sample the various flavours of the Cheese Trail at this family-operated country market. It is well stocked with local produce, including much grown on their own farm, plus local chips, honey, syrup and much more. Open Tuesday-Saturday. Open Mondays seasonally.

412569 Cranberry Line, Tillsonburg, ON  
519-688-3701 





# Oxford

## Cheesemaker Locations

- C1** Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese
- C2** Bright Cheese and Butter
- C3** Mountainoak Cheese
- C4** Quality Sheep Milk

## 10 LEAPING DEER ADVENTURE FARM AND MARKET

(see Ingersoll for description)

## 14 OTTER CREEK WOODWORKS

### Handmade Charcuterie Boards

Serve your cheese on something worthy of its taste. Otter Creek Woodworks specializes in beautiful, handcrafted boards using sustainably sourced local wood. Each piece of wood is handpicked for its organic shape and unique character features so you're sure to find a piece you'll love for years to come. Available at Gunn's Hill (Woodstock) and Bright Cheese and Butter (Bright).



[ottercreekwoodworks.com](http://ottercreekwoodworks.com)  
519-983-9199

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## 15 COYLE'S COUNTRY STORE

(see Tillsonburg for description - Corner of Plank Line/19 & Airport Road)

## 17 SUNDOWN FARMS COUNTRY MARKET

(see Tillsonburg for description - Corner of Cranberry Line & Ostrander Rd)

## 18 JAKEMAN'S MAPLE FARM

### Maple Cranberry Pecan Brie Topper

For over 140 years, Jakeman's have been perfecting their maple syrup craftsmanship. From the early arrival of their ancestors, the progression of exploring new flavours and techniques has made their products famous far and wide. From delicious maple cream cookies, to signature icewine maple syrup, you will not be disappointed. While at Jakeman's enjoy a walk in the woods, wheel chair accessible. Open Monday to Saturday.

454414 Trillium Line, Sweaburg, ON

519-539-1366

[themaplestore.com](http://themaplestore.com)

[f](https://www.facebook.com/jakemanmaple) [i](https://www.instagram.com/jakemanmaple) @jakemanmaple



## 19 NORWICH AND DISTRICT MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

### Butter Churning

Discover the rich history of Norwich Township and top off your visit by learning about butter churning. A great place to explore the extensive agriculture and industry of the area.

Tues-Sat 10am-4pm

89 Stover St. N., Norwich, ON

519-863-3101

[norwichdhs.ca](http://norwichdhs.ca)

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## THE WOODEN PEARL

### Local Goats Milk Soap

The Wooden Pearl hosts a variety of local artisans all under one roof. A venture that started between three sisters has turned into a quaint little country shop. Browse the many great finds including Wild Comfort's Goats Milk Soap. Open April-Dec. See Facebook for hours.

714624 Middletown Line, Woodstock, ON

519-320-1808

[f](https://www.facebook.com/thewoodenpearl) [i](https://www.instagram.com/thewoodenpearl) @thewoodenpearl





# Plan Your Trip!

## How deep does your love of cheese run?

You can easily spend an hour, a day or a weekend exploring all the **Cheese Trail** offers. It's easy! The trail is divided into hubs to help you identify what highlights are nearby. If you plan on seeing everything on the trail, the suggested route starts at **Mountainoak Cheese** and continues to **Bright Cheese & Butter**, Woodstock, **Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese**, Norwich, Tillsonburg and Ingersoll (or Ingersoll – Tillsonburg – Norwich works, too). By following this route, your next stop is always just 20 minutes away or less. Pick up a driving route map at your first stop.



## Accommodations

### CHATEAU LA MOTTE

#### Local Cheese at Breakfast

Relax with a stay in historic Woodstock. This beautiful guest house was once a nunnery but now hosts guests from all over the world due to its historic charm and elegant style. Just a short drive from several Cheese Trail stops; it's a great place to stay while exploring the trail.

210 Vansittart Ave. Woodstock, ON.

647-783-4440

[chateaulamotte.ca](http://chateaulamotte.ca)



@Chateau\_laMotte



### ELM HURST INN & SPA

#### Oxford Cheese Trail Package

Relax in style with a stay in this luxurious, historic mansion. Get a real taste of the Oxford County Cheese Trail with their Oxford Cheese Trail Package which includes a local cheese board, Ontario wine, local chocolate from Chocolatea and breakfast for two. Open daily.

415 Harris Street, Ingersoll, ON.

519-485-5321

[elmhurstinn.com](http://elmhurstinn.com)



@TheElmHurstInn



@elmhurstinnandspa



ELMHURST  
INN & SPA



### R WEE INN

#### Local Cheese and other local flavours with ordered breakfast

This cozy, Scandinavian-inspired inn is the perfect rural getaway. Located in the heart of quaint and scenic downtown Otterville. R Wee Inn is a great place to stay if you enjoy scenic road cycling, golf or rural charm.

215 Main St. W. Otterville

519-495-8803

[rweeinn.com](http://rweeinn.com)



@rweeinn



Oxford County is conveniently located where two major highways (401 and 403) meet. It's just 90-minute drive from downtown Toronto and two hours from border crossings at Buffalo, Detroit and Sarnia. Once you get off the highway, follow our country roads to new adventures.

#### Other top reasons to visit (besides delicious cheese)

### ANNANDALE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Annandale NHS is nationally designated for its magnificent interior designed in the Aesthetic Art Movement style popularized by Oscar Wilde. Explore the history and the design and feel as though you've stepped back in time. Open Mon-Fri, Sun (Sat July & August only).

30 Tillson Ave. Tillsonburg

519-842-2294

[www.tillsonburg.ca/annandale](http://www.tillsonburg.ca/annandale)



### WALTERS DINNER THEATRE

The Walters Theatre is a premiere venue for live performances in a beautiful country setting. Enjoy a delectable meal and a fantastic show all within a stunning barn theatre. Outstanding shows. Delicious Meal. Historic Barn Theatre. Marvelous! Reservations required. Open June–October. Minutes from Hwy 401 between Kitchener and Woodstock

836074 Hubbard Rd. Bright

519-463-5559

[walterstheatre.com](http://walterstheatre.com)



Find other great culinary stops in Oxford County at:

[www.OxfordFresh.com](http://www.OxfordFresh.com)