

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.

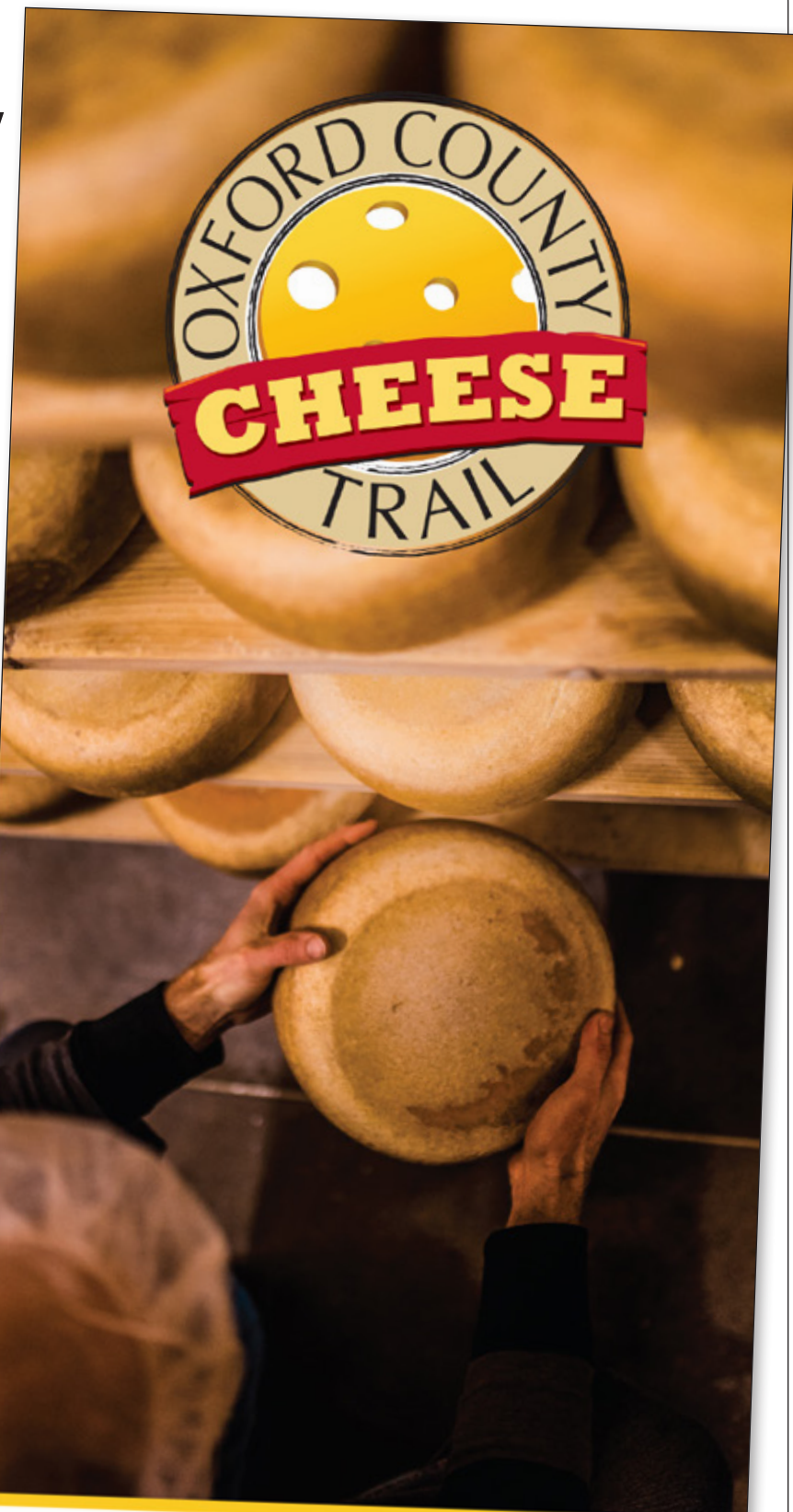
Questions?

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



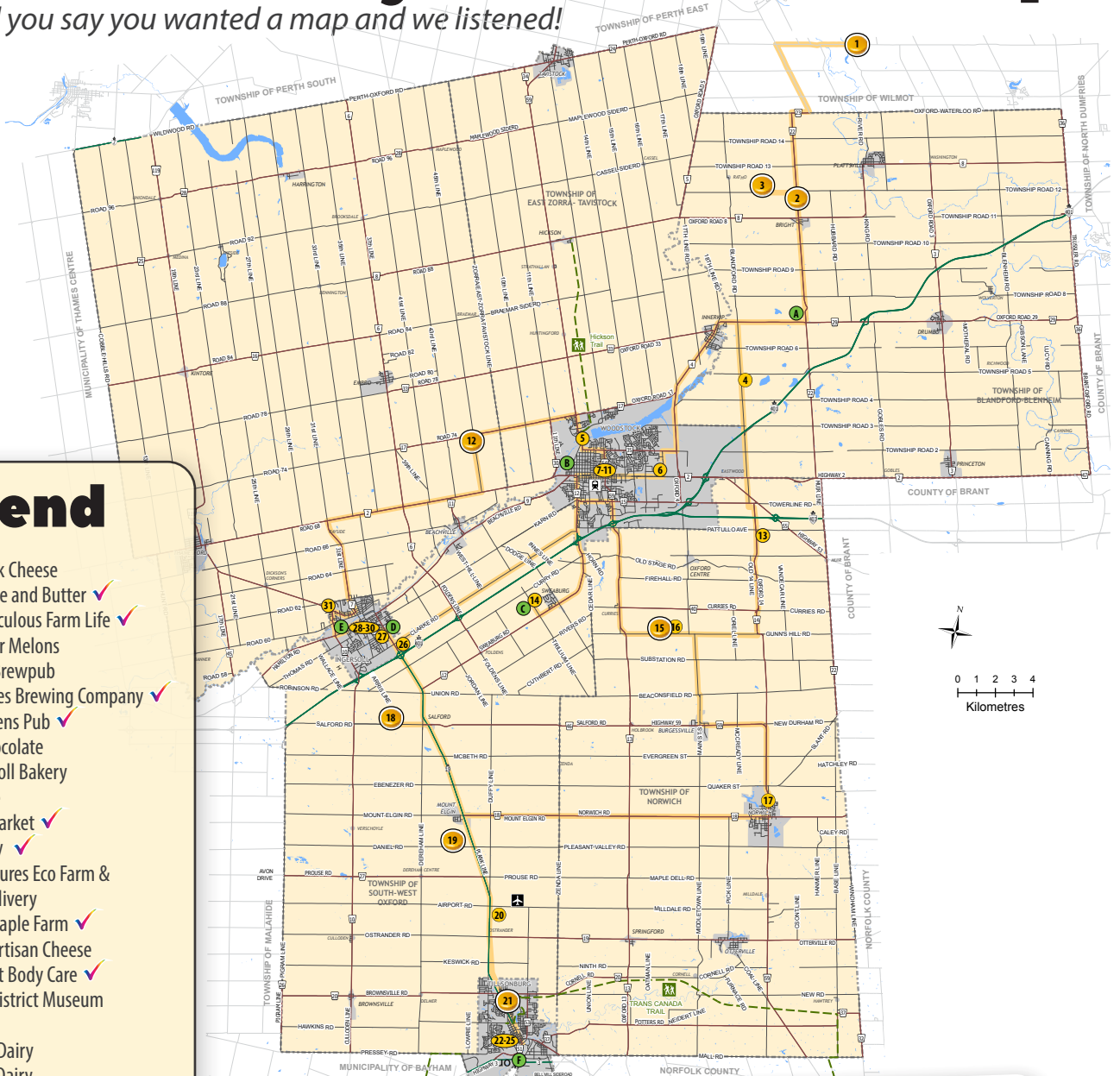
More cheese, unique experiences
& small town charm

www.OxfordCountyCheeseTrail.ca



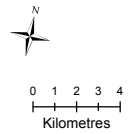
Oxford County Cheese Trail Map

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

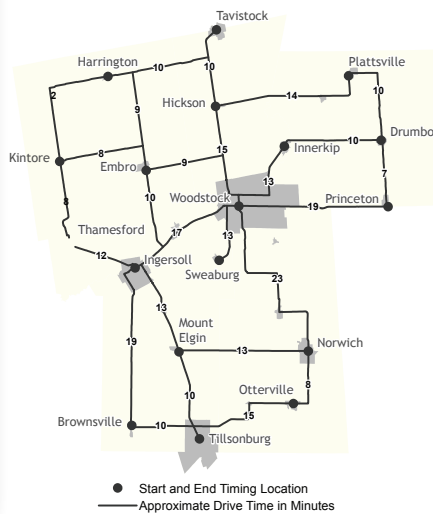


Legend

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. 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. New Galma Dairy
 20. Coyle's Country Store
 21. Dad's Ice Cream
 22. Tillsonburg Station Arts Centre ✓
 23. Two Girls and a Cheese Shop ✓
 24. Betty's Marketplace ✓
 25. The Mill Eatery
 26. Elm Hurst Inn & Spa
 27. Ingersoll Cheese and Agricultural Museum ✓
 28. The Wine Cellar & Cheese Shop ✓
 29. The Olde Bakery Café
 30. Patina's Gifts of Art & Craft
 31. 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



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 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.



77 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.



KIDS LOVE...

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

BRIGHT CHEESE AND BUTTER

Samples & Shop



Bright Cheese and Butter was created by local farmers in 1874 to turn surplus milk into cheddar. Today, 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. Celebrating 150 years in 2024! Open Mon-Sat.

816503 County Rd 22. Bright ON
519-454-8600
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

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



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

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

WOODSTOCK

CHARLES DICKENS PUB

Rotating Cheese Trail Menu



Enjoy a fusion of Canadian and British cuisine at The Charles Dickens Pub, whose menu features local 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

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

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



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

YOUR FARM MARKET

Oxford Cheeses & Charcuterie

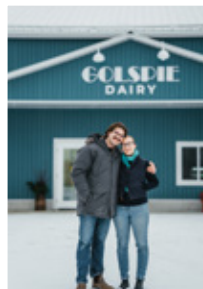


Your one-stop shop for fruit, veggies, deli and so much more; all sourced from nearby farms and food producers. Visit the deli counter to sample local cheeses that are available in the coolers. Plus pick up crackers, condiments and charcuterie supplies to picnic or to feast at home. Open daily.

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

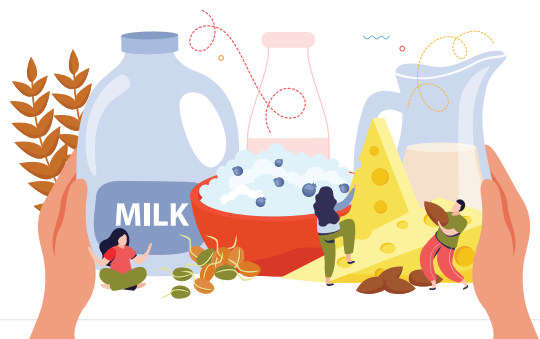
GOLSPIE DAIRY

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



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.

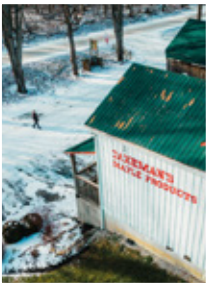
774766 Oxford Rd. 14, Woodstock, ON.

226-377-1011

greenerpasturesecofarm.ca

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 daily.

454414 Trillium Line. Sweaburg ON

519-539-1366

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 12 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



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

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

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.

383723 Salford Road Salford, ON

519-425-0797

reddragondairy.ca

TILLSONBURG

NEW GALMA DAIRY

Pre-Booked Tours, Samples, & Shop



When the Zeldenrijk family immigrated to Canada from the Netherlands, they wanted to keep the century-old tradition of making cheese with milk from the family farm. As both their family and the farm grew, it was finally time to pursue their dream. Visit their farmstead store to sample and purchase varieties of traditional Dutch style cheese made by their family with fresh milk from their herd.

284059 Daniel Road, Mount Elgin ON

519-550-4632

www.newgalmadairy.ca

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

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. Consider booking the lunch option when visiting with a larger group. Book online

Tillsonburg, ON

519-983-9199

ottercreekwoodworks.com



DAD'S ICE CREAM

Cinnamon Bun Ice Cream



McLaughlin sisters, Kim, Kelly, and Kristine fell in love with Shaw's Ice Cream while serving it at their seasonal shop, Dad's Ice Cream. In 2001, they purchased Shaw's and now their products can be found in Ontario scoop shops and national grocers. Visit Dad's for a cone, sundae, or shake in a variety of flavours. See why locals love Shaw's, made with 100% Canadian cream. Open daily, May-Sep.

2 Vance Dr. Tillsonburg ON

519-842-8254

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, reimaged train stations. Discover train history, art exhibits and shop for little pots to hold snacks, dips and trinkets. Come Saturday for the Farmers Market (June-Sept) or sign up for year-round workshops and programs including pottery.

41 Bridge St. W. Tillsonburg ON

519-842-6151

stationarts.ca

TWO GIRLS AND A CHEESE SHOP

Ontario-Based Cheeses



Tracy 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 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

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

TILLSONBURG

THE MILL EATERY

House-made creamy three-cheese spinach dip using Oxford County cheese
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 on Thursdays for open mic night or grab tickets for upcoming shows, at their Underground Pub. Mill open daily.



20 John Pound Rd. Tillsonburg ON
519-842-1878
tillsonburgmill.com



FUN FACT!

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

INGERSOLL

ELM HURST INN & SPA

Cheese Trail Package



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

INGERSOLL CHEESE AND AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

Tours, local cheese, and home of the cheese plavaround.



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

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

THE OLDE BAKERY CAFE

Gunn's Hill Breakfast Sandwich and Crowdie Honey Danish

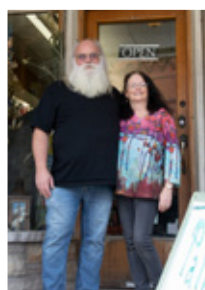


Your local stop for breakfast and lunch featuring Gunn's Hill All-Day Breakfast Sandwich, soups, salads and decadent desserts. Try the Crowdie Honey Danish made with Golspie Dairy's Crowdie, a very decadent cream cheese. Open Mon-Sat.

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

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

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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