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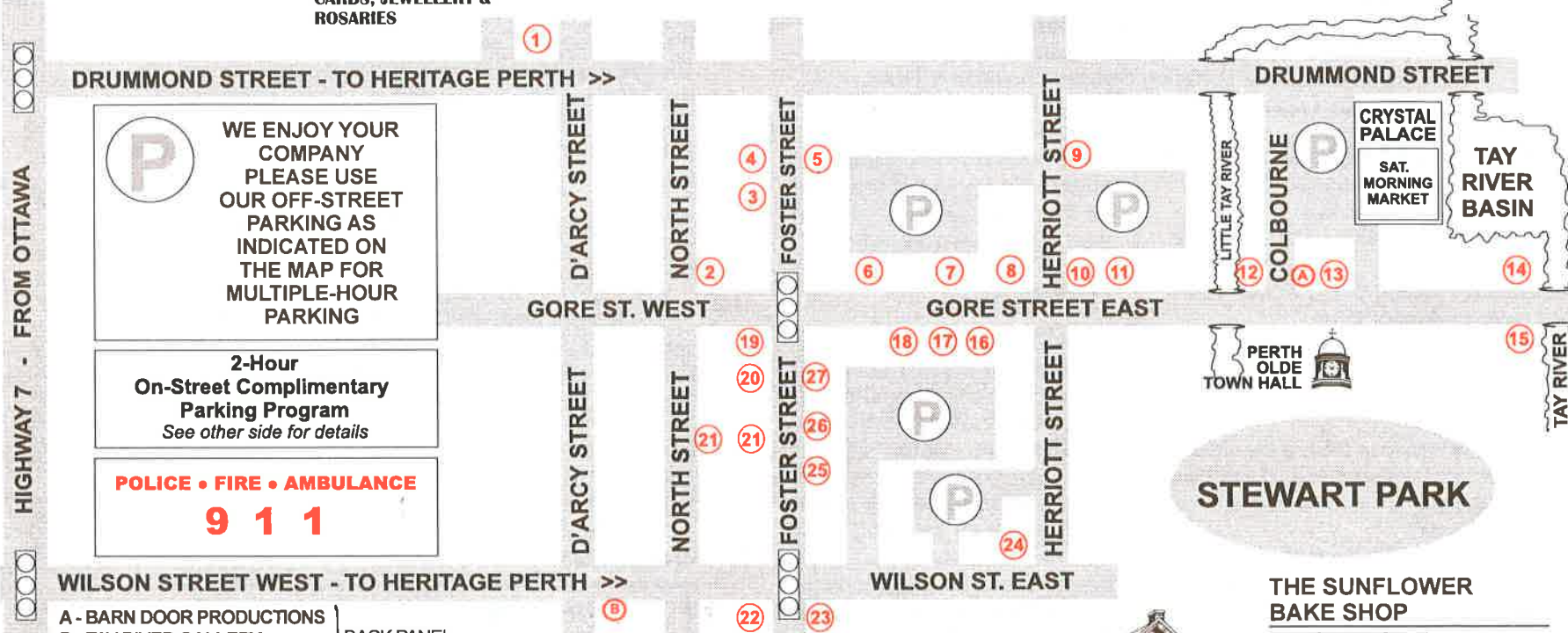


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Set on the Tay River, Perth is a vibrant and varied community with endless opportunities for historical, cultural and outdoor enjoyment. Founded in 1816 as a military settlement and named after the city in Scotland, Perth quickly became a business and cultural centre in Upper Canada. Half-pay officers established businesses and professional offices and by 1827 the community was in full flourish. With its Georgian architecture and stone masonry, Perth continues to radiate a sense of charm, permanence and stability.

Perth is the perfect size to discover on foot. Pick up a Heritage Walking Tour at the Tourism Information office at 34 Herriott St. in the Old Firehall. Discover some of Perth's most beautiful homes, public buildings and landmarks as you stroll down our tree-lined streets.

The Perth Museum

History aficionados are certain to enjoy a visit to Matheson House, home of the award-winning Perth Museum.

Three elegantly appointed period rooms, not to mention the 19th-century kitchen, hearken back to an era of elegance and refinement.

The museum also houses a collection of local artifacts, including the pistols used in Canada's Last Fatal Duel which was held in Perth, a piece of the 22,000-pound Mammoth Cheese sent to the 1893 World's Fair and a scale model of the museum itself.

Throughout the year the

Inderwick Wing and Interpretive Centre offers a wide range of exhibits and programmes for all ages.

Downtown Perth Shops and Restaurants

While downtown, discover the many interesting shops of Perth. We have fashion, gifts and great restaurants for everyday errands or a shopping spree - all within five square blocks. Friendly and courteous staff will assist you in choosing a special souvenir of your visit to Perth. The endless variety of restaurants makes it hard to choose just one. Dine indoors or on a patio, or arrange for a picnic.

Sports and Recreation

Perth is known for its world-class recreation facilities. Conlon Farm, the community recreation park, features ball diamonds, tennis courts, basketball hoops, soccer pitches and beach volleyball. Also found throughout the town are lawn bowling greens, an indoor swimming pool, a community centre, curling club and the historic Links

O'Tay Golf Club, reputed to be the oldest golf course in continuous play in Canada. All provide ample opportunity for sports enthusiasts to indulge their passion year-round.

Outdoor Adventures

Located in the heart of downtown Perth is beautiful Stewart Park. Given to the town in 1947 by Mrs. John A. Stewart in memory of her late husband, this handsome park is perfect for a picnic or relaxing under one of the tall maples. Nestled beside the Tay River, the sound of rustling leaves and gently rippling water makes Stewart Park practically impossible to resist. The river flows into the historic Tay Canal, which begins at the Tay Basin in downtown Perth. Completed in 1834, the canal links the Town of Perth with the Rideau Canal system

and is a beautiful journey by boat or canoe. The Tay is accessed by Beveridges Locks at Port Elmsley and docking facilities are available at Last Duel Park and the Tay Basin.

A canoe trip on the Tay passes through extraordinary marsh and wetland environments teeming with plants and wildlife. Nature seekers can experience wildlife at Murphys Point Provincial Park or the Perth Wildlife Reserve, both found just south of town.

Theatre, Music and Festivals

Between 1915 and 1929, Perth was home to the largest theatre between Toronto and Montreal. The Balderson Theatre is gone, however, a tradition of performing arts is still very much alive in Perth. Each year is filled with community and professional theatre and first-class musical entertainment. Every season brings new shows and festivals for everyone to enjoy.

The Pace is a Little Slower and the People Friendlier

Whether you enjoy a Saturday morning at the Crystal Palace Market, an afternoon antiquing or simply wandering about our beautiful little town, you will soon discover Perth is a special place to visit and to live. Its size belies the vastness of its cultural, athletic and natural opportunities, and is why so many visitors soon call Perth home. So we invite you to take your time and enjoy Perth. The pace is a little slower here, the air a little fresher and the people friendlier. Come for the day or stay the weekend and enjoy everything Perth has to offer. You will not be disappointed.



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Perth Firsts and a Last

Perth, Ontario has a history of famous firsts and a particularly famous "last"

- ☛ Perth was the site of the Last Fatal Duel in Canada, June 13, 1833.
- ☛ The *Perth Courier*, Canada's second-oldest weekly newspaper, has published every week since 1834.
- ☛ The Balderson Theatre was home to the largest theatre between Toronto and Montreal. The Balderson had 1,020 seats and saw the likes of Harry Houdini and the Marks Brothers on its stage.
- ☛ The *Perth Citizens' Band*, established in 1867, is the oldest town band in Canada. The band still plays in the Perth Bandstand every second Thursday during the summer, beginning this year June 7. July 19 at IngeVa.
- ☛ Alexander Graham Bell gave a gift of two telephones to Perth dentist Dr. J.F. Kennedy, in 1876. The telephones were used between his dentistry office on Foster Street and his home on D'Arcy Street, making the Town of Perth the site of the second telephone ever in use.
- ☛ The Links O'Tay Golf Course, reputed to be the oldest golf course in continuous play in Canada, was founded in 1892.
- ☛ One of the first patent holders for the modern ketchup lived in Perth. Mrs. Ann Lister patented her "Lister Sauce" February 15, 1894.

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May 5 - September 3: Victorian Society and Fashion in Perth. An exhibit in the main gallery of the Perth Museum. Contact the Museum at (613) 267-1947 for more information.

May 12 - October 6: Crystal Palace Market. Enjoy the quality crafts, gift items and local produce every Saturday morning in the Tay Basin. Call (613) 267-3311 for information.

May 12 - October 6: Perth Farmers' Market
Beside Town Hall

June 3: Stewart Park Modern Square Dance Festival. Join the dancers or watch the fun in Stewart Park starting at 1:00 p.m. For more information call (613) 283-6324 or visit www.squareandrounds.com.

June 7, 21, July 5; August 2, 16: Perth Citizens Band Concerts. Canada's oldest town band performs in beautiful Stewart Park at 7:30 p.m. Call (613) 257-8099 or visit www.perthband.com for information. **July 19 at Inge-Va.**

June 9: Doors Open. Discover Perth's heritage treasures. Visit 12 historic sites on this day, free of charge. Special entertainment and displays in the Tay Basin to celebrate **Rideau 175th**. Call (613) 267-3200 for a complete listing.

June 16: Perth Kidfish. This free event for children takes place in the Tay Basin with prizes and lots of fun. Rain or shine. Call (613) 259-5465 for more information.

June 30, July 1: Perth Antique Show. Dealers from across Eastern Ontario display a wide variety of antiques and collectibles at the Royal Canadian Legion. Call Bill Dobson at (613) 283-5270 for information.

July 20-22: Stewart Park Festival. Celebrating its 17th year, the Stewart Park Festival is packed with more than 30 live, FREE, outdoor concerts, a multitude of workshops, children's events, artisans and food market, and the ever-popular After Hours pub crawl. Children's entertainment Saturday and Sunday mornings. Visit www.stewartparkfestival.ca or call (613) 264-1190.

August 11-12: Perth Garlic Festival at the Perth Fairgrounds. Fresh locally grown garlic, education programs, artisans, cooking demonstrations and entertainment. Call 1-877-268-2833 or visit www.perthgarlicfestival.com for information.

August 31 - September 3: 162nd Perth Fair. Events and midway all weekend long at the fairgrounds. Call (613) 267-4104 or visit www.perthfair.on.ca for more information.

September 18 - 22: International Plowing Match, Crosby
November 24: Festival of Good Cheer and Festival of Lights. Kick off the holiday season with carol singers, the Town Crier, merchants in period costume, and seasonal specials at restaurants. See the uniquely decorated community Christmas trees. Fireworks, music, hot cider, horse-drawn trolley rides and a tree-lighting ceremony in the Tay Basin. Enjoy the charm of an old-fashioned Christmas. For more information contact the Downtown Heritage Perth BIA at (613) 264-1190.

December 1: Santa Claus Parade. Enjoy the twinkling lights at this evening parade. Call (613) 264-0123 for more information.