



Southern Ontario





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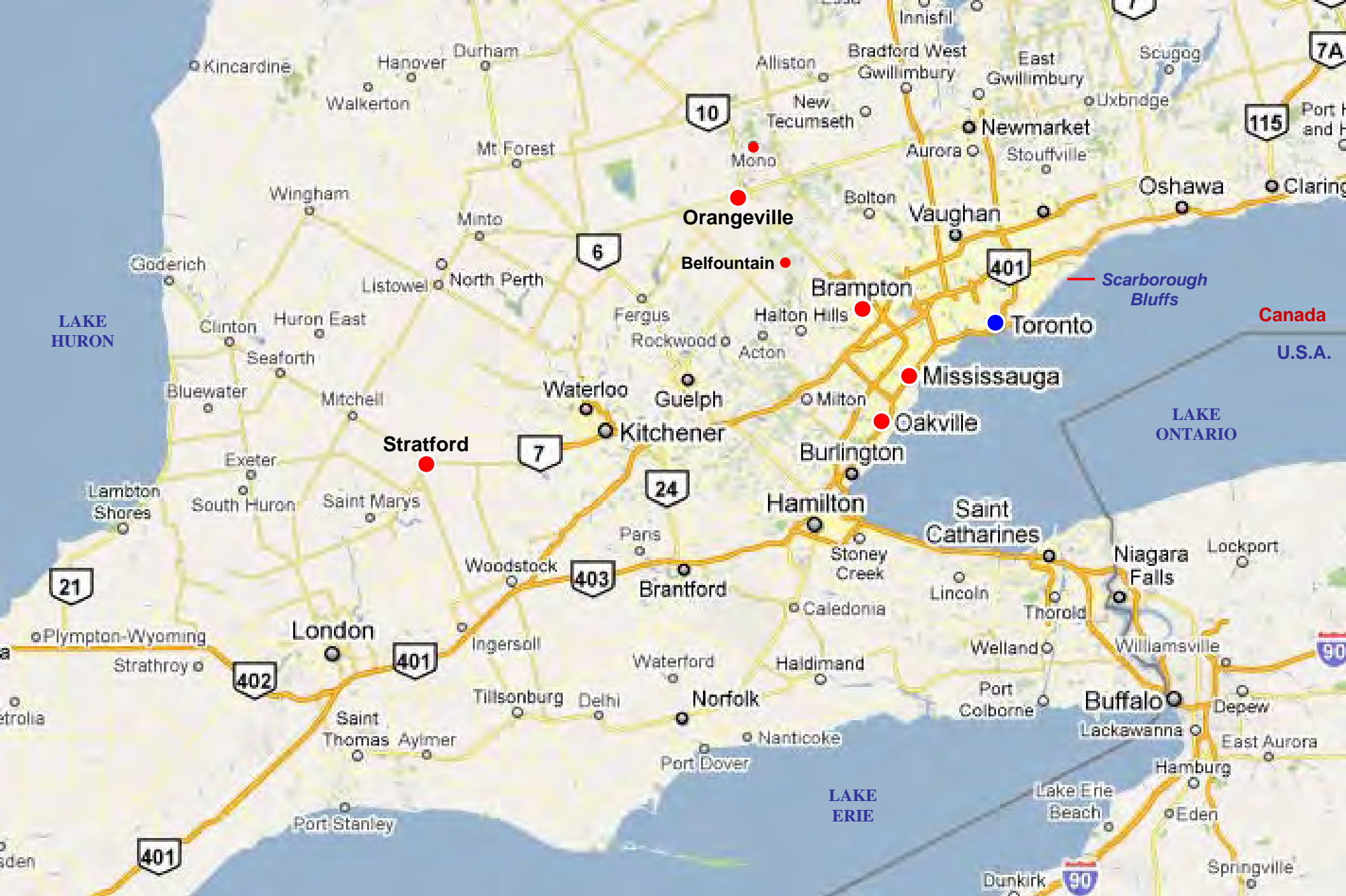
Introduction

Many place names in North America were copied from Europe, so it's not surprising that the town of **Stratford** in Ontario, Canada is located on the Avon River, itself a tributary of the Thames.

In the early 1950s, just as its special expertise in the repair of steam locomotives was becoming irrelevant, this town of 20,000 about 160 km / 100 miles west of Toronto pushed its parallels with its English namesake one step further and launched a Shakespearean theatre company. In some ways that completely transformed the town, but in other important ways not much has changed, as I hope you'll be able to see for yourself.

Also included in this Southern Ontario file are images of places on the **north shore of Lake Ontario** and of the **fall colours** in communities just north-west of Toronto.

– Bruce McKay



**Southern
Ontario**

**This file presents images from Stratford and then from the north shore of
Lake Ontario, followed by fall colour photos from around Orangeville.**



Stratford

The main streets running through Stratford look much the same as those of other small Ontario cities founded in the mid 1800s.



Stratford

The Court House is strategically located as a reminder to behave.



Stratford

A unique City Hall dominates
the triangular market square.



Stratford
Parks

But it's the parks that set Stratford apart. Stratford created a Parks Board in 1904, and reserved most of the land on both sides of the Avon River for public use.



Stratford
Parks

Swans were introduced in 1918. Today there are about two dozen white swans and two black ones.



Stratford
Parks

The Shakespearean Gardens were
added to the parks system in 1936 ...



Stratford
Parks

... complete with a bust of the bard himself.



Stratford
Parks

Shakespearean Gardens



Stratford
Parks

**Huron Street Bridge seen from
Shakespearean Gardens**



Stratford
Parks

An island in the middle of the Avon
River is a favourite picnic spot.



Stratford
Parks

In 1997 Stratford was named "Prettiest City in the World" at the Nations in Bloom Awards in Spain.



Stratford
Theatres

The theatre wasn't there until the 1950s, but everything else had been in place for decades.





Stratford
Theatres

The thrust stage designed for Stratford has
been the blueprint for others worldwide.



**Stratford
Theatres**

The permanent Festival Theatre replaced the tent for the 1957 season and, like the tent, occupies pride of place in the parks system.



**Stratford
Theatres**

The pie-crust roof design is a nod to the original tent.
Seating capacity of the Festival Theatre is over 1,800.



**Stratford
Theatres**

In its first season Stratford attracted major international stars like Sir Alec Guinness. Now it creates them.



**Stratford
Theatres**

The main Festival Theatre's backstage area, expanded in 1985, is one of the largest in North America.



Stratford
Theatres

Stratford's newest facility is the Tom Patterson Theatre,
named in honour of the Festival's founder.



**Stratford
Theatres**

The Tom Patterson Theatre is actually a massive theatre complex and community hub that stretches almost a full block along the river.



Stratford
Theatres

The architectural design hides the bulk and blends into the landscape.





**Stratford
Theatres**

The audience wraps around the thrust stage, as in the original Festival Theatre.
Capacity 600 here, versus 1800 there,



**Stratford
Theatres**

In 1960 the Festival introduced musical productions, starting with Gilbert and Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore*, in the Avon Theatre.



Stratford Theatres

The Avon Theatre had been built in 1901, still had its conventional proscenium arch stage, but had been in use as a movie theatre.



**Stratford
Theatres**

A major renovation of the Avon Theatre in 2002
expanded and improved backstage facilities, and ...



**Stratford
Theatres**

... added the Festival's fourth venue. The Studio Theatre is used for experimental works, one act plays, and new Canadian works.



Stratford

The Festival itself operates a tasteful Theatre Store.



Stratford

Some restaurants now have predictable names ...



Stratford

... though not necessarily imaginative ones.



Stratford

Boutiques for tourists have appeared on quiet side streets, but the town has escaped over-commercialization.



Stratford

The city has converted an old water
pumping station into an art gallery ...



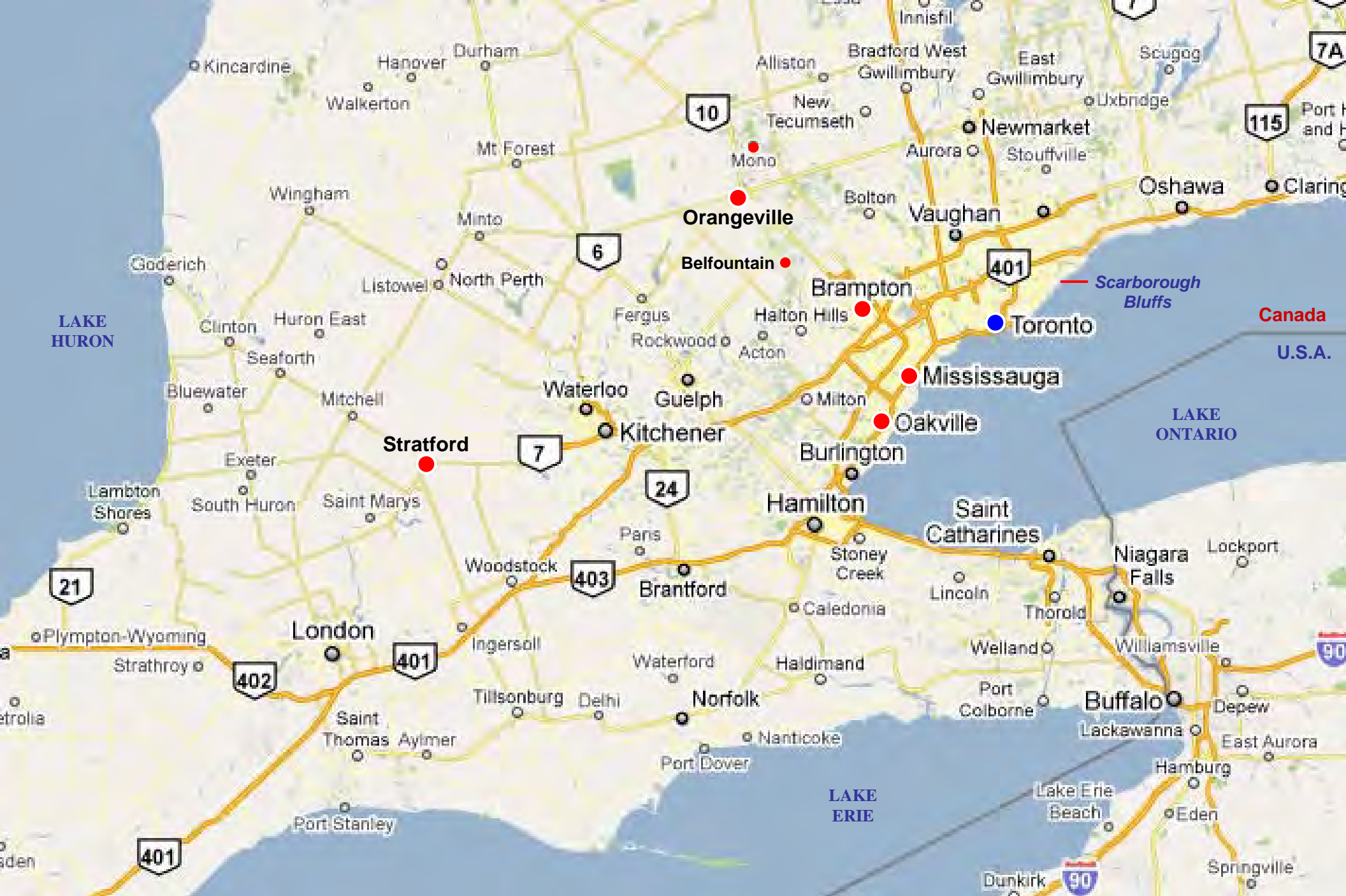
Stratford

... and artists present their works
in the park on Sundays.



Stratford

Amazing place. A friendly small town that just happens to have one of the world's best theatre companies.



**Southern
Ontario**

Next: Port Credit (part of Mississauga), Bronte (part of Oakville), and the Scarborough Bluffs, followed by fall colour photos from around Orangeville.



Port Credit

**Port Credit is 22 km / 14 miles
west of downtown Toronto.**



Port Credit

**The Credit River empties
into Lake Ontario here.**



Port Credit



Port Credit

**Port Credit is now part of the larger
municipality of Mississauga.**



Port Credit



Port Credit

Saddington Park



Port Credit

Snug Harbour is one of my favourite marina restaurants.



Bronte

**Lighthouse Restaurant in Bronte,
47 km / 29 miles west of downtown Toronto**



Bronte

**Bronte Outer Harbour Marina.
Bronte is now part of Oakville.**



Bronte

**Another favourite
marina restaurant**



**Scarborough
Bluffs**

The Scarborough Bluffs are 14 km /
9 miles east of downtown Toronto.



SCARBOROUGH BLUFFS

The layers of sand and clay exposed in these bluffs display a remarkable geological record of the last stages of the Great Ice Age. Unique in North America, they have attracted world-wide scientific interest. The first 46 metres (150 feet) of sediments contain fossil plants and animals that were deposited in a large river delta during the first advance of the Wisconsin glacier some 70,000 years ago. They are covered by 61 metres (200 feet) of boulder clay and sand in alternating layers left by four subsequent advances and retreats of the ice. The final withdrawal of the glacier occurred some 12,000 years ago.

Ontario Heritage Foundation, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation

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**Scarborough
Bluffs**

Scarborough Bluffs Park



**Scarborough
Bluffs**

Scarborough Bluffs Park



**Scarborough
Bluffs**

Scarborough Bluffs Park



**Scarborough
Bluffs**

**A public marina and four yacht clubs are
nestled beneath the cliffs at Bluffer's Park.**



Scarborough
Bluffs

Bluffer's Park Marina



Scarborough
Bluffs

Bluffer's Park Marina



Scarborough
Bluffs

Bluffer's Restaurant



Scarborough
Bluffs

Bluffer's Restaurant



BLIFFER 5	
Patio & Deck Dining	
12 Local Plates	12 Local Plates
1. Salmon	\$12.95
2. Chicken	\$12.95
3. Beef	\$12.95
4. Pork	\$12.95
5. Fish	\$12.95
6. Lamb	\$12.95
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98. Chicken	\$12.95
99. Beef	\$12.95
100. Pork	\$12.95

Scarborough Bluffs Another favourite



**Credit Valley
Explorer**

The Credit Valley Explorer runs sightseeing excursions from Orangeville to Brampton and back.





**Credit Valley
Explorer**

Sightseeing in comfort



**Credit Valley
Explorer**

Falls on the Credit River



**Credit Valley
Explorer**

**Railway bridge in Forks of
the Credit Provincial Park**



Belfountain

Belfountain Conservation Area



Belfountain

Belfountain is a village about 14 km /
9 miles south-east of Orangeville.



Belfountain

Belfountain Conservation Area



Belfountain

October 10, 2006



Belfountain



Belfountain

This park was originally developed
in the 1900s as a private estate ...



Belfountain

... but is now operated by the Credit
Valley Conservation Authority.



Belfountain



Belfountain



Mono Cliffs

**Mono Cliffs Provincial Park is 14 km /
9 miles north-east of Orangeville.**



Mono Cliffs

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Mono Cliffs

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