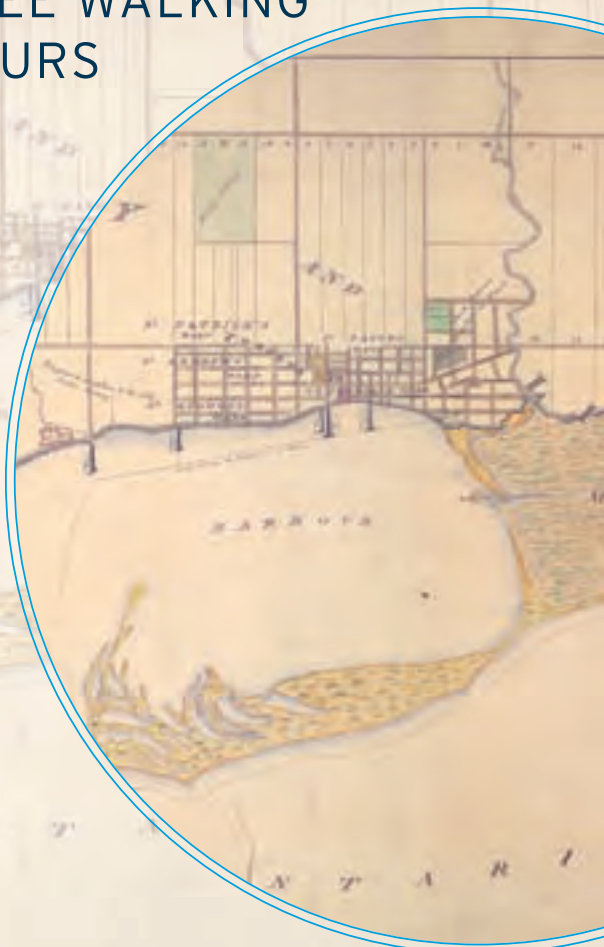




Heritage Toronto Walks

April - June 2009

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J.G. Chewett, City of Toronto, 1834, MsX1918.1, Toronto Reference Library.

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Heritage Toronto Walks

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Welcome to the 15th year of Heritage Toronto's free neighbourhood walking tours. This year marks the 175th year since Toronto was incorporated as a city. What better time to get out and explore the City on a *Heritage Toronto Walk*!

The tours are researched, designed and led by local historians, community groups and heritage professionals, who volunteer their time and energy. Covering all areas of the City, our walk leaders bring Toronto's past to life. Watch for special tours that touch on life in the 1830s in honour of the City's anniversary.

No Reservations Required

The *Heritage Toronto Walks* program runs from late April until early October. We publish the schedule in a spring brochure and a summer/fall brochure. We recommend you wear comfortable shoes, bring a water bottle and dress for the weather. We hold our walks rain or shine!

About Heritage Toronto

Heritage Toronto is a charitable organization that works with the citizens of Toronto to advocate for, preserve and promote our city's rich heritage. Through partnerships with local community groups and volunteers, Heritage Toronto works to heighten awareness of our shared history through city-wide programs such as free neighbourhood walking tours, an annual heritage awards program, a heritage plaques and markers program, participation in "Doors Open Toronto," lectures and exhibits.

Interested in showing your support?

Consider becoming a member of Heritage Toronto and/or making a donation in support of the *Heritage Toronto Walks* program, using the form attached to this brochure or through our website.

For more information, visit www.heritagetoronto.org or telephone 416 338-1338. For weekly updates about the walks, call the Heritage Toronto Information Line at 416 338-3886.

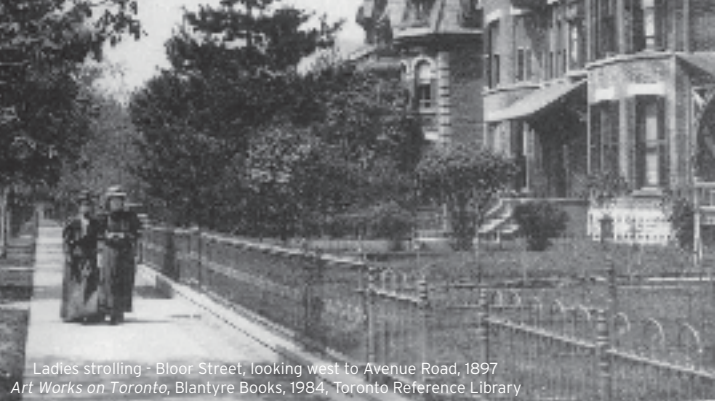
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Ladies strolling - Bloor Street, looking west to Avenue Road, 1897
Art Works on Toronto, Blantyre Books, 1984, Toronto Reference Library

APRIL TO JUNE 2009

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 - 1:00 PM

1834 Toronto: Beating the Bounds

NEW

Dirt streets and wooden sidewalks, the smell of wood smoke and stables, schooners and steamboats in the harbour - this was what one would have encountered here in 1834, the year the growing Town of York (population 9,252) was incorporated as the City of Toronto. While it is a challenge to fully understand life back then, we can get a sense of the scope of the early city - through our feet! In celebration of Toronto's 175th anniversary, Heritage Toronto and *Spacing* magazine invite you to walk the 1834 city boundaries in a one-of-a-kind modern 'pilgrimage'. Pick up a map between 1:00 and 2:30 PM at the start point and walk the route at your own pace. Or drop by the Heritage Toronto office after April 25 to pick up the map and do this self-guided tour at your own convenience.

START POINT: North end of Market Lane Park, west side of St. Lawrence Hall, 157 King St E at Jarvis St

FINISH POINT: Parliament Square Park, Parliament St 1 block south of Front St E, near the Distillery District

LENGTH: Approx. 4 to 4 1/2 hours or 9 to 9.5 km

FOCUS: Historical

DIFFICULTY: Very long walk on pavement, park grounds, some slopes

SATURDAY, MAY 2 - 1:30 PM

Hidden Treasures in North Rosedale

Discover the story-filled history of North Rosedale, a secluded residential neighbourhood in midtown Toronto. The site of a golf course and lacrosse grounds in the late 1800s, the area became home to Lieutenant Governors and other luminaries, living in houses built in a mix of architectural styles.

LEADERS: Kim Moritsugu, Ed Freeman

START POINT: Beaumont Rd and Glen Rd, NE corner

FINISH POINT: Highland Ave and Glen Rd

LENGTH: Approx. 2 1/2 hours

FOCUS: Historical, architectural

DIFFICULTY: Long walk, mostly on pavement



Wychwood Streetcar Barns, 1924 - City of Toronto Archives, Series 71, Item 3253

SUNDAY, MAY 3 - 1:30 PM

West Toronto Junction

A centre of industry and commerce linked to the Dundas Highway and the junction of several railway lines, this prosperous little town voted to ban the sale of alcohol in 1904. Find out why - and hear other stories of 'the Junction' - on this tour along Dundas Street West.

- LEADERS:** Madeleine McDowell and West Toronto Junction Historical Society
- START POINT:** NW corner of Runnymede Rd and Dundas St W
- FINISH POINT:** Keele St and Dundas St W
- LENGTH:** Approx. 2 hours
- FOCUS:** Historical, architectural
- DIFFICULTY:** Walk on sidewalks, some rough ground

SATURDAY, MAY 9 - 1:30 PM

St. Clair West: Streetcars, Artists' Colonies and More

NEW

In the late 1800s, artist Marmaduke Matthews started an artists' colony on a wooded hill overlooking Bathurst St. and Davenport Rd. In the fall of 2008, history repeated itself when Artscape launched a new haven for artists nearby, in long-vacant streetcar barns. Explore these two enclaves, as well as some of the other treasures in this St. Clair West neighbourhood.

- LEADER:** Councillor Joe Mihevc and Wychwood Heights BIA
- START POINT:** Wells Hill Park, 1 block east of Bathurst & St Clair Ave W, near south entrance to St Clair West Subway Station
- FINISH POINT:** Artscape Wychwood Barns, 601 Christie St, 2 blocks south of St Clair Ave W
- LENGTH:** Approx. 2 to 2 1/2 hours
- FOCUS:** Historical, architectural
- DIFFICULTY:** Pavement and park grounds, hills, slopes and some rough ground



University of Toronto Observatory, 1885 - Toronto Public Library (TRL): T 13028

SUNDAY, MAY 10 – 1:30 PM

Wellington Place Neighbourhood

The diversity of Toronto's roles since its founding in 1793 are reflected in this vibrant downtown neighbourhood - evidence of our military past, Victorian residences, and buildings from the era as a manufacturing centre. See how the Wellington Place neighbourhood has successfully adapted to 200 years of changes.

- LEADER:** Marta O'Brien
START POINT: NE corner of Victoria Memorial Square, Wellington St W at Portland St, just east of Bathurst
FINISH POINT: Bathurst and Adelaide Streets
LENGTH: Approx. 2 hours
FOCUS: Architectural, historical
DIFFICULTY: Average walk on sidewalks

SATURDAY, MAY 23 & SUNDAY, MAY 24 – 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

Doors Open Toronto Toronto-Dominion Centre Penthouse View and Tour

Join Heritage Toronto, TD Canada Trust and Cadillac Fairview for a unique penthouse view and tour of the 54th floor of this International Style tower designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. Sit in the TD Canada Trust boardroom, and learn about the building's exquisite art and architectural features. After your tour, check out the exhibits in the ground floor lobby.

- LOCATION:** Toronto-Dominion Centre, 66 Wellington St W between Bay and York Streets.

DOORS OPEN TORONTO is a celebration of the City's built heritage. Visit buildings not normally open to the public - absolutely free! Doors Open is a signature program of the City of Toronto Culture Division. For more information about Doors Open, presented by the Toronto Star, visit www.toronto.ca/doorsopen.





Fort York, 1952 - Toronto Public Library (TRL), J. V. Salmon Collection: S 1-829B

SATURDAY, MAY 30 - 10:00 AM

Our Favourite Sands: Hanlan's Point and the Lighthouse

Explore the western portion of Toronto Island from Hanlan's Point to Gibraltar Point and hear how the landscape and use of the Island has changed dramatically over the years. Tours will be offered in English and French.

- LEADERS:** Société d'histoire de Toronto and Heritage Toronto
- START POINT:** Hanlan's Point Ferry Dock ON THE ISLAND
- FINISH POINT:** Gibraltar Point Centre for the Arts, Toronto Island
- LENGTH:** Approx. 1 1/2 to 2 hours
- FOCUS:** Historical, natural
- DIFFICULTY:** Long walk (about 2.5 km) on Park grounds and paths, rough ground

Note: Participants must pay own fare for the ferry (Adults \$6.50; Students/Seniors \$4.00; Juniors under 14 \$3.00. Cash only). Visit www.toronto.ca/parks/island or call 416-392-8193 for more details.

SUNDAY, MAY 31 - 1:30 PM

Exploring Rural "Willow Dale"

Before the suburban lawns and high-rises sprouted in North York, there was 'rural Willow Dale.' Walk the former farmland of residents like David Gibson, a 19th century farmer, surveyor and one of the leaders of the 1837 Rebellion. See some of the buildings and sites of this one-time village, as well as the public art that commemorates an earlier era.

- LEADERS:** North York Historical Society
- START POINT:** Gibson Park, NW corner of Yonge St and Park Home Ave (north of North York Centre Subway Station)
- FINISH POINT:** Yonge St and Empress Ave (near North York Centre Subway Station)
- LENGTH:** Approx. 1 1/2 hours
- FOCUS:** Historical
- DIFFICULTY:** Average walk on pavement, parkland

More walks on reverse...

Membership Registration

Please complete, fax or mail to:
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Yes I would like to be a Heritage Toronto Member at the level indicated below:

Renewal New Member

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SATURDAY, JUNE 6 - 1:30 PM

The Howards of High Park

Mystery, myths and the mistress! Explore the lives of John Howard, one of the first architects to come to York (1832) and the founder of High Park, and his wife Jemima, on this stroll round the gardens of Colborne Lodge and vicinity.

- LEADER:** Catherine Raven, Colborne Lodge Museum
- START POINT:** Colborne Lodge, Colborne Lodge Dr, north of the Queensway. Meet at Lodge entrance sign by the parking lot.
- FINISH POINT:** Park Superintendent's Cottage, about 5 minutes walk south of The Grenadier Restaurant, Colborne Lodge Dr
- LENGTH:** Approx. 1 1/2 to 2 hours
- FOCUS:** Historical, natural, architectural
- DIFFICULTY:** Rough park ground, some stairs and slopes

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 - 11:00 AM

The Danforth

The "Danforth" used to pass through open fields and market gardens. Today we find an interesting mix of structures and sites: from the home of William Peyton Hubbard, the first African-Canadian member of Toronto City Council, to the reborn Music Hall Theatre.

- LEADER:** Stephanie Thomas
- START POINT:** City Adult Learning Centre, 1 Danforth Ave (South side of Danforth, next to Prince Edward Viaduct) west of Broadview Subway Station
- FINISH POINT:** Danforth and Gough Avenues
- LENGTH:** Approx. 1 1/2 to 2 hours
- FOCUS:** Historical, architectural
- DIFFICULTY:** Long walk on pavement

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 - 1:30 PM

Riverdale Homes and People

Explore an old and historically significant neighbourhood and hear stories about life east of the Don River. See a variety of homes - from one of the city's oldest houses to the 'home away from home' for some, the Don Jail.

- LEADER:** Gerald Whyte, Riverdale Historical Society
- START POINT:** Broadview Ave and Gerrard St. Meet at the Heritage Toronto plaque just north of the Riverdale Public Library (370 Broadview Avenue).
- FINISH POINT:** Broadview and Riverdale Ave
- LENGTH:** Approx. 1 1/2 hours
- FOCUS:** Historical, architectural
- DIFFICULTY:** Walk on sidewalks, some rough ground

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 - 1:30 PM

A Symphony of Clay, Stone, Metal and Glass

NEW

The earth has been a treasure house of resources and inspiration for Toronto builders and artists. Explore the many uses of materials in building, decorating and enhancing, on this tour in downtown Toronto.

- LEADER:** Ed Freeman
START POINT: Courtyard south of 205 Yonge St, just north of Yonge and Queen Streets
FINISH POINT: Bay and Front Streets
LENGTH: Approx. 1 1/2 to 2 hours
FOCUS: Architectural, historical
DIFFICULTY: Average walk on sidewalks, pavement

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 - 10:00 AM

Leslieville

NEW

In the mid 1800s, gardener George Leslie began a plant nursery business near the shores of Ashbridges Bay. Hear about his contribution to Toronto's forest and gardens as well as stories of some of the other residents and businesses of this one-time postal village.

- LEADER:** Joanne Doucette
START POINT: Ashbridge Estate, 1444 Queen St E, just west of Woodfield Rd
FINISH POINT: Leslie Grove Park, Queen St E at Jones Ave
LENGTH: Approx. 2 hours
FOCUS: Historical, architectural, natural
DIFFICULTY: Pavement, park grounds, one long slope

After the tour, join Heritage Toronto and local residents at Leslie Grove Park at 12 noon for a Heritage Toronto plaque presentation in celebration of George Leslie.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 - 1:30 PM

Campus and Cosmos: Astronomy in Toronto

NEW

Celebrate the 400th anniversary of Galileo's development of the telescope and the International Year of Astronomy with this tour exploring Toronto's astronomical heritage. Hear about the people and organizations who have contributed to the development of astronomy in Toronto, an international centre for astronomical research and education, on this stroll around the University of Toronto area.

- LEADER:** John Percy, University of Toronto
START POINT: Bloor St W and Devonshire Place (near Varsity Stadium)
FINISH POINT: St George St and Russell Ave, 1 block north of College St
LENGTH: Approx. 2 hours
FOCUS: Natural, historical
DIFFICULTY: Average walk on lawn, pavement, some rough ground

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 - 1:30 PM

NEW

Thistletown

In the 1800s, the area around Albion Road and Islington Ave was the site of a farming village called Thistletown. Discover the gems of an earlier time - 19th century farm buildings, early 20th century country homes, the first public park in Etobicoke and Toronto's last working farm - that lie hidden amongst the suburbs and strip malls of North Etobicoke.

- LEADER:** Joanna Twitchin
START POINT: Thistletown Multi-Service Centre, 925 Albion Rd, Albion Rd and Riverdale Dr
FINISH POINT: Anga's Farm and Nursery, 89 Bankfield Dr, north of Albion Rd and Bankfield Dr
LENGTH: Approx. 1 1/2 to 2 hours
FOCUS: Historical, architectural
DIFFICULTY: Sidewalks, several hills

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 - 1:30 PM

Winchester Street and the Necropolis

Explore a special corner of Cabbagetown, a well-preserved 19th century suburb, on this tour of the Necropolis, one of Toronto's oldest cemeteries. Visit the final resting place of famous Canadians such as William Lyon Mackenzie, Toronto's controversial first Mayor; George Brown, a Father of Confederation; and Thornton Blackburn, who started the first cab company in Toronto, after escaping from slavery in the U.S.

- LEADERS:** Cabbagetown Preservation Association
START POINT: NE corner of Parliament and Winchester Streets
FINISH POINT: Toronto Necropolis Cemetery, Winchester and Sumach Streets
LENGTH: Approx. 1 1/2 hours
FOCUS: Historical, architectural
DIFFICULTY: Average walk on sidewalks and paved paths, some rough ground, slopes

SUNDAY, JUNE 28 - 1:30 PM

In the Footsteps of the Taylors

The Taylor family acquired property in Todmorden in the 1850s. With the establishment of the Don Valley Brick Works in the 1870s, they became one of the wealthiest families in Toronto. Explore their contribution to the urban development of East York.

- LEADER:** Todmorden Mills Museum
START POINT: Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum and Arts Centre, 67 Pottery Rd (down the hill from Broadview and Mortimer Avenues). Meet inside the Papermill.
FINISH POINT: Near O'Connor Dr and Pape Ave
LENGTH: Approx. 1 1/2 hours
FOCUS: Historical, architectural
DIFFICULTY: Some stairs, hills and rough ground

Members Only

SATURDAY, MAY 9 - 10:00 AM

Arthur Conan Doyle in Toronto

2009 marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Arthur Conan Doyle (1859-1930), creator of the perennially popular detective, Sherlock Holmes. Tour the world-renowned Arthur Conan Doyle Collection at the Toronto Reference Library, housed in a room evoking 221B Baker Street and explore sites connected with Doyle's three visits to Toronto, in 1894, 1914 and 1922.

- LEADERS:** Barbara Myrvold and Peggy Perdue, Toronto Public Library
- LOCATION:** Members will be sent directions to meeting place upon registration
- LENGTH:** Approx. 2 hours
- DIFFICULTY:** Long walk on city pavement, some stairs. Walk includes a tour inside Massey Hall, for which participants will be asked to make a donation (\$7) to the Friends of Massey Hall 'Share the Music' fund.

Please note: Capacity is limited to Heritage Toronto Members. All participants must pre-register by calling Heritage Toronto at 416-338-1338 between April 27 and 29.



Check the Heritage Toronto website for other Members Only events this summer.

Watch for the brochure describing our July to October walks

Coming in June!

For more information, visit www.heritagetoronto.org, call 416-338-3886 or e-mail us at info@heritagetoronto.org

Coming up on Canada Day

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 - 11:00 AM

Canada Day – Wreath Laying Ceremony

Chinese Railroad Workers Monument, North Linear Park (west of Rogers Centre)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 - 1:00 PM

Fort York: 200 Years of Lakefront Development

Walking tour around Historic Fort York