

Doors Open – Owen Sound

Saturday, July 18, 2026

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Ontario Heritage Trust works with communities across the province to open the doors, gates, and courtyards of their unique and most fascinating cultural sites so you can explore the stories inside.

Discover Owen Sound's rich history and plan a day trip to explore heritage sites as part of Doors Open Ontario, an annual program of the Ontario Heritage Trust.

Mark your calendar and enjoy these fabulous sites as part of the Doors Open tour.

Doors Open Ontario is a province-wide heritage tourism program that gives the public free access to explore fascinating heritage properties across Ontario. It showcases the buildings, natural spaces, infrastructure, and cultural landscapes that shape and define our communities.

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Beth Ezekiel Synagogue

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First occupied by the Calvary Church, this building has housed the synagogue since 1946. Named for Ezekiel Cadesky, a Russian immigrant who settled here in the early 1900s, the structure draws from the tradition of simple, turn-of-the-20th-century Georgian meeting halls. Intricate stained-glass windows tell the story of many member families. Designated under the Ontario Heritage Act in 1990.

CONTACT INFO

313 11th Street East
Owen Sound, Ontario

<http://www.bethezekiel.org/>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1903

Building type: Place of worship

DATES/HOURS OPEN

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Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Billy Bishop Museum

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The Billy Bishop Museum remains an Owen Sound landmark. Boyhood home of the eponymous First World War flying ace, this museum invites you to explore the Bishop family and to honour the contributions of service men and women, past and present. Dedicated as a museum in 1987, this site became a National Historic Site in 2002.

CONTACT INFO

948 3rd Avenue West
Owen Sound, Ontario

E-mail: info@billybishop.org

<https://www.billybishopmuseum.org>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1884

Building type: Attraction | Historical landmark | Museum |

Architectural style: Gothic revival | Queen Anne | Victorian

DATES/HOURS OPEN

Jul 18, 10:00am - Jul 18, 04:00pm

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

British Methodist Episcopal Church

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This church was built in 1889 for the West Side Methodists. They soon outgrew this little chapel and, in 1911, they sold it and it became the British Methodist Episcopal Church (originally known as "the coloured people's church"). Today, this diverse congregation continues to carry on the legacy of the original Black families who settled in Grey County.

CONTACT INFO

245 11th Street West
Owen Sound, Ontario

E-mail:

bmechurchofowensound@gmail.com

<https://bmechurchofowensound.com>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1889

Building type: Place of worship

DATES/HOURS OPEN

Jul 18, 10:00am - Jul 18, 04:00pm

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Central Westside United Church

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Built in 1910 as the Westside Methodist Church, this building remains much the same as it did then. It was constructed of local materials with Renaissance proportions in the Akron style. A veranda was added to the northeast entrance and a wheelchair ramp at the west entrance. The pipe organ also dates from 1910.

CONTACT INFO

310 10th Street West
Owen Sound, Ontario

<https://www.centralwestside.ca/>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1910
Building type: Place of worship |
Architect: James Russell
Architectural style: Edwardian

DATES/HOURS OPEN

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Saturday : 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Community Waterfront Heritage Centre

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The Marine Rail Heritage Centre, housed inside the Community Waterfront Heritage Centre, was established in 1978 by a volunteer group of enthusiasts to showcase Owen Sound's history as a thriving port. Located inside the historical railway station, this museum preserves the area's marine, rail and industrial history with artifacts, scale models, archival photos, interactive stations and railway memorabilia.

CONTACT INFO

1155 1st Avenue West
Owen Sound, Ontario
E-mail: info@waterfrontheritage.ca
<https://waterfrontheritage.ca>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1931
Building type: Historical landmark |
Museum | Transportation | Gallery

DATES/HOURS OPEN

Jul 18, 10:00am - Jul 18, 04:00pm
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Georgian Bay School of the Arts

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This school is a 600-square-metre (6,500-square-foot) maker space that complements the expanding arts scene in Owen Sound. With classes in pottery, jewelry, printmaking, stained glass and more, the school is steadily growing — offering new classes and open studios and acquiring new equipment regularly. Come and explore this creative space and see how they foster collaboration and skills development.

CONTACT INFO

938 2nd Avenue East
Owen Sound, Ontario
E-mail: info@gbarts.ca
<https://gbarts.ca>

ARCHITECTURE

Building type: Educational facility |
Gallery

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Harmony Centre

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Originally a church, this dynamic cultural institution is dedicated to providing the community with accessible and affordable spaces to share, create, educate and perform. With a 700-seat auditorium, a commons area, kitchen/banquet facilities, and numerous smaller lofts and studios, the Harmony Centre is an example of the value of retrofitting an existing community asset to respond to changing times.

CONTACT INFO

890 4th Avenue East
Owen Sound, Ontario
E-mail: info@harmonycentre.ca
<https://harmonycentre.ca>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1873; enlarged in 1886; new addition in 1908
Building type: Place of worship

DATES/HOURS OPEN

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Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mudtown Station Brewery and Restaurant

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Once a railway station, the Mudtown Station Brewery and Restaurant (now designated) offers a meeting place in Owen Sound's Mudtown neighbourhood that celebrates both the history of the city and the talents of its present-day residents. Stop by for a tour or enjoy some of their scratch-made food produced with local ingredients and paired with local craft beer.

CONTACT INFO

1198 1st Avenue East
Owen Sound, Ontario
<https://www.mudtownstation.ca>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1946
Building type: Food and drink | Historical landmark | Transportation |
Architectural style: Art deco | Art moderne | Prairie

DATES/HOURS OPEN

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Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; tours are only available from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. but stop by for lunch and self tour

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Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library

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This library was founded in 1855 as a Mechanics' Institute. The present neoclassical structure — completed in 1914 with a Carnegie Foundation grant — features exterior monumental brick pilasters with carved limestone trim and bases, and a barrel-vaulted ceiling with decorative plasterwork. An addition dates from 1972. The building was designated in 2009. Of architectural note is this library's [vaulted ceiling](#).

CONTACT INFO

824 1st Avenue West
Owen Sound, Ontario
<https://osngupl.ca>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1914
Building type: Attraction | Historical landmark | Library |
Architect: Forster & Clark
Architectural style: Neoclassical

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Owen Sound Artists' Co-op

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Constructed in 1905 as a retail store, this building was purchased in 1924 by a rival retailer who operated it as a dry goods store until 1989. Designated under the Ontario Heritage Act in 1990, it is now home to the Owen Sound Artists' Co-op — a gallery/retail space for area artists to showcase and sell their work.

CONTACT INFO

942 2nd Avenue East
Owen Sound, Ontario
E-mail: info@artistscoop.ca
<https://artistscoop.ca>

ARCHITECTURE

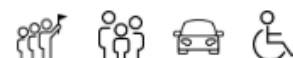
Year built: 1905
Building type: Commercial | Historical landmark | Gallery |
Architect: Forster and Clark
Architectural style: Beaux arts

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Roselawn Bowling Club

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Lawn bowling has been a popular summer sport in Owen Sound for more than 100 years. The club, originally called Owen Sound North (Brooke) Lawnbowling Club, purchased this property for \$200 in 1948. After a fire in the 1990s destroyed the St. George's Lawnbowling Club facility, Roselawn welcomed its members. Come and visit and try your hand at lawn bowling!

CONTACT INFO

1555 5th Avenue West
Owen Sound, Ontario
E-mail: roselawnbowlingclub@gmail.com
<https://www.roselawnbowls.ca/>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1948
Building type: Sports facility |
Architectural style: Vernacular

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Roxy Theatre & Owen Sound Little Theatre

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The Roxy Theatre building, which was originally the Grand Opera House, was constructed in 1913 and has long been a landmark in Owen Sound. The Owen Sound Little Theatre, a not-for-profit charitable organization, now uses the building for community theatrical productions as well as many stage performances and musical events. Free parking on Saturdays in the lot behind the theatre.

CONTACT INFO

251 9th Street East
Owen Sound, Ontario
E-mail: admin@roxytheatre.ca
<https://roxytheatre.ca>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1913
Building type: Attraction | Theatre |
Architect: George Redmond and Neil Beggs
Architectural style: Art deco | Edwardian | Modernism

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St. George's Anglican Church

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This church is an active community member — with bi-monthly neighbourhood dinners, the O'Share program for those with food and housing insecurity, the annual Great Lakes Sailors Blessing of the Fleet, community concerts, the weekly Shoreline Chorus and a weekly youth karate group in the parish hall. Doors Open Owen Sound is a wonderful opportunity to explore this heritage building.

CONTACT INFO

1049 4th Avenue East
Owen Sound, Ontario
E-mail: sgac@bmts.com
<https://www.stgeorgesos.ca>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1881
Building type: Place of worship

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Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sydenham Campus

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The former Sydenham Community School, built in 1967, was an elementary school until 2017. In 2018, Grey County purchased the 4,200-square-metre (45,000-square-foot) building and turned it into a regional hub now called Sydenham Campus. The partners and tenants form a collection of trainers and businesses that support workers, entrepreneurs and local organizations by providing access to education and training.

CONTACT INFO

1130 8th Street East
Owen Sound, Ontario
E-mail: sydenhamcampus@grey.ca
<https://www.grey.ca/business-services/sydenham-campus>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1967
Building type: Educational facility

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Tom Thomson Art Gallery

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Established in 1967 as a memorial to iconic Canadian landscape artist Tom Thomson, this gallery houses a nationally significant collection of the artist's works and artifacts. It develops exhibitions and programs that enrich the region and contribute to a national visual arts discourse. Completely renovated in 1988, the gallery features exhibition halls, collection storage, an educational studio and atrium.

CONTACT INFO

840 1st Avenue West
Owen Sound, Ontario
E-mail: ttag@tomthomson.org
<https://www.tomthomson.org>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1967
Building type: Attraction |
Commercial | Educational facility |
Museum | Gallery

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YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce

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NEW

The Owen Sound Daily Sun-Times began publication in 1922 and was printed at the Fleming Publishing Co. plant located here, more commonly known as The Sun Times Building. Now home to a number of local businesses, the YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce inhabits approximately 1114 square-metres (12,000 square-feet) of the completely renovated historic building in Downtown Owen Sound.

CONTACT INFO

290 9th Street Est
Owen Sound, Ontario

<http://ymcaowensound.on.ca>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: mid to late 10th century
Building type: Commercial
Architect: industrial/commercial

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Exterior Sites of Owen Sound

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NEW

Stop by these [three exterior-only sites](#) to read information provided for Doors Open visitors:

Kennedy Terrace (791 2nd Avenue West): one of Owen Sound's best-preserved examples of Victorian residential terraces.

Thomson Beverages - Pepsi Manufacturing Facility (1701 3rd Avenue East): a mid-20th century soda bottling facility.

The Owen Sound Cenotaph (815 1st Avenue West): dedicated in 1920, serving as a memorial to all Canadian veterans.

CONTACT INFO

Kennedy Terrace (791 2nd Avenue West);
Thomson Beverages - Pepsi
Manufacturing Facility (1701 3rd Avenue
East); The Owen Sound Cenotaph (815 1st
Avenue West)
Owen Sound, Ontario

ARCHITECTURE

Building type: Commercial | Historical
landmark | Military | Private residence |
Architectural style: Contemporary |
Victorian

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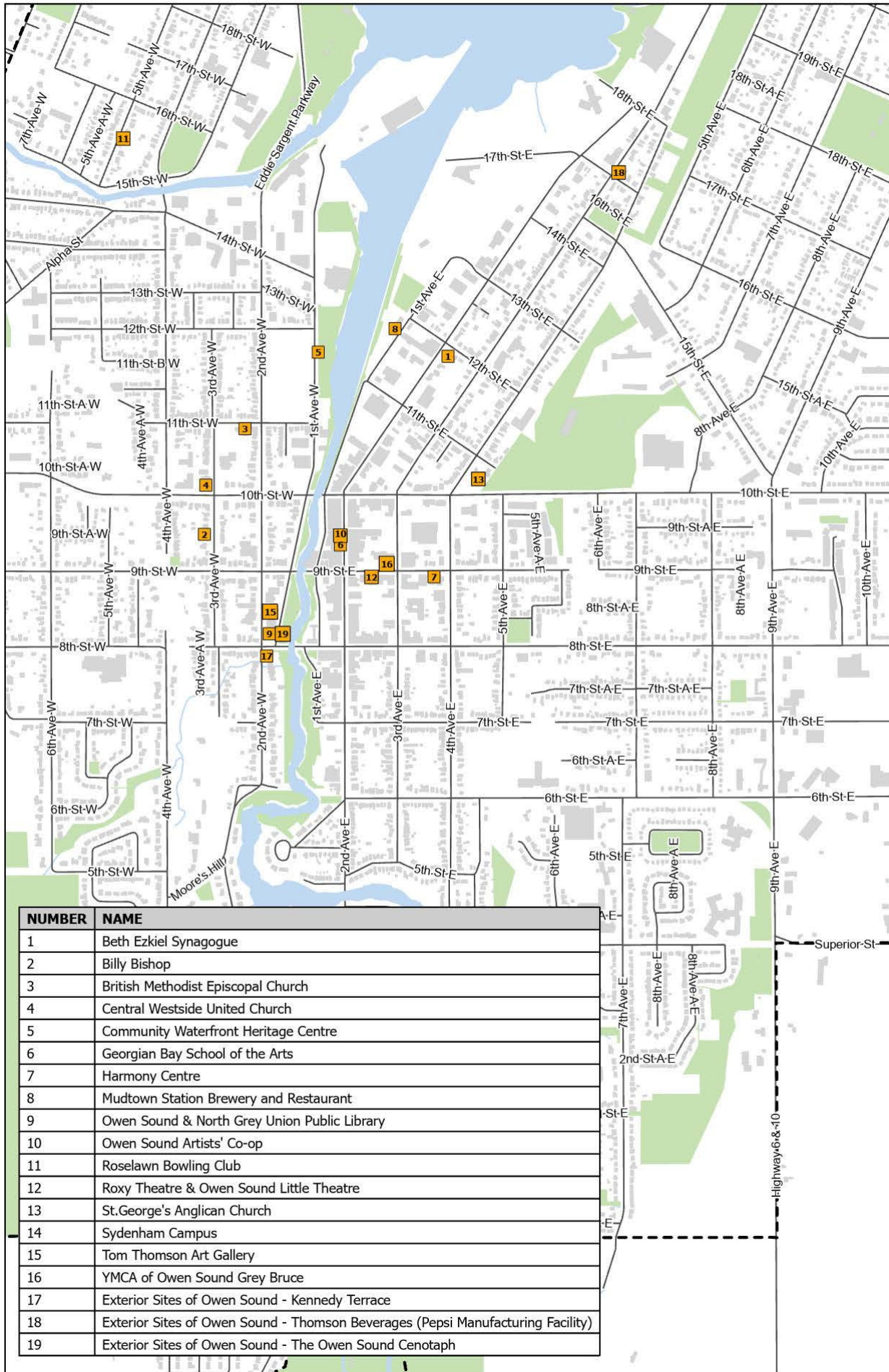


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