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Doors Open – Owen Sound Saturday, June 21 – 2025 5:30 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.

This year, we are excited that the Gichi-Name Wiikwedong Reconciliation Garden at Kelso Beach in Nawash Park will open our event with a sunrise ceremony (5:30 to 8 a.m.) to celebrate the summer solstice.

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Leading the Way to a New Day

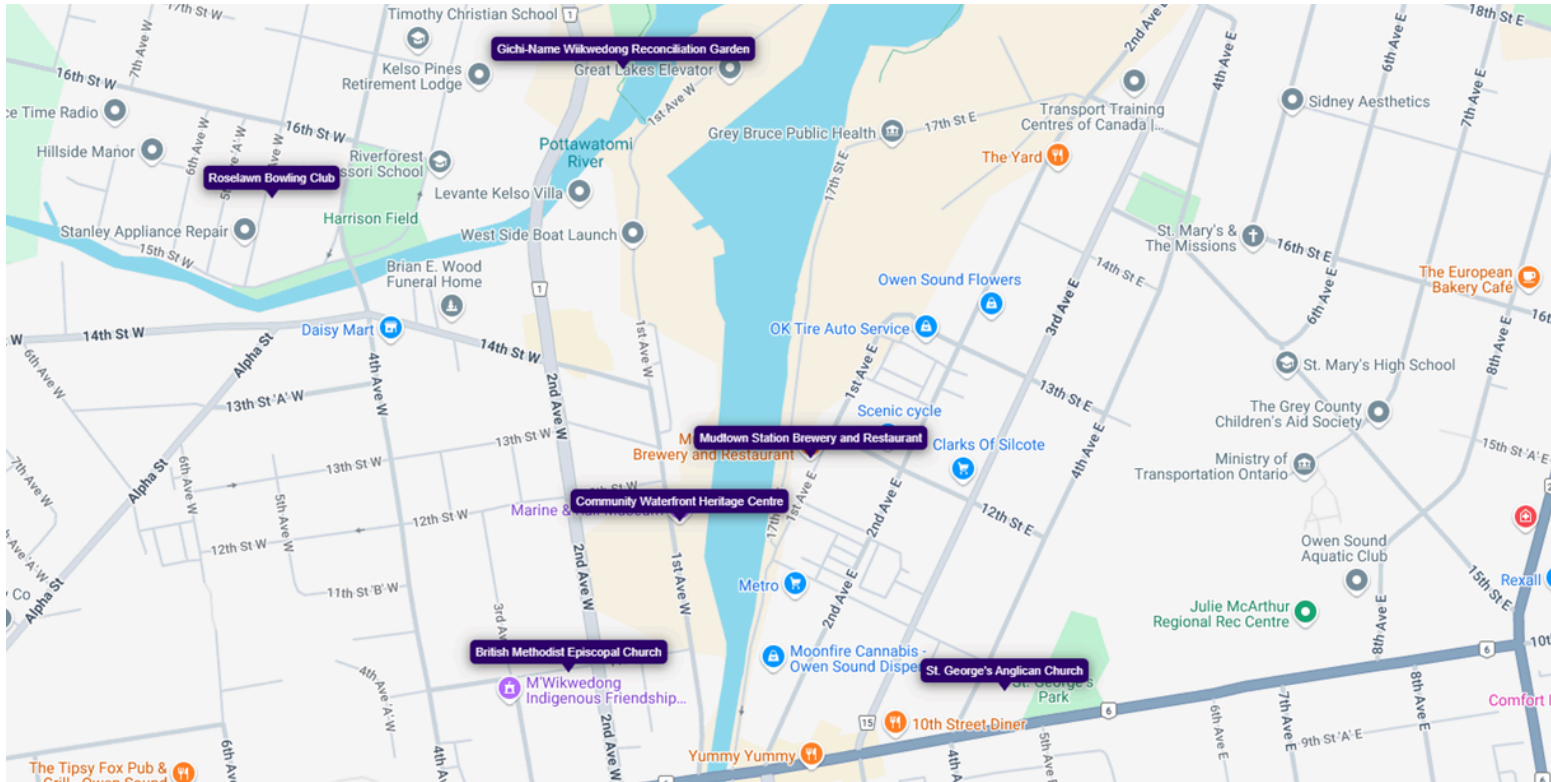
Please join us for a Sunrise Ceremony at the
Gichi - Name Wiikwedong Reconciliation Garden
Saturday June 21st - 5:30AM to 7:30AM
in recognition of National Indigenous Peoples Day

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Notes: Tone Yoga is only open from 12:30 to 4 p.m., Mudtown Station Brewery and Restaurant (tours are only available from 10 to 11:30); however, they are otherwise open. CFOS tours will end at 2 p.m.

North Sites



[Gichi-Name Wiikwedong Reconciliation Garden](#)

Doors Open Owen Sound

This garden was built to recognize and celebrate Indigenous history and culture. It is a contemplative place where you can pause, reflect and remember. The location was deliberate – once-fertile hunting/fishing grounds. As part of Doors Open, on [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#) (June 21), come and celebrate the history, heritage, resilience and diversity of Canada's First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

CONTACT INFO

South end of Kelso Beach at Nawash Park (enter at 19th Street West)
Owen Sound, Ontario
Email: thom@thomasdean.ca
<https://www.facebook.com/gichinamereconciliationgarden>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 2010

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[Roselawn Bowling Club](#)

Doors Open Owen Sound

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
Email: roselawnbowlingclub@gmail.com
<https://www.roselawnbowls.ca/>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1948
Building type: Sports facility

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[Mudtown Station Brewery and Restaurant](#)

Doors Open Owen Sound

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

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Open all day - Tours are 10-11:30 am only



British Methodist Episcopal Church

Doors Open Owen Sound

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
Email: bmechurchofowensound@gmail.com
<https://bmechurchofowensound.com>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1889
Building type: Place of worship

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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
Email: info@waterfrontheritage.ca
<https://waterfrontheritage.ca>

ARCHITECTURE

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

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St. George's Anglican Church

Doors Open Owen Sound

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
Email: sgac@bmts.com
<https://www.stgeorgesos.ca>

ARCHITECTURE

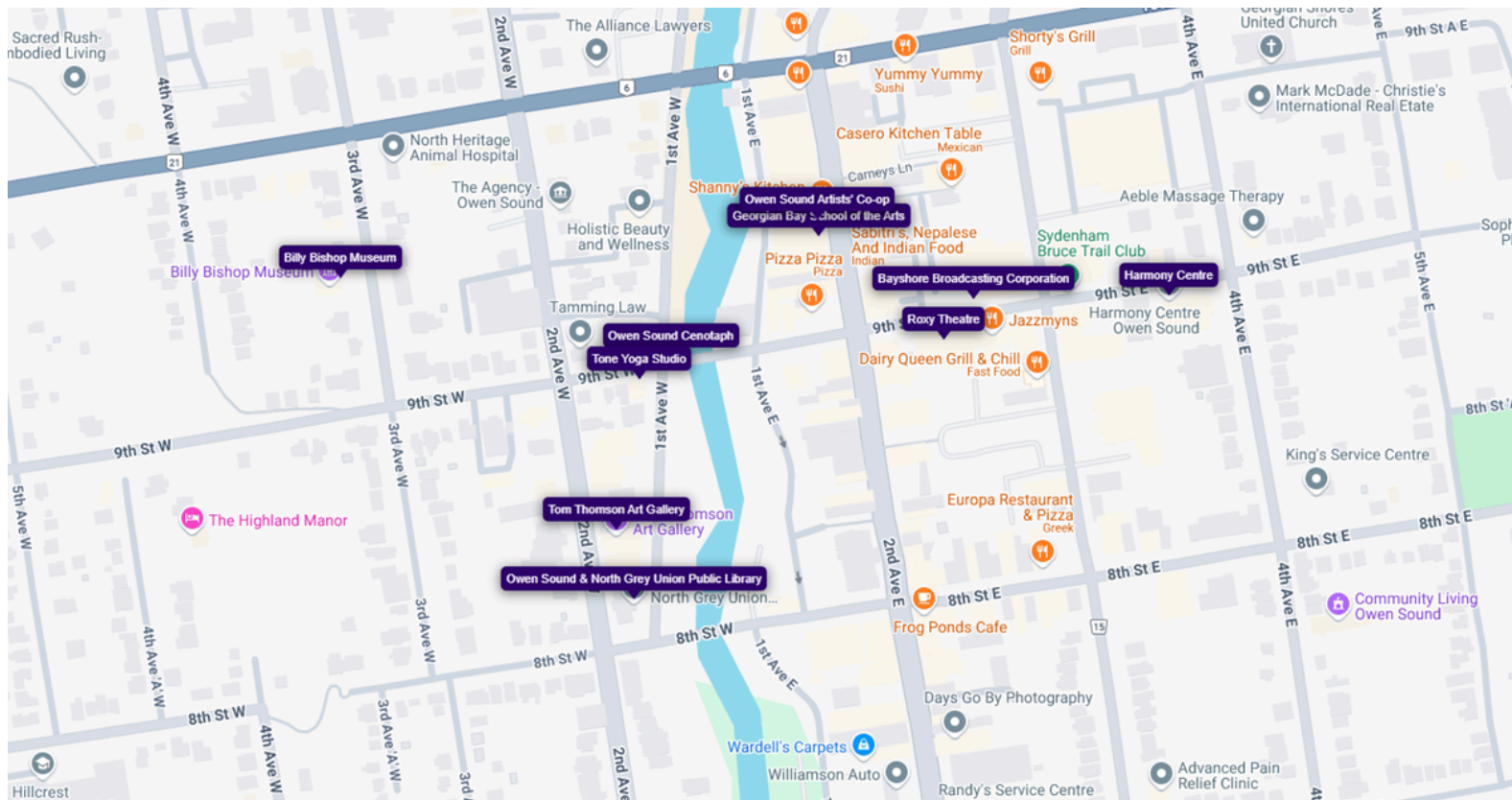
Year built: 1881
Building type: Place of worship

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River District Sites



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

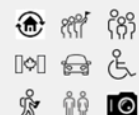
948 3rd Avenue West
Owen Sound, Ontario
Email: info@billybishop.org
<https://www.billybishopmuseum.org>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1884
Building type: Attraction Historical landmark
Museum

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[Owen Sound Artists' Co-op](#) Doors Open Owen Sound

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
Email: info@artistscoop.ca
<https://artistscoop.ca>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1905
Building type: Commercial Historical landmark
Gallery
Architect: Forster and Clark

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[Georgian Bay School of the Arts](#) Doors Open Owen Sound

This school is a 600-square-meter (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
Email: info@gbarts.ca
<https://gbarts.ca>

ARCHITECTURE

Building type: Educational facility Gallery

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[Bayshore Broadcasting Corporation](#) Doors Open Owen Sound

NEW
Join the Bayshore Broadcasting Corporation this year as they celebrate the Year of Radio. Enjoy guided tours by on-air staff, photo displays, an opportunity to record your memories of local station 560 CFOS, and a charity barbecue by the Rotary Club of Owen Sound. This year, as CFOS celebrates its 85th year, they will be moving from AM to FM.

CONTACT INFO

270 9th Street East
Owen Sound, Ontario
<https://www.560cfos.ca>

ARCHITECTURE

Building type: Commercial

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Tours End at 2 p.m.



[Harmony Centre](#) Doors Open Owen Sound

NEW
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
Email: info@hamonycentre.ca
<https://hamonycentre.ca>

ARCHITECTURE

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

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[Roxy Theatre](#) Doors Open Owen Sound

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

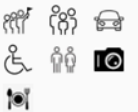
251 9th Street East
Owen Sound, Ontario
Email: admin@roxytheatre.ca
<https://roxytheatre.ca>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1913
Building type: Attraction Theatre
Architect: George Redmond and Neil Beggs

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[Owen Sound Cenotaph](#) Doors Open Owen Sound

Dedicated on December 1, 1920 and designed by the assistant to the man behind France's Vimy Ridge monument, the Owen Sound Cenotaph serves as a memorial to Canadian veterans from the First World War, the Second World War, the Korean War, and up to the present day. Legion Remembrance Day ceremonies and memorial services are held here to this day.

CONTACT INFO

815 1st Avenue West
Owen Sound, Ontario
Email: jwright@owensound.ca

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1921
Architect: Emanuel Hahn

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[Tone Yoga Studio](#) Doors Open Owen Sound

Built of native stone and dedicated to the Congregational church in 1871, this property has enjoyed many uses over the years. Today, this designated building is a thriving yoga, music and dance studio. The teachers and staff all work to create healing, harmony and wellness in the community through classes and workshops. Come and explore this beautifully renovated building.

CONTACT INFO

900 1st Avenue West
Owen Sound, Ontario
<http://toneyogastudio.com>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1869
Building type: Commercial Place of worship

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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
Email: tag@tomthomson.org
<https://www.tomthomson.org>

ARCHITECTURE

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

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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

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Sydenham Campus

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NEW

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

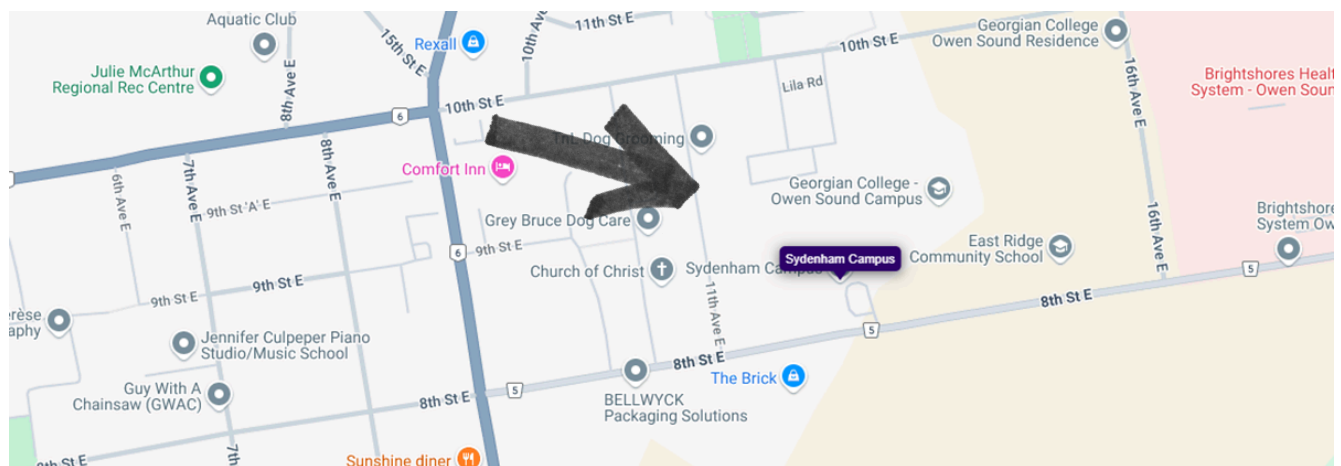
1130 8th Street East
Owen Sound, Ontario
Email: sydenhamcampus@grey.ca
<https://www.grey.ca/business-services/sydenham-campus>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1967
Building type: Educational facility

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South Sites



Potter's Field

Doors Open Owen Sound

Greenwood Cemetery is home to Potter's Field, the final resting place for 1,200 indigent and stigmatized citizens. In 2018, John and Shirley Reaburn supported the creation of a permanent monument, which was unveiled in 2021. Learn about the history of Potter's Field with guides Aly Boltman and Terri Jackson, who will touch on the unique histories of those buried here.

CONTACT INFO

190 1st Street West (at Greenwood Cemetery)
Owen Sound, Ontario
Email: jwzright@owensound.ca
<https://www.owensound.ca/recreation-culture/heritage-conservation>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1860 (Potter's Field becomes operational); 2021 (monument unveiled)
Building type: Cemetery
Architect: Potter's Field Steering Committee and Sanderson Monuments

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Morland Place

Doors Open Owen Sound

Morland Place, built in 1920, is known for its splendid gardens. Members of Rural Gardens of Grey Bruce invite you to experience the beauty of these gardens. Meet enthusiastic and knowledgeable gardeners who are happy to share their experiences. Various gardens — in French, Italian and perennial styles — were designed and added by the current owner of Morland Place, Barry More.

CONTACT INFO

102645 Grey Road 18
Georgian Bluffs, Ontario
<http://www.visitgrey.ca/business/morland-place>

ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1920; gardens begun in 1960
Building type: Historical house Private residence

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