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Doors Open Ontario is a province-wide celebration of community heritage. It provides residents and visitors with a unique opportunity to explore and enjoy the sometimes hidden and always interesting places and spaces in Ontario cities, towns, and villages—all at no cost.

This year, a number of Lambton County municipalities, including Brooke-Alvinston, Lambton Shores, Oil Springs, Petrolia, Plympton-Wyoming, Sarnia, St. Clair and Warwick will be opening the doors to some of their most interesting private residences, public buildings, businesses, institutions and natural spaces. These sites all have one thing in common: each holds a piece of Lambton's past and a part of its future.

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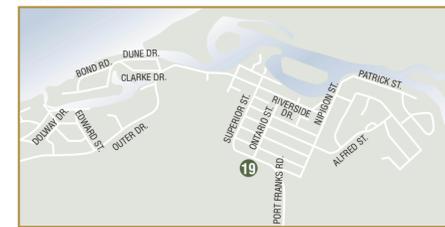
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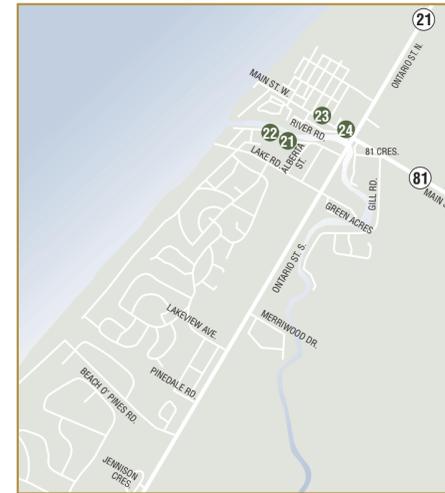
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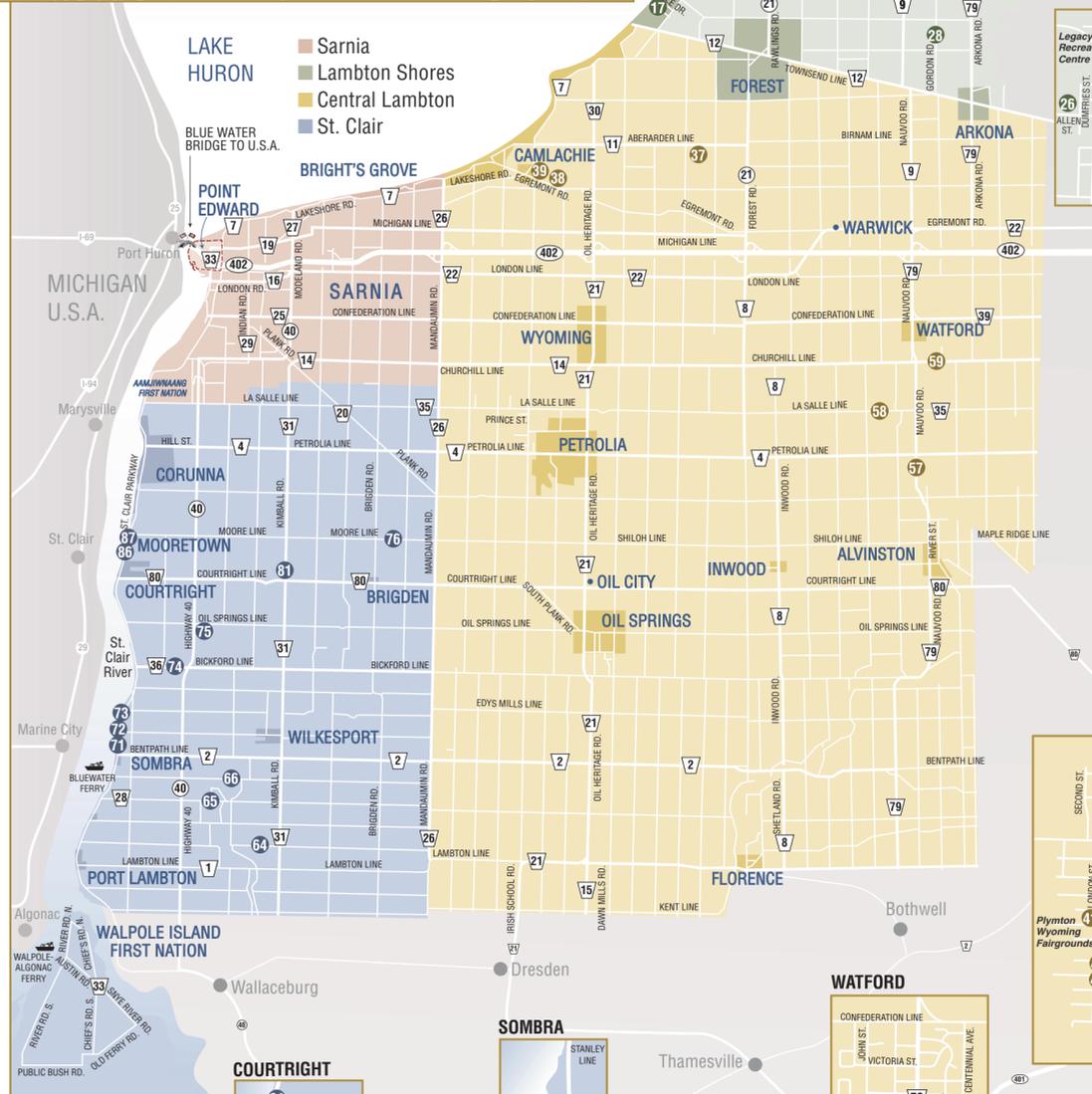
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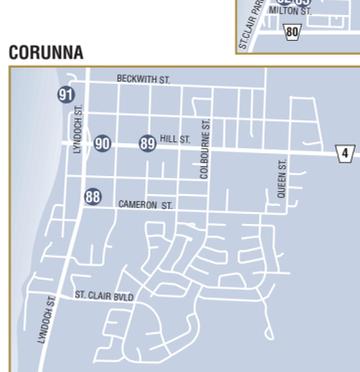
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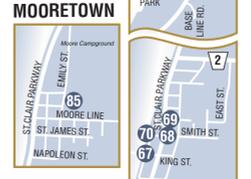
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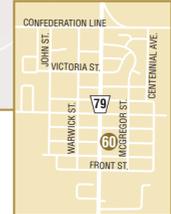
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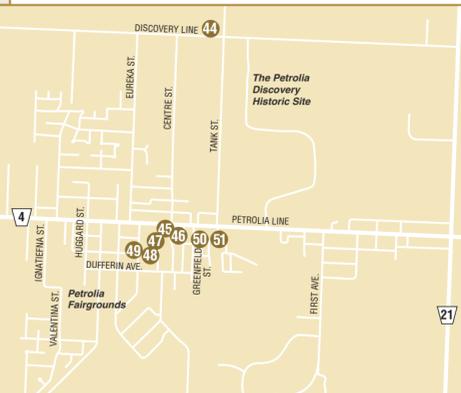
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# SARNIA

**1 Sarnia Solar Project**, 5115 Blackwell Sideroad, Sarnia, Sat 11-3 ONLY

Situated on 950 acres, the solar site's cutting edge technology generates 120,000 MWh/year of emissions-free power with zero waste.

**2 The Lawrence House Centre for the Arts**, 127 Christina Street South, Sarnia, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Originally called Restholme, the Lawrence House was built in 1892 by William Lawrence, owner of the Lawrence Lumber Company.

**3 The Logheud House**, 115 Christina Street North, Sarnia, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

This triple brick home's most dominant features is the three-storey tower with its bell-shaped roof and band shell veranda.

**4 Imperial Theatre**, 160-168 Christina Street North, Sarnia, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

The theatre originally opened as the Capitol Theatre on New Year's Eve in 1936.

**5 Judith & Norman ALIX Art Gallery**, 147 Lochiel Street, Sarnia, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Through the floor to ceiling windows, sneak a peek into the recently completed Judith & Norman ALIX Art Gallery.

**6 Heritage Walking Tour**, 147 Lochiel Street, Sarnia (meet at new art gallery) tours leave every hour, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Members of the Sarnia Heritage Committee will guide you through historic neighbourhoods near the downtown area.

**7 Ups N' Downs Pub**, 226 Front Street North, Sarnia, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

The pub originally housed two storefronts and two apartments. The facade has decorative brickwork topped off by ornate tin cornice work.

**8 Lochiel Kiwanis Centre**, 180 North College Avenue, Sarnia, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Originally a school (three schools have been on this site over time), this 1916 building is a historic landmark and a vibrant community centre.

**9 All Saints' Anglican Church**, 248 Vidal Street North, Sarnia, Sat 10-4; Sun 12-4

In 1883, the cornerstone of the former St. George's Church was laid. In 2011, amalgamation of 3 churches formed the new Parish of All Saints.

**10 The Misener House**, 286 Vidal Street North, Sarnia, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Built in 1896 for former mayor Thomas Cook, this Queen Anne features original clapboard siding and unique two-storey curved walls.

**11 The Gordon House**, 129 Maria Street, Sarnia, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Stucco and clapboard define this two-storey home. The symmetry of the exterior extends into the home's centre hall design.

**12 Sarnia Masonic Hall**, 245 Essex Street, Sarnia, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Originally a church, this building it is now exclusively used for Masonic events. The history of Masonry in Lambton dates to 1854.

**13 Bluewater Health**, 89 Norman Street, Sarnia, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Visit the new and renovated state-of-the-art facilities at Bluewater Health, the first acute care hospital in Ontario to achieve LEED certification.

**14 MIG Engineering (2011) Ltd.**, 453 Christina Street North, Sarnia, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

These timbers were milled from nearby woodlots. When the building was converted, the front foyer, staircase and woodwork were preserved.

**15 Lakeview Cemetery**, 1016 Colborne Road, Sarnia, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

The Sarnia Cemetery Company was incorporated in 1879 to operate a non-denominational cemetery in Sarnia.

**16 The Silo House**, 6542 Brigden Road, Bright's Grove, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

This 55-foot silo stored grain from 1842 - 1947, when it was converted into a four-level home. All floors are reached by a 44-step spiral staircase.

# LAMBTON SHORES

**17 Forest Glen Herb Farm and B & B**, 8333 Glendale Drive, Lambton Shores, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Stroll the farm to explore different growing areas featuring historically significant plants. Stop by the 150 year old barn.

**18 Kettle and Stony Point First Nation**, 6368 Indian Lane, Lambton Shores, Sat 10-4 ONLY

Meet at the United Church and get a glimpse into the Chippewa's rich culture, history, language, and art through local attractions.

**19 Lambton Heritage Forest-Lambton Shores Nature Trails**, 9997 Port Franks Road, Port Franks, Lambton Shores, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Volunteers will be hosting an information booth at the Port Franks Community Centre with information about established walking trails. Go for a hike afterwards!

**20 Lambton Heritage Museum**, 10035 Museum Road, Lambton Shores, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

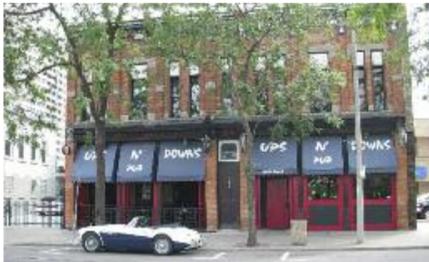
Get a glimpse behind the scenes of the Lambton Heritage Museum, including collections storage areas and workshops.

**21 Purdy's At The Bend**, 59 River Road, Grand Bend, Lambton Shores, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

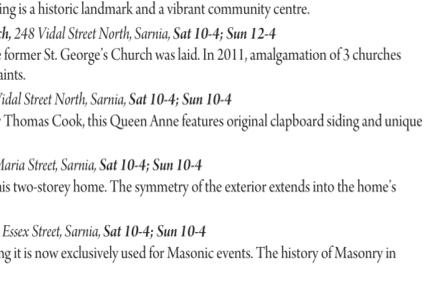
Now a thriving business, William Jeremiah Purdy founded the fishery in 1900 with a pair of hoop nets and a dream.



The Lawrence House Centre for the Arts



Ups N' Downs Pub



The Silo House



The Silo House



Kettle and Stony Point First Nation

**22 River Road Gallery**, 63 River Road, Grand Bend, Lambton Shores, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Located near the harbour, the gallery's new space provides a unique ambiance that encourages visitors to enjoy art works in a relaxed way.

**23 Grand Bend United Church**, 25 Main Street, Grand Bend, Lambton Shores, Sat 10-4; Sun 12:30-4 (church service 11am, guests welcome)

Built in 1927, this church's features include a bell from Scotland and stained glass windows.

**24 The Colonial Hotel**, 1 Main Street, Grand Bend, Lambton Shores, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4 (tours available on the half hour)

Grand Bend's oldest family hotel and restaurant. The main dining room features a brick column from the original building constructed in 1868.

**25 Twin Pines Orchards and Cider House**, 8169 Kennedy Line, Thedford, Lambton Shores, Sat 9-5; Sun 1-5

Specializing in hard ciders, sweet ciders, and fruit wines in a unique natural setting with walking trails, gardens and ponds.

**26 The Legacy Centre**, 16 Allen Street, Thedford, Lambton Shores, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

This renovated multipurpose complex includes a library, nursery school, community hall, state of the art kitchen, dressing rooms and more.

**27 Knox Presbyterian Church**, 182 Main Street, Thedford, Lambton Shores, Sat 10-4; Sun 12-4 (church service 9:30 am, guests welcome)

Built in 1877, the church steeple is 90 feet high, and bears a cast iron bell (which still rings to this day) and a cross on the steeple point.

**28 Van Engelen Dairy Farm**, 7911 Gordon Road, Thedford, Lambton Shores, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Peter Van Engelen immigrated from Holland in 1953 and started a farm with 50 cows. Sons Eddy and Mike bought the business in 1986 and it continues to thrive.

**29 Utter Farm**, 8529 Townsend Line, Arkona, Lambton Shores, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Established in 1843, this farm has been in the Utter family ever since. Tools and artifacts are displayed on site.

**30 Christ Church, Anglican**, 20 Main Street South, Forest, Lambton Shores, Sat 10-4; Sun 12-4 (church service 10am, guests welcome)

This church features stained glass windows by renowned artist Christopher Wallis.

**31 Glenraven**, 17 Main Street East, Forest, Lambton Shores, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Built in the Second Empire style, this private residence is characterized by the Mansard roof decorated by a multi-coloured slate design.

**32 Kivamis Kineto Theatre**, 24 King Street West, Forest, Lambton Shores, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

The Kineto is one of the oldest continuously operating movie theatres in Canada, having started operations in 1917.

**33 Forest Heritage District**, 61 King Street West, Forest, Lambton Shores, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Enjoy a self-guided walking tour of historic downtown Forest featuring historic buildings and multi-generational shops.

**34 Forest Lambton Museum**, 8 Main Street North, Forest, Lambton Shores, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Located at the former Forest Home Bakery site in downtown Forest. The storefront appears much the same as when it was built in 1885.

**35 The Jones House**, 12 Wellington Street West, Forest, Lambton Shores, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

An example of Domestic Gothic Architecture, the Jones House is restored to its mid-nineteenth century origins.

**36 The Angel House**, 35 Main Street NE, Forest, Lambton Shores, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

An Italianate home full of treasures: original carved newel posts; ornamentation on the stair wall; and unique pieces of art.

# CENTRAL LAMBTON

PLYMPTON-WYOMING

**37 Aberarder Vineyard**, 5547 Aberarder Line, Town of Plympton-Wyoming, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Visit five acres of vineyard with more than 30 different varieties of grapes. Sample more than 15 different wines!

**38 The Trusler Homestead**, 3943 Egrement Road, Camlachie, Plympton Wyoming, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Costumed volunteers will greet visitors to this two-stored farmhouse (built in 1898) with re-enactments of day-to-day Victorian living.

**39 Christ Church**, 3939 Egrement Road, Camlachie, Plympton Wyoming, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Step back in time as costumed volunteers welcome visitors to this quaint little church. Interior is decorated as it was in 1877.

**40 The Lambton Room**, 787 Broadway Street, Wyoming, Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4

The Lambton Room is the County of Lambton's archives, where historical documents are preserved. Stop by to get a glimpse of our collection!

**41 The Stewart House**, 622 London Street, Wyoming, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Built in 1896 for John E. Anderson, local Wyoming merchant. The home was bought by the Stewarts in 2006 and restored over the past six years.

**42 St. John's Anglican Church**, 564 London Street, Wyoming, Sat 10-4; Sun 12-4

The original church was built in 1863 and rebuilt in 1890 as seen today. The bell tower was added in 1925.

**43 The Westland Home**, 556 London Street, Wyoming, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

A two-storey, yellow brick home with ornate cast window hoods, roof finials and decorative gable pediments built by an early Wyoming banker.

PETROLIA

**44 Marthaville United Church**, 4381 Discovery Line, Petrolia, Sat 10-4; Sun 1-4

Built in 1880, this Wesleyan Methodist Church was donated and moved to the Petrolia Discovery.

**45 St. Paul's United Church**, 4169 Petrolia Line, Petrolia, Sat 10-1; Sun 1-4

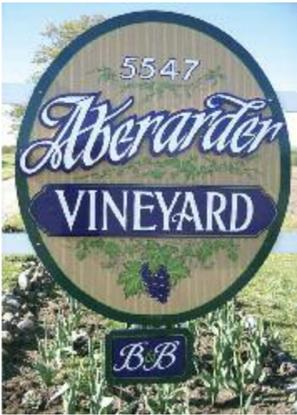
There are more than 100 decorative glass windows, a gas-electric chandelier and detailed wrought iron railings in this church.



Van Engelen Dairy Farm



The Station Library



Aberarder Vineyard

**46 Victoria Hall**, 411 Greenfield Street, Petrolia, Sat 10-4; Sun 1-4

After a disastrous fire in 1989, Victoria Hall was rebuilt and reopened in 1992. The exterior retained its original 1889 design.

**47 St. Philip's Roman Catholic Church**, 415 King Street, Petrolia, Sat 10-4; Sun 1-4

Well-regarded architects George F. Durand and John M. Moore designed this Gothic-Revival building in 1887.

**48 Nemo Hall**, 419 King Street, Petrolia, Sat 10-4; Sun 1-4

Enter this sumptuous 1870 Victorian mansion through the ornate doors with acid-etched glass and marvel at the superb craftsmanship throughout.

**49 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**, 416 Queen Street, Petrolia, Sat 10-4; Sun 1-4

Highlights include a 1903 Casavant pipe organ, a Yamaha baby grand piano, extensive stained glass, and an antique wooden 'relics' showcase.

**50 First Baptist Church**, 418 Greenfield Street, Petrolia, Sat 10-4; Sun 1-4

Built in 1896, this church's oak is original and a finely detailed wrought iron railing wraps around the choir loft.

**51 Christ Church Anglican**, 414 Oil Street, Petrolia, Sat 10-4; Sun 1-4

Striking church with the most extensive stained glass designs in Petrolia, all created by renowned artist Christopher Wallis.

OIL SPRINGS

**52 Fairbank Oil Properties**, 2423 Kelly Road, Oil Springs (meet at the Oil Museum of Canada to begin tours), Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Started in 1861, Fairbank Oil is the world's longest running oil field, a National Historic Site and a fourth-generation family business.

**53 Oil Museum of Canada**, 2423 Kelly Road, Oil Springs, Sat 10-5; Sun 10-5

A National Historic Site featuring Canada's first oil wells, the birthplace of the modern oil industry.

BROOKE-ALVINSTON

**54 Alvinston Driving Tour**, 3243 Nauwo Road, Alvinston, Brooke-Alvinston, Sat 1-4; Sun 10-4

A self-guided driving tour leads you to ten sites and historic markers. Discover the community of Alvinston and learn about its past!

**55 Guthrie Presbyterian Church**, 3256 River Street, Alvinston, Brooke-Alvinston, Sat 10-4; Sun 1-4 (church service 11:30am, guests welcome)

The first stones of this red brick building were laid in 1914 on a former orchard purchased from D.J. McEachern for \$18,000.

**56 Munro Honey & Meadery**, 3115 River Street, Alvinston, Brooke-Alvinston, Sat 9-3; Sun 12-4 (guided tour Sat at 1pm)

Established in 1925, Munro Honey has approximately 3,000 hives in yards throughout Lambton, Middlesex and Perth counties.

**57 Charlie's Place**, 4082 Nauwo Road, Alvinston, Brooke-Alvinston, Sat 11-5; Sun 11-5

A well-known farm in the community, the house was built in 1876 by the Annett family. The barn is marked with a quilt.

**58 Mount Carmel Cemetery**, 7649 LaSalle Line, Watford, Brooke-Alvinston, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

The first church in Brooke Township, this Episcopal Church retains its original organ and cemetery. Closed in 1898, it has never been electrified.

**59 St. James Cemetery & Chapel**, 7991 Churchhill Line, Watford, Brooke-Alvinston, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Closed in 1967, this century-old church has stained glass windows placed in memory of pioneer families who established the community.

WARWICK

**60 Watford/Warwick Museum**, 515 Ontario Street, Watford, Township of Warwick, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Originally the Watford Fire Hall and Bell Tower, you can view the old Jail Cell at the rear of the building, as well as the famous MaxMobile from 1900.

# ST. CLAIR

Enjoy casual ambiance and picturesque vistas in any of the 14 waterside parks of the St. Clair Parkway. The open waterfront fills the scenic corridor along the St. Clair Parkway and River Trail that meander through Corunna, Mooretown, Courtright, Sombra, Port Lambton, and past Stag and Fawn Islands.

**61 Baby Point**, 4555 St. Clair Parkway, Port Lambton, St. Clair Township, Sat 12-4 ONLY  
Visit one of the earliest settlements in Sombra Township and meet researcher Cliff Roy to see the artifacts he uncovered in the area.

**62 The Wadell House**, 4426 St. Clair Parkway, Port Lambton, St. Clair Township, Sat 12-4; Sun 12-4

This river view house is really two homes joined together in 1910 by Henry Wadell. Painstakingly restored!

**63 Prohibition Beer Scow**, 4362 St. Clair Parkway, Port Lambton, St. Clair Township, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

During prohibition, dozens of beer scows (storage facilities for beer and liquor to send to the US) lined the river. Get a glimpse at one of the last remaining examples.

**64 Bradley Barn**, 1233 Kerr Line, Wallaceburg, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4 (drive by only)

The round roof of the Bradley Barn is unique. There will be no direct access to this site but you will be able to pick up a brochure from a volunteer and view the barn from the roadside.

**65 W. Darcy McKeough Floodway**, 912 Holt Line, Sombra, St. Clair Township, Sat 10-4 ONLY

The W. Darcy McKeough Floodway was built to protect the Town of Wallaceburg and parts of St. Clair Township from the severe flooding of the Sydenham River.

**66 Smith Line Ferry & Bridge**, 941 Smith Line, Port Lambton, St. Clair Township, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

The last manually operated ferry in Ontario was run by Ernie Smith. The building of the Smith Line Bridge in 1981 ended an era in transportation.



Victoria Hall



Fairbank Oil Properties



Guthrie Presbyterian Church



W. Darcy McKeough Floodway

**67 Bluewater Ferry**, 3490 Water Street, Sombra, St. Clair Township, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

View one of Lambton's classic ferry sites. If you want to ride into Marine City, Michigan, bring your passport (regular ferry fees apply).

**68 St. Clair Masonic Lodge**, 3464 St. Clair Parkway, Sombra, St. Clair Township, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Visit this lodge to see furniture manufactured in 1902, the original 1889 Charter issued by the Grand Masonic Lodge of Ontario and more!

**69 Sombra Museum**, 3470 St. Clair Parkway, Sombra, St. Clair Township, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Visit the brand new museum and cultural space directly across the street from Sombra's original museum, the Bury House.

**70 The Stover House**, 162 Smith Street, Sombra, St. Clair Township, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

Built in 1906, this home's unique design and architecture has always created interest for the passerby.

**71 Cattanaugh-Rattray Cemetery**, 3328 St. Clair Parkway, Sombra, St. Clair Township, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

An abandoned pioneer cemetery resurrected by a local Women's Institute. It is currently maintained by the township.

**72 Wetlands at Branton-Cumick Park**, 3228 St. Clair Parkway, Sombra, St. Clair Township, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

In 2008, a natural habitat was re-created at this site to restore wetlands with a year round hydrological connection to the river.

**73 Cathcart Park**, 2959 St. Clair Parkway, Sombra, St. Clair Township, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

The largest of the St. Clair Parkway system parks is the former Clay Creek Provincial Park created in the 1950s.

**74 Bickford Oak Woods Conservation Reserve**, 520 Bickford Line, Wilkesport, St. Clair Township, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

At 314 hectare, the Bickford Oak Woods Conservation Reserve is the largest protected Carolinian clay plain forest in Canada.

**75 Smith Homestead Heritage Farm**, 613 Oil Springs Line, Courtright, St. Clair Township, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4  
This fourth generation farm dating back to the early 1870s offers year round interactive agri-tourism and sustainable innovation.

**76 Leaper Farm**, 2566 Moore Line, Bridgen, St. Clair Township, Sat 10-4; Sun 10-4

The building used to be the Imperial Oil gun range clubhouse in Sarnia. Old tractors and autos displayed in the 1950s interior.

**77 Steadman Brothers Funeral Home**, 3050 Bridgen Road, Bridgen, St. Clair Township, Sat 12-4; Sun 12-4 (in the event of a funeral or visitation, this site may have reduced hours or tours may be cancelled)

Steadman Brothers, established in 1906, operate the oldest funeral business in Lambton County. View the preparation rooms and the family firm's historic hearses!

**78 Silvester Collector Car Store**, 3027