

# EXPLORE HAMILTON 24/25

## GUIDEBOOK



# INTRODUCTION

## Welcome to the Explore Hamilton Guide!

*This guide was crafted by the Municipal Affairs Committee of the McMaster Students Union with the goal of encouraging McMaster students to explore their municipality. Whether it's a coffee shop in Dundas or a restaurant in International Village, there is so much to explore and experience in Hamilton. We hope that you enjoy this guide and discover some hidden gems in the process!*

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#### **HAMILTON BIKE SHARE (SOBI)**

There are over 800 social bikes (SoBi) across Hamilton that can be unlocked with a membership. Just scan the QR code on the back of a bike through the app. These bikes can be used within Hamilton for a time limit (1.5 hours) each day!

*Included with tuition as a full-time MSU student (can opt-out).*



#### **BIRD**

Bird is an e-scooter service, conveniently located across Hamilton.

*Pay per minute or various pass options.*

**BIRD**

#### **GO BUS**

You can use your PRESTO card to ride GO transit to other destinations in Southern Ontario!

*Register for a post-secondary student discount to receive 40% off your fare!*





## HAMILTON STREET RAILWAY (HSR)

The HSR encompasses all local transit (buses) loaded onto a PRESTO card.

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### Bus Line

- 1** East to Appleby GO
- 1** Eastgate Square
- 1A** McMaster University via University Plaza
- 2** Bell Manor Loop
- 4F** Mount Albion Loop via Ferrie
- 5** Head Street
- 5** King at Highway 8
- 5A** Greenhill at Cochrane
- 5A** Meadowlands
- 5B** Pirie at Governors
- 11** Valley Park Loop
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# WALKABILITY & BIAS

**Business Improvement Areas** are neighbourhoods in Hamilton with distinctive styles with diverse businesses which attract shoppers and diners. There are over 1000 businesses across 11 unique business improvement areas in Hamilton. Each BIA offers their own farmer's market as well as a unique experience to visit.

## **Ancaster** **A**

Ancaster's BIA is centered around the historic village core, offering a mix of charming shops, cafes, and professional services. It's known for its upscale boutiques and dining options.

## **Barton Village** **BV**

Established in 2010, the Barton Village BIA is a revitalized district that features a diverse mix of businesses, including trendy cafes, unique boutiques, and community-focused services.

## **Concession Street** **CS**

Concession Street BIA is one of Hamilton's oldest business districts, established in 1984, located along the escarpment with stunning views of the city. The area is home to a variety of shops, restaurants, and health services, and it hosts community events like street festivals and sidewalk sales.

## **Downtown Dundas** **DD**

Downtown Dundas BIA, established in 1977, is known for its quaint, historic charm, with beautifully preserved 19th-century architecture. The area offers a mix of specialty shops, art galleries, and restaurants.

## **Downtown Hamilton** **DH**

The Downtown Hamilton BIA, formed in 1982, is the city's bustling urban center, offering a wide range of shopping, dining, and entertainment options. It's home to major attractions like the Art Gallery of Hamilton, FirstOntario Centre, and a thriving arts scene.

## **Downtown Stoney Creek** **SC**

Downtown Stoney Creek BIA provides a mix of modern amenities and historic charm, with businesses ranging from local eateries to unique retail stores. The area is known for its community events and strong sense of local pride.

## International Village **IV**

The International Village BIA, established in 1976, is a culturally rich area of downtown Hamilton known for its diverse array of shops, restaurants, and services. There is a focus on unique, independent businesses and global cuisines.

## Locke Street **LS**

Locke Street BIA, established in 2005, is a trendy district known for its eclectic mix of independent shops, cafes, and restaurants. The area has a lively, community-oriented vibe, and is popular for its annual events, such as the Locke Street Festival.

## Ottawa Street **OS**

Ottawa Street BIA, also known as Hamilton's Fabric and Textile District, was established in 1985 and is famous for its concentration of fabric shops, antique stores, and unique boutiques. It also hosts the Ottawa Street Farmer's Market.

## Waterdown **W**

Waterdown BIA, located in the heart of Waterdown Village, offers a mix of historic charm and modern amenities, with a variety of shops, services, and dining options. The area is known for its community-focused events and small-town feel.

## Westdale Village **WV**

Westdale Village BIA, created in 1986, is a charming, walkable neighbourhood near McMaster University, known for its vibrant mix of cafes, independent shops, and restaurants. It has a lively student presence and hosts community events like movie nights and street markets.

### Quick Information Bar

Distance  
from  
campus

Bus Routes



<15 min walk

**BIA**

# ARK & ANCHOR ESPRESSO BAR



**300 King St W, Hamilton**

Ark & Anchor Espresso Bar is a cozy study spot known for its welcoming atmosphere. The café doubles as an art space, showcasing local artists' work.

**4.1km**

**1 or 5A**

**DH**

# CAFE BAFFICO



**1375 King St E, Hamilton**

Cafe Baffico offers a rustic charm with its Italian-inspired menu, featuring artisanal sandwiches, pizza, coffee, and pastries. Since 2018, the cafe has evolved and now serves a new menu each month!

**8.7km**

**1 or 5A**

# CAFE ORANJE



## 312 King St E, Hamilton

Cafe Oranje is a Dutch-inspired café bringing a touch of the Netherlands to Hamilton. Known for its Stroopwafels (Dutch cookie) and strong coffee, you can also pick up breakfast and lunch treats.

5.8km

1 or 5A

IV



# DETOUR CAFE



**41 King St W, Dundas**

Since 2009, Detour Cafe has been serving coffee meant for everyone to enjoy. They roast great coffee responsibly to enjoy in their aesthetic cafe or seasonal patio.

**4.7km**

**1A > 5B**

**DD**

# DURAND COFFEE



**142 Charlton Ave W, Hamilton**

Durand Coffee began with a local couple hoping to create a welcoming neighbourhood hub. Now, it is a cozy space to settle down and study or meet with friends while enjoying carefully crafted espresso drinks.

**4.7km**

**1 or 5A**

# FRENCH REVOLUTION BAKERY & CREPERIE



## 2 King St W, Dundas

French Revolution Bakery & Creperie brings a slice of Paris to Hamilton with its authentic French pastries and crepes.

The charming café offers a cozy atmosphere perfect for enjoying a leisurely breakfast or afternoon treat.

4.9km

1A or 5B + Walk

DD

# GRANDAD'S DONUTS



**574 James St N, Hamilton**

Grandad's Donuts is a beloved Hamilton institution, known for its classic, old-fashioned donuts made fresh daily.

Located near the waterfront, it's the perfect spot to indulge in a sweet treat while enjoying a stroll by the bay.

**6.4km**

**1 or 5A > 4F or 20**

**DH**

# HUI LAU SHAN



**35 King St E, Hamilton**

Hui Lau Shan is an international dessert chain famous for its mango-based desserts and traditional Hong Kong sweets.

Try the Mango and Coconut bubble tea!

**4.8km**

**1 or 5A**

**DH**

# MULBERRY COFFEEHOUSE



**193 James St N, Hamilton**

Mulberry Coffeehouse is a vibrant café located in a historic building on James Street North originally built as the “Armory Hotel” for armed forces officers and their families. Since 2010, they have been serving delicious homemade food and hosting events, concerts, and live music.

**5.3km**

**1 or 5A > 4F or Walk 12min**

**DH**

# MY SWEETOOTH



**301 Main St W, Hamilton**

My SweetTooth is a charming bakery offering an array of Asian-inspired desserts and pastries, from fluffy Japanese cheesecakes to delicate macarons.

It began with Jia and Peter who met at McMaster and opened the bakery together in 2020.

**3.5km**

**1 or 5A**

**DH**

# ONE FOR ALL COFFEE



**241 King St E, Hamilton**

Not only do they have amazing coffee, and high quality matcha drinks, they have amazing unique pastries to try!

**5.6km**

**1 or 5A**

**IV**



# PHIN COFFEE BAR



**791 King St W, Hamilton**

Phin Coffee Bar is a minimalist café inspired by traditional Vietnamese coffee culture. Named after the phin filter used to brew Vietnamese coffee, this spot offers an authentic coffee experience with a modern twist.

**2.5km**

**1 or 5A**



**WV**

# REDCHURCH CAFE + GALLERY



**68 King St E, Hamilton**

In the heart of downtown Hamilton this cafe is perfect for grabbing some drinks with friends and enjoying the gorgeous gallery decorated with art pieces.

**4.9km**

**1 or 5A**

**IV**

# RELAY COFFEE



**27 King William St**

RELAY began in 2008 with Jason & Rachel Hofing, a husband and wife team dedicated to fair trade organic coffee.

Be sure to pair your drink with a sweet or savoury waffle and enjoy the local artwork on display!

**4.9km**

**1 or 5A**

**DH**

# SYNONYM



## 328 James St N, Hamilton

SYNONYM offers coffees and pastries along with an all-day brunch menu to enjoy in their cute and aesthetic cafe.

Tune into the free wifi and check out the local art on display!

5.6km

1 or 5A > 4F or 20

DH

# AVESTA PIZZA & GRILL



**1059 Upper James St, Hamilton**

Avesta is a family restaurant serving authentic Middle-Eastern cuisine and hospitality.

Try the stone-baked pizzas crafted with Tanoor dough!

**14km**

**1 > 20 or 27 or 35J**

# BROTHERS GRIMM



*Brothers Grimm*

## 193 King St E, Hamilton

Brothers Grimm is a Belgian-style bistro and bar with Euro-fusion food. Dine-in to enjoy a meal in an intimate basement cellar surrounded by wine barrels and dim lighting.

5.2km

1 or 5A

IV

# COWABUNGA PIZZA



**536 Upper Wellington St, Hamilton**

Vegan-friendly and takeout-only, Cowabunga Pizza opened in 2020 and recently won best cheese slice in the world at the International Pizza Challenge in Las Vegas.

**7.5km**

**1 or 5A > 22 or 23 or 26**

# EM OI VIETNAMESE RESTAURANT



**542 Upper Wellington St, Hamilton**

In Vietnamese, “Em oi” is a term of endearment, bringing people together to the welcoming and photo-worthy restaurant.

Try the Vietnamese Coffee before diving into a bowl of pho!

**7.5km**

**1 or 5 > 22 or 23 or 26**



# ETNO BAR AND GRILL



**125 Gailmont Dr, Hamilton**

Serving up delicious authentic Serbian food, Etno Bar and Grill is known for hearty dishes in a relaxed and intimate setting.

**13km**

**5**

# FAR SIDE



**288 James St N, Hamilton**

FAR SIDE is a quirky and artsy space that often hosts events surrounded by its retro decor.

**5.5km**

**1 or 5A > 4F or Walk 12min**

**DH**

# LA LUNA (DOWNTOWN)



**306 King St W, Hamilton**

Try authentic Lebanese cuisine at La Luna, a restaurant converted from an old bank building. The restaurant began with 6 brothers from Lebanon and has now become a generational business with 3 locations.

**4.1km**

**1 or 5A**

**DH**

# LAVA'S PIZZA



**876 King St W, Hamilton**

Located near campus, Lava's Pizza offers unbeatable free delivery until late (3am on Friday and Saturday). Try the "Shawarma Pizza" and "Samosa Poutine"!

**1.5km**

**1 or 5A**



**WV**

# LOBBY



**151 James St S, Hamilton**

From brunch to casual-dining to late-night eats, Lobby does it all with beautiful decor. Check out their happy hour, late night specials, or Tuesday buck-a-shuck!

**4.9km**

**1 or 5A**



**DH**

# MAIPAI



**631 Barton St E, Hamilton**

Maipai brings a tiki-themed vibe serving late night pizza in a lively atmosphere.

**7.9km**

**1 or 5A > 2**

# NAMU



**186 King St W, Dundas**

In Korean, “namu” means tree, representing the restaurant’s cuisine which branches across western and eastern flavours.

Try the “Roll of Dundas” and a handmade Bao sandwich!

**5.2km**

**5**

**DD**

# PERUVIANO



**254 Locke St S, Hamilton**

Try Peruvian and Italian cuisine at Peruviano while enjoying the patio and live music. Try the “Lomo Saltado”!

**4.0km**

**1 or 5A**

**LS**



# PINKS BURGERS



**1335 Main St W, Hamilton**

Presenting a 90s grunge vibe with modern flavours, Pinks serves up handcrafted burgers and old fashioned milkshakes.

Try the pink lava sauce to see if you can handle the heat!

**1.1km**

**1 or 5A**



# PLANK RESTO BAR



**18 Augusta St, Hamilton**

Plank Restobar offers a menu focused on shareable plates with Sunday brunches. Enjoy locally sourced in-season food on their rooftop patio!

**5.0km**

**1 or 5A**

# PLANTED IN HAMILTON



**211 Locke St S, Hamilton**

As hinted in the name, Planted is a plant-based, gluten-free, and kosher restaurant and bakery. Try their monthly signature cookie which proceeds go towards a new staff-picked cause each month!

**3.8km**

**1 or 5A**

**LS**

# SIO SHOKUDO (SIO BENTO)



**1686 Main St W Unit 2, Hamilton**

Since 2020, Sio Shokudo has served authentic Japanese cuisine, specializing in bento boxes. Try the “Chicken Katsu Curry Rice” or ramen bowls!

**2.2km**

**1A**



# SHORTY'S PIZZA



## 1099 Cannon St E, Hamilton

Serving New York Style Pizza, Shorty's is widely acclaimed among Hamiltonians. Fun fact: they have only one other location in Winnipeg, Manitoba!

9.1km

1

BV

# SZECHUAN NOODLE BOWL



117 King St E, Hamilton

Serving authentic Chinese food, their noodle soups and side dishes are must trys. Try the “House Special Sliced Noodles with Beef”!

5.5km

1 or 5A

IV

# THE BRAIN BAR



**199 James St N, Hamilton**

One of the first bars to open on James Street North, the Brain Bar is an eclectic spot with light eats and vintage board games.

**5.3km**

**1 or 5A > 4F or Walk 12min**

**DH**

# THE HEARTY HOOLIGAN



**292 Ottawa St N, Hamilton**

An all vegan and locally-sourced restaurant and bakery that's woman-owned and LGBTQSIA+ positive.

Check out their events, performances, and trivia nights!

9.7km

1

OS



# THE MULE



**41 King William St, Hamilton**

The Mule is Hamilton's first crowd-funded restaurant which began with \$100,000 raised through Indiegogo in 2014.

It's well loved for its gluten-free tacos and involvement in the art scene and broader community.

**4.9km**

**1 or 5A**

**DH**

# THIRSTY CACTUS



**2 King St E, Dundas**

Located in the heart of Dundas, Thirsty Cactus has been serving up Southwest cuisine for the past 26 years. Check out live music on Tuesday and Wednesdays, trivia on Thursdays, and open mic on the last Tuesday of the month.

**4.5km**

**1A or 5B > Walk 20min**

**DD**

# TOMAH



**242 King St W, Hamilton**

Tomah is a family owned business specializing in authentic Syrian cuisine. Try the baklava and their homemade cheese made with over 30 years cheese-making experience!

**4.2km**

**1 or 5A**

**DH**

# VALENTINO'S



**824 King St W, Hamilton**

Opening in 1978, Valentino's is named after the famous Italian actor Rudolph Valentino. It was the first restaurant in Hamilton to serve panzerottis (a savory turnover)!

**2km**

**1 or 5A**



# WASS ETHIOPIAN RESTAURANT



**207 James St S, Hamilton**

Wass Ethiopian Restaurant serves authentic Ethiopian food in a cozy dining room. Try their combination platters or their vegetarian, vegan, or gluten-free options!

**5.1km**

**1**

**DH**

# WILD ORCHID



**286 James St N, Hamilton**

Visit Wild Orchid to enjoy an amazing patio and discover classic Portuguese cuisine. It was named the best Seafood Restaurant on James Street and participates in art crawls and super crawl to support the local art scene.

**5.5km**

**1 or 5A > 4F or Walk 15min**

**DH**

# CF LIME RIDGE MALL



**999 Upper Wentworth St, Hamilton**

Lime Ridge is Hamilton's largest shopping mall with over 180 stores and a classic mall cafeteria.

**16km**

**1 > 25**

# DROP SPOT VINTAGE



1044 King St W, Hamilton

Drop Spot is a locally-owned vintage store that's carefully sourced to pick out the most stylish pieces. Located right on Westdale, it's popular among students and community members alike!

1.0km

1 or 5A



WV



# HAMILTON ANTIQUE MALL



*Hamilton  
Antique Mall*

**233 Ottawa St N, Hamilton**

Hamilton Antique Mall is a treasure trove of vintage and antique items, spread over three floors in a historic building. Local vendors showcase a diverse collection of antiques, from furniture to collectibles.

**9.6km**

**1**

**OS**

# JACKSON SQUARE



**2 King St W, Hamilton**

Jackson Square is a downtown mall that offers a mix of retail stores, services, and eateries. Explore the mall for its diverse offerings and discover a hidden gem!

**4.9km**

**1 or 5A**

**DH**

# KING W. BOOKS



## 1060 King St W, Hamilton

King W. Books is a quaint used bookstore right on Westdale, it's only a walk away from campus. Known for its well-organized collection and knowledgeable staff, it's the perfect spot to find rare titles and beloved classics.

**0.9km**

**1 or 5A**



**WV**

# NATIONS FRESH FOODS



## 2 King St W, Hamilton

Nations Fresh Foods is a large international grocery store located in Jackson Square, offering a wide variety of global and local products. With its diverse selection of fresh produce, specialty items, and prepared foods, it's a great option for grocery runs.

4.9km

1 or 5A

DH

# THE LOCAL LIFE ON LOCKE



**218 Locke St S, Hamilton**

The Local Life on Locke is a small boutique that captures the essence of Locke Street's community vibe, offering locally-made goods and unique gifts. It's the perfect place to find handcrafted items and support local artisans.

**3.8km**

**1 or 5A**

**LS**

# THE PRINTED WORD



16 McMurray St, Dundas

The Printed Word is an independent bookstore that focuses on rare and collectible books. With its curated collection and cozy atmosphere, it's a hidden gem for book enthusiasts looking for something special or hard to find.

4.4km

5

DD

# RUNNER'S DEN



**860 King St W, Hamilton**

Runner's Den is a specialty store with an experienced and passionate owner. Offering expert advice, top-quality gear, and a community-focused approach, it's the go-to place for both novice and seasoned runners looking to gear up.

**1.6km**

**1 or 5A**



**WV**

# STRATHCONA MARKET



**STRATHCONA**  
MARKET

**460 York Blvd, Hamilton**

Strathcona Market is a local gem offering a mix of fresh produce, baked goods, and artisanal products.

Visit and support local small businesses!

**4.2km**

**1 or 5A > Walk 14min**



# WESTSIDE STORIES



**852 King St W, Hamilton**

Westside Stories is a used bookstore located in Hamilton's Westdale neighborhood. Known for its diverse selection of books and cozy, inviting atmosphere, it's a favorite spot for students and locals to browse for their next great read.

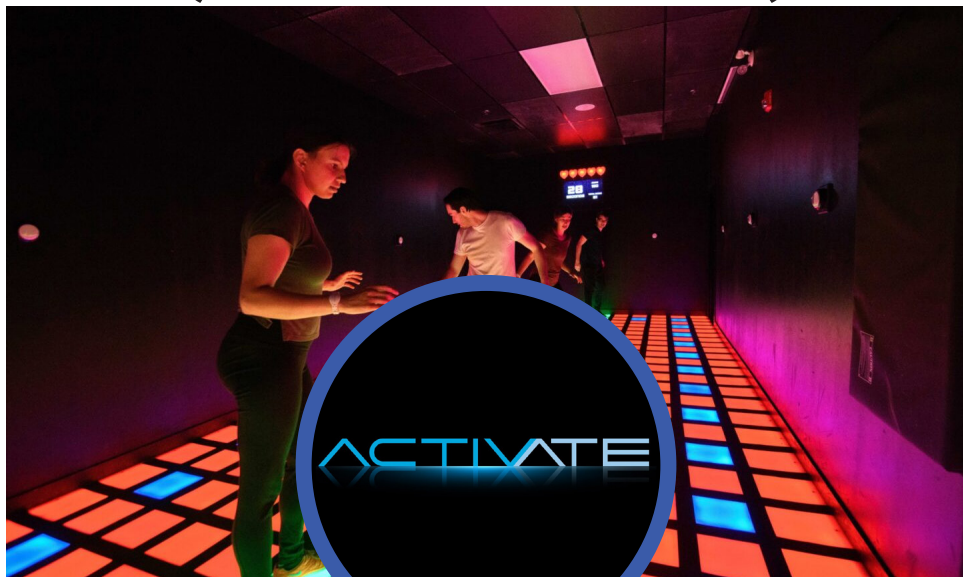
**1.6km**

**1 or 5A**



**WV**

# ACTIVATE (BURLINGTON)



**2030 Appleby Line, Burlington**

Activate is an interactive gaming facility that offers a range of physical and mental challenges in a high-tech environment. Players work in teams to complete various games that test their agility, strategy, and problem-solving skills, making it a fun and engaging experience for all ages.

**24km**

**18 minute drive**

# ART GALLERY OF HAMILTON



**123 King St W, Hamilton**

The Art Gallery of Hamilton is one of Canada's oldest public art galleries, offering a diverse collection of contemporary and historical artworks. Students visit free every day and Thursdays are free for everyone!

**4.7km**

**1 or 5A**

**DH**

# BATL AXE THROWING



**80 James St N, Hamilton**

BATL Axe Throwing provides a unique experience where participants can learn the art of axe throwing in a safe, fun environment. With trained coaches and a lively atmosphere, it's a great place for group outings, team-building events, or just a thrilling night out.

**5.0km**

**1 or 5A**

**DH**

# CENTRAL LIBRARY



## 55 York Blvd, Hamilton

Hamilton's Central Library offers a wide range of resources, from books and digital media to community programs and study spaces.

There's also a piano room that can be booked out for 1-hour each day!

**4.8km**

**1 or 5A**

# CITY HALL



**71 Main St W, Hamilton**

Located in the downtown core, Hamilton's City Hall boasts the iconic HAMILTON letters and an open access city hall building often host to diverse events.

**4.3km**

**1 or 5A**

**DH**

# FLYING SQUIRREL TRAMPOLINE PARK



**1550 Upper James St, Hamilton**

Flying Squirrel Trampoline Park is an indoor playground featuring wall-to-wall trampolines, foam pits, dodgeball courts, and more.

**16km**

**1 > 27 or 35J**

# LAZER MANIA



**865 Upper James St #2, Hamilton**

Lazer Mania is your classic laser tag arena where you can battle it out against a 5th grader's birthday party and play arcade games with classic coin tokens.

**8.8km**

**1 > 20 or 27**



# LITTLE RAYS REPTILE ZOO AND NATURE CENTRE



**869 Barton St E, Hamilton**

Little Rays Reptile Zoo and Nature Centre showcases a variety of reptiles and exotic animals.

Visitors can enjoy live shows, interactive exhibits, and close encounters with creatures from around the world.

**9.1km**

**1 or 5A > 2**

# MANCALA MONK BOARD GAME CAFE



**1229 Cannon St E, Hamilton**

Mancala Monk Board Game Cafe provides a cozy atmosphere where visitors can choose from a vast selection of board games while enjoying coffee, snacks, and meals.

**9.5km**

**1**

# MCMASTER ARTS GALLERY



**1280 Main St W, Hamilton**

McMaster Arts Gallery, located within McMaster University, features rotating exhibitions of contemporary and historical art. Students visit free!

**McMaster University**



# MOODYS PIZZA BAR & ARCADE



**107 George St, Hamilton**

Moodys Pizza Bar & Arcade combines delicious pizza with retro arcade games, creating a fun and nostalgic experience. It's a great place to enjoy a casual meal, play classic games, and hang out with friends.

**3.8km**

**1 or 5A**

# PLAY WITH CLAY



**198 Locke St S, Hamilton**

Play with Clay is a pottery studio where visitors can get creative by painting pre-made ceramics or trying their hand at the pottery wheel. Come for a session or book recurring classes!

**3.7km**

**1 or 5A**

**LS**

# THE BARD AND BEAR GAMES CAFE



**237 James St N, Hamilton**

The Bard and Bear Games Cafe offers a welcoming environment where visitors can choose from hundreds of board games while enjoying coffee, snacks, and light meals.

**5.4km**

**1 or 5A > 4F or Walk 13min**

**DH**

# UNIVERSITY LANES



**101 Osler Dr, Dundas**

University Lanes is an old-school bowling alley located near McMaster, offering affordable bowling for students and the local community.

**2.8km**

**1A**

**DD**

# TOURISM HAMILTON



**28 James St N, Hamilton**

Visit the Tourism Hamilton office to discover what Hamilton has to offer while stopping by the free 150 anniversary HSR exhibit!

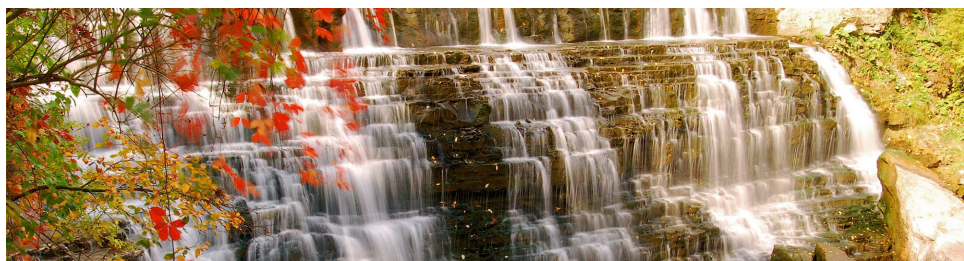
**4.9km**

**1 or 5A**

**IV**



## ALBION FALLS



**885 Mountain Brow Blvd, Hamilton**

One of Hamilton's most picturesque waterfalls, Albion Falls cascades over 19 meters of layered rock formations.

**15km**

**1 > 21**

## BAYFRONT PARK



**200 Harbour Front Dr, Hamilton**

Just a bike ride away from McMaster, Bayfront Park has a paved trail along the harbour to enjoy the stunning views and open air.

**6.1km**

**1 or 5A > 4F or 20**

# BINBROOK CONSERVATION AREA



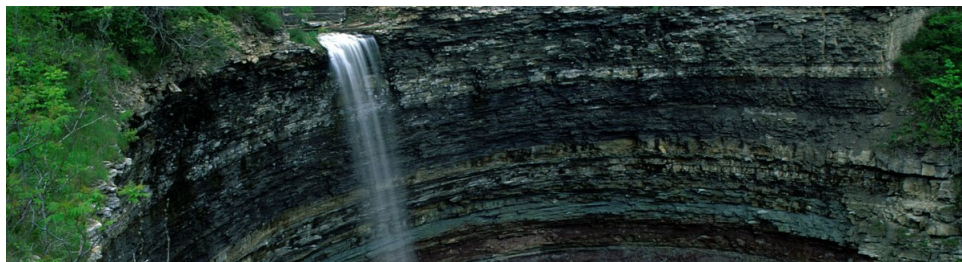
**5050 Harrison Rd, Binbrook**

Binbrook Conversation Area offers a splash park, treetop trekking, fishing, paddleboard and kayak rentals, hiking, swimming and more!

**32km**

**30 minute drive**

# DEVIL'S PUNCHBOWL



**185 Ridge Rd, Stoney Creek**

A Hamilton waterfall classic, the Devil's Punchbowl is actually 2 waterfalls in a bowl-shaped formation. The hiking trail offers a view of the Toronto skyline on clear days.

**27km**

**5 > Walk 20min**

# DUNDURN CASTLE



**610 York Blvd, Hamilton**

Dundurn Castle is a historic mansion offering guided tours that explore Hamilton's past. The surrounding grounds include beautifully maintained gardens that are perfect for a stroll after exploring the castle.

**4.5km**

**1 or 5A > Walk 20min**

# FELKER'S FALLS



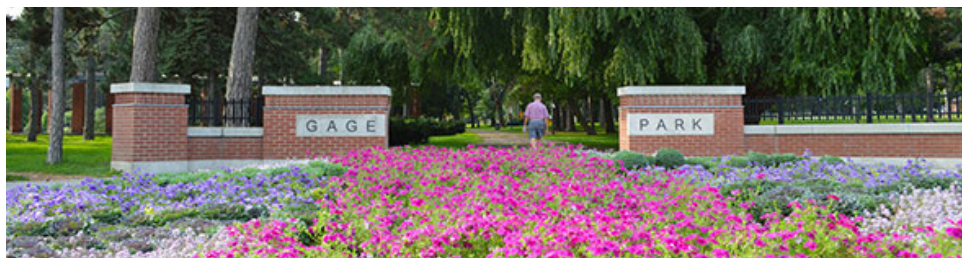
**41 Ackland St, Stoney Creek**

Felker's Falls Conservation Area features a 22-meter ribbon waterfall surrounded by a scenic, wooded area.

**23km**

**5 > 11 > Walk 17min**

# GAGE PARK



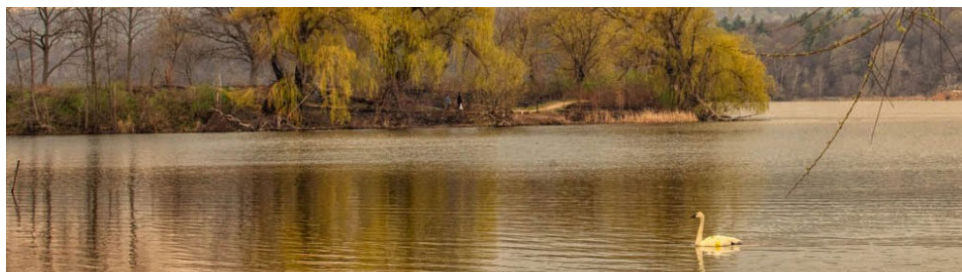
**1000 Main St E, Hamilton**

Gage Park is a large, urban green space known for its beautiful rose gardens, greenhouse, and fountain. It hosts numerous events and festivals throughout the year, including Pride.

**8.4km**

**1 or 5A**

# PRINCESS POINT



**1280 Main St W, Hamilton**

Princess Point is a popular starting point for exploring the trails around Cootes Paradise and the Hamilton Waterfront. It is accessible from campus!

**McMaster University**



**8 min**

# ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS



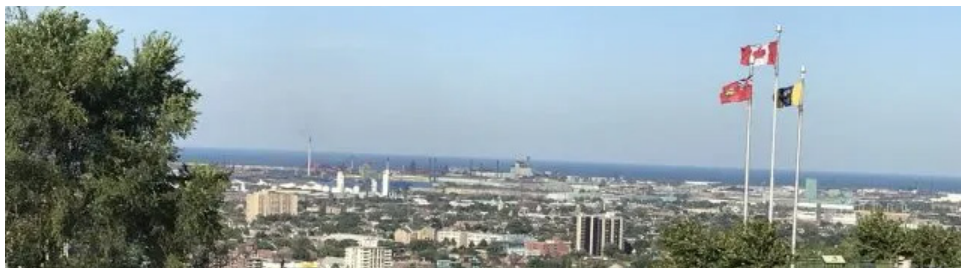
**680 Plains Rd W, Burlington**

Royal Botanical Gardens is one of the largest botanical gardens in Canada, offering extensive gardens, nature trails, and educational programs. Visitors can explore diverse ecosystems, from lush woodlands to flower gardens.

**8.1km**

**1 > 1**

# SAM LAWRENCE PARK



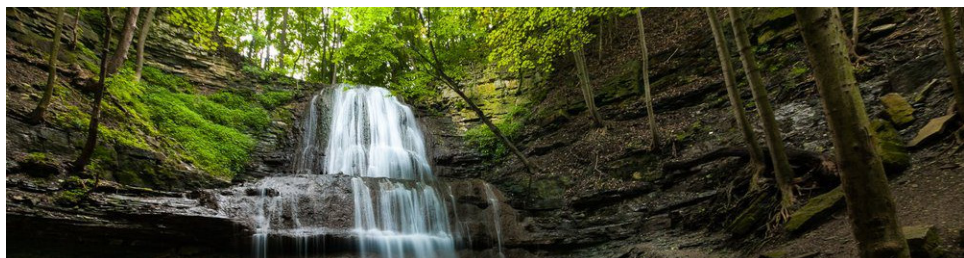
**255 Concession St, Hamilton**

Sam Lawrence Park offers some of the best views of Hamilton from its location atop the Niagara Escarpment. The park is known for its beautifully landscaped gardens and walking paths.

**7.1km**

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## SHERMAN FALLS



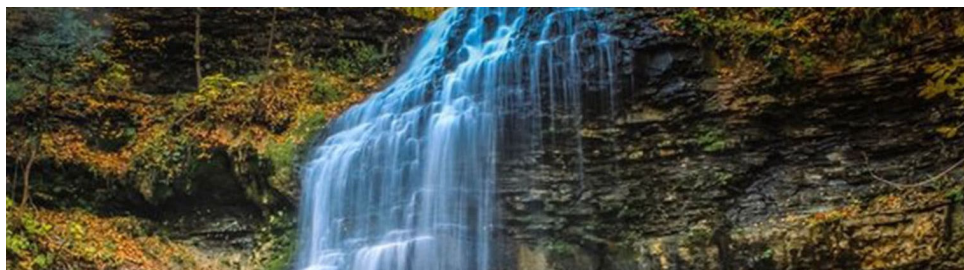
**711 Artaban Road, Ancaster**

Sherman Falls is a charming 17-meter waterfall nestled in a forested area, accessible via a short hike.

**6.5km**

**5A**

## TIFFANY FALLS CONSERVATION



**900 Wilson St E, Hamilton**

Tiffany Falls Conservation Area features a stunning 21-meter waterfall that can be viewed up close from a boardwalk. The area offers short hiking trails through a lush forest.

**5.2km**

**5A**

# ULI'S STAIRS



## 379 Mountain Brow Blvd, Hamilton

Uli's Stairs is a set of 305 steep wooden stairs hand-built by Uli Wiesel, a local resident who wanted to create a shortcut from the escarpment to the lower city in honour of his wife. These were the first stairs connecting the upper and lower city and still exist despite the half a million dollar metal staircase a block away.

**13km**

**5** > 21 or Walk 15min

# WENTWORTH STAIRS

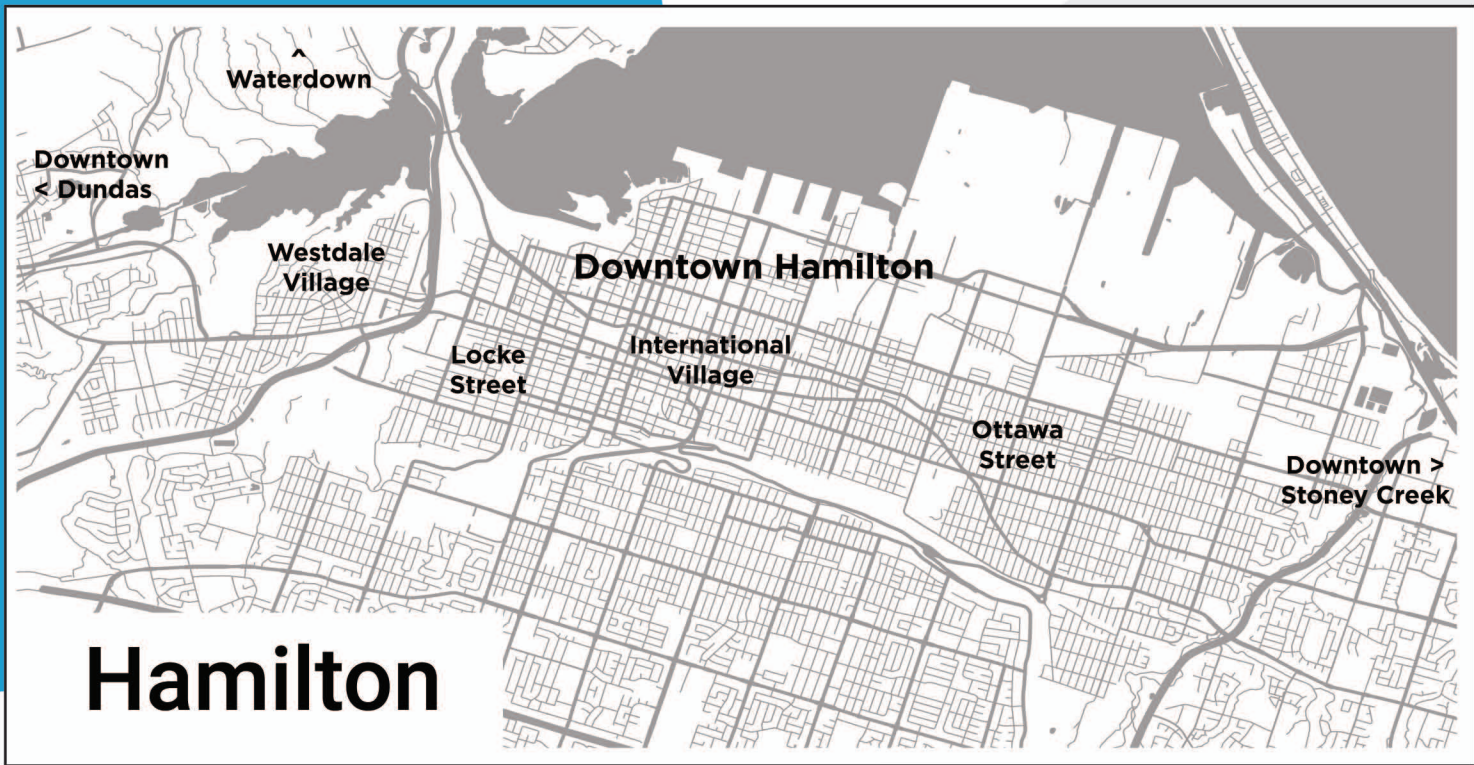


## Wentworth St S, Hamilton

Wentworth Stairs (498 steps) are one of the iconic escarpment stairs in Hamilton, popular for both exercise and scenic views. There are four other city-built staircases: Chedoke (289), Dundurn (326), James (227), and Kenilworth (228) stairs

**6.8km**

**1 or 5A**



# Hamilton

Know a hidden gem or great spot in Hamilton not included in this guide? Reach out to [avpmunicipal@msu.mcmaster.ca](mailto:avpmunicipal@msu.mcmaster.ca) with location recommendations for the next iteration of the Explore Hamilton guide!

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