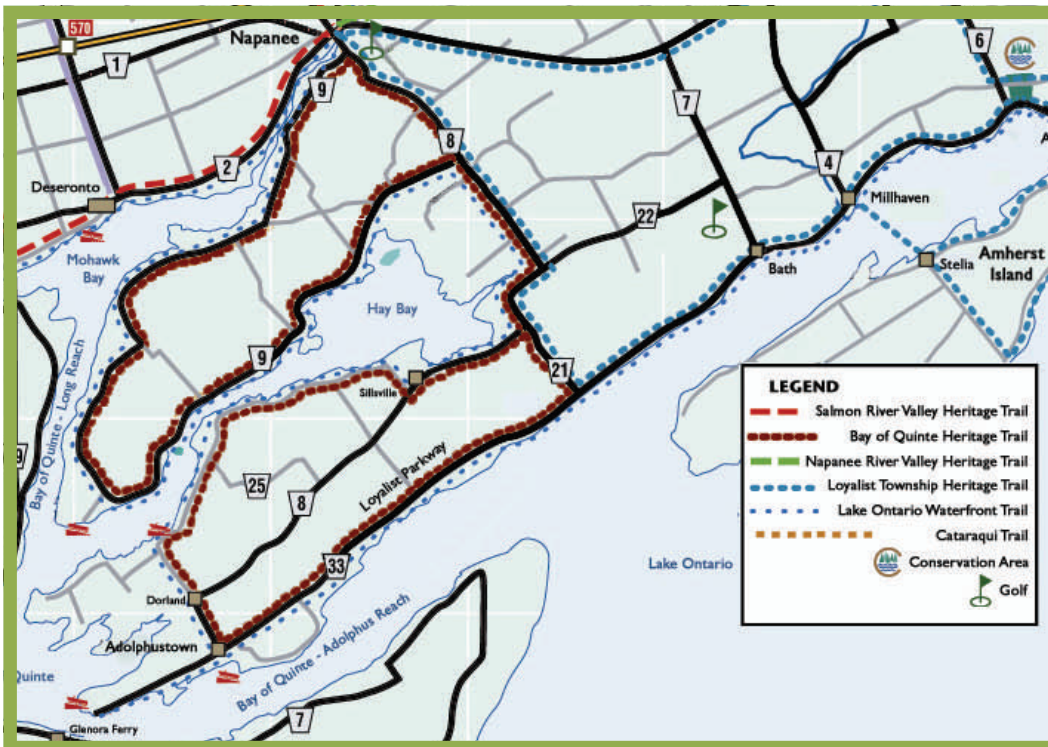




Touring Suggestions

Napanee

makes a great day-tripping base for your rural rambles whether travelling by car or by motorcycle. The heritage trail suggestions on the Chamber of Commerce website will take you through some of the charming countryside surrounding the town. Explore the beautiful Bay of Quinte region along the Bay of Quinte Heritage Trail; travel along the Napanee River Valley where 100 yrs ago log drivers moved great trees from the northern forests to local lumber mills; take the Loyalist Heritage Trail to historic Bath on Lake Ontario or to Amherst Island for an island adventure or meander along the Salmon River Heritage Trail and enjoy this special natural place. Note: A useful supplement to the tour highlighted below is the [Land O' Lakes](#) map available through the Chamber office or via the Land O' Lakes Tourist Association. An excellent resource for the region's local heritage is Frank Edward's "The Smiling Wilderness" available at the [County Museum](#) and [The Smiling Wilderness Restaurant](#).



Bay of Quinte Heritage Trail
(99.7 km, 61.95 miles)
Approximate Time: 2 hours
Start - Centre @ Dundas
Downtown Napanee

Travel south on Centre St.; turn right at the first intersection, Victoria St. This road swings by Conservation Park and meets River Road at the Napanee Public Library. Turn right and travel west along River Rd. As you leave old Napanee, look to your left to see a large limestone home overlooking the town. Built in 1858, it was home to wealthy local merchant Alexander Campbell.

Continue following the main road (now County Rd 9) and enjoy the charming countryside found along many roads in this part of Eastern Ontario. You'll

pass through former villages like Gretna, Bethany, Watercombe and Gosport. At 17.8km you'll pass the intersection of Huff Rd where in the 1870's a horse operated ferry carried passengers from a riverside wharf to Prince Edward County across Long Reach on the Bay of Quinte. County Rd 9 changes direction as it rounds the end of the peninsula (known locally as Sherman's Pt.) and begins to follow the north shore of Hay Bay, which along with the Bay of Quinte is famous for its Walleye fishing. Take this route until you reach the intersection of County Rd 8. Turn right and head south to the intersection of County Roads 8 and 21 (just past the South Fredericksburg Community Centre). Turn right towards Sillsville. The road features some beautiful vistas.

In 1858 this hamlet acted as the centre of the newly formed South Fredericksburg Township. Just past Sillsville turn right at the South Shore Hay Bay Road for a lovely scenic waterfront drive. You may wish stop at [Hay Bay Church National Historic Site](#). Built in 1792, it is the oldest Methodist church in Canada. A short distance west of the church you'll see a cairn marking the site of Hugh McDonald's home. His son, John, would grow up to become Canada's first Prime Minister.

As the road turns to the south continue through Dorland to Adolphustown on Hwy 33, also called the [Loyalist Parkway](#). The parkway was officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II in 1984 in honour of the 200th anniversary of the Loyalist Landings and it serves as a reminder of the area's early settlers. At the end of the American Revolutionary War British colonial regiments began moving north to British controlled lands; the British made land grants to these "loyalists" as compensation for their losses. In June 1784 a group of Loyalists led by civilian leader Major Peter Van Alstine landed after travelling by bateaux from a refuge camp in Sorel, Quebec. Originally referred to as the 4th Township, the area was later called Adolphustown. Turn right on to the parkway and travel the short distance (0.5km) to the [United Empire Loyalist Heritage Centre](#) where you can tour the UEL Heritage Centre and visit the landing site and cemetery.

Return to Napanee by travelling east on Hwy 33 to the Lennox Generating Station intersection at County Rd 21. Enroute you can visit some of Greater Napanee's newest attractions: [Bergeron Estate Winery](#) and [33Vines Winery](#). You'll also find a number of apple farms which are popular during the harvest. The hamlet of Conway celebrates the harvest with its annual Applefest. At County Rd 21 you can turn left to travel back to Napanee or continue east to visit the towns of Bath and Amherstview.

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