



HALLOWEEN

Southern Ontario

Friday, October 17

Leave Orangeville at 9:00

Grumblin' Granny's - Opens at 10:00. Unique gift shop.

T: 55 D: 77 A: 10:00 (when it opens) S: 30 L: 10:30

Schneider Haus National Historic Site - Tour the house of a German settler and see how they lived. Small admission fee.

Opens at 11:00.

T: 30 D: 45 A: 11:00 (when it opens) S: 1:00 L: 12:00

Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery - A free art museum that focuses on glass and clay. Small. Parking lot at the intersection. It might be free to park. Opens at 11:00

T: 10 D: 5 A: 12:10 S: 20 L: 12:30

The Royal Canadian Regiment Museum - Free museum about the military. Free parking on site.

T: 1:21 D: 117 A: 1:50 S: 40 L: 2:30

Eldon House - Free self-guided tours of this incredible home. Limited free parking on site. Take your time and be sure to ask questions about what you see.

T: 10 D: 4 A: 2:40 S: 40 L: 3:20

Museum London - Literally down the road from Eldon House. Considering where you parked, you may want to walk there. It houses mainly art and artifacts. Closes at 5:00.

T/D: short A: 3:30 S: 1:00 L: 4:30

Hotel in London - Check into your hotel. Figure out where you want to eat.

Return to the Abandoned Village - MUST PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE as soon as possible. This is a popular event and sells out. Try to schedule the earliest time possible. It is in Fanshawe Village, and it is set up for Halloween. Very well done. Dress for the weather.

<https://www.fanshawepioneervillage.ca/events/the-abandoned-village>

Return to the hotel.



Saturday, October 18

Hopefully you slept well after last night's tour of Fanshawe Pioneer Village. Have breakfast and leave by 8:30

Woodland Cemetery, Mausoleum and Crematorium - Visit this large, local cemetery. Certainly stop and look at interesting headstones, but what you are really after are deer. If you drive around the cemetery, you may be able to spot some deer. These deer are relatively tame, and if you are slow, you can walk up to them rather closely.

S: 30 L: 9:15

Ska-Nah-Doht Village - Located in Longwoods Road Conservation Area. The entrance fee is only \$5.00 per car. The museum may be closed due to renovations, but a recreated Indian village is available for free exploration. It is very interesting seeing how they lived off the land.

T: 30 D: 38 A: 9:45 S: 45 L: 10:30

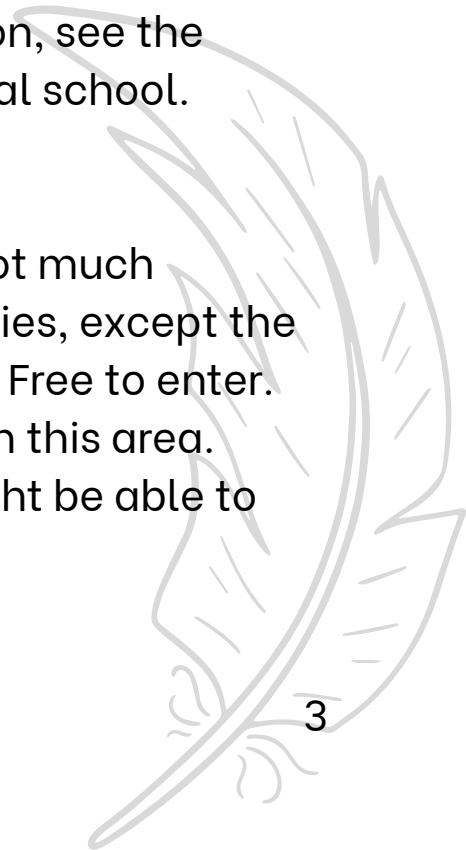
Mt.Elgin Industrial School - Indian Residential School

Monument - Located in the middle of a reservation, see the memorial to those who had gone to this residential school.

T: 12 D: 13 A: 10:45 S: 30 L: 11:15

Southwold Earthworks National Historic Site - Not much remains on this site where Indians lived for centuries, except the mounds of earth they used to fortify their village. Free to enter. Look around and imagine what it was like to live in this area. Since you were at Ska-Nah-Doht village, you might be able to visualize this area better.

T: 20 D: 23 A: 11:40 S: 30 L: 12:10



Jumbo the Elephant Memorial - In memory of a famous elephant. Read the plaque to know who the elephant was and why there is a life-sized statue in St. Thomas.

T: 15 D: 19 A: 12:30 S: 10 L: 12:40

Walking Tour of St. Thomas Murals - Each year, St. Thomas hosts a festival in celebration of its murals. These are high-quality paintings on the side of buildings. There are plenty of parking spaces along Talbot Street, where many of the murals are located. When walking, be sure to check behind the buildings as well. On the map are little purple camera icons. These represent the location of tiny murals the size of a postcard. They are hard to find, and since they are small, they sometimes get accidentally destroyed.

S: 2:00 L: 2:45

Irocrafts - High-quality gift shop. Closes at 5:00.

T: 1:25 D: 132 A: 4:10 S: 40 L: 4:50

Caledonia - Small town with a selection of restaurants, mostly fast-food. Figure out something to eat, BUT BE MINDFUL OF TIME!

T: 15 D: 14 A: 5:10 **MUST LEAVE BY 5:30.**

Mansion in Mourning: Oddities, Curiosities & Haunted Cemetery Tour - Located in Ruthven Park National Historic Site. **MUST BUY TICKETS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, AT 6:00. Do not be late. This is not as scary as last night.

T: 15 D: 14 A: 5:45 L: 7:30

Hotel in Hamilton

Sunday, October 19

Wake and have breakfast. Leave the hotel by 8:30

Fall Mum Show - Gage Park Greenhouse. Tickets can be purchased at the door. \$10 each and well worth the money. Limited parking, so be there when it opens at 9:00.

A: 9:00 (when it opens) S: 40 L: 9:40

Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum - In Hamilton, nothing opens before noon, except this place. It houses dozens of planes to explore. There is admission, and plenty of parking is available (free). Take your time here since the next place does not open until 12:00.

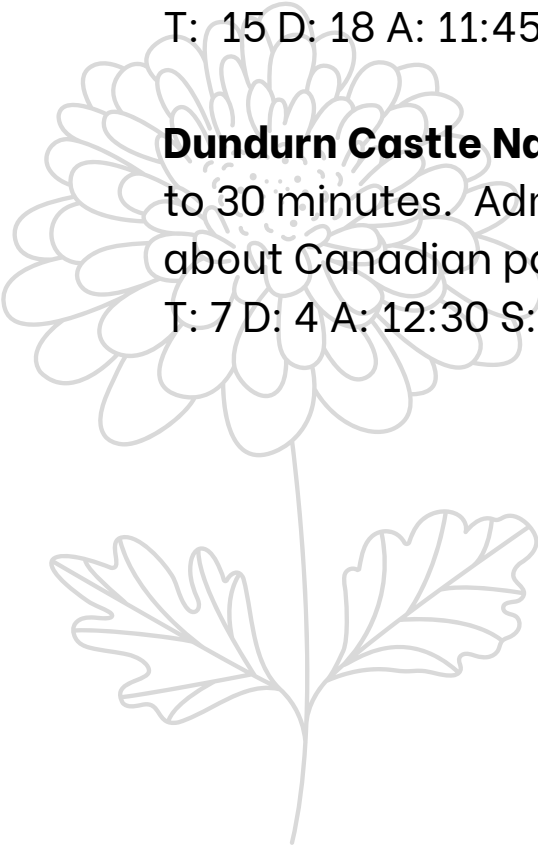
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Donut Monster - This place is what I consider to be the best donut place in the world. Well worth the \$3.00 to \$4.00 price per donut. Get a dozen. Very limited street parking. You might have to drive around the block. WARNING: One-way streets in this area.

T: 15 D: 18 A: 11:45 S: 30 L: 12:15

Dundurn Castle National Historic Site - Tours happen every 20 to 30 minutes. Admission. Does not open until 12:00. Learn about Canadian political history at this large building.

T: 7 D: 4 A: 12:30 S: 1:20 L: 1:50



Now What? - This is the off-season for many tourist locations.

Many are closed or have restricted hours. Places to consider:

- Art Gallery of Hamilton - admission and probably have to pay for street parking (it is Sunday, so it might be free).
- Art Gallery of Burlington - free, and I consider it to be better, probably because it is free. Free parking behind the museum.
- The Gallery Upstairs - unique gift shop.
- See a scary movie.
- Pumpkins After Dark - Milton - Doesn't open until it is dark. This is a highly popular event featuring 10,000 carved pumpkins, so pre-purchasing tickets online is highly recommended.

Things to do for Monday and Tuesday:

- Casa Loma has Legends of Horror daily. It is probably better to do this when it gets dark.
- Royal Ontario Museum - This is an all-day museum. Arrive early and expect to stay until closing.
- Shop at the Historic Distillery District in Toronto.
- Bata Shoe Museum - Walking distance from the ROM. A museum on the history of shoes.