

# GET TO KNOW GUELPH

25 MINS FROM CAMBRIDGE | 30 MINS FROM KITCHENER/WATERLOO | 1 HR 10 MINS FROM TORONTO

Known as 'The Royal City', Guelph is a vibrant community of over 120,000 people and home to one of Canada's major universities. Conveniently located and voted one of the best places to live in Canada, Guelph has the best of both worlds - city conveniences and small town charm.

Reid's Heritage Homes was founded in Guelph in 1978 and is proud to have built new homes in Guelph and the surrounding area for decades. These include 'The Village by the Arboretum', a one of a kind Active Adult Lifestyle Community with an on-site medical centre, fitness centre, tennis courts and more, as well as 'Westminster Woods', a master planned community of over 1,000 homes in South Guelph.

## PLACES TO VISIT

**The Arboretum at the University of Guelph** – Owned and operated by the University of Guelph, the Arboretum features specialized gardens and plant species, including many native Ontario tree varieties.

**Covered Bridge** - Pedestrian and cyclist bridge built in 1992 and inspired by the lattice-covered bridges of the 1880's.

**Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate** – A Roman Catholic Basilica built on the city's highest point and made completely of locally quarried limestone.

**Art Gallery of Guelph** – Provides the local arts community along with the general public a place to enjoy numerous cultural activities.

**Hillside Festival** - A summer festival set on Guelph Lake with music, workshops, food, an artisan market and more. This festival is world renowned as one of Canada's most progressive, environmentally conscious and completely non-commercial community celebrations.

**Riverside Park** – An 80 acre park built around a portion of the Speed River that runs through Guelph featuring play equipment, an off leash dog park, softball diamonds, walking trails, a natural ice rink, picnic tables and public washrooms.

**McCrae House** – Tour the birthplace of John McCrae; doctor, soldier and author of 'In Flanders Fields'.

## THE GREAT OUTDOORS

**Hiking Trails** – Enjoy spectacular trails in the middle of the city at Preservation Park, or the 'Royal Recreation Trail', which follows along the Eramosa River near the city centre.

**Guelph Lake Conservation Area** – Nearly 4,000 acres of park that is centered around a reservoir created in 1974. The area offers a sandy beach, picnic benches and many water activities like fishing, sailing and more!

## fun FACTS

- Home to the Sleeman's Brewery, which was started in 1834 but shut down and then restarted in 1988, Sleeman's is the third largest brewing company in Canada.
- Guelph is known for its limestone architecture.
- A Guelph resident invented 5-pin bowling.
- Guelph was the home of Canada's first cable TV system.
- Guelph is the birth place of 'Reid & Laing', the company that came before Reid's Heritage Homes, founded in 1947.



Preservation Park

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