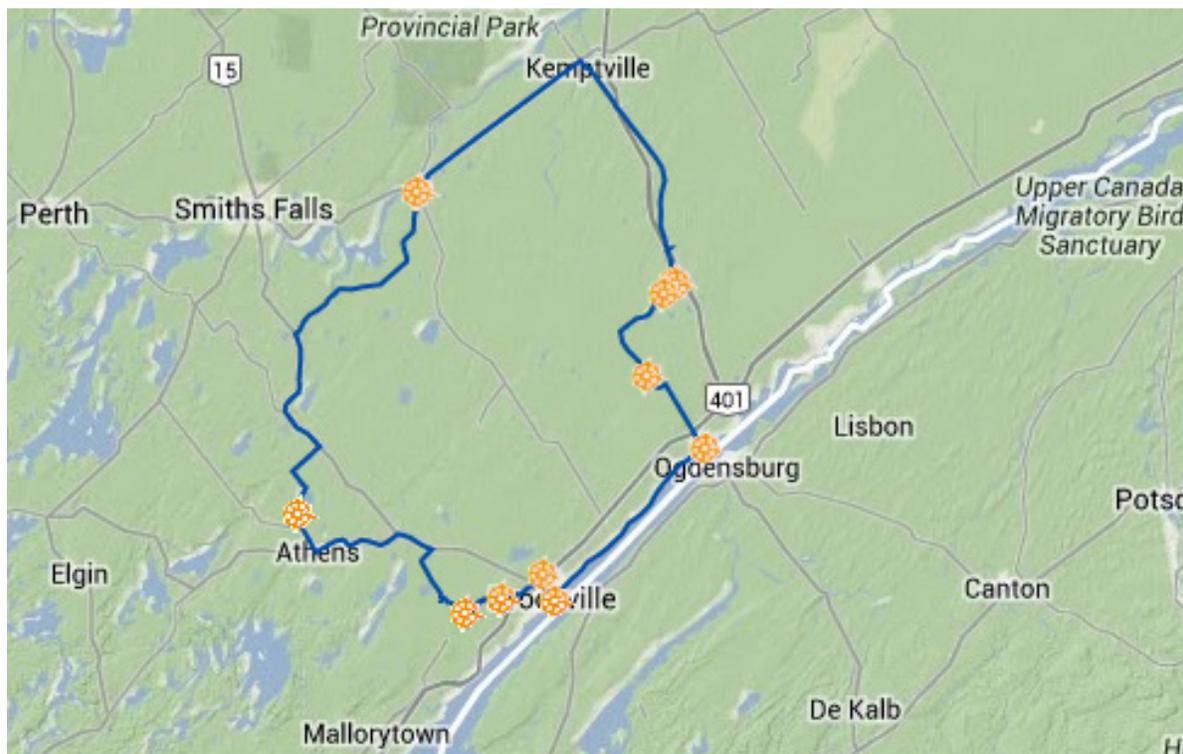




FAB EXPERIENCES

Eastern Ontario, Canada

Experience Arts East



Tour Description

See the Frontenac Arch Biosphere through the eyes of artists and artisans. Naturally rich, a history reaching 9,000 years into the past, and a rural charm that has escaped the feverish pace of this century - the Frontenac Arch inspires one of the highest per capita artist populations in Canada. On this tour, find artists at their galleries, in theatres, in their studios and at community hot spots. Note that some locations have business hours listed; others may be by appointment, advising you to call. One needs to be somewhat flexible - consider it a chance to get to know the artists, and art scene of the region. The route will take you off the beaten path, to the laneways leading to where art lives. Immerse yourself in the arts scene. Bring your brushes, have your camera ready. Inspiration awaits around every corner. The tour suggests places along the route where you may find inspiration of your own.

<p>1. Brockville Waterfront</p> <p>Lat: 44.58695 Long: -75.68076</p>	<p>Brockville's historic downtown and waterfront are themselves an artist's inspiration. Whether committed to memory, canvas or digital memory, the old courthouse and green, city hall and waterfront at Blockhouse Island are a great place to start the day.</p> <p><i>Driving directions: From Blockhouse Island, turn left on Water St., onto Broad St., across King St. which becomes Court House Av.; follow to Wall St to stop sign, turn left onto Pearl St.; one block to Stewart Blvd., north to Parkdale Ave.; turn right on Parkdale 1 km. to St. Lawrence College Campus, on left. Park in front, for gallery inside main front door.</i></p> <p>Notes:</p>
<p>2. Marianne van Silfout Gallery</p> <p>Lat: 44.60762 Long: -75.697138</p> <p>Tel: 613-345-0660</p>	<p>St. Lawrence College at Brockville's north end has an exceptional gallery space, and mounts, year 'round, excellent exhibits. Many feature area artists and organized by theme. Open Monday through Saturday from 10 am. 2288 Parkdale Ave.</p> <p><i>Driving Directions: Head west (turn right from college) on Parkdale Ave., drive 4.4 km. to Lyn Rd.; utrn left to Inspirations Gallery, 100 metres on right.</i></p> <p>Notes:</p>
<p>3. Inspiration Gallery</p> <p>Lat: 44.58805 Long: -75.74164</p> <p>Tel: 613-342-5548</p>	<p>Professional artist Sheila Ballantyne and craftsman George Hurst' studio and gallery is a tour of art inspired by nature. Sheila's paintings and George's wood furniture and sculpture reflect their love and respect for the wildlife, forests and landscape of the Frontenac Arch Biosphere region. Quite often, visitors see varied work from guest artists as well. A working studio, drop-ins are welcome, but phone ahead unless by chance. 2490 Lyn Rd.</p> <p><i>Driving directions: Head north on Lyn Rd. to intersection with Route 27/46, turn left; drive 2.3 km. to Lyn; Cedar Lawn Art Studio on right, at intersection with Perth St.</i></p> <p>Notes:</p>

4. Cedar Lawn Art Studio

Lat: 44.577508
Long: -75.784162

Tel: 613-345-5761

Elke Bzdurreck's nearly two centuries old home in Lyn is itself an inspiring venue for her extensive collection of paintings in acrylic, watercolour, and pen and ink. A professional artist for 40 years, she has shown widely in Canada, and internationally. Open April - December, by appointment. 18 Perth St., Lyn

Driving directions: Head north on Perth St./Cnty. Rd. 46, approx. 8 km. to Cnty. Rd 29, turn left onto Cnty. Rd. 29; drive north 3.4 km., turn left onto Cnty. Rd. 42; continue 8.4 km. into Athens, turn right onto Elgin St./Cnty. Rd. 5; continue 2.3 km., turn right onto Lake Eloida Rd. 4 km. to 54 Lake Eloida Rd.

Notes:

5. Janet Babij, Visual Artist

Lat: 44.656386
Long: -75.972457

Tel: 613-924-1245

Janet is inspired by her countryside and natural surroundings. Her paintings capture the mystique and imagery. By appointment 54 Lake Eloida Rd., Athens.

Driving directions: Head north on Lake Eloida Rd. to intersection at Line 9 Rd., turn right; continue 3.3 km. to Cnty. Rd. 29, turn left; drive 12.1 km. to turn right onto Cnty. Rd. 16; continue 18.6 km. to Merrickville, turn left onto St. Lawrence St.; drive into the village 850 metres to Main St., turn right, to The Grotto.

Notes:

6. The Grotto Artworks

Lat: 44.915998
Long: -75.836436

Tel: 613-269-4302

The Grotto Artworks is an artists cooperative gallery. As such, it is a showcase of area talent, with fine crafts in pottery, jewelry, garments, scarves, wood-turning, carvings in soapstone, glass; and paintings in many media. Open year 'round, from 11 am most days. 110 Main St., Merrickville

Driving directions: Drive west on Main St., past St. Lawrence St. intersection to studio.

Notes:

Explore more at: frontenacarchbiosphere.ca

7. Paul Lebarge, Visual Artist

Lat: 44.915952
Long: -75.839461

Tel: 613-269-3463

Paul's acrylics on canvas capture the Canadian and international wilderness landscapes where he has travelled over the years. Rich colour, museum-quality finished. Open all year, 10 - 4 217 Main St., Merrickville

Driving directions: Head east on Main st which becomes Cnty. Rd. 43, for 18.3 km, turn right onto Rideau St/Cnty. Rd. 44; in 700 metres, turn left on Clothier St. for 85 metres, and right onto Prescott St. which becomes Cnty. Rd. 44; continue 22.3 Km into Spencerville; Cnty. Rd. 44 becomes Spencer Street, for the ArtScene gallery.

Notes:

8. ArtScene Spencerville

Lat: 44.843361
Long: -75.546378

Tel: 613-258-2278

This gallery in Spencerville exhibits paintings, fabric art, pottery, photography and jewellery, but as well farm preserves, gifts and sheep fleece goods. ArtScene is open all year Thursdays through Sundays; Monday to Wednesday by appointment. 11 Spencer St., Spencerville

Driving directions: Head south on Spencer Street about 450 metres to Water Street, turn right, to the Spencerville Mill.

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9. Spencerville Mill

Lat: 44.841668
Long: -75.54503

Tel: 613-685-5885

There has been a mill at this falls on the South Nation River since 1812. the present mill was first built in 1862, and evolved to its current state through reconstruction after an early fire, and adapting to changes in both agriculture and technology. Scenic, it has inspired many a painting over the decades. 11 Water St., Spencerville

Driving directions: From the Spencerville Mill, turn left onto South Street, one block to Cnty. Rd. 21; turn left, drive 1.2 km. to The Dutch Hill Gallery.

Notes:

10. The Dutch Hill Gallery

Lat: 44.835309
Long: -75.558562

Tel: 613-658-1272

The Dutch Hill Gallery is a showcase of the Spencerville area sculptors, painters, potters, jewellers and other art forms. In addition to the lively exhibits, the gallery offers one day creative courses, with the schedule posted on the website thedutchhill.com. Open Wednesdays through Sundays 11 - 5, April-December; appointment Jan-Mar. 2914 County Rd. 21 W., Spencerville

Driving directions: From the Dutch Hill Gallery, continue southwest on Cnty. Rd. 21 for 5.5 Km.; turn left onto Cnty. Rd. 18, continue south for 3.8 km.; bear right onto McCully Rd., 1 km. to 4902 McCully Rd.

Notes:

11. Sandcastle Marketing & Design

Lat: 44.768857
Long: -75.577541

Tel: 613-925-1014

A South Grenville Art Guild member, and art teacher at St. Lawrence College, Karen Atcheson has an eye for colour and composition. She works in watercolour and photography, and teaches classes. All year, by appointment. 4902 McCully Rd., Prescott

Driving directions: From Sandcastle Marketing at 4902 McCully Rd., continue south on McCully Rd. 1.4 km.; turn left onto Hillbrook Rd., continue 1 km.; turn right onto Cnty. Rd. 18, continue 4.4 km where Cnty. Rd. 18 becomes Edward St., Prescott; continue 2.3 km. to waterfront, turn right onto Water St., and open air theatre space at west side of harbour.

Notes:

12. Shakespeare Festival

Lat: 44.7094
Long: -75.51245

Tel: 613-925-5788

The St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival, in an open air theatre on the banks of the river is a unique summer theatre experience. Shows run mid July through Mid August, with a classic Shakespeare, and productions inspired by others of the bard's classics.

Driving directions: Drive north on Edward Street to King St., turn left and continue 17.7 km. to return to downtown Brockville.

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