

## 5 of the best places to pick up POUTINE

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- 16 **LESLIEVILLE PUMPS**  
929 Queen St E  
East End ⑤  
+1 416 465 1313  
[leslievillepumps.com](http://leslievillepumps.com)
- Leslieville Pumps is not only about tasty poutine; it's also about a fun vibe. It's a BBQ joint, a gas station and a general store. My personal favourite is the old-style gas pump that's also a gumball machine. You can stop here on a road trip.
- 17 **POUTINI'S**  
1112 Queen St W  
West End ⑥  
+1 647 342 3732  
[poutini.com](http://poutini.com)
- This tiny spot serves up amazing poutine. Locals go out of their way to visit. You can ask for it double layered, the pinnacle of poutine design. Poutini's has a plethora of varieties, including vegetarian. They are happy to play demo tapes if you're a member of a local band.
- 18 **NOM NOM NOM  
POUTINE**  
707 Dundas St W  
Downtown ①  
+1 647 636 0707  
[nomnomnom.ca](http://nomnomnom.ca)
- Nom Nom Nom is another venue dedicated almost solely to poutine. It has a fun walk-up window with picnic tables situated on the sidewalk. For a very different style of poutine, try the Galvaude: seasoned chicken and peas, along with the traditional cheese curds and gravy.

- 19 **KNUCKLE SANDWICH**  
969 Coxwell Avenue  
East York ④  
+1 647 748 7999  
[knucklesandwich.ca](http://knucklesandwich.ca)
- Knuckle Sandwich isn't pretentious. This laidback spot creates freshly made sandwiches, unique versions of poutine and serves a variety of local beers. The Danforth poutine adds a Greek twist with feta cheese and capers. The patio is a comfortable place to sit on summer days. Portions are huge, so arrive hungry.
- 20 **CLUNY BISTRO**  
35 Tank House Lane  
Downtown ①  
+1 416 203 2632  
[clunybistro.com](http://clunybistro.com)
- Cluny serves a fusion of French Canadian and classic French cuisine. The coq au vin poutine is made with chicken, red wine, bacon and cheese. It's a unique twist on this heart-stopping dish. The decor is beautiful. It sets a beautiful scene for a few Instagram photos if you're the type who likes to post your adventures.



## 5 places that serve UNIQUE CAESARS

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### 126 **TABULE**

**2901 Bayview Avenue**  
**North York** ①  
**+1 416 222 5424**  
[tabulebayview.com](http://tabulebayview.com)

Tabule is another popular site that began with one restaurant and now owns several locations in the GTA. They've concocted a delicious version of a Caesar cocktail. Instead of the usual rim spice, they've used za'atar seasoning and Kaffir lime to flavour this Canadian classic.



127 **RODNEY'S OYSTER HOUSE**  
**469 King St W**  
**Downtown** ①  
**+1 416 363 8105**  
[rodneyoysterhouse.com](http://rodneyoysterhouse.com)

A Caesar always pairs well with seafood. Rodney's Oyster House knows it well. They've used Walter's ([waltercaesar.com](http://waltercaesar.com)) mix for their house blend. For a garnish, they've added a large fresh gulf shrimp. It's spicy and acidic, just the way a Caesar is supposed to taste.

128 **CHERRY STREET BAR-B-QUE**  
**275 Cherry St**  
**Downtown** ②  
**+1 416 461 5111**  
[cherrystbbq.com](http://cherrystbbq.com)

Cherry Street Bar-B-Que is a no-frills joint focused on southern-style BBQ. That's why it seems funny they'd create such a tasty version of this Canadian cocktail. They serve their Caesar flavoured with BBQ sauce, tamarind sauce and a whole rib as a garnish.

129 **HUNTERS LANDING**  
**82 Fort York Blvd**  
**Downtown** ②  
**+1 647 352 6082**  
[hunterslanding.ca](http://hunterslanding.ca)

Ordering a Hunters Landing Caesar is pretty much ordering a meal and a cocktail in one. Their version comes garnished with everything but the kitchen sink. You'll need to munch on all the garnishes before you can get to this version, which is full of real horseradish.

130 **FARMHOUSE TAVERN**  
**1627 Dupont St**  
**West End** ⑥  
**+1 416 561 9114**

FARMHOUSE Tavern is a cozy restaurant that serves up a great brunch on Sunday, followed by an hourly special on their Caesars. They are garnished with lots of different ingredients. Much of the menu depends on what's available locally, and you will find it's different almost every week.

# 5 great NEIGHBOURHOODS for shopping

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## 201 CASTLEFIELD DESIGN DISTRICT

Northeast of  
Dufferin St and  
Eglinton Ave  
York-Crosstown ③

The area near Dufferin and Eglinton hosts a variety of design stores. If you're looking for furniture or home decor items, this is a good area to visit. Stores like Elte and Metropolis Living are situated within walking distance of each other. Take a wander around and find trendy designs.

## 202 BLOOR-YORKVILLE

Between Avenue  
Road and Yonge St,  
north of Bloor St W  
Midtown ③  
[bloor-yorkville.com](http://bloor-yorkville.com)

Bloor-Yorkville isn't a neighbourhood in which you'll find a lot of discount stores. This area is known for all its high-end stores. There's a Louis Vuitton, Holt Renfrew, 119 Corbo, Chanel and Nordstrom located within walking distance of each other. There are also nice boutique stores here.

## 203 YONGE- EGLINTON Uptown ③

The Yonge and Eglinton area is about 2 kilometres in radius and filled with lots of shops offering designer labels for adults and children. It's also home to the Yonge-Eglinton Shopping Centre, so lots of spots where you can empty your wallet. It's best to start at the intersection of Yonge and Eglinton Avenue West, then take your time wandering both east and west along the corridor.

## 204 RONCESVALLES VILLAGE

Roncesvalles Ave  
from the Gardiner  
to Bloor St W  
West End ⑥  
[roncesvallesvillage.ca](http://roncesvallesvillage.ca)

Roncesvalles is far less pretentious than Bloor and Yonge. There are lots of little boutique shops here where you can find one-off items. Wander straight down 'Roncy', and you will find lots of little places that catch your eye and pique your curiosity.

## 205 THE BEACHES

Queen St E from  
Woodbine Park to  
Victoria Park Ave  
East End ⑤

The Beaches has a vibe that's totally different from other parts of the city. It has a lovely art community as well as some high-end shopping. There's also this down-to-earth feel to the Beaches. You find lots of stores with reasonably priced items as well. It's a mix of both worlds.

# 55 PLACES FOR FASHION AND DESIGN

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## The 5 most popular SPORTS TEAMS to watch

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### 326 TORONTO RAPTORS / BASKETBALL

AT: SCOTIABANK ARENA  
40 Bay St  
Downtown ②  
[nba.com/raptors](http://nba.com/raptors)

“We the North”, has become a common saying here in Toronto. In 2019 the Raptors were named NBA Champions for the first time in the team’s history. Toronto has embraced the Raptors, and the vibe is very positive. Drake makes regular appearances at games. You’ll see him courtside.

### 327 TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS / HOCKEY

AT: SCOTIABANK ARENA  
40 Bay St  
Downtown ②  
[nhl.com/mapleleafs](http://nhl.com/mapleleafs)

Attending a Leafs game is expensive. If you do go, you will be a part of something linked to the identity of many Canadians. In the past families have crowded around the TV to watch *Hockey Night* in Canada.

### 328 HAMILTON TIGER- CATS / AMERICAN FOOTBALL

AT: TIM HORTONS FIELD  
64 Melrose Avenue N  
Hamilton ③  
ON L8L 8C1  
[ticats.ca](http://ticats.ca)

Canada has a proud football tradition. The lesser-known CFL (Canadian Football League) hosts a series of Canadian professional football teams. While the league doesn’t garner as much attention as the NFL, games are still exciting. The venues and crowds are much smaller, so it’s a more intimate experience.

### 329 TORONTO BLUE JAYS / BASEBALL

AT: ROGERS CENTRE  
1 Blue Jays Way  
Downtown ②  
[mlb.com/bluejays](http://mlb.com/bluejays)

The Blue Jays are another long-standing team in Toronto. The Rogers Centre (originally named SkyDome) is a pretty interesting building. The roof is retractable, so some games will be open air. It’s fun to sit in the lower seats but the view from the 500s is spectacular and cheap.

### 330 TORONTO FC / SOCCER

AT: BMO FIELD  
170 Princes’ Blvd  
Downtown ②  
[torontofc.ca](http://torontofc.ca)

Toronto FC is a relatively new team in the city. Hockey is no longer the only sport in town, as soccer is quickly gaining in popularity. Games are played at BMO Field, a beautiful open-air venue located in Exhibition Place. You can get great seats quite easily.



# The 5 most comprehensive ART GALLERIES that are NOT the AGO

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## 366 ART MUSEUM

AT: UNIVERSITY  
OF TORONTO

7 Hart House Circle,  
15 King's College  
Circle

Downtown ①

+1 416 978 8398

[artmuseum.utoronto.ca](http://artmuseum.utoronto.ca)

The art museum comprises two buildings located side by side: the Justina M. Barnicke Gallery and the University of Toronto Art Centre. The large venue hosts an array of exhibitions as well as events. The Hart House has established a very extensive collection of Canadian art, representing a wide range of artists.



## 367 BAU-XI GALLERY

340 Dundas St W

Downtown ①

+1 416 977 0600

[bau-xi.com](http://bau-xi.com)

Bau-Xi is a small and intimate, commercially run gallery. It's across the street from the AGO. They represent a mix of contemporary artists, many of whom are based in Toronto. The staff are friendly and happy to answer any questions you may have about the current exhibit.

## 368 COOPER COLE

1134 Dupont St

Midtown ③

+1 416 531 8000

[coopercolegallery.com](http://coopercolegallery.com)

Cooper Cole is a small independent gallery. It's intimate and very exclusive. They are not always open, so it's best to call ahead and make an appointment to visit. One of the advantages is that you'll get a lot of attention as you stroll through this high-end art space.

## 369 THE POWER PLANT

AT: HARBOURFRONT  
CENTRE

231 Queens Quay W

Downtown ②

+1 416 973 4949

[thepowerplant.org](http://thepowerplant.org)

The Power Plant is a large public gallery in the centre of the Harbourfront neighbourhood. It's easy to visit some of the other venues located nearby as well. There's always something really interesting happening here. They have a good schedule of events that will appeal to all sorts of people. Admission is free.

## 370 MCMICHAEL GALLERY

10365 Islington Ave

Kleinburg ⑩

ON LoJ 1Co

+1 905 893 1121

[mcmichael.com](http://mcmichael.com)

You'll need to head out of town to visit, so make it a day trip. The gallery has an extensive collection of Canadian painters, including the very famous Group of Seven. Visit earlier in the morning or after 2 pm as the gallery can be full of school groups at midday.

## 5 places to take kids on RAINY DAYS

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### 406 RIPLEY'S AQUARIUM

288 Bremner Blvd  
Downtown ②  
+1 647 351 3474  
[ripleyaquariums.com/  
canada](http://ripleyaquariums.com/canada)

Ripley's Aquarium is big, busy and filled with some pretty cool underwater exhibits. It will be packed on weekends, so it's best to visit early or go during the week. However, on weekdays from September to June you'll encounter large numbers of school groups visiting the aquarium. Most groups will be leaving by about 1.30 pm, so visiting later in the day is best.

### 407 FANTASY FAIR

AT: WOODBINE MALL  
500 Rexdale Blvd  
Etobicoke ③  
ON M9W 6K5  
+1 416 674 8684  
[fantasyfair.ca/rides-  
and-attraction](http://fantasyfair.ca/rides-and-attraction)

This is a pretty cool spot. You don't expect a mall in Etobicoke to house such a large indoor amusement park. It's the largest in Ontario. The park has bumper cars, a Ferris wheel, a small train and several other rides to keep the kids busy on a rainy day.

### 408 ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM

100 Queens Park  
Downtown ①  
+1 416 586 8000  
[rom.on.ca/en/whats-  
on/all-programs/kids](http://rom.on.ca/en/whats-on/all-programs/kids)

The ROM is a popular destination in Toronto. It can get busy, so plan accordingly. My personal favourite with kids is the floor that houses the full suits of armour. Kids, especially boys, tend to be awed by these massive metal outfits. They have some great children's programming, check the website.

### 409 CINESPHERE

AT: ONTARIO PLACE  
955 Lake Shore  
Boulevard W  
Downtown ②  
+1 416 314 9938  
[ontarioplace.com/en/  
cinesphere](http://ontarioplace.com/en/cinesphere)

Located inside Ontario Place, the Cinesphere offers a variety of movies on their IMAX screen. Some are short flicks designed for IMAX, others are mainstream Hollywood movies adapted to the screen. Either way, the popcorn is fresh, and the tickets are reasonably priced.

### 410 BATA SHOE MUSEUM

327 Bloor St W  
Midtown ③  
+1 416 979 7799  
[batashoemuseum.ca/  
family-fun](http://batashoemuseum.ca/family-fun)

This is a funky little museum that's fairly well known in Toronto. They usually host some fun children's activities on weekends. It won't be as busy as other locations in the city, so your kids might get to experience the exhibits a little more than in other spots.

## 5 of the best hikes on the BRUCE TRAIL

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### 461 BRUCE PENINSULA

[goo.gl/maps/Wh7R6yiyF8x5g5ii9](http://goo.gl/maps/Wh7R6yiyF8x5g5ii9),  
[pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/on/bruce/activ/experiences/sentiers-trails](http://pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/on/bruce/activ/experiences/sentiers-trails)

The 3-hour drive up to Bruce Peninsula NP is worth it. The challenging hike from halfway Log Dump to the Grotto offers incredible views of Georgian Bay, along with several great spots for swimming. The trail requires good shoes and being in good shape. Book your entrance to the park online weeks in advance, as it gets busy in summer.



### 462 BOYNE VALLEY

PARKING AT:  
**19 County Road  
Mulmur** ⓘ  
[ontariotrails.on.ca](http://ontariotrails.on.ca)

Walking the Primrose Loop in Boyne Valley feels like walking through a fairy forest. If you visit, you will understand why: in early summer the moss will remind you of a fantasy movie. There are lots of crevices to explore off the main trail; just be careful, it's easy to slip.

### 463 SHORT HILLS PROVINCIAL PARK

PARKING AT:  
**Pelham Road  
Thorold** ⓘ  
[ontariotrails.on.ca](http://ontariotrails.on.ca)

The southern part of the Niagara Region offers a milder climate than that north of Toronto. This allows for the growth of the Carolinian forest. This type of forest is quite rare in Ontario.

### 464 LIMEHOUSE & SPEYSIDE

PARKING AT:  
**12169 Fifth Line  
Limehouse** ⓘ  
**ON LoP 1Ho**  
[ontariotrails.on.ca](http://ontariotrails.on.ca)

The trails in this area offer hikers a chance to experience a little bit of adventurous hiking. There are some very steep parts that require you to climb and descend ladders. It's best to attempt this trail with children over the age of 7.

### 465 BEAVER VALLEY — EUGENIA FALLS

**Grey Highlands** ⓘ  
**ON NoC 1Eo**  
[ontariotrails.on.ca](http://ontariotrails.on.ca)

This trail in Eugenia offers several opportunities to explore. If you are adventurous, follow the trail to the bottom of the gorge, then follow the riverbed up to the waterfall. In summer the water levels are low, and you can stand at the bottom of the falls.

INFO:  
[brucetrail.org](http://brucetrail.org)