

TILLSONBURG:

Where to Eat, Shop & Play

IN 1825, TILLSONBURG WAS...

discovered by one George Tillson and established as a small (and we mean SMALL) town. Fastforward almost 200 years and the town has flourished into a thriving community full of unique opportunities. If you're looking for the ultimate day trip, Tillsonburg poses the perfect way to enjoy small town Ontario. Read on for where to eat, shop and play in Tillsonburg.



EAT

What would a day trip be without delicious food? Tillsonburg definitely has some fantastic options! For those looking for a guilt-free yet still delicious meal, The Indigo Lounge Organic Eatery and Cafe is where it's at. Located in a yoga studio, The Indigo Lounge provides healthy twists on old school faves like zucchini pad thai, wraps, local burgers from Y U Ranch and quinoa salad. Enjoy lunch over a soothing cup of tea or grab a smoothie for the road.

If breakfast is your thing, a trip to the Skyway Cafe is a must. Located inside the Tillsonburg Municipal Airport, the Skyway Cafe is a great spot to grab your eggs and enjoy the view. Zen out over your morning cup of java and a sandwich or eggs as you watch heritage, commercial and private planes hit the skies. With such a unique view and relaxed atmosphere, little ones will love it!

Finally, for those looking for delicious comfort food, a trip to The Cup and Cake is a must. Nestled inside a heritage church manse, The Cup and Cake specializes in scratch soups, gourmet sandwiches and drool-worthy baked goods. Cozy into a booth or a table on the patio and hit those hunger pains right in the stomach.



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SHOP



Of course, no day trip is complete without...

a little retail therapy and Tillsonburg is home to many great shops. Find the perfect gift for your hostess or for yourself when you discover two floors of stunningly curated treasures at Pedlar's Quay. Pedlar's Quay is in its 31st year of business. Located inside an 1872 heritage home, Pedlar's Quay is the perfect stop to pick up a great hostess gift or something for yourself. This lovely shop is full of hidden gems. You'll find everything from gorgeous kitchenware and dining accoutrements to beautiful jewellery, home decor and more. With a keen eye, shop owner Kim Miggins has curated her shop to the last detail.

Just around the corner, The Anchor Shoppe on the main drag is as cute as a button. Pop your head inside for a great selection of nautical decor, well-crafted furniture and a massive selection of fusion mineral paint. If you love that, keep an eye out for their mineral paint workshops too!

Only a block away, Cherished Pieces specializes in all things quilting. From boatloads of quilting material to specialized tools and even workshops, this storefront is a quilter's dream.

PLAY

History is a-plenty in Tillsonburg. Get your dose when you visit Annandale National Historic Site, an 1880s home built by Tillsonburg's first mayor. This museum is the country's best example of the Aesthetic Art Movement, which earned it a national heritage site designation.

Just across town, The Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association showcases a variety of heritage planes including of course, The Harvard. Learn the interesting stories behind these planes and what they were used for during war time.

Getting artsy is easy and fun in Tillsonburg too. Located inside two historic train stations, The Tillsonburg Station Arts Centre is home to two in-house galleries showcasing local and national artists as well as a ton of programming. Try your hand at everything from pottery to quilting to succulent workshops. You'll love exploring their in house gift shop too!

Finally, for those out to make a splash, Lake Lisgar Waterpark is the perfect spot to spend a sunny afternoon. Laze on the grass enjoy a delicious icy treat from the tuck shop as wee ones splash around and of course, don't forget to check out the giant twisty waterslide! It's the perfect summer adventure.

