

Jane's Walk in Mississauga

The City of Mississauga is excited to be participating in Jane's Walk for the first time, on May 3. This is a great opportunity for residents and visitors to explore Mississauga's lakefront communities. Each of the three featured neighbourhoods – Lakeview, Port Credit and Clarkson – offer a choice of two different guided walking tours.

Tours will operate rain or shine, and will depart from the designated meeting point. Appropriate clothing and footwear is recommended. Watch for the "Jane's Walk" Signs at major intersections near each tour.

9 – 11 am

Lakeview

**Choose either: Lakeview Legacy Project Tour OR
Adamson Estate Tour**

Lakeview Legacy Project Tour – from Military to Magnificent:

Tour Description:

On February 27th, 2008, the Lakeview Legacy Project was presented to Mississauga City Council. As a result, a Council resolution was adopted unanimously which directed City staff to address the Lakeview Generating Station lands for use other than for a power generating facility. Minister of Energy and Infrastructure George Smitherman answered this request on July 16th, 2008 by declaring "Lakeview's future in power generation is over" and that his Government is committed to making Lakeview "The model for Smart Growth" in the Province. Thus begins the reversal of 112 years of military, industrial and utility pollution in Lakeview. The Legacy Project is the first citizen driven revitalization plan to be recognized in North American history.

We will walk the lands of the first aerodrome in Canada and visit the last firing range still existing from the WWII munitions complex in Lakeview. You will be presented with the community vision and invited to share your thoughts on an exciting future that celebrates the past.

Meeting Point: Meet at Lakefront Promenade Park at the ball park. Off of Lakefront Promenade Rd., South of Lakeshore Rd. E. (East of Cawthra Rd.)

Tour Guide Information: *Professor John Danahy -
Director, Centre for Landscape Research, University of Toronto*

An internationally recognized expert in digital media for design, planning and visualization. His creative professional practice work through the CLR on numerous innovative commissions with consulting firms, agencies, cities and citizens groups are a means of engaging basic research in urban design funded from the bottom up. John is the recipient of the Canadian Association of Landscape Architects Award of Merit, 2009, for the Lakeview legacy Project and is a resident of the community.

*Jim Tovey
President, Lakeview Ratepayers Association Vice Chair,
Heritage Advisory Committee City of Mississauga.*

Jim is a noted community leader and received a Citizen of the year nomination in 2007 for his pivotal role in stopping a power plant and the revitalization of Lakeview. While walking his dog through the industrial lands of Lakeview in 1994 Jim was struck by the thought “What if we could remove 98 years of military, industrial and utility pollution from our waterfront? What could we create?” This began a fourteen-year odyssey, placing a carpenter from Lakeview at the center of events that resulted in the historic announcements of 2008.

Total Walking Distance: Approximately 2 kms.

Parking: Parking is available off Hydro Rd., East of Lakefront Promenade and South of Lakeshore Rd. E. It is a short walk to the ball park meeting point.

Adamson Estate Tour:

Tour Description: The Adamson Estate is located on land that was originally granted to Henry Cawthra. The property, known originally as “Grove Farm”, was given to Mabel Cawthra and Agar Adamson as a wedding present in 1900. The Adamsons constructed the surviving baronial mansion, based on the Flemish style, in 1919. In addition to the mansion, a large barn dating to c.1875 and Canada’s only wooden folly dating to c.1910 are also on the property. The estate has been restored and is now the home of the Royal Conservatory of Music. Visitors to the property will enjoy a

short guided walk around the property, with highlights including a 200-year-old Beech Tree carved with surveyor's initials, a pet cemetery, the estate house and the folly, as well as a few intriguing stories.

Meeting Point: Meet at Adamson Estate off Enola Ave. (South of Lakeshore Rd. E., West of Cawthra Rd.)

Tour Guide Information: *Matthew Wilkinson*
Matthew Wilkinson is a 7th-generation born and raised Mississauga resident. He is the Historian with Heritage Mississauga, historian with the Mississauga South Historical Society, and citizen member of the Heritage Advisory Committee for the City of Mississauga.

Total Walking Distance: TBC

Parking/Washroom: Adamson Estate parking lot off Enola Ave. Washroom facilities are available at McMillan Headland (a short walk from Adamson Estate).

noon - 2 pm

Port Credit

**Choose either: Port Credit Main Street Tour OR
Ghosts of the First Nations Tour**

Port Credit Main Street Tour:

Tour Description: Starting on the east bank of the Credit River, the walking tour will traverse the Lakeshore Rd. Historic main street core, reaching the former St. Lawrence Starch company lands and return to Memorial Park. The tour will describe the urban design history of Port Credit, examining its evolving built form. Opportunities for future improvements will be discussed. The elements that make a successful and vibrant village character will be identified where they exist and where they could be in the future. Let's talk about trees, traffic, sidewalks, public art, plazas, terraces, linkages, parks, safety, parking, watercourses, vistas, affordable housing, building uses and many other elements that contribute to a healthy complete walking community. What is missing in Port Credit? What is overabundance?

<u>Meeting Point:</u>	Meet at the gazebo/band shell in Port Credit Memorial Park. On the North side of Lakeshore Rd. E., West of Stavebank Rd. N. (West of Hurontario St.)
<u>Tour Guide Information:</u>	<i>Michael Spaziani</i> Founder of Michael Spaziani Inc. located in Port Credit, offering a complete range of architectural services. Michael is winner of the Frances Lynch Scholarship and Royal Architectural Institute of Canada General's medal. Michael is the esteemed recipient of many awards for Urban Design throughout the City of Mississauga. In addition to leading his firm with an attitude of sustained design excellence, Michael is Chairman of the Toronto Society of Architects and a former councillor of the Ontario Association of Architects. He is dedicated to professional community leadership striving for a positive and educated understanding of the issues related to design and development.
<u>Total Walking Distance:</u>	TBC
<u>Parking/Washroom:</u>	Parking is available at the Port Credit Library parking lot. It is a 2 minute walk to the meeting point. Washroom facilities will be pointed out along the walk.

Ghosts of the First Nations Tour:

<u>Tour Description:</u>	The walk will occur on the banks of the Credit River and Port Credit Harbour. The tour will explore pivotal events in First Nation History. From the arrival of Ojibwe people on the banks of the Credit in early times, to first contact with the Europeans. We will envision what the Credit River must have looked like in these early years and the rich food sources of the river and surrounding lands. Let's discuss the Legend of Sky Woman, the Peter Jones Saga, and the marks left on the face of the Credit to indicate aboriginal presence in the past. Jane Jacobs urged us to explore our community on foot. The Mississauga First Nation certainly did that. Our sense of community is strengthened by their spiritual if not physical presence.
<u>Meeting Point:</u>	Meet at the totem pole on the west bank of the Credit River. Lakeshore Rd. E., West of Stavebank Rd. N. (West of Hurontario St.)
<u>Tour Guide Information:</u>	<i>Alan Edward Skeoch</i> Director and past president of the Ontario History and Social Science Teacher's Association. Recipient of the prestigious Governor General's

Award for History teaching in 1999. Resident of Mississauga since 1968. Renowned internationally as a guest lecturer.

Total Walking Distance: Approximately 1 km.

Parking/Washroom: Parking is available at the Port Credit Library parking lot. It is a 2 minute walk to the meeting point. Washroom facilities will be pointed out along the walk.

3 - 5 pm

Clarkson

**Choose either: [Rattray Marsh Tour](#) OR
[Clarkson Village Tour](#)**

Rattray Marsh Tour - A Journey of Discovery:

Tour Description: Where and What is Rattray Marsh? How does it function? What is its importance? What is its interconnection with Sheridan Creek (that runs by the Clarkson Go station) and Lake Ontario? What plants, birds and animals might we see there today? Who was Major Rattray? What's the connection with the British Royal Navy? Why did the community struggle for 16 years to save this piece of land? What is the community involvement now? What does the future hold? Come and discover all this and more. Share your thoughts on the importance of preserving our natural heritage for present and future generations.

Meeting Point: Meet at Jack Darling Memorial Park in the Southern Parking Lot. Entrance to the park is located on the South side of Lakeshore Rd. W., (East of Clarkson Rd. N.)

Tour Guide Information: *Jean Williams*
Long time Mississauga resident actively involved in many different environmental issues. Member and current chairman of Rattray Marsh Protection Association. Member of the Board of Conservation Halton and Credit Valley Conservation Foundation.
Recipient of a number of awards for environmental volunteerism.

Audrey Oswald

A board member of South Peel Naturalists' Club. Extensive volunteer efforts and involvement with the Rattray Marsh Protection Association including leading public walks and protection and conservation of the Marsh. Co-author of the educational slide show, Rattray Marsh – A Journey of Discovery.

Kirsten Burling

A member of the Rattray Marsh Protection Association. Authored part of the book Rattray Marsh, Then and Now. Co-authored and provided slides for the audio visual "Rattray Marsh, A Journey of Discovery". Honoured with the Life Time Achievement Award from Friends of the Credit and CVC.

Total Walking Distance: Approximately 4 kms

Parking/Washroom: Suggest using Southern Parking Lot in Jack Darling Park (closest to the meeting point). Public Washroom facilities are available.

Clarkson Village Tour:

Tour Description: An interactive tour of Clarkson's colourful history and promising future. The Clarkson Village Tour uses history to remind people that the places we'll see along the way were once the places where people met their friends and neighbours. Clarkson Road North is a narrow street with small, street-level buildings right up close to the sidewalk. There are no neon-clad stores set behind parking lots here. This is the kind of place where people can talk without shouting. Small stores, a church, a park with giant oaks, narrow side roads with single family homes and a natural creek that's not been encased in concrete. The old Clarkson that lies away from the Lakeshore highway is just the kind of village Jane would have loved.

Meeting Point: Meet at Birchwood Park right beside the Clarkson Rd. N. Parking lot. Off Clarkson Rd. N., North of Lakeshore Rd. W. (East of Southdown Rd.)

Tour Guide Information: *Richard Collins*
Richard Collins is a weekly heritage columnist for the Booster and an historical interpreter at the Bradley Museum and Benares Historic House. He is president of the Mississauga South Historical Society, and secretary of both the Port Credit Village Project and the Town of Port Credit Association.

Total Walking Distance: Approximately 1.5 kms.

Parking: Parking is available at Birchwood Park. Suggest using the Clarkson Road North parking lot just South of the railway tracks (closest to the meeting point).
