

Lanark County Driving Tours



Maple Supreme

Get Ready

DESCRIPTION

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. Many of the tour stops are located within the towns of Carleton Place, Almonte, and Perth, so be sure to leave enough time to taste and explore.



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, village of Lanark, Downtown Perth, maple sugar bushes, maple features, trails, heritage architecture.



Start Here

LEAVE CARLETON PLACE BY HWY 29 NORTH, TURNING RIGHT ON WILSON ST TO GO TO APPLETON.

Appleton is a very pretty village that once centred around the woolen mill, the ruins of which can still be seen. It was originally named Apple Tree Falls and later Teskeyville, after Joseph Teskey, one of the first settlers and mill owners, who came from Ireland in 1823.



TURN LEFT ONTO APPLETON SIDE RD. TURN LEFT ONTO OLD ALMONTE RD. TURN LEFT ONTO OTTAWA ST.

A walk around Almonte provides a startling contrast between the power of the Mississippi as it hurtles itself downstream and the serenity of fine old homes of stone, brick and clapboard, many dating from the Victorian era.



LEAVE ALMONTE VIA MAIN WEST AND COUNTY RD 16.

CTY RD 16 becomes Wolf Grove Road after crossing Christian Street (Hwy. 29). The Auld Kirk Cemetery (est. 1836) was part of the lands of several of the settlement's original Protestant churches; St. Andrew's Church of Scotland is still maintained in its original exterior structural condition. As you travel, you will find yourself near Fortune Farms, one of Lanark County's many maple producers.

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Drive On

AT UNION HALL, TURN RIGHT ONTO TATLOCK ROAD (COUNTY ROAD 9) TO CLAYTON.

Grab a snack at the Clayton General Store, or enjoy the beauty of Clayton Lake. This is also a great time to make a detour to Thompsonstown Maple Products.



TURN LEFT ONTO GALBRAITH RD AND TRAVEL UNTIL YOU COME TO MIDDLEVILLE.

Take some time to stop and visit the Middleville Museum, which is housed in an 1860's stone schoolhouse.

TURN RIGHT ONTO HERRON MILLS ROAD, THEN TURN LEFT ONTO HWY 511.

Today, only ruins remain at the mill site in Herron Mills, a reminder of 19th-century industry. You will pass through Clydesville, another settlement on the Clyde River, before entering the village of Lanark. Lanark Village was established in 1820 as one of three military settlements following the War of 1812. In the 19th century, when millions of rafts shot down the Clyde River each spring during the heyday of the timber trade, Lanark was a gathering place for farmers and loggers, who came to town to purchase goods, sell to mills, meet friends and do business.



CONTINUE SOUTH THROUGH BALDERSON TO PERTH. TURN LEFT ON HWY 7.

Explore the heritage downtown of Perth, being sure to stop into some of the stop on the Lanark County Maple Trail.



TURN RIGHT ONTO DRUMMOND CONCESSION #1, WHICH FOLLOWS THE CURVE OF MISSISSIPPI LAKE.

Consider a detour to the Mississippi Lake National Wildlife Area and Bird Sanctuary for birdwatching and scenic trails. Lanark County's Mississippi Lake and River are not connected to the more famous river in the United States, but are instead a separate system stretching over 200km from Manzinaw Lake to the Ottawa River.



End Here

TURN RIGHT ONTO BECKWITH 9TH LINE TO RETURN TO CARLETON PLACE AND THE CONCLUSION OF THE TOUR.

