

# The Oxford County Cheese Trail

Welcome to Oxford County, Canada's Dairy Capital and home of the Oxford County Cheese Trail! This self-guided trail is made up of 24 curated stops with a unique local cheese or dairy item. Make it a day or a weekend trip to award-winning cheese makers, artisans, restaurants and experiences. Whether you're looking for a day filled with culture, fun or just a whole lot of cheese, it's *wheyting* for you. With so many things happening, you couldn't possibly do it in one day. Pick your stops and explore.

## 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)

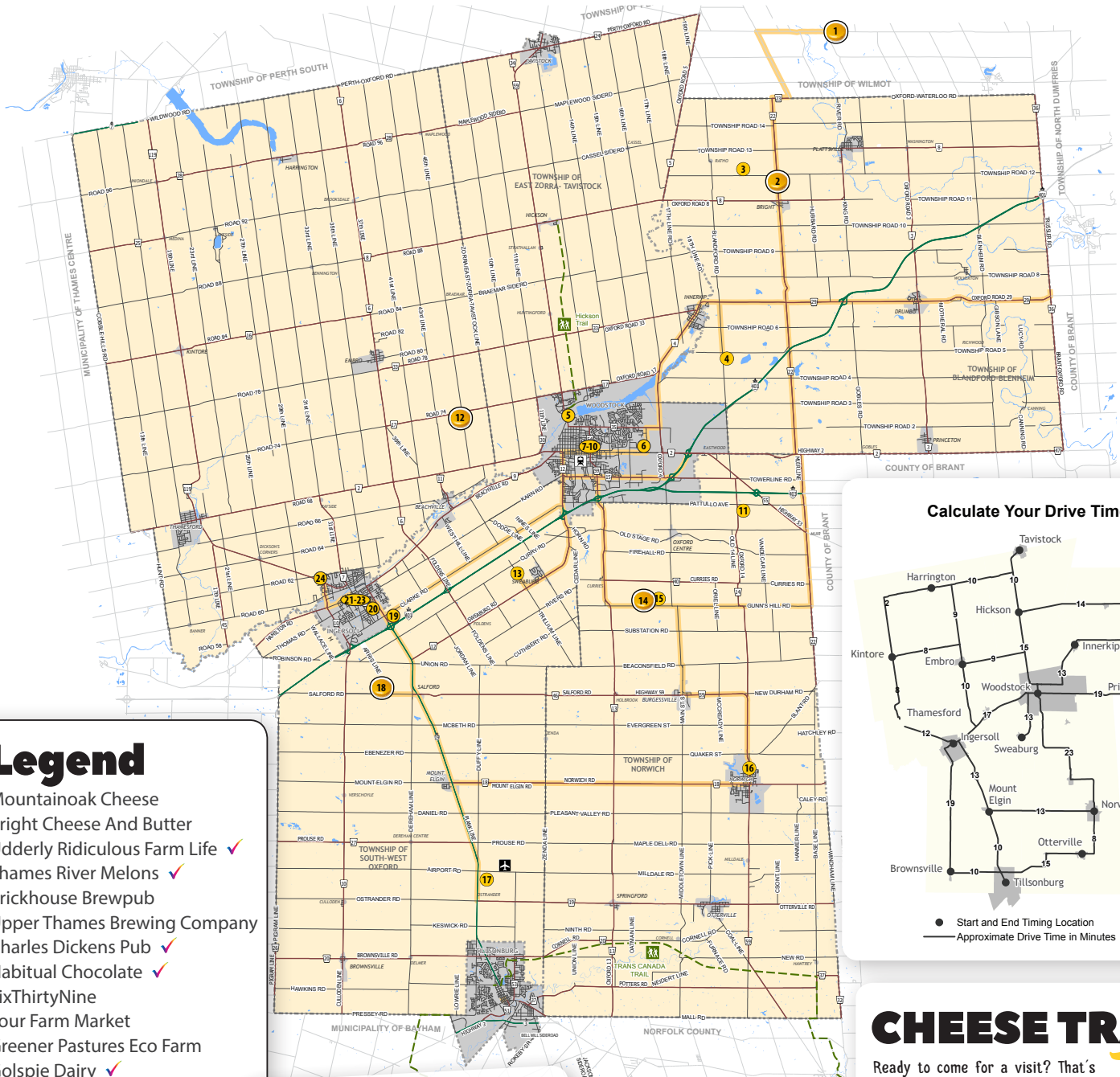


Discover new cheese, exciting flavours and rural experiences

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

# Oxford County Cheese Trail Map

We heard you say you wanted a map and we listened!



## Legend

1. Mountainoak Cheese
2. Bright Cheese And Butter
3. Udderly Ridiculous Farm Life ✓
4. Thames River Melons ✓
5. Brickhouse Brewpub
6. Upper Thames Brewing Company
7. Charles Dickens Pub ✓
8. Habitual Chocolate ✓
9. SixThirtyNine
10. Your Farm Market
11. Greener Pastures Eco Farm
12. Golspie Dairy ✓
13. Jakeman's Maple Farm
14. Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese ✓
15. Wild Comfort Body Care
16. Norwich Museum ✓
17. Coyle's Country Store
18. Red Dragon Dairy
19. The Elmhurst Inn
20. The Ingersoll Cheese Museum ✓
21. The Wine Cellar and Cheese Shop ✓
22. The Olde Bakery Café
23. Patina's Gifts of Art and Crafts
24. Louie's Pizza and Pasta



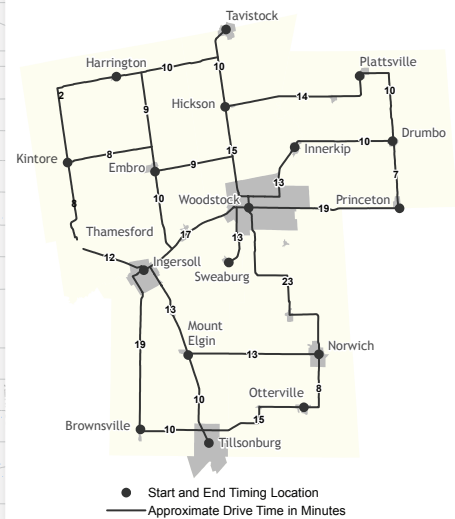
**LOOKING FOR A  
GENDER-NEUTRAL  
WASHROOM?**

All the businesses with the checkmark ✓  
have them available on-site.

## Plan Your Trip!

You can easily spend an hour, a day or a weekend exploring the Cheese Trail. The trail is divided by hub (Ingersoll, Woodstock and rural) so you can easily identify what stops are nearby. You can't do it all in one day but by starting at Mountainoak and working your way Southwest, your next stop is never more than 20 minutes away.

## Calculate Your Drive Time



## CHEESE TRAIL

Ready to come for a visit? That's awesome! Here are some tips to make your trip as smooth as a creamy brie.

*Tips*

1. Pack a cooler to bring that delicious cheese home!
2. Experience the trail by signing up for a one-of-a-kind experience. See back for details.
3. Use our Google Map Routes. We like to think we know our way around. [OxfordCountyCheeseTrail.ca](http://OxfordCountyCheeseTrail.ca)
4. Wednesday-Saturday are the best days to explore the trail when most stops are open.



# 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 145 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**

## GUNN'S HILL ARTISAN CHEESE

*Tastings, Pre-Booked Tours & Shop*  
(Check website for availability)



Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese specializes in crafting cheeses using top-quality milk from the family's farm. Owners Shep Ysselstein and Colleen Bator have been operating the plant for 11 years and are proud to share their award-winning cheeses. The artisan cheeses produced here are unique although you can taste the Swiss influence from techniques and recipes Shep learned while

making cheese in the Alps. Along with others, these include 5 Brothers, Oxford's Harvest, Tipsy, Handeck, Brigid's Brie and fresh cheddar curds available each Friday at 12 pm. Open Mon-Sat, 9 am – 5 pm.

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

**519-424-4024**

**gunnshillcheese.ca**

*Be sure to check out their Affinage 101 Experience (availability will be posted on website)!*

## 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 and on-farm cheese plant. They continued to focus on the art they 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 over 18 varieties of Gouda including Black Truffle and Wild Nettle as

well as their award-winning Farmstead Premium GOLD and Smoked varieties. Fresh curds and quark weekly. For tours, please call ahead. Open Mon-Sat.

**3165 Huron Rd. New Hamburg, ON**

**519-662-4967**

**mountainoakcheese.ca**

## RED DRAGON DAIRY

*Tastings & Shop*



Red Dragon Dairy, produces delicious sheep milk cheese and dairy products. Operated by Ellis, Sion and Hazel Morris, they specialize in fine cheeses and yogurts including pecorino, manchego, gruyere, feta and more. Visit their farm store to stock up on fresh curds, soft ice cream, delicious cheese, baked goods and a great selection of both local groceries and a few select ones from the U.K. Worth the drive to experience the Taste of Wales.

**383747 Salford Rd. Salford, ON**

**519-425-0797**

**reddragon dairy.ca**

## GOLSPIE DAIRY

*Opening summer 2022*



Oxford's newest cheesemaker is all about variety! Newly opened by cheesemaker Marja DeBoer- Marshall and her husband Laurence, Golspie Dairy specializes in British-style cheeses and fresh dairy products, all made with milk from their family's dairy cows on a fifth-generation farm. Golspie Dairy will have a milk machine where visitors can fill up their own bottles with white or chocolate milk and a cheese vending machine, making

their products accessible outside of store hours. Stay tuned, as they will be opening during the summer of 2022!

**455259 45th Line RR#3, Woodstock, ON, N4S 7V7**

**226-888-4819**

**golspiedairy.ca**



**8 Cheese Companies & 70+ VARIETIES**

of Cheese & Dairy Products are made in Oxford

Oxford is home to several cheese companies including Local Dairy Products which specializes in crafting delicious Indian and Mexican-inspired cheeses like paneer and Oaxaca. Springbank Cheese Company, Agropur, Saputo and Shaw's Ice Cream also call Oxford home.

# Woodstock

## CHARLES DICKENS PUB

### *Rotating Cheese Trail Menu*



With a fusion of delicious Canadian and British cuisine on the menu, Charles Dickens Pub uses three different cheesemakers. Check out their rotating menu of cheese trail offers including everything from their curry chip poutine and cobb salad to their delicious baked brie and so much more! Open daily.

**505 Dundas St., Woodstock, ON.**  
**519-421-2218**

## UPPER THAMES BREWING COMPANY

### *Prosciutto & Brigid's Brie Pizza with Arugula, Fruit Preserve, Balsamic Reduction*



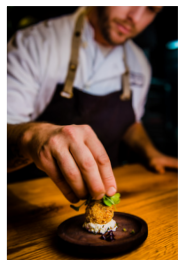
Tap into delicious craft beer at Oxford County's first craft brewery, Upper Thames Brewing, offering a wide selection of beers, hard seltzers and craft sodas on tap and to-go. Savour an artisanal pizza featuring cheese from Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese. Be

sure to also check out their second location, Brickhouse Brewpub, for a full menu of delicious pub fare.

**9-225 Bysham Park Dr., Woodstock, ON**  
**519-290-0053**  
**upperthamesbrewing.ca**

## SIXTHIRTYNINE

### *Oxford County Cheese Arancinis*



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 Thurs-Sat.

**639 Peel St., Woodstock, ON**  
**519-536-9602**  
**sixthirtynine.com**

*Be sure to check out their Chef's Table Experience!*

## HABITUAL CHOCOLATE

### *Local Milk Hot Chocolate & Ice Cream (Seasonal)*



Chocolate tasting is a lot like wine tasting! Each bean has a different flavour profile for endless possibilities. Pop in for a look at how chocolatier Philippe Lehner creates from bean to bar all in house. During the summer months, enjoy his handcrafted ice cream using local milk and cream and in the winter warm up with a deliciously sinful hot chocolate. Open Tues-Sat.

**389 Dundas St. Woodstock, ON**  
**519-535-1341**  
**habitualchocolate.com**

## BRICKHOUSE BREWPUB

### *Braised Beef Poutine with Gunn's Hill Cheese Curds and Beer Braised Onions*



Brickhouse Brewpub is Oxford's first brewpub and offers 26 taps of craft beer featuring Woodstock's own Upper Thames Brewing, plus a rotating selection of craft breweries from across Ontario. Try their delicious Braised Beef Poutine, made

with pulled Timberbeast Ale braised beef, Gunn's Hill cheese curds, beer braised onions, peas and gravy, then grab some beer to take home from their bottle shop.

**190 Fairway Rd. Woodstock, ON.**  
**519-290-5347**  
**upperthamesbrewing.ca/brickhouse-brewpub**

## YOUR FARM MARKET

### *Staff Pick Cheese Sampler Pack*



YFM is your one-stop shop for fruit, veggies, coffee, baked goods and so much more all sourced from nearby farms and food producers. Cheese lovers will rejoice at the deli counter where you'll find products from local, award-winning cheesemakers along

the trail. Add in charcuterie meats or a ready-to-eat meal!

**39 Young St. Woodstock, ON.**  
**519-320-0023**  
**yourfarmmarket.ca**



# Ingersoll

## THE OLDE BAKERY CAFE

*Mexican Cajetta 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 decadent desserts and locally roasted fair trade coffee. Open Monday-Saturday.

**120 Thames St. S., Ingersoll, ON**  
**519-485-5757**  
**theoldebakerycafe.com**

## INGERSOLL CHEESE AND AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

*Tasting, Tours, Cheese Maker and "Oxford Gothic" photo ops, cheesy playground*



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/seasonally.

**290 Harris St., Ingersoll, ON**  
**519-485-5510**  
**ingersoll.ca/cheesemuseum**

## PATINA'S GIFTS OF ART & CRAFT

*Brie Bakers, cheese platters, gourmet cheese ball mixes & condiments*



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. Open Tues.-Sat.

**112 Thames St. S., Ingersoll, ON**  
**519-485-6466**  
**www.patinas.ca**

## THE WINE CELLAR & CHEESE SHOP

*Cheeses made by Ingersoll's Local Dairy Products*



What started as a small town shop to make your own wine has grown to host a vast selection of delicious artisanal cheeses. Shop everything from local to international and of course, a fantastic selection of Ontario cheeses. If you're looking to up your Cheese Trail experience by adding a few other Ontario cheeses to your board, this is your spot! Open Tues-Sat.

**188 Thames St. S. Ingersoll, ON**  
**519-854-5760**  
**winecellaringersoll.com**

## 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 Boulangerie Rustique and breakfast for two. Open daily.

**415 Harris Street, Ingersoll, ON.**  
**1-800-561-5321**  
**elmhurstinn.com**

## 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. To create their Cheese Trail offer, Louie's bathes Gunn's Hill cheese curds in Upper Thames beer- yum! Ask about their other cheesy menu items

like their smoked sensation mac n' cheese. Open daily.

**440 Bell St., Ingersoll, ON**  
**519-485-4441**  
**louiespizzapasta.com**

## OTTERCREEK WOODWORKS INC.

### Tree to Table Experience



Step into the woodshop with woodworker David Schonberger to craft your own artisan charcuterie board in this award-winning experience. You'll enjoy a guided walk in a Carolinian forest, dive into the

board-making process, enjoy a spread of local charcuterie and finish with a beautiful piece to serve all that Oxford cheese on. Discover a woodland ecosystem, connect with the roots of the forest and take in the local terroir. You can also pick up an Ottercreek Woodworks board online or at Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese.

**Tillsonburg, ON**

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

Be sure to check out their Tree to Table Experience!

## THAMES RIVER MELONS

### Onion Roasted Garlic Scape Jelly



Thames River Melons began in 1984 with just one acre of cantaloupe. Today the farm covers over 500 acres and is home to everything from strawberries and blueberries to squash, tomatoes and much more. Check out their on-farm market, pick-your-own fruit and veggie patches, and delicious preserves perfect

for rounding out any cheese board including an array of mustards, pickles, jams, honey, and jellies! They also recently installed a Farm Kitchen where they craft baked goods and host small events and experiences. Open daily May-Halloween. Rest of year by appointment.

**775530 Blandford Road, Innerkip, ON.**

**519-469-3636 [thamesrivermelons.com](http://thamesrivermelons.com)**

Be sure to check out their Harvest Brunch Experience!

## Want more **LEGENDAIRY INSPIRATION?**

Sign up for our Trail Tips newsletter at  
**[OxfordCountyCheeseTrail.ca](http://OxfordCountyCheeseTrail.ca)**



*Oxford County is conveniently located where two major highways (401 and 403) meet. It's just a 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.*

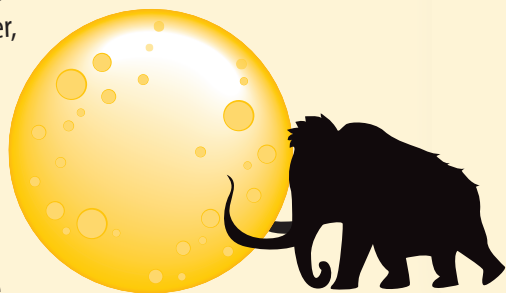
## How to Have a Green Trip

1. Bring a travel mug, water bottle, canvas tote and a cooler.
2. Come with friends and carpool!
3. Check out options for public transportation and cycling routes online at **[TourismOxford.ca](http://TourismOxford.ca)**

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## In Queso you didn't know...

Ingersoll is home of the mammoth cheese! In 1866, former owner of The Elm Hurst Inn and legendary cheese maker, James Harris worked with 2 other local cheese makers to create a 7300lb wheel of cheese which then went on to the New York State Fair before being shipped to England to promote Oxford County Cheese.



**Tourism Oxford**  
*Our rural roots are showing*

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# Rural Oxford

## UDDERLY RIDICULOUS FARM LIFE

*Gourmet Goat's Milk Ice Cream, Variety of Goat Milk Cheeses*



Discover what farm life is all about at Udderly Ridiculous. Picnic with alpacas, have recess with a goat or shop gourmet goat milk ice cream, cheese and Ontario-made products at the farm store.

Udderly Ridiculous is home to an

amazing suite of experiences you don't want to miss out on!

**906200 Township Rd 12, Bright, ON**

**548-225-1005 [udderlyridiculousfarmlife.com](http://udderlyridiculousfarmlife.com)**

*Be sure to check out their suite of experiences!*

## GREENER PASTURES ECO FARM & BLUE COW DELIVERY

*Pepperettes*



Specializing in Heritage Pasture Raised meats. 100% Grass Fed Beef, Lamb & Rabbit as well as Heritage Pastured Pork and Poultry. A visit to Greener Pastures will change the way you relate to your food as you learn about the

connection between animals and the land. Book an Eco-Farm Tour or All-inclusive On-Farm Picnic. Try the pork fed with whey from Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese. Also home to Blue Cow Delivery, a modern take on an old-school delivery service. You can pick up the tasty glass bottle goodness right in the On-Farm Shoppe. Join in on our quest to seek greener pastures!

**774766 Oxford Rd. 14, Woodstock, ON.**

**226-377-1011**

**[greenerpasturesecofarm.ca](http://greenerpasturesecofarm.ca)**

## WILD COMFORT BODY CARE

*Local Goat's Milk Soap, Bath and Lotion*



What started with a single bar of soap has grown into an entire natural skin care line using fresh and real ingredients. Wild Comfort Body Care specializes in high quality products that smell fantastic. Lather up with their specialty soap using local goat's milk—we promise you've never had skin this soft! Thurs.-Sat. year round, Wednesday seasonal. See website for updates.

**445300 Gunn's Hill Road, Woodstock, ON**

**519-532-3724 [wildcomfort.ca](http://wildcomfort.ca)**

*Be sure to check out their Soap & Solace Experience!*

## JAKEMAN'S MAPLE FARM

*Syrup, Pancake Mix & Recipe Card for Cheese Pancakes*



For over 140 years, Jakeman's has been perfecting Ontario maple syrup craftsmanship. Five generations of maple producers exploring new flavours and techniques has made their products famous far and wide. Jakeman's Maple Products range from granulated maple sugar, maple spread and maple syrup (all taste great with local cheese and fruit)! Guaranteed to please any maple lover. Open Mon.-Sat. year-round.

**454414 Trillium Line, Sweaburg, ON**

**519-539-1366 [jakemansmaplesyrup.com](http://jakemansmaplesyrup.com)**

## NORWICH & DISTRICT MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

*Churn Back Time Experience*



Discover the rich history of Norwich Township and top off your visit by learning about butter churning (must call to book in advance). A great place to explore the extensive agriculture and industry of the area. July-Aug. Tues-Sat; Rest of year Tues-Thurs + Sat.

**89 Stover St. N., Norwich, ON**

**519-863-3101**

**[norwichdhs.ca](http://norwichdhs.ca) • [norwichdhs@execulink.com](mailto:norwichdhs@execulink.com)**

*Be sure to check out their Churn Back Time Experience!*

## COYLE'S COUNTRY STORE

*"Cheese Trail" Trail Mix*



Discover a unique store in a lovely country setting for fresh roasted nuts, fresh fudge, 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](http://coylescountrystore.com)**

## Take a hike!

Find a hike along your route! Chesney Woods, Lawson Nature Tract, Burgess Trail, Thomas Ingersoll Trail and Trillium Woods are all lovely hikes along the trail. Scan the QR code for more info.

