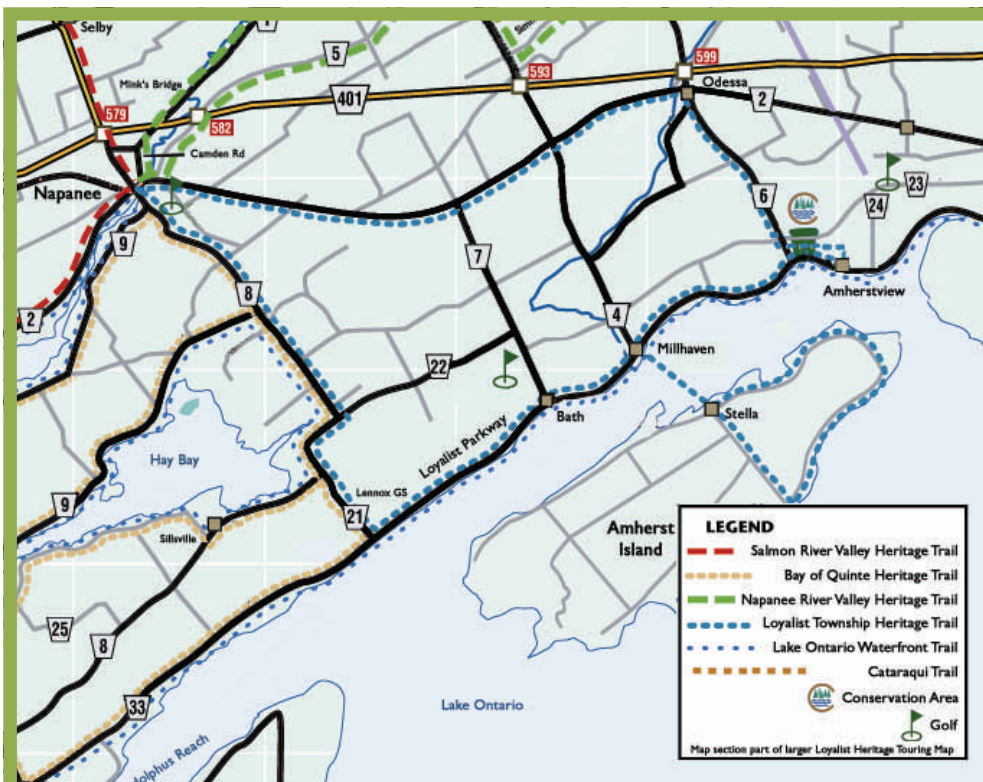




## Touring Suggestions

### Napanee

makes a great day-tripping base for your rural rambles. 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 Heritage Trail 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 Tourist Association](#) 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](#)



**Loyalist Township Heritage Trail**  
**(68.7km, 42.7miles)**  
**Approximate Time: 2 hours**  
**Start - Centre @ Dundas**  
**Downtown Napanee**

Travel south on Centre St. across the Napanee River. Follow the main road (County Rd 8 and County Rd 21) to where it meets the Lennox Generating Station on Hwy 33 (the historic Loyalist Parkway). Turn left and follow the Lake Ontario shore. At 22.3km you'll pass Finkle Park site of the Launching of The Frontenac in 1816, the first steamship on Lake Ontario. Also on site was the Finkle Tavern (circa 1786), a stagecoach stop on the Kingston-York (Toronto) run. Continue along route to the Town of Bath where you'll find a beautiful little town with historic buildings like the Layercake Hall (circa 1859) and the Fairfield Gutzeit House (circa 1796). Check the Chamber website for a link to the "[Bath Walking Tour](#)" map and give

yourself time to tour the town. In days gone by Bath was a major centre in early Upper Canada. Today Bath is well known for its great Canada Day festivities, its scenic location overlooking Lake Ontario and its beautiful heritage buildings.

At 27.4km you'll enter the hamlet of Millhaven. Here you can catch the [Ferry to Amherst Island](#) leaving every hour on the half hour and returning on the hour. If you do take the trip to Amherst Island you'll find an idyllic place with excellent bird watching (there is a nature preserve on the east end of the island), some great swimming; excellent views of the Lake and a historic plaque marking the home of artist Daniel Fowler (1810-1894).

From Millhaven continue east along the Loyalist Parkway. [Parrot Bay Conservation Area](#), at 33.0km makes a nice spot for a casual hike and picnic. At 35.6km you'll find Fairfield Park with historic Fairfield House (circa 1793) amidst a popular picnic and windsurfing spot. As you continue your tour to the east you'll enter the Town of Amherstview; proceed east to Sherwood Ave and turn left. At Manitou Cr. Turn right then left onto Amherst Dr. Follow Amherst Dr. west to County Rd 6. At this intersection turn right and head north to Odessa which was named in honour of the British siege of Odessa during the 1854 Crimean War. In early August you'll find hundreds of antique buffs in pursuit of some great buys at the very popular Odessa Antique Fair. Locals join in the fun by offering street side antique sales. Turn left at the Hwy 2 intersection and travel west through Odessa. Near the Millhaven Creek Bridge you'll pass the turn for the historic Babcock Mill.

Continue the tour by heading west along Hwy 2 to Napanee. See if you can spot the small limestone markers along the north side of the road. Legend says the markers were installed after a merchant who regularly traveled from Kingston to Napanee to collect his business proceeds was robbed. The markers allowed him to travel off the main road in an unpredictable pattern while the markers provided a reference when he returned to his route. Follow Hwy 2 back into downtown Napanee. If you were to continue along Hwy 2 you would eventually arrive in Toronto. This route was at one time the main highway in Ontario where it provided travelers with a picture of the many small communities found in the province. Today Hwy 401 provides quick access between major centres, but it does not capture the spirit of our beautiful province.

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