




BACK ROADING ELGIN'S LISTS OF THE BEST FUN THINGS TO DO, SEE, EXPERIENCE & ENJOY THIS YEAR IN OUR NECK OF THE WOODS

DATE VISITED	Would go back?	WHERE TO GO!	WHAT'S FUN TO DO, SEE, TASTE or SPECIAL ABOUT HERE?
		The WINDJAMMER INN - Port Stanley	Not only a beautiful inn to stay: plan to try the 'Chef's Table' dinner prix fixe dinner focusing on local farm partners. Menu changes daily.
		GT'S ON THE BEACH - Port Stanley	Cheer on the Live Music Bands every weekend at <u>GT's ON THE BEACH</u> while sipping a brew, feeding on a great meal; super spot for beach volleyball.
		PORT STANLEY'S FESTIVAL THEATRE	Join us in celebrating 40 years of professional live theatre by the lake in our newly renovated space. Immerse yourself in light-hearted Canadian stories that are sure to affect and inspire.
		KETTLE CREEK INN & RESTAURANT - Port Stanley	Nothing could be better than savouring <u>KETTLE CREEK INN'S</u> Chef's Temptations: be it the fresh lake Perch, Pickerel or an incredible burger - best enjoyed in the gazebo! Love it? Plan to stay the night in one of their luxury suites!
		WILDFLOWERS TEA and HONEY FARM - St Thomas	In harmony with nature, plan an herbal walk at <u>WILDFLOWER S TEA & HONEY FARM</u> taste the home crafted teas & honey tastings while admiring the true beauty of the wild flowers.
		SHAW'S ICE CREAM PARLOUR - St Thomas	Since 1948, 70 years <u>SHAW'S ICE CREAM</u> has maintained the legacy of creating highest quality of ice cream using 100% Canadian Cream; Surely a trip down memory lane for everyone.
		CANADALE NURSERIES - St Thomas	Award winning Garden Centre & Nursery, specializes in unique, rare & unusual plants. Great weekend sales and lots of hands on events all year long. Learn to make some very creative seasonal pieces for your home.
		PRINCESS AVENUE PLAY-HOUSE - St Thomas	Built in 1907, this former church is now home to the <u>PRINCESS AVENUE PLAY-HOUSE</u> not only does it host some wonderful plays + variety of music concerts - oh, some say its haunted. Come see for yourself.
		COMFORT INN - St Thomas	<u>COMFORT INN</u> is a great locally placed Inn to rest and refresh with free breakfast and wifi. If looking for something to do ask us about our Railway City Brewing and JackPot City Packages
		HORTON FARMERS MARKET - Sat's only - St Thomas	Only open Saturday's, <u>HORTON FARMERS MARKET</u> artisans, music buskers, fruits, vegetables, meat, yes it has it all , experience where locals meet on Saturdays to pick up their weekly products.
		RAILWAY CITY BREWING COMPANY -St Thomas	Grab your closest friends & plan a brewery tour at the <u>RAILWAY CITY BREWING COMPANY</u> and see for yourself what all the buzz is about. Maybe come for a friendly game of darts once a week - check out all the fun here.
		DOWLER—KARN COLLECTION - St Thomas	Take the time to visit here as they are celebrating 75 years and those years have provided the <u>DOWLER KARN COLLECTION</u> with over 30,000 oil & gas related memorabilia including antique trucks but also includes local history items
		NEW SARUM DINER - New Sarum, around the corner - Hwy 3 & 74	Eat at the oldest restaurant around here, <u>NEW SARUM DINER</u> - marks 75 years: try the food & you'll soon see why they have lasted so long. An Elgin County family favourite (licensed) place to go. Ps Check out all the antiques found in the banquet room: enjoy the 40's retro style

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		SAVANNAH'S TEA ROOM & VICTORIAN ELEGANCE - Aylmer	Reserve & relish HIGH TEA with your besties in <u>SAVANNAH'S T'ROOM</u> (June thru Aug;) take in the freshness of the air, savories, & tea on the patio. Stroll with amazement at <u>VICTORIAN ELEGANCE'S</u> newly enlarged selection of clothing.
		ELGIN FEEDS COUNTRY STORE -Aylmer	Hugely popular this general store like times before where everyone met up when coming to town: picking up from the plethora of supplies. Still today as exciting as it was then. Lots to check out here.
		SWEET MAGNOLIA HOUSE B&B - Aylmer	Built in 1870 beautifully restored B&B is full of character & charm . You will surely fall in love with this B&B, the homemade breakfast, the small town welcoming feel.
		BERRY HILL FRUIT FARM - Aylmer	It can't get any fresher than this stop by on your way home: pick up an array of deliciously fragrant flavoured farm fresh vegetables & fruits for your dinner table
		CLOVERMEAD HONEY GIFT SHOP & ADVENTURE FARM- Aylmer	Seeking a kid friendly to do ? - <u>CLOVERMEAD HONEY & ADVENTURE FARM</u> is a heritage Honey farm; with so many attractions; an adventure farm for kids, small animals on site, the largest glass bee display hive in Ontario & a honey shop for all ages. A very happening place.
		RUSH CREEK WINERY - AYLME	Explore the wine making process at <u>RUSH CREEK WINERY</u> with Award Winning Wine Master & owner, Ron Barr. Along with free samplings this tour makes for a splendid afternoon visit in the peaceful country location.
		GAY LEA DAIRY HERITAGE MUSEUM - Aylmer	19,000 dairy related artifacts, 98 acres of Carolinian Forest, trails, picnic area & a great place for kids to try their hand at ice cream making.
		PORT BURWELL'S MUSEUMS	The Lighthouse & Marine Museum host the area's past in pictures, artifacts plus an incredible collection of Lighthouse Lenses; Climb to the top!
		SIMPLY SCOOPS - Port Burwell	Is one of the best stops on the Erie Trail for ice cream, burgers or more and its only a short walk from the sandy beaches of Port Burwell. It's one of those don't miss stops when touring Port Burwell... you won't be disappointed.
		HOWE'S FAMILY FARM MARKET - Aylmer	If you love fresh food flavor & variety definitely this is the place to stop for the vast selection of seasonal fruits & vegetables. Pick up your farm fresh produce for supper tonight. Its like having your own garden.
		PINECROFT- home of POTTERY ART CENTRE, GREEN FROG TEAROOM SELMA'S B&B CABIN	Please change our listing to the one I forwarded to you on both the map and things to . Happy to add Don't miss this place for lunch! Then please say -- <u>PINECROFT</u> has been an Elgin County Tradition for 70 years. The Muskoka-like setting offers a unique location to shop, dine, rest or relax under the towering pines. Savour the fresh baked bread and rolls and fresh prepared entrees featuring locally sourced produce. The pottery studio welcomes visitors daily.
		The NEW VILLAGE COLLECTIVE - Sparta	<u>The NEW VILLAGE COLLECTIVE</u> is now located in the 1838 Blacksmith's John Ollie's home and former library of Mrs. Ollie. Now home to many local very eccentric & gifted artists & artisans expressive in many styles & mediums. You won't want to miss this in Sparta. <i>Walking tour maps available here</i>

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		JULIA HANSFORD'S SPARTA STUDIO	While at the Village Collective go right next door to see JULIA HANSFORD . Her studio is her canvas and it is one of the most exciting studios to see in Ontario located in the 1840 tin shop!
		HOLISTIC AWAKENINGS DAY SPA - Sparta	Plan a pampering for you & your bestie at the HOLISTIC AWAKENINGS DAY SPA ; relax in the spa experience with a combination of natural body healing products. .
		SPARTA COUNTRY CANDLES - Sparta	Explore the many levels of SPARTA COUNTRY CANDLES and try and find the date that this historic building was constructed. Enjoy fresh home made fudge and a wide selection of gifts and home decor.
		STEED & COMPANY LAVENDER FARM - Sparta	Escape & revel in the aroma & beauty of the lavender fields at STEED & COMPANY LAVENDER FARM : the premier grower of Lavender & don't miss the shop full of lavender products. All reminds me of being in Provence France.
		GUIDED SPARTA SPIRIT WALKS - the Village Collective	Learn about the history & the mysteries of the historic village of Sparta: GUIDED SPARTA SPIRIT WALKS : tickets inside or online at thevillagecollective.com or call 226-773-0264 for reservations & dates
		WINTER WHEAT - Sparta	This enchanting place with its whimsical folk art sculptures, enchanting gardens and delightful country store filled to the rafters is a summer must see location.
		Head down Quaker Rd. South - towards the lake: turn left onto Dexter Line and head toward Port Bruce: the bridge is out so this is the only way to get into the village by Dexter Line. DETOUR ROUTE	
		CORNER VIEW CAFÉ - Port Bruce	While in Port Bruce take the time to soak in the beauty of the lake, the sunsets & rises; while enjoying the delicious menu of CORNER VIEW CAFÉ : with a view: right across the street from the Pavilion on Colin St.
		CONNYS B&B ON THE FARM - Sparta	Wake up to a 'true' Swiss breakfast after a very peaceful & quiet restfulness of farm at CONNYS B&B ON THE FARM Great start to your morning as you continue on exploring the Back Roads of Elgin County
		QUAI DU VIN ESTATE WINERY - Sparta	Perhaps wine tasting is your thing, then a visit to the scenic country of QUAI DU VIN ESTATE WINERY is a must do. Bring friends & take the tour or round up a group of friends and head out for a fantastic time at one of their amazing summer time events!
		FAMILY FLOWERS - St Thomas	Take a relaxing stroll through a tropical oasis - anytime of the year! Since 1994, Family Flowers has been an enjoyable stop for flowers, plants, succulents, tropicals and cactus. Wander through the seasonal crops growing on, and stop by the Mini Farm for a chat with the goats.