

# The Oxford County Cheese Trail

Welcome to the Dairy Capital of Canada producing one billion glasses of milk every year! So what the heck is a cheese trail? It is a group of cheesemakers, attractions, restaurants and retailers with fun activities, unique flavours and offers you can purchase – all related to dairy. From factory tours, unique experiences, artisan goods and delicious food, perfect for simple or splurge-worthy fun. We suggest five stops in a day and travelling by hub. Blandford-Blenheim, Woodstock, Gunn's Hill, Tillsonburg, and Ingersoll, hubs have stops within 5-15 minutes of each other, most open Wed-Sat. To help with trip planning listings are in order driving from East to West, or use our Google Maps. Pick your stops and explore. Culture, fun and a whole lot of cheese are wheyting for you.

## Questions?

Have a question or need help planning your trail adventure?

We would love to help. Contact us!

1-866-801-7368 x3355

E: [tourism@oxfordcounty.ca](mailto:tourism@oxfordcounty.ca)

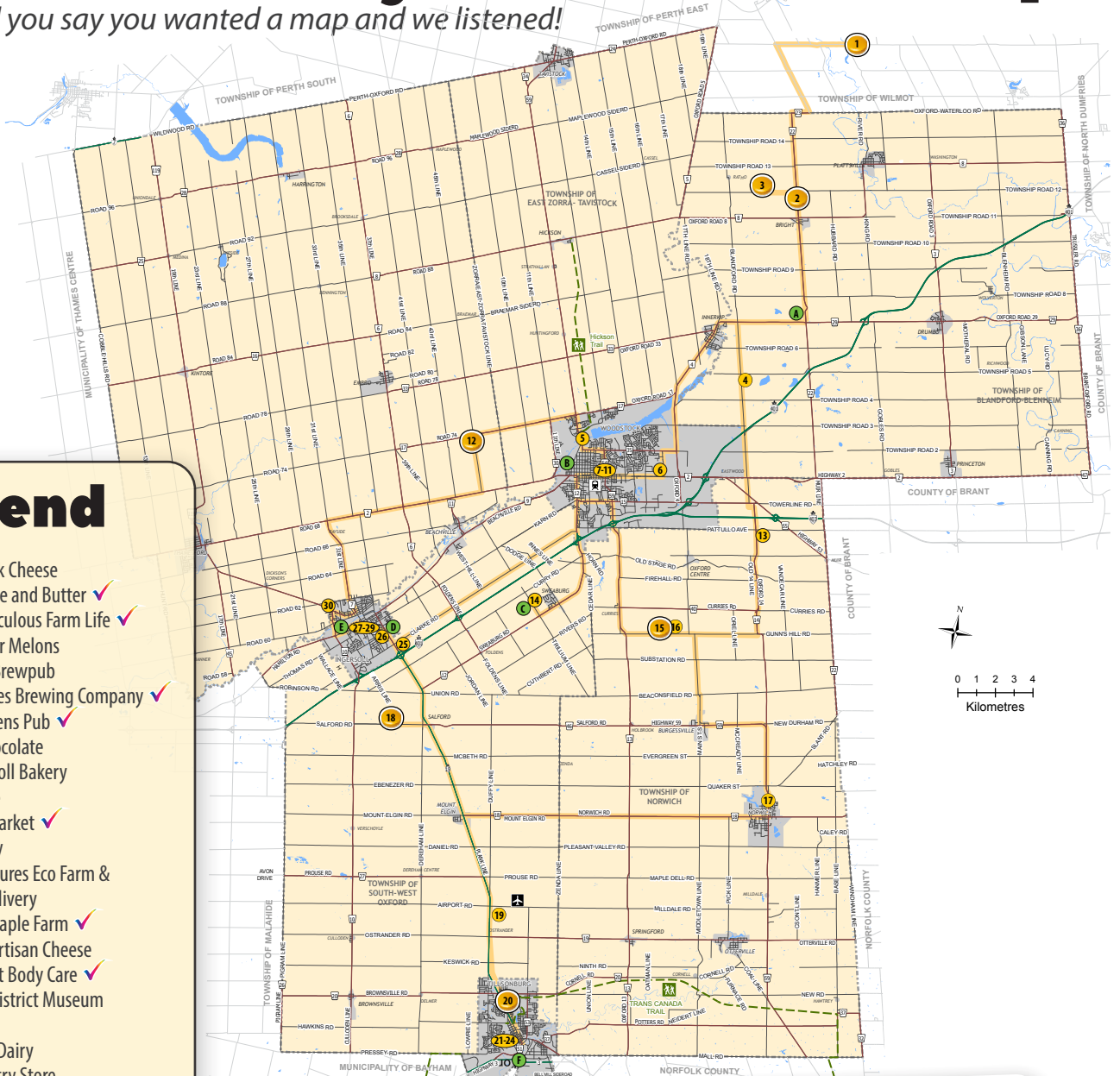


More cheese, unique experiences  
& small town charm

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

# Oxford County Cheese Trail Map

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

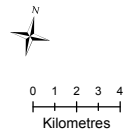


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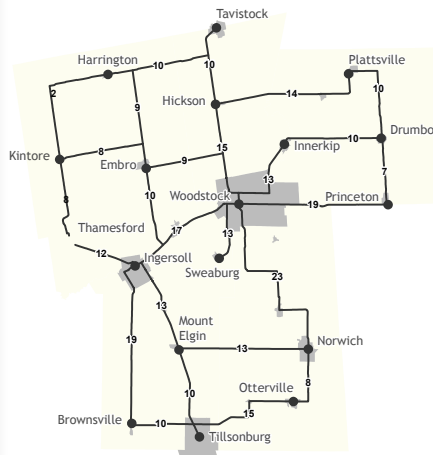
1. Mountainoak Cheese
2. Bright Cheese and Butter ✓
3. Udderly Ridiculous Farm Life ✓
4. Thames River Melons
5. Brickhouse Brewpub
6. Upper Thames Brewing Company ✓
7. Charles Dickens Pub ✓
8. Habitual Chocolate
9. Whisk and Roll Bakery
10. sixthirtynine
11. Your Farm Market ✓
12. Golspie Dairy
13. Greener Pastures Eco Farm & Blue Cow Delivery
14. Jakeman's Maple Farm ✓
15. Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese
16. Wild Comfort Body Care ✓
17. Norwich & District Museum & Archives
18. Red Dragon Dairy
19. Coyle's Country Store
20. Dad's Ice Cream
21. Tillsonburg Station Arts Centre ✓
22. Two Girls and a Cheese Shop ✓
23. Betty's Marketplace
24. The Mill Eatery
25. Elm Hurst Inn & Spa
26. Ingersoll Cheese and Agricultural Museum ✓
27. The Wine Cellar & Cheese Shop ✓
28. The Olde Bakery Café
29. Patina's Gifts of Art & Craft
30. Louie's Pizza and Pasta

### Trails

- A. Chesney Wilderness Area
- B. Burgess Park
- C. Trillium Woods
- D. John Lawson Trail
- E. Thomas Ingersoll Scenic Trail
- F. Trans Canada/The Great Trail



### Calculate Your Drive Time



● Start and End Timing Location  
 — Approximate Drive Time in Minutes



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

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

## SUNDAY on the CHEESE TRAIL

Thu-Sat are the best days to #TrytheTrail. Visiting on a Sunday? While most cheesemakers are closed on Sundays, there are other things to enjoy on the trail. Scan the QR Code for more spots, open on Sundays.



# What's Up!

## CURD CALENDAR

- Bright Cheese & Butter | *Mondays*
- Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese | *Fridays*
- Mountainoak Cheese | *Varies*
- Red Dragon Dairy | *Fridays and Mondays*
- Your Farm Market | *Gunn's Hill Curds Every Thursday*

## ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

- Charles Dickens Pub | *Check their FB Page*
- Elm Hurst | *Live Music on the Patio, Summer Thursdays*
- The Mill Underground | *Open Mic Thursdays 7:30pm*
- Upper Thames Brewing Company | *Live Music Friday 4-7PM, Saturday 2-5PM. Trivia or Bingo Wednesdays 7:30-10PM*

## BOOKABLE EXPERIENCES

- Get hands on unique. [Book an experience.](#)
- Chef's Table at sixthirtynine
  - Churn back Time at Norwich Museum
  - Cheese Tours at Gunn's Hill Artisan & Mountainoak
  - Harvest Brunch at Thames River Melons
  - Soap & Solace or Soap Felting at Wild Comfort
  - Tree to Table at Ottercreek Woodworks Inc.
  - Farm Life Experiences Udderly Ridiculous

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



Oxford can entertain you with Pancake breakfasts, races, harvest celebrations, car shows, theatre and wacky festivals with wienerdogs, turtles, and cows.

Visit [www.TourismOxford.ca/events](http://www.TourismOxford.ca/events) to explore.



## 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.



## THE GREAT TASTE OF Ontario

The Great Taste of Ontario (GT00) passport program provides delicious travel itineraries across Ontario – including the Oxford County Cheese Trail! The passport lives online and lists places to visit, what they offer and a map to get there. Using your smartphone, check in at THREE\* passport stops to receive a \$25 Feast On® Voucher (can be used at participating Feast On® locations including Oxford's Sixthirtynine and Udderly Ridiculous).

Download the Oxford County Cheese Trail Passport by scanning the QR Code.

\*See website for current program parameters.



Travelling with the whole family? Kids love felting their own soap, getting the scoop on local ice cream, filling up a bottle of chocolate milk at a milk vending machine, and burning off energy on the trails. Read on for how to make friends with goats, count cows, feed chickens and much more, as a family, in Oxford County. Scan the QR Code.



## BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

### MOUNTAINOAK CHEESE

*Tastings, Pre-Booked Tours & Shop*



The van Bergeijk Family moved to Canada in 1996, bringing their experience of Gouda making. Today they enjoy a state-of-the-art facility (book a tour) using milk from their own herd, making award-winning cheeses. Enjoy 21 varieties of Gouda including Black Truffle, Wild Nettle, Farmstead GOLD, smoked varieties, fresh curds and quark. Open Mon-Sat.

3165 Huron Rd. New Hamburg, ON  
**519-662-4967**  
[mountainoakcheese.ca](http://mountainoakcheese.ca)

### BRIGHT CHEESE AND BUTTER

*Samples & Shop*



Bright Cheese and Butter was created by local farmers in 1874 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, curds and more. Open Mon-Sat.

816503 County Rd 22. Bright ON  
**519-454-8600**  
[brightcheeseandbutter.com](http://brightcheeseandbutter.com)

### UDDERLY RIDICULOUS FARM LIFE

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



A goat farm, ice-cream company and udderly ridiculous farm with award-winning experiences to discover farm life! Picnic with or walk alpacas. Enjoy yoga and playtime with goats. Purchase their gourmet ice-cream (red wine & chocolate sound good?) and Ontario goat milk cheeses. Shop the farm store for 150+ gourmet Ontario-made products. Wed-Sun (May-Sep) Fri-Sun (Oct-Apr)

906200 Township Rd 12, Bright, ON  
**548-225-1005**  
[udderlyridiculousfarmlife.com](http://udderlyridiculousfarmlife.com)

## THAMES RIVER MELONS

*Onion Roasted Garlic Scape Jelly*



A u-pick farm, market, bakery, preserve company, and food truck all at one stop. Book the Harvest Brunch Experience to harvest, prepare and feast with farm views. Shop the store's preserves, bakery, fresh produce or pick your own. Open daily May-Oct. Rest of year by apt. 775530 Blandford Road, Innerkip, ON  
**519-469-3636**  
[thamesrivermelons.com](http://thamesrivermelons.com)



## WOODSTOCK

### BRICKHOUSE BREWPUB

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



Find 25 taps of craft beer featuring Upper Thames Brewing, plus a rotating selection of craft breweries. Try their delicious Braised Beef Poutine then grab some beer to take home from their bottle shop. Dine and enjoy brews inside or in the summer on their large shaded patio.

190 Fairway Rd. Woodstock, ON  
**519-290-5347**

[upperthamesbrewing.ca/brickhouse-brewpub](http://upperthamesbrewing.ca/brickhouse-brewpub)

### 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, offering a wide selection of beers, hard seltzers and craft sodas on tap and to-go. Savour an artisanal pizza featuring beer-infused dough topped with Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese.

9-225 Bysham Park Drive Woodstock, ON  
**519-290-0053**  
[upperthamesbrewing.ca](http://upperthamesbrewing.ca)



# WOODSTOCK

## CHARLES DICKENS PUB

*Rotating Cheese Trail Menu*



Enjoy a fusion of Canadian and British cuisine at Charles Dickens Pub, whose menu features three different cheesemakers. Check out their rotating menu of cheese trail offers including curry chip poutine, cobb salad, their delicious baked brie and so much more! Open daily.

505 Dundas St. Woodstock ON  
**519-421-2218**  
[charlesdickenspub.com](http://charlesdickenspub.com)

## HABITUAL CHOCOLATE

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



Chocolatier Angela Neddo crafts chocolate from scratch with minimal ingredients celebrating the flavour profile of the beans used. Explore the flavours with a chocolate tasting. In the summer enjoy handcrafted ice cream and in the winter cozy up with house-made hot chocolate. Open Tues-Sat.

389 Dundas St. Woodstock, ON  
**519-535-1341**  
[habitualchocolate.com](http://habitualchocolate.com)

## WHISK AND ROLL BAKERY

*Cheddar Dill Pickle Biscuits*



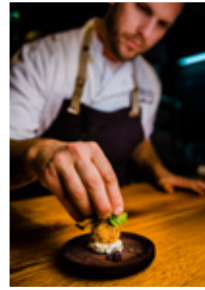
Step back in time with Cheryl and taste recipes like Grandma's, with a modern twist. Enjoy a taste of vintage baked goods made from scratch, fresh baked bread and delicious take out deli sandwiches and homemade soups. Try a cheddar dill pickle biscuit - a Woodstock favourite.

600 Dundas St. Woodstock ON  
**519-602-3485**  
[whiskandrollbakery.ca](http://whiskandrollbakery.ca)



## SIXTHIRTYNINE

*Oxford County Cheese Arancinis*



Explore a seasonal menu featuring the freshest local ingredients that make SixThirtyNine one of Oxford's tastiest places to dine. Book the Chef's Table for a memorable evening watching the kitchen in action, as you dine. A FeastON certified restaurant. Open Thur-Sun.

639 Peel St., Woodstock, ON  
**519-536-9602**  
[sixthirtynine.com](http://sixthirtynine.com)

## YOUR FARM MARKET

*Oxford Cheeses & Charcuterie*

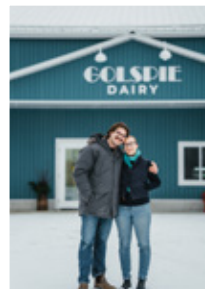


Your one-stop shop for fruit, veggies, deli and so much more; all sourced from nearby farms and food producers. Visit the deli counter to sample local cheeses that are available in the coolers. Plus pick up crackers, condiments and charcuterie supplies to picnic or to feast at home. Open daily.

39 Young St., Woodstock, ON  
**519-320-0023**  
[yourfarmmarket.ca](http://yourfarmmarket.ca)

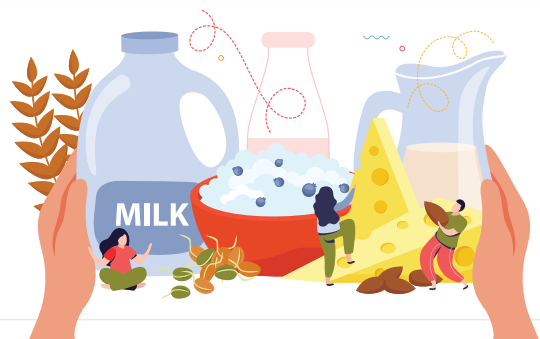
## GOLSPIE DAIRY

*Whole Milk, Crowdie & British Cheeses*



Golspie Dairy is located on a 5th generation dairy farm operated by Laurence (the farmer) and Marja (the Cheesemaker). The dairy, opened in 2022, offers whole milk (white or chocolate) and British style cheeses including Crowdie, a fresh cow's cheese. Visit the retail shop or use the milk and cheese vending machines (empty bottles available). Open Thur-Sat. Self-serve daily.

455259 45th Line RR#3, Woodstock, ON  
**226-888-4819**  
[golspiedairy.ca](http://golspiedairy.ca)



## GUNN'S HILL

### GREENER PASTURES ECO FARM & BLUE COW DELIVERY

*Charcuterie Meats, Farm Tours, Picnics*



Learn about ecological farming of pasture-raised animals on a farm tour or picnic (book online). Visit the shop for pasture raised beef, whey fed pork, lamb and rabbit along with local grains, syrups, produce and dairy products (this is our local "milk delivery man"). Open Wed-Sat.

774766 Oxford Rd. 14, Woodstock, ON.

**226-377-1011**

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

### JAKEMAN'S MAPLE FARM

*Maple Sugar Brie Topper*



For over 140 years, Jakeman's has been perfecting Ontario maple syrup craftsmanship. Jakeman's Maple Products include maple syrup, sugar, spread, popcorn, cookies and much more. Visit their adorable heritage property for a sweet treat and a brief forest hike. Open Mon-Sat.

454414 Trillium Line. Sweaburg ON

**519-539-1366**

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

### GUNN'S HILL ARTISAN CHEESE

*Tastings, Pre-booked Tours, Cows in Pasture*



Shep Ysselstein and Colleen Bator have been making cheese using milk from the family farm for 11 years. Discover the alpine influence of Shep's Swiss training tasting their award-winning cheeses like Five Brothers, Handeck, Oxford Harvest and Brigid's Brie. Enjoy fresh curds each Friday. Sample cheese, book a tour, and meet the cows (May-Sept.). Open Mon-Sat.

445172 Gunn's Hill Rd. Woodstock ON

**519-424-4024**

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



## FUN FACT!

In queso you didn't know... Ingersoll is home of the mammoth cheese! In 1866, former owner of The Elm Hurst Inn and legendary cheesemaker, James Harris, worked with two other local cheesemakers 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.

### 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 skincare line. Lather up with their specialty soap using local goat's milk—we promise you've never had skin this soft! Book online the Soap & Solace or Soap Felting Experience. Open Wed-Fri. Sat at Woodstock Market.

445300 Gunn's Hill Road, Woodstock, ON

**519-532-3724**

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

### NORWICH & DISTRICT MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

*Churn Back Time Experience*



Discover rich history including Quaker settlement, dairy farming and the female role in Upper Canada's first cheese co-operative. Top off your visit learning to churn butter then taste it on fresh bread with local jam (book in advance). Open Jul-Aug (Tue-Sat), Sep-Jun (Tue-Thu,Sat).

89 Stover St. N., Norwich, ON

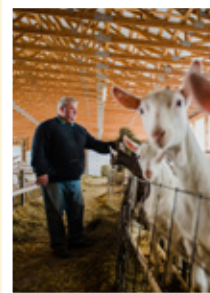
**519-863-3101**

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

## TILLSONBURG

### RED DRAGON DAIRY

*Tastings & Shop*



Ellis, Sion and Hazel Morris emigrated from Wales to Canada to run a sheep dairy. In 2020 they transitioned to cheese making, specializing in sheep milk cheeses using milk from area farms. Visit their shop to sample their large assortment of sheep milk cheeses, curds, cream cheese and yogurt. Enjoy their Welsh baked goods, familiar British imports and local grocery. Open daily.

383747 Salford Road Salford, ON

**519-425-0797**

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



# TILLSONBURG

## COYLE'S COUNTRY STORE

*"Cheese Trail" Trail Mix*



Discover a unique store in a lovely country setting for freshly roasted nuts, fresh fudge, delicious baking supplies and quality giftware. Shop 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)

## OTTERCREEK WOODWORKS INC.

*From Tree to Table Experience*



Immerse yourself in the natural wonder of trees while exploring a woodland ecosystem, then head into the woodshop to craft your own artisan charcuterie board. Leave this award-winning experience with a charcuterie board you created and a spread of Oxford cheese and charcuterie. Book online.

Tillsonburg, ON

519-983-9199

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

## DAD'S ICE CREAM

*Cinnamon Bun Ice Cream; cinnamon flavoured ice cream with cream cheese frosting and cinnamon bun pieces*



Mclaughlin sisters, Kim, Kelly, and Kristine fell in love with Shaw's ice cream when they started scooping Shaw's at their seasonal shop, Dad's Ice Cream, in their hometown of Tillsonburg. In 2001 the sisters purchased the brand and now, two decades later, Shaw's can be found in scoop shops across Southwestern Ontario. Walk up to the window at Dad's and order a cone, sundae or shake in a variety of

unique and traditional flavours. See why locals love Shaw's made with 100% Canadian Cream. Open 7 days a week from May until September.

2 Vance Dr. Tillsonburg ON

519-842-8254

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



## TILLSONBURG STATION ARTS CENTRE

*Little Pots and Saturday Farmers Market*



Explore Tillsonburg's non-profit hub for artists featuring a gallery, studio space, and artisan shop, all located in two attached, reimagined train stations. Discover train history, art exhibits and shop for little pots to hold snacks, dips and trinkets. Come Saturday for the Farmers Market.

41 Bridge St. W. Tillsonburg ON

519-842-6151

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

## TWO GIRLS AND A CHEESE SHOP

*Ontario-Based Cheeses*



Tracey and Kelly, foodies at heart, dreamt of opening an artisanal cheese and gourmet food shop in Downtown Tillsonburg. They have a reputation for perfect and unusual pairings, wowing customers. Stop in to sample, learn and shop for cheeses and pairings with expert advice. Open Tue-Wed 10am-5pm, Thurs-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 10am-3pm.

20 Brock St. Tillsonburg ON

519-688-2228

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

## BETTY'S MARKETPLACE

*Cheesy Punny Gifts*



An adorable shop featuring over 80 incredible artisans creating gourmet food, body care, fashion, décor, and more. Bettys also runs an online clothing resale shop. Have a GOUDA time exploring the "cheesy punny" gifts artisans have created to show your love of cheese... it is unBRIElievable. Open Tues-Sat.

87 Broadway St. Tillsonburg ON

226-970-3637

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

## THE MILL EATERY

*House-made creamy three-cheese spinach dip using Oxford County cheese*



The Mill Inn + Eatery resides in a restored 1878 grist mill, built by Tillsonburg's founding family. Enjoy a locally inspired menu in their spacious dining room or patio overlooking Otter Creek. For pub vibes, head downstairs to their Underground Pub. Mill open daily. Underground open Thur-Sat 4-11pm.

20 John Pound Rd. Tillsonburg ON

519-842-1878

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

# INGERSOLL

## ELM HURST INN & SPA

*Smoked 5 Brothers Croquettes & Cheese Trail Package*



Dine in the Mansion Restaurant, starting your meal with croquettes featuring Gunn's Hill Cheese. Then stay overnight in this luxurious Ontario's Finest Inn with their Cheese Trail Package featuring a local cheese board, Ontario wine, chocolate and breakfast for two. Open daily.

415 Harris Street, Ingersoll, ON.

**1-800-561-5321**

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

## INGERSOLL CHEESE AND AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

*Tours, Cheese Maker and "Oxford Gothic" photos, Cheesy playground*



Explore Ingersoll's cheesy history as you learn about more than 150 years of cheese making. Seven on-site buildings and exhibits (including a replica 1900's cheese factory) will show you why we're home to the Cheese Trail. Cheese available for sale. Open Mon-Sat.

290 Harris St., Ingersoll, ON

**519-485-5510**

[ingersoll.ca/cheesemuseum](http://ingersoll.ca/cheesemuseum)

## THE WINE CELLAR & CHEESE SHOP

*Ontario Cheeses and Monthly Feature*



What started as a small town shop to make your own wine has grown to host a vast selection of delicious Ontario and international, artisanal cheeses. Browse the cheese counter and their wide assortment of cheese accompaniments. Visit for the monthly feature. Open Tues-Sat.

188 Thames St. S. Ingersoll, ON

**519-425-4999**

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

## **FUN FACT!**

In the 1800s there were **98** Cheese factories in Oxford. See a replica cheese factory at **Ingersoll Cheese Museum.**

## **10** 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 cheese like paneer and Oaxaca. Springbank Cheese Company, Agropur, and Saputo also call Oxford home.*



## THE OLDE BAKERY CAFE

*Mexican Cajetta Latte, Gunn's Hill Breakfast Sandwich and Crowdie Honey Danish*



Your local stop for breakfast and lunch featuring Gunn's Hill All-Day Breakfast Sandwich, soups, salads and decadent desserts. Cajetta, a goat's milk caramel, made by Local Dairy, is awesome in a latte. Golspie Dairy's Crowdie is like a very decadent cream cheese. Open Mon-Sat.

120 Thames St. S., Ingersoll, ON

**519-485-5757**

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

## 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 Jan-Aug Tue-Sat. Extended Fall and Christmas Hours.

112 Thames St. S. Ingersoll ON

**519-485-6466**

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

## LOUIE'S PIZZA AND PASTA

*Deep Fried Cheese Curds with House Marinara*



Home of the Big Ass Panzerotti, Louie's is known for generous servings and a menu full of your favourite comfort foods. To create their Cheese Trail offer, Louie's bathes Gunn's Hill cheese curds in Upper Thames beer. Try other cheesy items like Smoked Sensation Mac n' Cheese.

440 Bell St. Ingersoll, ON

**519-485-4441**

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



Cows numerous as a swarm of bees  
Or as the leaves upon the trees

It did require to make thee please,  
And stand unrivalled Queen of Cheese.  
— James MacIntyre  
Local cheese poet

# Want more **LEGENDAIRY INSPIRATION?**

Sign up for our Trail Tips newsletter at  
**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**



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tourism@oxfordcounty.ca | www.OxfordCountyCheeseTrail.ca

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