

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. Tillsonburg, Ingersoll, Woodstock, Gunn's Hill, and Blandford-Blenheim, 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 West to East, 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

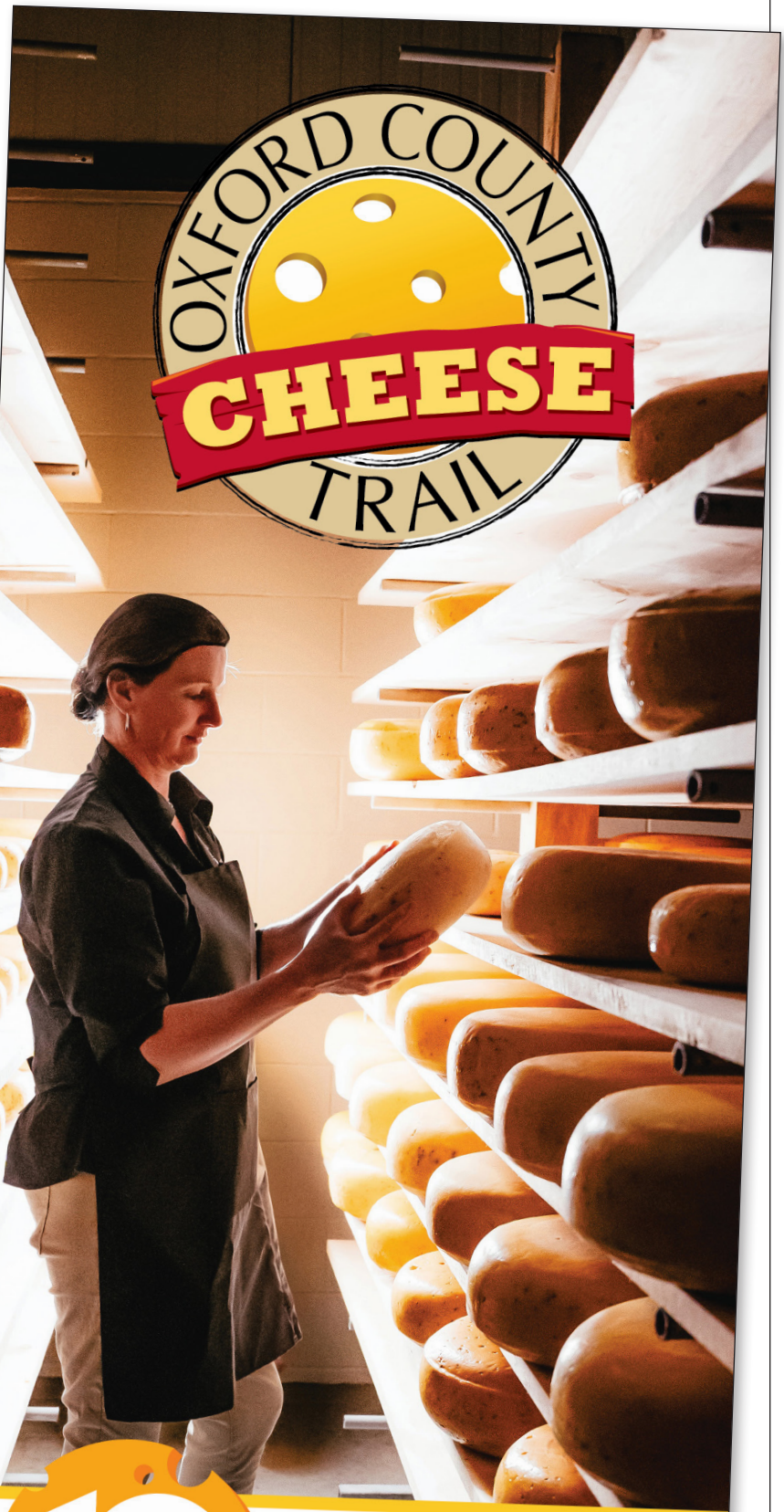
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EVERY SATURDAY IN MAY



Mammoth meals, deals & experiences

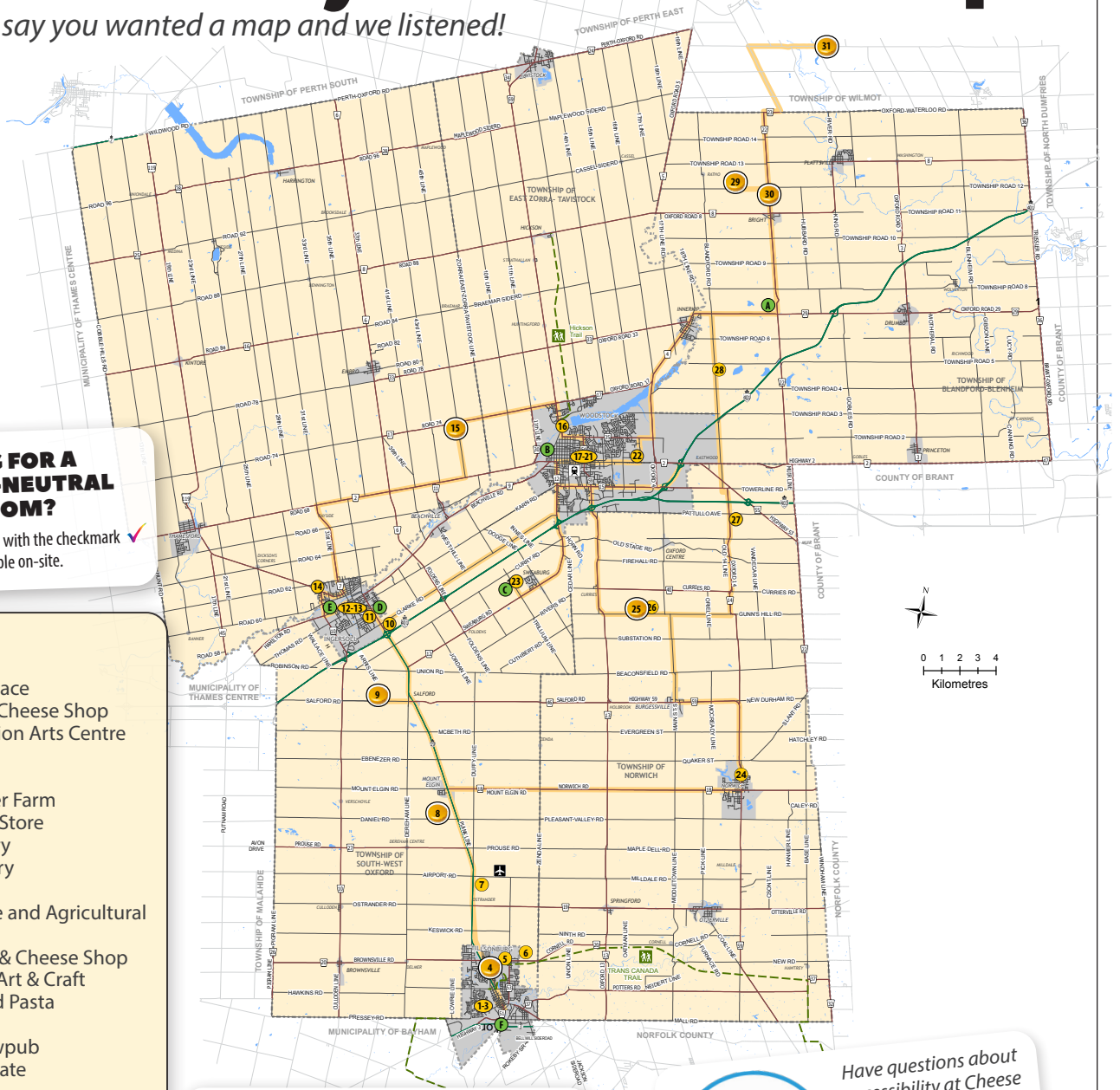


More cheese, unique experiences & small town charm

www.OxfordCountyCheeseTrail.ca

Oxford County Cheese Trail Map

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



LOOKING FOR A GENDER-NEUTRAL WASHROOM?

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

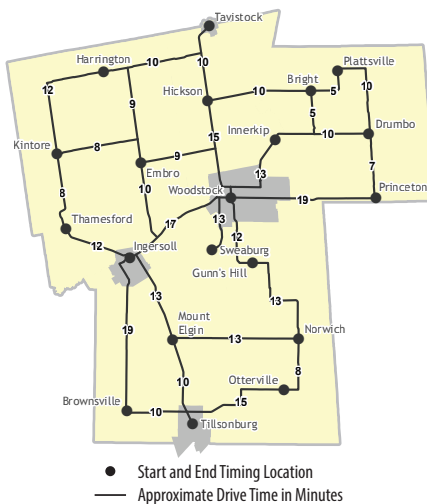
Legend

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

Trails

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

Calculate your Drive Time



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



Have questions about accessibility at Cheese Trail stops? Visit [AccessNow.com](https://www.accessnow.com) for certified reviews on accessibility at each location.

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

Elm Hurst | *Live Music on the Patio, Summer Thursdays*

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 New Galma Dairy, Gunn's Hill Artisan & Mountainoak
- Harvest Brunch at Thames River Melons
- Soap & Solace or Soap Felting at Wild Comfort
- Chocolate Bark Experience at Habitual Chocolate
- Farm Life Experiences Udderly Ridiculous
- Meet the Bees at Thames River Melons

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!

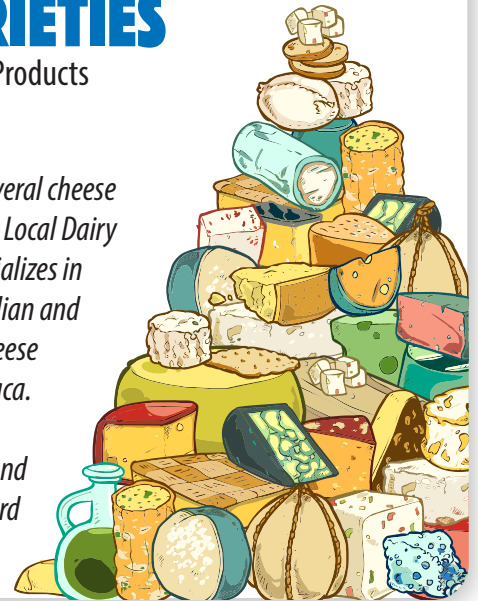
Find a hike along your route! Chesney Woods, Lawson Nature Tract, Burgess Trail, Thomas Ingersoll Trail and Trillium Woods are all lovely hikes along the trail. Scan the QR code for more info.



11 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.



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.



TILLSONBURG

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

TWO GIRLS AND A CHEESE SHOP

Cheese, Wine + so much more.



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 and shop for cheeses, wines, and gourmet delights 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

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



DAD'S ICE CREAM

Cherry Cheesecake Ice Cream



Walk up to the window at Dad's Ice Cream and choose from over 30 Shaw's Ice Cream flavours made with 100% Canadian cream. Find a spot in the sunshine to enjoy their classic family recipe, including local favourites like Grammy's Cupboard and Cherry Cheesecake.

6 Vance Dr. Tillsonburg ON
519-842-8254
shawsicecream.com

GOODPUD

GoodPud Chocolate Dessert



Meet sisters Sarah and Polly and sample their luxurious small-batch chilled desserts made with local dairy. These deeply indulgent Belgian chocolate desserts come in resealable glass jars, in three flavours: Dark Chocolate, Milk Chocolate, or Salted Caramel. Open Thu-Sat see website for hours.

39 North Street E Unit A, Tillsonburg, ON
GoodPud.ca

MAKKINK'S FLOWER FARM & BAKERY CAFÉ

Cranberry Brie Sandwich



Find yourself in a field of blooms at this flower farm with cut-your-own and date night experiences. Shop bouquets and more then grab some local eats and drinks at the farm café. Open May-Dec

164604 Kellett Rd RR3, Tillsonburg, ON
226-993-2048
Makkinks.com

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

NEW GALMA DAIRY

Pre-Booked Tours, Samples & Shop



The power of family and their passion for cheesemaking is the drive behind the Zeldenerijk family at New Galma Dairy and Creamery as they step into another year of creating artisan Dutch-style cheese. Their winnings at the 2024 Royal Winter Fair Cheese and Butter competition speak for themselves as this should be the only motivation you need to visit their fantastic operation where the health and happiness

of their cattle leaves you speechless after every bite.

284059 Daniel Road, Mount Elgin ON

519-852-3719

newgalmadairy.ca

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, local grocery, and fresh artisan sourdough bread made from scratch daily. Open daily.

383723 Salford Road Salford, ON

519-425-0797

reddragon dairy.ca

INGERSOLL

ELM HURST INN & SPA

Cheese Trail Package



Enjoy a relaxing overnight stay in this Victorian Inn with their Cheese Trail Package including a local cheese board, Ontario wine, chocolate, and breakfast for two. Available 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 playground.



Step into Ingersoll's delicious past and uncover over 150 years of cheese-making history! Wander through seven unique buildings, including a replica 1900s cheese factory, where you'll experience the sights, sounds, and stories of our town's rich heritage. Don't forget to stop by the gift shop to take home some tasty local cheeses. Open Monday to Saturday—come for the history, stay for the cheese!

290 Harris St., Ingersoll, ON

519-485-5510

ingersoll.ca/cheesemuseum

INGERSOLL 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

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

FUN FACT!

In the 1800s there were 98 Cheese factories in Oxford. One factory in Ingersoll, was home of the mammoth cheese – a 730lb wheel of cheese!



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

WOODSTOCK

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 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

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



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

CHEESY COW COMPANY

Oxford Grilled Cheese Sandwich



Shop Ontario and international artisan cheeses plus accompanying delights, curated by passionate cheesemongers Wes and Sarah.

521 Dundas St., Woodstock, ON
519-900-8692
cheesy-cow.ca

WHISK AND ROLL BAKERY & CAFE

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
sixthirty-nine.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

UPPERTHAMES 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

GUNN'S HILL

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



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

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 14 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

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

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.

BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

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 or Meet the Bees Experiences for immersive farm tours and Tastings. Shop the store's fresh produce, preserves, baked goods, or pick your own. Open daily May-Oct. Rest of year by apt.

775530 Blandford Road, Innerkip, ON

519-469-3636

thamesrivermelons.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). 10am-5pm.

906200 Township Rd 12, Bright, ON

548-225-1005

udderlyridiculousfarmlife.com

BRIGHT CHEESE AND BUTTER

Samples & Shop



Now 150 years young! Created by local farmers in 1874 to turn surplus milk into cheddar, Bright Cheese is 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

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





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**

GreenStep Sustainable Tourism
Silver Certified
DESTINATION 2024-2027



Embrace our rural routes

For more information and route updates:
519-539-9800 x3355 | 1-866-801-7368

tourism@oxfordcounty.ca | www.OxfordCountyCheeseTrail.ca

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