

Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area

Enjoy almost 8 kilometres of easy walking trails conveniently accessed from the village area. The conservation area is approximately 204 hectares (503 acres) in size and features natural woodlands, plantation forests and provincially significant wetlands, meadow area and many cultural heritage features.

Giant Swallowtail Trail:

This 2 km trail, walking from the Village parking lot is an easy walk that features plantation forest and wetlands. Originally this trail was the farm lane to the Smith family farm. Watch carefully for the stone ruins of the old farm including the foundation of a spring house. This trail ends at a loop near the 5th concession. Once you reach it turn back to return to the village.



Chinquapin Oak Trail:

This 3 km trail, walking from the Village parking lot, makes a nice circular loop from the village. Each season offers a variety of views including a lilac dell, hardwood forest and open meadows. This trail is named for the chinquapin oak tree, a Carolinian variety, that is uncommon in Canada.



Pets and Area Etiquette: Pets must be kept on a leash at all times and cannot be left unattended. Remove dog waste from the trail and dispose of it in the garbage.

- Alcohol use and possession are prohibited.
- Pack out what you pack in.
- Please do not deface, remove, disturb or damage an property, plants, birds or mammals in the conservation area.



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Weddings

Westfield is the ideal setting for weddings, offering one convenient location for a ceremony, photographs and reception.
The Ironwood Hall This modern reception hall offers air conditioning, a full kitchen and is wheelchair accessible.
The Mountsberg Church is a charming Victorian church that offers hardwood floors, chandeliers and a piano. Heat and hydro available.
The Victorian Bandstand is a beautiful option for an outdoor ceremony.



Westfield also offers excellent opportunities for unique outdoor photographs. Contact us to find out more about corporate and family functions too.

Volunteer

Since the earliest years at Westfield, both staff and volunteers have worked hand in hand to build Westfield into the site that you see today. A wide range of volunteer experiences are available for adults, families, youth and seniors including short or long term assignments. Contact us for more information.

Education Programs

There is lots to see and learn in the village and forest area. If you are looking for an on-site education opportunity please reach out to us to discuss options. Visit www.westfieldheritage.ca

HCA Membership Pass

On your way out: Use today's receipt towards the purchase of a Membership Pass! It's great value and good for 12 months from the date of purchase.

Purchase an HCA Membership Pass and get year round entry into Hamilton Conservation Areas as well as helping Westfield protect our heritage.



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WESTFIELD HERITAGE VILLAGE

Conservation Area



Conservation Area Trails



Westfield Heritage Village Guide

↑ To the Trails



Do you want to know even more about the buildings at Westfield?

Use your smartphone and the TaleBlazer game app to go on an interactive self-guided tour.

Go to your device's app store to download the TaleBlazer game that can be played on most GPS-enabled Android and iOS smartphones. Once the game is downloaded to your phone, you don't need an internet connection to play!

WIFI is available from outside the Ironwood building.

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Time Periods

- 1775-1825
- 1825-1850
- 1850-1875
- 1875-1900
- 1900-1925
- Display Buildings

- 1 Potts Building** A replica of the original mud block house of the Potts family from Simcoe.
- 2 Ironwood Hall** Light refreshments may be purchased here during special events. Also available for weddings, social, and business functions. **Washrooms are available at the Ironwood.**
- 3 Blacksmith Shop** Such shops were often located near an inn, repairing wagons and coaches travelling the rough roads.
- 4 Blacksmith's House** This house, built before 1828 in Beverly, Township, represents the blacksmith's home in 1870. Donated by the Saccomano family.
- 5 Bake Oven** A replica of a beehive-style oven that could bake 25 loaves of bread at one time.
- 6 Tailor Shop** This mid-nineteenth century timber building is from Brantford. It was the home of William Edmondson's family from 1868 until circa 1875. The building is presented here as a Tailor Shop to show a common trade of the 1860s.
- 7 Spinning & Weaving Shop** This c.1843 workshop was built in Ancaster and was first used as a cabinetmaking shop, and then an undertaking business. It is now furnished to the 1860s. Spinning, weaving and other textile work activities are demonstrated here.
- 8 Print Shop** A distinction for any town was the establishment of a print shop. Weekly newspapers were printed, along with cards & handbills announcing sales, events, political meetings and funerals.
- 9 Misener House** The Misener family donated this homestead that was built in Troy in 1832.
- 10 Boot & Harness Shop** Built in Waterloo County in 1853. As towns grew, master leather craftsmen opened shops, like this one, to meet the increased demand for shoes, harnesses & other leather goods.
- 11 Bamberger House** Built around 1810 by Samuel Bamberger, this was the oldest home in Hamilton when it was moved from West Hamilton to Westfield.
- 12 Log Chapel** Built in 1814, it is believed to be the oldest log church in Ontario. It was used for religious services and other gatherings on the Six Nations Reserve.
- 13 Covered Bridge** A reproduction covered bridge of the Victorian period.
- 14 Hill House** Although architecturally similar to the much older log buildings in this area, this home was built in 1911 by the Hill family on the Six Nations Reserve, Brantford. It is presented here as a home of the early 1800s.
- 15 Westbrook House** This building from Brant County was built by the family of Haggai Westbrook around 1810. The house overlooked the "Battle of Malcolm's Mills" on November 6, 1814, the last land battle on Canadian soil.
- 16 Trading Post** This log house was the home of the Dorman family, c.1841. Research shows it may have been built as early as 1801 by an earlier occupant, Micah Corbins. It's furnished to demonstrate an early 19th century Trading Post.

- 17 Queen's Rangers' Cabin** Built circa 1792, this building was first located in Dundas and is one of the oldest log cabins in Ontario. It is believed to have been built by the Queen's Rangers when they were building Governor's Road.
- 18 Mountsberg Church** Built in 1854 by Charles Mount in Mountsberg. Mountsberg Church is available to rent for weddings.
- 19 TH&B Locomotive 103** This Class "G" Consolidated type steam locomotive was built in Montreal in 1910 for Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway. After many years of service, this locomotive, one of two of its type to be preserved, was in Hamilton's Gage Park before being moved to Westfield in the early 1970's.
- 20 Jerseyville Railway Station** The TH&B station, originally located in Jerseyville, was built in 1896 and operated between Hamilton and Brantford. It was also featured in the movie Anne of Green Gables and the TV series Road to Avonlea.
- 21 Summit Toolshed** The TH&B Section Tool House was a railway tool shed used by the railway maintenance crew. It was in the village of Summit, which was in the former township of Ancaster, near Copetown. Exterior viewing only.
- 22 Drug Store** This building combines the examining room of Dr. Beattie with an apothecary. The stained glass window, showing a mortar and pestle, was made for the first drug store in St. George.
- 23 Gillen House** This elegant house was home to four generations of the Gillen family at 100 Wellington Street, Brantford. It was dubbed "Old Hundred" by the Gillen grandchildren. The house bears this name on the letter slot.
- 24 Greenhouse** This reproduction greenhouse adds to the gardens in the backyard of the Gillen House. In Victorian times a greenhouse would have been a status symbol as well as a practical way to grow fruits, vegetables & exotic plants.
- 25 Hardware Store** This building's exterior is an example of an architectural style common to businesses in the late Victorian period. This is a replica building, and is used for a variety of presentations at Westfield.
- 26 McRoberts Dry Goods Store** Originally located in the town of Troy, the main floor features ready-made clothing and also fabrics and trimmings for making your own clothes. The upper floor represents the Troy Lodge Hall, a community organization of the late 19th century.
- 27 General Store** From the village of Springfield in Elgin County, circa 1848. The storekeeper also served as a banker, extending or denying credit to his customers. The Apple Hill post office is located next to the store. Eddie D. Cat Confectionery features old-fashioned candies and other treats.
- 28 Ice House Buildings** like this were used to store large blocks of ice cut from the lake, providing a source of ice well into the summer months. Exterior viewing only.
- 29 Cathcart School #24** Built in 1845, from Brant County. The bell was originally used to call people to Methodist camp meetings in the village of Troy. School attendance was not compulsory until 1871, and then for only 50 days a year.

- 30 Bandstand** The bandstand is a replica of a classic mid-19th century structure seen in town squares in Ontario and throughout North America.
- 31 Potts Workshop** Potts' Workshop This building was originally built by George Potts, around 1866, as a shop for manufacturing spinning wheels. Years later, as demand for spinning wheels decreased, the building became a general workshop and a place to build apple crates for the family's sizeable orchard.
- 32 Cabinetmaker's Shop** Reconstructed from a Burlington cabinetmaker's shop, the building highlights tools of the trade. Making coffins, as well as furniture, was a big part of the cabinetmaker's job.
- 33 Sawmill** The sawmill, built around 1870, turned settlers' logs into lumber, facilitating a wide range of building types & creating an important export industry.
- 34 Planing Mill** This reproduction planing mill represents ca.1900 and houses a variety of original woodworking equipment also ca.1900. An important part of the lumber industry, wood would be prepared for construction/woodworking projects. The building is dedicated to one of Westfield's founders, Goldie MacDonell.
- 35 Inn Drive Shed** The drive shed sheltered horses and carriages while their owners rested at the Inn. Exterior viewing only.
- 36 D'Aubigny Inn** Built around 1820, the Inn once welcomed people at the outskirts of Brantford on the road to London.
- 37 Lockhart Log House** Built around 1840, the one-room log home is characteristic of a settlers' first permanent dwelling.
- 38 Smokehouse** The smoking of fish & meat was essential for its preservation. The smokehouse was built around 1875 for a farmstead near Binbrook.
- 39 Log Outhouse** This 1845 outhouse is from a Wellington County farm. Until the widespread use of indoor plumbing, outhouses were common.
- 40 Farm Barn** The small barn from a farm in Brant county, built circa 1840, sheltered farm equipment and livestock.
- 41 Carriage Barn** The large timber-framed barn houses a collection of 19th century horse-drawn vehicles such as wagons, sleighs, cutters and a mail cart.
- 42 Agricultural Barn** The barn displays agricultural and farm equipment as well as other rural artifacts.
- 43 Farm Drive Shed** This structure was used to protect horse-drawn carriages, wagons and large farm equipment from harsh weather.
- 44 Gift Shop** Moved from Hamilton and formerly a clubhouse for RCMP officers, it features unique gifts and souvenirs.
- 45 Sugar Shack** **Visit our website for event listings.**