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LANARK COUNTY

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Visitor Information Centres

Start your visit to Lanark County with a stop at one of our information Centres. These centres are your go-to resource for comprehensive information, clean restrooms, and helpful directions to make your journey smooth and enjoyable.

Whether you're seeking detailed maps, local tips, or a place to rest, local experts are ready to assist. Visit any of these convenient locations to ensure you make the most of your time exploring the beauty and charm of Lanark County.

Almonte Visitor Information Centre

- 14 Bridge Street, Almonte
- 613-256-1077
- Open seasonally
- Bike rentals

Carleton Place Visitor Information Centre

- 170 Bridge Street, Carleton Place
- 613-257-1976
- Open year-round
- Bike rentals, game rentals, gift shop, guided tours

Perth Visitor Information Centre

- 11 Gore Street, Perth
- 613-267-1947
- Open year-round
- Gift shop, guided tours

Smiths Falls Visitor Centre & Marina

- 30 Lombard Street, Smiths Falls
- 613-706-2646
- Open seasonally
- Boat mooring, showers, wifi

Smiths Falls Welcome Centre

- 77 Beckwith Street North, Smiths Falls
- 613-283-4124
- Open year-round
- Wifi

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Museums

Uncover the secrets of Lanark's diverse and fascinating history at the museums listed below. Check our website for opening hours and entrance fees.

Carleton Place & Beckwith Heritage Museum

(open year-round)
267 Edmund Street, Carleton Place

Explore the history of the area through exhibits, walking tours, and events.

Heritage House Museum

(open year-round)
11 Old Slys Road, Smiths Falls

Highlights the cultural history of Smiths Falls and displays art from local artists.

James Naismith & R Tait McKenzie Museums

(open seasonally)
654 Ramsay Court E, Mississippi Mills

Features collections highlighting the lives of two famous local figures.

Lanark & District Museum

(open year-round)
80 George Street, Lanark Village

This museum has an extensive collection of genealogical records, in addition to a collection of artifacts featuring the history of the Lanark Highlands.

Middleville & District Museum

(open seasonally)
2130 Concession Road 6D, Lanark

Located in a former schoolhouse, this museum shows the life of a community from early days of settlement through to the Second World War, with local indigenous artifacts, a log cabin, vintage vehicles, and more.

Mississippi Valley Textile Museum

(open year-round)
3 Rossmore Street, Almonte

Interactive museum with rotating exhibits on the textile industry in Canada.

North Lanark Regional Museum

(open year-round)
647 River Road, Appleton

Discover the stories of Lanark through exhibits and events or explore the genealogical collection.

Perth Museum

(open year-round)
11 Gore Street East, Perth

Explore the stone home originally built for local merchant Frederick Matheson.

Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario

(open seasonally)
90 William Street West, Smiths Falls

Ride the rails to the past and experience history for yourself. Enjoy handcar rides, have tea in a dining car, or even spend the night in a vintage caboose.

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Events & Festivals

No matter the time of year, there is always a party in Lanark County! From delicious food festivals to cultural displays and concerts, you will find something fun to see and do during your visit.

Listed here are some of the biggest events of the year - and visit our website for a full events listing.

Festival of the Maples

A celebration of all things maple syrup in Downtown Perth. Celebrated each year on the last Saturday of April.

Franktown Lilac Festival

Visit Franktown, the Lilac Capital of Ontario, for horse-drawn wagon rides down Lilac Lane, live music, and more. Last Saturday in May.

Almonte Celtfest

Almonte's summer celebration of Celtic music. Join the fiddlers and dance in Gemmill Park. July.

Stewart Park Festival

A free music festival in Perth's gorgeous Stewart Park. Enjoy an incredible lineup of artists, along with children's activities and food vendors. July.

Lanark County Harvest Festival

Join us in Beckwith Park to celebrate the agricultural heritage of Lanark County with a huge farmer's market, cultural demonstrations, wagon rides, and delicious food. 2nd Sunday in September.

Pumpkinfest

Visit Carleton Place in the fall for a family-friendly, gently spooky, fall festival. Walk in the costume parade, ride the trolley, and enjoy a full weekend of fun. October.

/events and festivals

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Welcome to Relaxation

Rediscover the joy of slowing down in Lanark County, where scenic trails, serene waterways, and a rich maple heritage invite you to relax, unwind, and discover. Our detailed visitor's map is your guide to exploring our 270+ kms of trails, perfect for hiking and biking amidst undisturbed natural landscapes.

Enjoy peaceful paddles on our pristine rivers and lakes or immerse yourself in the sweet tradition of our famous maple syrup. Escaping to nature is closer than you think.

Lanark County is located right next door to Canada's capital, Ottawa, which is less than a one hour drive away.

Montreal is a 3-hour drive, and Toronto is a 4-hour drive. And the border with New York is just an hour away along the St Lawrence River.

You can be here before you know it!

Maple Trail

We've listed thirty-three different sugar bushes and maple products for you to try. Look for these red numbers and symbols on the maps.

Prepare to be captivated by the beauty of nature and indulge in the flavors of this local delicacy during your journey through Lanark County's farms and sugar bushes.

Sugar Bushes

1 Wheeders Pancake House & Sugar Camp

1001 Highland Lane, McDonalds Center

Bring the whole family for a pancake breakfast drenched with Wheeders' maple syrup and explore the maple museum, trails, farm animals, and more.

2 Temple's Sugar Bush

1700 Ferguson's Falls Road, Lanark

Experience an old-fashioned sugarcamp breakfast in a rustic timber-frame building, serving Temple's own maple syrup.

3 Fortune Farms & Sugar Bush

2462 Wolf Grove Road, Almonte

Walk or snowshoe through a six-generation maple forest and watch syrup being produced on site. Pick up some fresh maple syrup to take home.

4 Thompsonstown Maple Products

780 Blackrock Lane, Clayton

See maple syrup produced from tree to table and sample maple syrup (don't forget to take some home).

5 Fulton's Sugar Bush & Maple Shop

399 Sugar Bush Rd, Pakenham

Fun for the whole family, Fulton's has plenty of maple-inspired activities to keep everyone busy. Browse the vast selection of maple products in their maple shop.

Lanark Village

3 Clyde Hall

111 Mill St

Savour a chef-prepared breakfast served with maple bacon and local maple syrup made from sap gathered on the property.

4 Balderson Cheese Shop

1410 Hwy 511

Browse locally sourced maple products here, including Dorian Highland maple candy and maple butter.

5 Perth Brewery

421 Dundas St

Beer meets maple: Perth Brewery's maple ale is a popular brew of year long, but especially in spring.

6 Perth Chocolate Works

17 Wilson St

Pretty and beautiful, leaf-shaped maple chocolates will be the centerpiece of a box of chocolates here.

7 Fiddleheads

53 Hermit St

Brunch favourites are served each Sunday and complemented by local maple syrup.

8 The Stone Cellar

71 Keen St

"Sweet" takes on a whole new meaning with sweet potato fries made with maple syrup.

9 Maximillian's

99 Gore St W

A longtime favourite menu item, the maple glazed pork loin blends European-inspired cuisine with Canadian flavour.

10 Top Shelf Distillery

23 Western Cms

The Rumour Maple Moonshine is crafted from corn harvested with Lanark County maple syrup, and are a must try for craft spirit and maple lovers.

Almonte

23 Hummingbird Chocolate

476 Ottawa St

Local maple sugar is the highlight of their award-winning and decorated maple chocolate bar, made with 60% single origin cacao.

24 Equator Coffee Roasters

431 Ottawa St

Stop in for a coffee pick-me-up with a maple treat with a maple latte.

25 Healthy Food Technologies

25 Industrial

Fats and sweet pea with HFT's maple bacon donut, and with half the fat of regular donuts you can eat twice as much.

26 Dairy Distillery

34 Industrial

Maple cream liqueur is creamy, delicious and made with local maple syrup.

27 Baker Bob's

73 Little Bridge St

Experience maple in a pie at Baker Bob's - their maple mousses and maple pecan pies are maplelicious.

28 Don's Meat Market

126 Mill St

The sweetness of maple complements the spicy flavour of Don's maple Chipotle sausages.

29 Mill Street Crepe Company

14 Mill St

Not just for breakfast, these light and airy crepes are perfect served with local maple syrup.

Pakenham

30 184th General Store

2524 County Rd 29

Baked beans are dished up Lanark County-style here.

Cycle Lanark County

Lanark County is a year-round destination for cyclists, whether you're cycling through the vibrant colors of fall, the fresh blossoms of spring, or the warm days of summer. The changing seasons offer new perspectives and ever-evolving landscapes that make each visit unique.

We're here to help you plan your cycling adventure. Maps, route suggestions, and tips from local riders are all available to ensure you have the best experience possible.

Whether you're here for a day or planning a longer stay, travelling solo or as part of a group, our cycle-friendly accommodations and services make it easy to enjoy all that Lanark County has to offer.

Bring your bike to explore our trails and rural roads, or rent one while you're here! A wide variety of established cycling routes cater to all skill levels, from leisurely riders to seasoned pros. Use our extensive route network to explore lakes and waterways, rolling hills, farmlands, and small towns.

We are located along the CVRT and the Trans-Canada Trail, which makes us a convenient place to stop and explore as part of your larger expedition.

With its picturesque landscapes, charming towns, and many helpful resources for cyclists, Lanark County is the perfect destination to explore on two wheels.

Ready to explore? Visit our website to help plan a trip. Then grab your bike, helmet, and sense of adventure, and come discover why Lanark County is one of Ontario's premier cycling destinations.

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Public Washrooms

Public washrooms provided by the municipality are available at the Visitor Information Centres and the locations below.

Look for the blue diamond symbol printed on the town maps.

Almonte

14 Bridge St
246 Almonte St

Carleton Place

82 Moore St
7 Beckwith St
15 Mill St
179 John St
170 Bridge St

Smiths Falls

30 Lombard St
77 Beckwith St N
79 Beckwith St N
12-8 Old Slys Road
1 Park Ave

Perth

122 Smith Dr
11 Gore St E

Many of the parks, museums, libraries and community centres shown on the maps also have public washrooms.

Ready to plan your perfect escape? The Lanark County Tourism webpage has all the information you need:

- Accommodations
- Dining
- Equipment Rentals
- Tours & Itineraries

Take a break from the modern rush and embrace the tranquility of Lanark County. Your adventure awaits - visit our website today!

lanarkcounty.ca/tourism

Rideau Ferry

11 CC's on the Rideau

1010 Rideau Ferry Rd

Hot cocoa is all the sweeter when made here with local maple syrup.

Smiths Falls

12 The Desert Plate Bakery

5 Main St W

Maple syrup makes a frequent appearance on the ingredients in their freshly baked goods.

Carleton Place

13 Stewart Brewing Co.

10 High St

Add a maple butter tart to your craft beer sampling, made locally.

14 Blended Beverage Bar

230 Bridge St

Have you heard of bubble tea? Try maple bubble tea made with local maple syrup, a maple crunch latte, or a "Lanark" waffle.

15 Fresha Cafe

151 Bridge St

Savour a Lanark County pancake breakfast drenched with locally made Lanark Peterson maple syrup.

16 Foundry Collective & Coffee Bar

122 Bridge St

Infuse a hint of maple into your coffee break with a maple pecan bar or maple latte.

17 Good Food Co.

31 Bridge Street

A popular lunch spot, The Good Food Co.'s fresh-baked maple goods are a nice dessert option.

Almonte

18 Holy Confections

21 Bridge St

Topped with a homemade maple glaze and fresh cooked bacon, the Holy donut is a must try.

19 The Crafters Collective Company

19 Bridge St

Find unique hot sauces crafted with local maple syrup ingredients.

20 Mavens Donut Company

37 Lansdowne Ave

Ask for one of their maple bacon or maple dip donuts for a fun twist on donut classics.

21 Beckwith Butcher

1 Castle Drive

Pick up some maple breakfast sausages for true Lanark County breakfast fare.

22 The Cheddar Stop

10471 Hwy 7

Explore the vast cheese and homemade fudge selection, including maple fudge.

Lanark Village

Pakenham

Driving Tours

Travel the country backroads and winding ways of Lanark County, where rugged, hilly terrain meets lush forests, rushing rivers, and pastoral fields for the ultimate road trip experience. Explore charming small towns, artisan food and drink, and natural spaces along the way.

Full route information with printable directions can be found on our website.

MISSISSIPPI TOUR

Quiet villages, rugged farmland and acres upon acres of sugar bush draw strength from the Mississippi River which has fuelled the growth of this corner of Lanark County for over 200 years. Mills, timber, agriculture and now recreation have tapped into the Mississippi as it gathers steam, travelling across the breadth of Lanark County before emptying into the Ottawa River.

The tour starts and finishes in Almonte, approximately 90 km.

Points of interest:

- Downtown Almonte
- Mississippi Valley Textile Museum
- Blakeney Rapids
- Pakenham Five-Span Bridge
- Fulton's Sugar Bush
- Village of Clayton
- Mill of Kintail
- Mississippi River

HIGHLANDS TOUR

Follow quiet roads to cottage lakes and unspoiled rivers - this is true cottage country - and take the time to play a round of golf, satisfy your sweet tooth at a sugar bush or tackle one of the many well-groomed ATV/snowmobile trails, including the former line of the legendary "Kick & Push" Railway. Or just relax and enjoy the view.

Tour starts and finishes in Lanark Village, approximately 65 km.

Points of interest:

- Lanark Village
- Blueberry Mountain lookout
- Heritage architecture
- Flower Station
- Joe's Lake
- Robertson Lake
- Punkin' Conservation Area
- Geological features
- Golf courses
- Sugar bush

LIMESTONE TOUR

The ruggedness that characterizes much of Lanark County gives way in the south to the Limestone Plain, once part of the floor of the prehistoric Champlain Sea, now a mainly flat region of exposed limestone and shallow soils. Transportation dominates the history of this region, from the Rideau Canal, a World Heritage Site built in 1826-32 as a military supply route linking Montreal and Kingston, to the railway, which took people and businesses to places water couldn't.

The land is more open here, the roads straighter, the discoveries delightful - whether it's antiques, golfing, a fine meal, or just a leisurely afternoon spent exploring in good company.

Tour starts and finishes in Smiths Falls, approximately 100 km.

Points of interest:

- Downtown Smiths Falls
- Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario
- Heritage House Museum
- Industrial history
- Geological features
- Rideau Canal Lockstations
- Port Elmslay
- Rideau Ferry Yacht Club Beach
- Downtown Perth
- Franktown
- Ashton Brewing Company
- Jack River
- Heritage architecture

MAPLE SUPREME TOUR

Smooth roads that often cross paths with the Clyde River and Mississippi River and Lake provide a relaxing drive through bustling towns and quiet villages in the Heart of Lanark. Follow this route to visit most of the stops along the maple trail.

The tour starts and finishes in Carleton Place, approximately 125 km.

Points of interest:

- Downtown Carleton Place
- Mississippi Lake
- Mississippi River
- Downtown Almonte
- Village of Clayton
- Clayton Lake
- Middleville & District Museum
- Lanark Village
- Downtown Perth
- Maple sugar bushes
- Maple features
- Trails
- Heritage architecture

TAY VALLEY TOUR

Following the War of 1812, a group of Scottish emigrants took advantage of government incentives to leave the impoverished lowlands and start a new life in the British military settlements of Upper Canada. These settlers maintained links to the old by naming communities and landmarks after familiar places back home, and by using their skills to build substantial mills, fine homes and tidy farms.

Tay Valley became the cradle for much of this Scottish - and Irish - industriousness, much of it lovingly preserved under the careful stewardship of subsequent generations.

Tour starts and finishes in Perth, approximately 120 km.

Points of interest:

- Downtown Perth
- Perth Museum
- Stewart Park
- Balderson
- Mississippi River
- Heritage architecture
- Silver Lake Provincial Park
- Maple sugar bush
- Back Forty Artisan Cheese
- Maberly
- Tay River
- Heritage architecture
- Chobie Lake
- River House Winery

Map Legend

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Provincial Highway

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Seven Wonders of Lanark County

Services and Attractions

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Parks & Nature Reserves

Rideau Canal Lockstation

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