

## NORTH HALTON TOURISM ASSOCIATION

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## INTRODUCTION

The North Halton Tourism Area is a region of scenic countryside, rolling hills, quaint villages and three busy urban areas. The Niagara Escarpment and Credit Valley watershed both meander through the area and provide excellent recreational opportunities in a scenic landscape.

The area, when first developed by the earliest pioneers, was a dense forest of tall pine trees which led to the establishment of sawmills on the various streams.

Throughout the past century and one half, this part of the Region of Halton has seen various entrepreneurs take advantage of the natural resources available and establish thriving businesses which became important in the development of the communities that lie in the North Halton area.

This first issue concentrates on the Heritage of the North Halton area and includes three articles I wrote previously which represent an aspect of the development of each community. The Milton Historical Society provides a concise history of that town.

The quaint village of Glen Williams has been famous across Canada for its contributions to the woolen industry. The story about Sam Beaumont tells how he relocated his mills in 1878 to Glen Williams and how the Company flourished through the years.

The tanning industry in Acton dates back to the early 1840's and continues to be the major industry today. George L. Beardmore relocated his Company to Acton in 1872 from Hamilton and through many hardships made the Beardmore Tannery into not only one of the largest tanneries in Canada but the largest tannery in the British Empire.

Norval, a picturesque village, situated on Highway Seven, was once a thriving community with the Noble Flour Mills providing employment and a shipping point for flour to Quebec, the Maritime Provinces, England and even the West Indies. Robert Noble was reported to be the last miller in Canada with faith in the old stone grinding system. Known as McNabbville until 1840, Norval was on two occasions considered for the relocation of Upper Canada College.

Realizing the water power from the Sixteen Mile Creek, Jasper Martin had a grist mill in operation by 1822. In 1825 he added a sawmill and ashery. In 1830 George Brown opened a store and post office on what was to become the main street of Milton.

We hope that through the heritage information provided in the accompanying articles, the calendar of special events and interesting sites such as the Halton Regional Museum as well as the numerous conservation areas that you and your family will enjoy a visit in the North Halton Tourism Area soon.

John McDonald  
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### ANTIQUA/CRAFT/GIFT SHOPS

North Halton's Picturesque beauty is enhanced by the great variety of antique and specialty shops in the region. Shoppers are made to feel at home—in fact, many of the shops are actually inside the proprietors' homes.

#### EDEN PLACE CRAFTS

Eden Mills, Ontario  
519-856-4222  
Discover the works of 100 Canadian craftsmen. At Eden Place Crafts you'll be able to find that "perfect" gift you've been searching for. Everything from jewelry to pottery. Located in the village of Eden Mills. Open from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Tues. to Sunday.

#### THE HERITAGE

25 Main Street North  
Campbellville, Ontario  
416-854-2262  
Open 1 p.m.-5 p.m. daily  
This quaint shop offers a large selection of handcrafts sold on consignment from local artists. Located in the village of Campbellville, on the Main Street.

#### MARIE BEAUMONT ANTIQUES

514 Main Street  
Glen Williams, Ontario  
416-877-2549  
The barn is full of refinished pine furniture and special accessories, such as pressed glass. All pine is refinished by experts. Then offered for sale at this twenty year old business.

#### BIEN-KRAFT STUDIO

No. 7 and Winston Churchill Blvd.  
Village of Norval, Ontario  
416-877-2974  
In this studio, which was originally a doctor's house, you can choose from a wide selection of Canadian and imported handcrafts. The newly opened tea room serves tea from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors can also watch potters and weavers at work.  
Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tues. to Sat.  
12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays only

#### THE NOBBY HORSE

R.R. 5  
Georgetown, Ontario  
416-877-0292  
As its name implies, this shop at "Alegre Acres Farm" offers gifts for the horse lover. But it doesn't limit itself to that! Other crafts are available along with a vast array of quilting supplies. Quilting classes are available. Located three miles north of Delrex Market Centre on Mountainview Rd. Open Tuesday to Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also open Holiday Mondays.

#### CHARIS POTTERY

343 Main Street  
Glen Williams, Ontario  
416-877-0947  
The public is invited to watch Grace McKnight create handcrafted stoneware and pottery which is sold at her shop, Charis Pottery. Both decorative and functional items are available.  
Open Sunday 12:30-6 p.m., Thursday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fri. and Sat. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### THE FABRIC SHOPPE

75 Hill Street East  
Acton, Ontario  
519-855-1781  
A perfect stop for avid sewers or those interested in handcrafts. The Fabric Shoppe has a wide variety of notions, fabric and patterns as well as craft supplies. Craft classes are also offered Mondays in the fall to help you create unique Christmas gifts.  
Open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tues. Wed., Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday.

#### THE OLD GLEN HILL

586 Main Street  
Glen Williams, Ontario  
416-877-1331  
An ideal stop for all individuals interested in crafts and looking for an economical place to buy. The Mill offers hand knitting and macrame yarns, along with a factory outlet which specializes in hosiery.  
Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday. 12:00 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

#### EDEN MILLS GENERAL STORE AND ANTIQUES

1 Main St.  
Eden Mills, Ontario  
519-856-0821  
This impressive stone building is the original Eden Mills General Store, built in 1871 by Scottish Masons. Here you will find a large selection of Ontario and Quebec pine, primitives, coffee, teas, spices, cheese and homemade pies. Enjoy tea in the country garden tea room and browse amongst the wide selection of gifts. Located in the village of Eden Mills.  
Open Mon.-Sat. 9:00-6:30 p.m., Sun. 12:00-6:00 p.m.

#### TUTMAN'S GARDEN CENTRE

R.R. 4  
Acton, Ontario  
519-855-2480  
As well as evergreens, trees and shrubs here you will find a gift shop full of houseplants, Christmas decorations and gift items. In time for Christmas there'll be Christmas Trees, fire wood and poinsettia. Also specializes in indoor plant design and maintenance.  
Hwy. 25 1/2 miles south of Acton  
Open: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Closed Sundays

#### IN THE GLEN GIFT SHOPPES

8 Prince St.  
Glen Williams, Ontario  
416-877-0831  
Here you will find a delightful selection of Canadian gifts, displayed to advantage in the Bank House, the original homestead built in the mid 19th century and the Glen House with its cherry wood spiral staircase leading to the loft and constructed of original barn boards and beams. Exploring in the Glen Gift Shoppes unique selection of craft and art items... Ideal for those special occasions, is exciting and hard to resist.  
Located in the village of Glen Williams.  
Open: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Closed except holidays.

#### UNIQUE GIFT SHOP

(Located in the Harrop Restaurant)  
345 Steeles Ave.,  
Milton, Ontario  
416-878-8181  
Browse through this unique gift shop with its excellent selection of dolls, toys, plates, prints and collectables.  
Open: 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Daily  
Located on Steeles Ave. E., South of 401.

### RESTAURANTS

#### DOOBLES RESTAURANT

Rockwood, Ontario  
519-856-9130  
Situated in a restored Rockwood homestead, this delightful family restaurant offers delicious homemade natural food, salads are a specialty and all restaurant-goers must try their Caesar or Greek salad! Located on Hwy. 7, just inside the village of Rockwood.  
Open: 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mon., Tues. and Wed.  
11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thurs. and Sun.  
11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fri. and Sat.

#### HERITAGE

161 Chisholm Drive  
Milton, Ontario  
416-878-7600  
Located at the Heritage Inn, diners can enjoy a pleasant meal without hurrying (the bank account) Relax in an atmosphere of greenery, natural woods, stone and lots of clocks!  
Experience a varied, delightful menu, including a Sunday brunch.  
Open: Daily 7 a.m.-1 a.m.  
Sunday 8 a.m.-11 p.m.

#### BEACONS

Mountainview Plaza  
Georgetown, Ontario  
416-877-4166  
This friendly restaurant specializes in B.B.Q. ribs, steaks and seafood. First class entertainment Thurs., Fri. and Sat. nights. Relax and enjoy quiet conversation in the Fireside Cocktail Lounge.  
Hwy. 7 and Mountainview Rd.  
Open: Mon., Tues., Wed. 11 a.m. to Midnight  
Thurs., Fri., Sat. 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.  
Sunday 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

#### WOODEN BEARY RESTAURANT

50 Mill St.,  
Acton, Ontario  
519-853-3561  
There's a family atmosphere in this Bavarian type restaurant that offers many German specialties as well as a varied menu including steaks and seafood, Sunday brunch.  
Located in the Acton Mews in downtown Acton.  
Open: Tues., Wed., Sun. 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Thurs., Fri., Sat. 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Sunday Brunch 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### BAVARIAN BOY

524 Steeles Avenue East  
Milton, Ontario  
416-878-1110  
This restaurant brings you into old world Bavaria with its attractive decor and tempting menu. A variety of European dishes including Schnitzel are all tastefully prepared. Entertainment and dancing on weekends. Banquet and meeting facilities available.  
Located on Steeles Avenue East, just south of Hwy. 401.  
Open from noon to 1 a.m. daily  
noon to 11 p.m. Sunday

#### HARROP RESTAURANT

345 Steeles Avenue  
Milton, Ontario  
416-878-8181  
Located in an elegant 1870 limestone mansion, the Harrop Restaurant offers a truly elegant dining experience. Large windows and cozy fires complement a delicious menu of steak, lobster, duckling and much more.  
Located on Steeles Avenue, east of Hwy. 25  
Open from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for lunch except Saturday  
5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily for dinner

#### HORAWK INN

Quelph Line,  
Campbellville, Ontario  
416-854-2277  
A friendly, charming dining room and lounge features Canadian antiques and a huge stone fireplace. Delicious country menus for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Enjoy homemade ice cream or the Sunday Scottish Brunch. Located on Quelph Line at Hwy. 401 (Exit 312).

#### JACK TANNER'S TABLE

49 Eastern Ave.,  
Acton, Ontario  
519-853-3440  
Located in a renovated brick and beam tannery warehouse this dining room offers a wide selection of foods, including their colossal salad bar, daily specials and Sunday brunch. Entertainment Friday nights.  
Open: Mon.-Thurs. 11:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m.  
Fri. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 a.m.  
Sat. 11:00 a.m.-12:30 a.m.  
Sun. 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

#### MUDDY DUCK RESTAURANT

360 Steeles Ave.,  
Milton, Ontario  
416-878-8125  
This attractive family restaurant with reasonable prices, offers a varied menu and specializes in burgers, beef, ribs and salads. Well known for its spinach salad.  
Open: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. 7 days

### ACCOMMODATION

#### HORAWK INN

Quelph Line  
Campbellville, Ontario  
416-854-2277  
This charming inn is tucked into 45 wooded acres away from the fast pace of city living. It is convenient for small business meetings, or for a few days of peace and quiet. Dining room features a country menu.  
Located at Hwy. 401 and Quelph Line (Exit 312), next to Horawk Raceway.

#### HERIGATE INN

161 Chisholm Drive  
Milton, Ontario  
416-878-2025  
Hospitality, comfort and service await you at Milton's newest hotel. Features 82 guest rooms and full services required to make your stay a restful one. Heated outdoor swimming pool, meeting facilities and restaurant.  
Located at Hwy. 401 and Hwy. 25 (Exit 320)

#### GEORGETOWN MOTOR INN

365 Quelph Street  
Georgetown, Ontario  
416-877-6986  
An ideal place to stop, close to businesses, recreation areas and shopping. Fifty-two rooms equipped with colour TV and radio and 22 efficiency units are available. Restaurant facilities are available to help make your stay a pleasant one.  
Located on Hwy. 7, east end of Georgetown.

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