



“The Cheese Trail churns epicurian delights for insatiable cheese lovers at every stop along the way.”

- Adam Waxman, DINE Magazine


Welcome to the Dairy Capital of Canada — where one and a half billion glasses of milk are produced every year and cheese dreams come true.

WHAT IS THE CHEESE TRAIL?

The Oxford County Cheese Trail is a self-guided adventure celebrating all things dairy, from award-winning cheesemakers and farm stops to restaurants, shops, and one-of-a-kind experiences. Whether you're browsing, tasting, touring, or indulging, there's something delicious around every corner.

Hit the road with our list of stops organized by geographic area (hubs) or grab a ready-to-go itinerary to match your interests for a leisurely day (or weekend) filled with culture, fun, and a whole lot of cheese.

How to Use this Guide

Select a  **Geographic Hub** for a day of exploration or use the map to build your own custom trip.

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DRIVING THE TRAIL?

Explore by **geographic hubs** to save time and see more. Hubs and listings are in order, by proximity, for smoother travel.



WANT AN ONLINE MAP?

Use the 'My Trip' tool on TourismOxford.ca and hit the  on stops you'd like to see. Head to the My Trip  button, at the top of the page, to access your custom trip (see spots, map, and URL to share the route).

EXPLORING ON A SUNDAY?

Many stops are closed on Sundays. See a list of stops, open on Sunday.



HAVE ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS?

Find accessibility information for all stops on AccessNow.com




TRAVELING WITH KIDS?

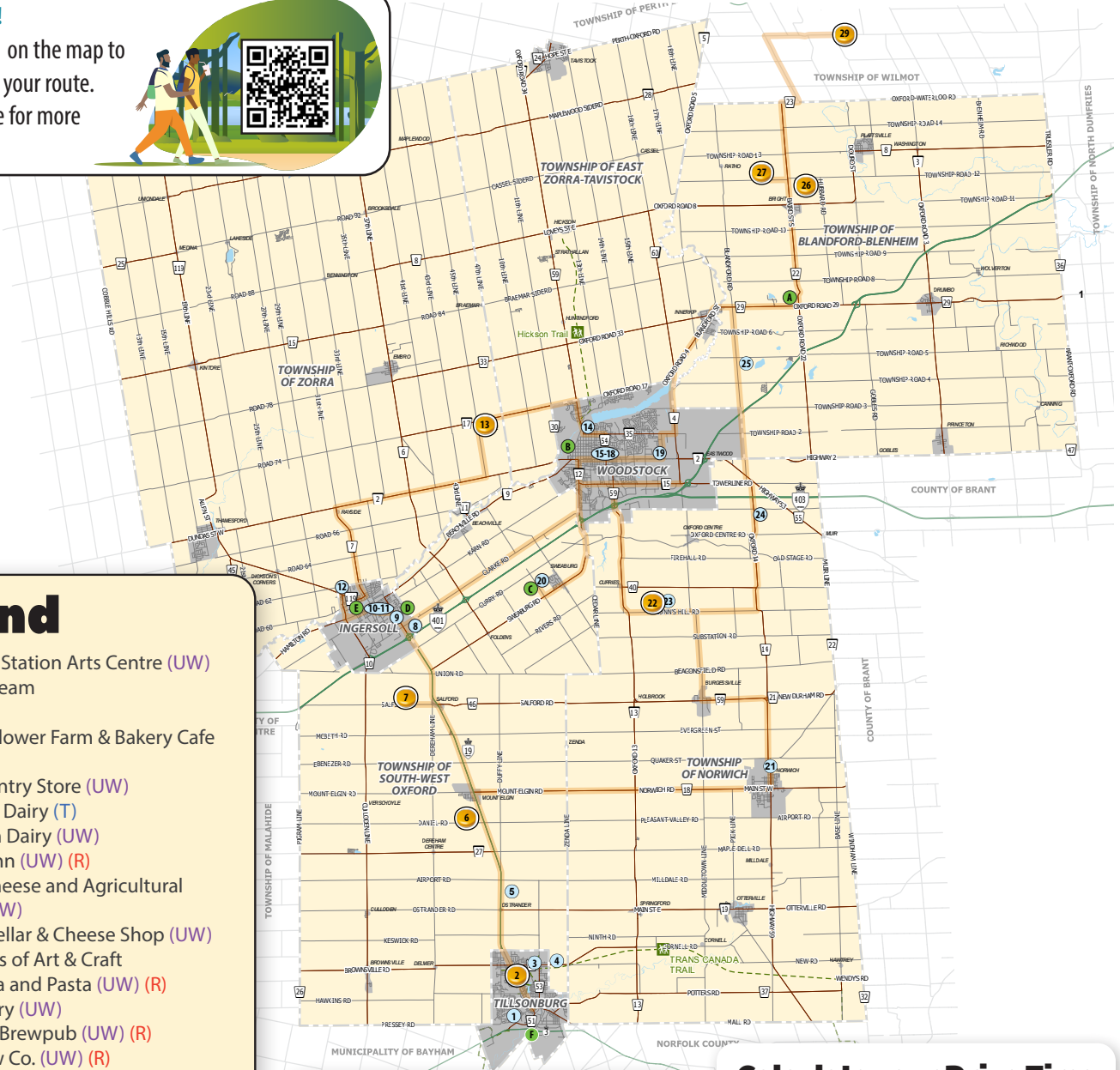
Here are some things they may enjoy on the trail.



Oxford County Cheese Trail Map

TAKE A HIKE!

Look for the  on the map to find a hike along your route. Scan the QR Code for more information.



Legend

1. Tillsonburg Station Arts Centre (UW)
2. Dad's Ice Cream
3. Goodpud
4. Makkink's Flower Farm & Bakery Cafe (UW) (R)
5. Coyle's Country Store (UW)
6. New Galma Dairy (T)
7. Red Dragon Dairy (UW)
8. Elm Hurst Inn (UW) (R)
9. Ingersoll Cheese and Agricultural Museum (UW)
10. The Wine Cellar & Cheese Shop (UW)
11. Patina's Gifts of Art & Craft
12. Louie's Pizza and Pasta (UW) (R)
13. Golspie Dairy (UW)
14. Brickhouse Brewpub (UW) (R)
15. Cheesy Cow Co. (UW) (R)
16. Whisk and Roll Bakery (UW) (R)
17. Sixtythree (UW) (R)
18. Your Farm Market
19. Upper Thames Brewing Co. (UW) (R)
20. Jakeman's Maple Syrup (UW)
21. Norwich & District Museum & Archives (UW)
22. Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese (UW) (T)
23. Wild Comfort Body Care (UW)
24. Greener Pastures Eco Farm & Blue Cow Delivery (T)
25. Thames River Melons
26. Bright Cheese and Butter
27. Udderly Ridiculous Farm Life (UW) (T)
28. Mountainoak Cheese (UW) (T)

(UW) = Universal Washroom
 (R) = Restaurant
 (T) = Tours

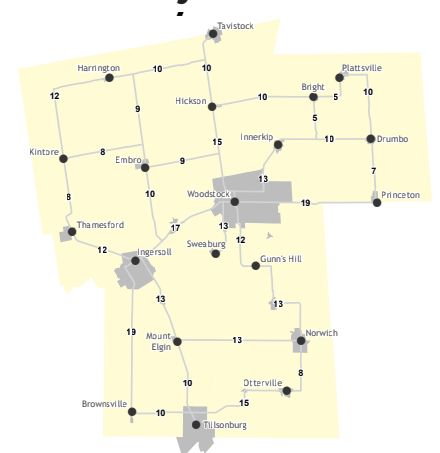
Look for these icons to see what is produced at these locations.



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

TILLSONBURG

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 8am-Noon for the Farmers Market. See Station hours online.

41 Bridge St. W., Tillsonburg, ON
519-842-6151
stationarts.ca

DAD'S ICE CREAM

Cherry Cheesecake Ice Cream



Shaw's Ice Cream is powered by three sisters who fell in love with the brand while serving it at their scoop shop, Dad's Ice Cream, in their hometown of Tillsonburg. In 2001, they took their passion a step further and purchased the company. Now, over two decades later, Shaw's delights ice cream enthusiasts with their fun and funky flavours- Grammy's Cupboard, Unicorn Toots, & Polar Eclipse. Visit Dad's Ice Cream to enjoy a scoop of

Cherry Cheesecake, made with 100% Canadian cream, or find it at your local grocer. Open 7 days a week from May to September.



6 Vance Dr. Tillsonburg, ON
519-631-2510
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



Pick up a bouquet and explore a shop full of floral-inspired finds. Sip something delicious, snack on fresh-baked treats or come in for a light lunch. Purchase a garden pass to wander the ever-changing cut-your-own fields, join a hands-on workshop, or bring your favourite people for an evening surrounded by blooms. Check web for hours.

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

Tastings, Pre-booked Tours, Kids Play/Pet Area



New Galma Dairy and Creamery is a family run farm in Mount Elgin crafting artisan Gouda cheese and offering premium grass fed meats. From pasture to plate, New Galma takes pride in raising healthy animals and producing quality food that you can feel good about. Visit the online store at www.newgalmadairy.ca or head to the farm store on Fridays and Saturdays from 10:30 am to 4:30pm.

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, ON
519-425-0797
reddragon dairy.ca



ELM HURST INN & SPA, MANSION RESTAURANT
Smoked 5 Brothers Croquettes & Cheese Trail Package


Dine in the Mansion Restaurant, starting your meal with croquettes featuring Gunn's Hill Cheese. Then 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/dining/

INGERSOLL CHEESE MUSEUM
Tours, Local Cheese, and Home of the Cheesy Playground


Explore Ingersoll's rich, cheesy history as you learn about more than 150 years of cheesemaking. Seven on-site buildings and exhibits will show you why Oxford is home to the Cheese Trail. Cheese available for sale. Open Mon-Sat. Sept to Mid May. Open Monday to Sunday mid May to end of August.

290 Harris St., Ingersoll, ON
519-485-5510
ingersoll.ca/live-and-play/ingersoll-cheese-agricultural-museum/

Climb over giant slices of cheese at the Cheesy Playground behind Ingersoll Cheese Museum.

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

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 on House Marinara


Home of the Famous Panzerotti, Louie's is known for their generous servings. With a menu highlighting your favourite comfort foods, you won't leave hungry. To create their Cheese Trail offer, Louie's bathes Gunn's Hill Cheese curds in Upper Thames beer. Try other cheesy items like the Smoked Pork Mac n' Cheese. Open daily. See hours online.

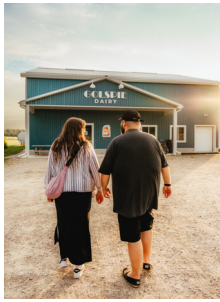
440 Bell St. Ingersoll, ON
519-485-4441
louiespizzapasta.com



WOODSTOCK

GOLSPIE DAIRY

Whole Milk, Crowdie & British Style 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 and cheese vending machines (empty bottles available). Thurs-Sat, 10am-4pm and Self-Serve: Daily, 10am-8pm

milk



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 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 shared patio.

190 Fairway Rd. Woodstock, ON
519-290-5347
upperthamesbrewing.ca/brickhouse-brewpub

CHEESY COW COMPANY

Oxford Grilled Cheese Sandwich



Shop Ontario and international artisan cheeses plus accompanying delights, curated by passionate cheesemongers Wes and Sarah. Your go-to destination for artisan cheese, gourmet pairings and locally made products. Open daily. See hours online.

521 Dundas St., Woodstock, ON
519-788-7058
cheesyco.ca



Visit Canada's only goat tower, standing 28ft. tall, at Udderly Ridiculous Farm Life.

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, delicious 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 fresh 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 on at home. Open daily.

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

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



GUNN'S HILL

JAKEMAN'S MAPLE FARM

Maple Sugar Brie Topper



For over 150 years, Jakeman's has been perfecting Ontario maple syrup craftsmanship. Five generations of maple producers exploring new flavours and techniques has made their products famous far and wide. Jakeman's Maple Products range from delicious maple syrups, cookies, candies and pancake mix. Our heritage property also offers local artisan and crafters and other small local business products for sale. Open Sun-Sat.

454414 Trillium Line. Sweaburg ON

519-539-1366

themaplestore.com

NORWICH AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY 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

www.norwichdhs.ca

GUNN'S HILL ARTISAN CHEESE LTD.

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, available at 11:00 am. Sample cheese, book a tour, meet the cows and rest in our pavilion. Open Mon-Sat, 9:00 to 5:00pm year round.

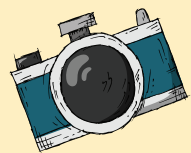
445172 Gunn's Hill Rd. Woodstock ON

519-424-4024

gunnshillcheese.ca



Snap a photo with the leaning tower of cheeza at Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese!



GREENER PASTURES ECO FARM

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 and produce. Open Wednesday- Saturday.

774766 Oxford Rd. 14, Woodstock, ON.

226-377-1011

greenerpasturesecofarm.ca

WILD COMFORT BODY CARE

Local Goat's Milk Soap, Bath and Lotion

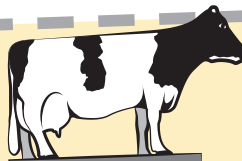


What started with a single bar of soap has grown into an entire natural skincare line. Lather up with their specialty soap using local goat's milk-we promise you've never had skin this soft! Book online the Soap & Solace or Soap Felting Experience. Open Thurs-Fri. Sat at the Woodstock Farmers Market.

445300 Gunn's Hill Road, Woodstock, ON

519-532-3724

wildcomfort.ca



Springbank
Snow Countess

Take a photo with Oxford royalty. Stop by the Springbank Snow Countess statue. (Dundas and Springbank intersection in Woodstock)



BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

THAMES RIVER MELONS

Roasted Onion Jelly



A pick-your-own (PYO) farm, shop, bakery, preserve company, and food truck all in one. Book a Farm Experience to immerse yourself in farm life. (See details online). Shop the store's fresh produce, preserves, baked goods, or PYO. Open daily May-Oct. Rest of year by appt.

775530 Blandford Road, Innerkip, ON
519-469-3636
thamesrivermelons.com

BRIGHT CHEESE & BUTTER MANUFACTURING CO. LTD.

Samples & Shop



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



816503 County Rd 22, Bright ON
519-454-8600
brightcheeseandbutter.com



UDDERLY RIDICULOUS FARM LIFE

Gourmet Goat's Milk Ice Cream, Goat Milk Cheeses



Agritourism Farm and ice cream company with award-winning experiences. New! Tower of Goats Discovery Trail (features a 28ft tower with art installation). Picnic with donkeys or alpacas. Enjoy yoga and playtime with goats and visit mini Highland cows. Sample their signature goat milk ice-cream or 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

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. 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

"Go for the cheese, walk the trails, indulge in the varied-menu restaurants!"

- A visitor who followed their tastebuds





Cows numerous as a swarm of bees
Or as the leaves upon the trees

HOME OF THE MAMMOTH CHEESE
EST. 1866

It did require to make thee please,
And stand unrivalled Queen of Cheese.
— James MacIntyre
Local cheese poet

Where we are...

The **Oxford County Cheese Trail** is a year-round, self-guided tour of dairy makers, attractions, restaurants and retailers.



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

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