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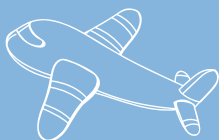
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ARE YOU AND THE WHOLE CREW PLANNING A VACATION?



Toronto has attractions your kids won't want to miss. From exciting sports and cultural and scientific wonders, to treats and eats that everyone can enjoy. Inside our Toronto magazine – Family Issue – you'll find tons of tips for your trip. Games, activities and fun facts about Toronto will entertain and enlighten your kids. Local parents give recommendations for kid-friendly restaurants that won't compromise grown-up taste buds. We've highlighted some free things to do, too. Come explore!



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FEST ON!

Toronto is crazy for festivals! With one for practically everything, all year round, we've narrowed it down to some that are especially kid-friendly for you and your crew to enjoy on your next trip.



TORONTO LIGHT FESTIVAL

(January – March)

Brightens up the Distillery Historic District's charming, cobblestone streets, at a time of year when nights are longest.

BLOOR-YORKVILLE ICEFEST (February)

Spectacular ice carving displays and demos scattered throughout the stylish neighbourhood.

TIFF KIDS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (April)

Three weeks (nearly) for film aficionados aged 3 to 13.

WOOFSTOCK (May)

Wacky costumes and contests draw thousands of canines (and their loyal humans) from across North America.

FIELD TRIP (June)

An arts and music gathering featuring special programming with an area just for kids.

REDPATH WATERFRONT FESTIVAL

(July)

Entertainment, artisans, ships and a giant rubber duckie!

TASTE OF THE DANFORTH (August)

Everyone's Greek for a day (or three) during this popular street ode to souvlaki.

TD MOSAIC SOUTH ASIAN FESTIVAL

(August)

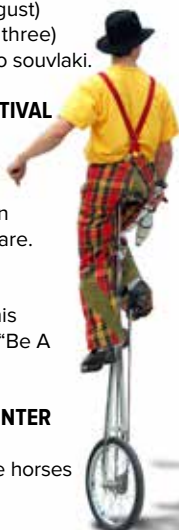
Classical and contemporary South Asian culture, cuisine and, of course, Bollywood, all in Mississauga's Celebration Square.

BUSKERFEST (September)

Fearless meets funny during this jaw-dropping weekend – plus "Be A Busker" interactive kids' zone.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR (November)

More of a fair than a festival, the horses and cows are the stars.



FREE**THINGS TO DO****AROUND DOWNTOWN
TORONTO ATTRACTIONS**

Have you just taken in one of Toronto's iconic attractions and need a little space to play? Just because you're taking a breather, doesn't mean the fun has to stop!

When you want to get outdoors and let the little ones run around for a bit there are plenty of free kid-friendly things to do around your favourite Toronto landmarks – and plenty of places to enjoy a tasty bite and strong cup of coffee for Mom and Dad nearby.

NEAR CN TOWER, RIPLEY'S AQUARIUM & ROGERS CENTRE

Take a tour of Roundhouse Park, where the kids can put on their conductor's cap and check out the old locomotives, freight cars and passenger cars of yesteryear.

Further down by the lake at the Harbourfront Centre, there's a lot of free family fun to be had, no matter the time of year! From activities, concerts and children's author appearances in summertime, to skating on the ice rink in winter, a little downtime here is anything but dull.

**QUICK REFUEL**

**Boxcar Social at
Harbourfront**

**NEAR EATON CENTRE, YONGE-DUNDAS SQUARE, & CITY HALL**

From snapping pics at the iconic Toronto Sign to lacing up for wintertime skating at Nathan Phillips Square, there's so much to do around the bustling city centre!

In the summer, the kids can splash around in the fountains at Yonge-Dundas Square, or catch a free outdoor concert or movie screening – just check the schedule to make sure the flick is kid-friendly!

**QUICK REFUEL**

Almost-endless café and fast food options from Japanese to Ethiopian to Thai.



NEAR ROM, BATA SHOE MUSEUM & ONTARIO LEGISLATIVE BUILDING

Have a picnic in picturesque Queen's Park, where the little ones can get their pictures taken with the majestic statue of Edward VII on horseback. Or stroll down Philosopher's Walk on the scenic University of Toronto campus and plan your next Toronto destination.



QUICK REFUEL

The **Coffee Lab** in Willow Books

NEAR CASA LOMA

When you've finished your tour of majestic Casa Loma, Spadina House, practically right next door, is where the kids can take a trip back in time to the 1920's and explore its many artifacts, décor and workshops. Or let the little ones burn off some extra energy by taking the Baldwin Steps that lead down from Casa Loma then over to Spadina Park to roam around in lush greenery.



QUICK REFUEL

Head down to Dupont for warm croissants and lattes (and hot chocolate for the kids!) at **Ezra's Pound Café**

NEAR AGO

Tucked behind the Art Gallery of Ontario, explore the beautiful and historic Grange Park – currently undergoing revitalization – where the little ones can frolic in the playground and splash through the wading pool.



QUICK REFUEL

Check out **CutiePie Cupcakes & Co. Espresso Coffee Bar**, where the treats are almost too adorable to eat – almost!



NEAR HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

Brookfield Place is the perfect pit stop after exploring the legendary Hockey Hall of Fame, featuring seasonal art installations – around Easter, giant illuminated bunnies have been known to roam the building! – and check out that massive light-filled atrium for a perfect photo opp.



QUICK REFUEL

Check out the food truck **"du jour"** on the north side of Front Street



UNIQUE EXPERIENCES FOR KIDS IN TORONTO

From amusement parks to petting zoos, there's so much classic fun to be had in Toronto – plus, all kinds of unique and hands-on experiences the kids won't soon forget. So go on, give them something to write home about!

TAKE FLIGHT

Your kids can defy the laws of gravity at iFLY Toronto while experiencing the thrill of skydiving in this artificially-created indoor wind tunnel. Whether you fly together, or the little ones go solo, one thing's for sure – they'll feel like they're really flying!

For the budding pilot in your family, a trip to the UFly flight simulator in Mississauga is a dream come true.

Get them in the pilot's seat of a real-life B 777-200LR and watch as they take to the skies in this exciting and immersive aviation experience.



SKY ZONE

For high-flying adventure, get the whole crew together and get to Toronto's Sky Zone. It is the city's indoor trampoline park, where you and the kids can jump for joy on massive trampolines, do some freestyle bouncing, play some ultimate trampoline sports, and fly into the Foam Zone!



PLAYDIUM

At Mississauga's Playdium, "hands-on" is the name of the game! With 200 high-tech attractions, rides and simulators – including The World's Biggest Pac-Man, the MaxFlight Roller Coaster Simulator, Go-Karts, Bumper Cars and even a Laser Maze – it's the ultimate place to play, for kids big and small (and for mom and dad, too!)



TREE TOP TREKKING

Take family fun to new heights with a day of Treetop Trekking in Brampton, Ontario's Flower City. Just 20 minutes from downtown Toronto.

Kids aged 9 and up can go on a treetop adventure at this thrilling aerial park. Explore the trees on zip lines and monkey cables, traverse the swinging bridges and go wild on the Tarzan swings.

Just remember to wear comfy clothes and sturdy shoes!



LEGOLAND® DISCOVERY CENTRE

Make their LEGO-dreams come true at the LEGO-LAND® Discovery Centre! Let your kids' imaginations soar while their hands build and explore in the 10 LEGO build and play zones. Get in on the fun for yourself with rides, 4D cinema, and more.



SLEEPOVER EXPERIENCES

It's time for a slumber party!

A sleepover at the **Ontario Science Centre** takes your little ones on an educational adventure into laboratories, under the sea and all the way to outer space.

Your little paleontologists will just love a sleepover at the **ROM**, where they can get hands-on with arts and crafts, enjoy a PJ karaoke party and take in a movie before bedtime - Night at the Museum, of course!

Ripley's Aquarium is the perfect place for an under-the-sea sleepover, after the little ones have a behind-the-scenes tour of the aquarium then settle into their sleeping bags right in the shark tunnel.

The animal lovers in your family will go wild for a sleepover at the **Toronto Zoo**, where they can experience a real-life African adventure in the Serengeti Bush Camp and a night spent in authentic African tents!

ROUNDHOUSE PARK'S TRAIN MUSEUM

The little train enthusiasts in your life will just love a trip to the Roundhouse Park's Toronto Railway Museum, where they can explore restored locomotives and passenger cars, see conductor's uniforms and more. Afterwards, let them take a ride on the miniature train then play conductor-for-a-day on the train simulator.

TIFF DIGISPACE

Let their imaginations run wild at the interactive and engaging TIFF DigiSpace. Your kids can play with real-life robots while getting hands-on with interactive games, activities and installations.

Who knows, it might inspire some future inventors and engineers!

RIVERDALE FARM

Bring your little animal-lovers to Cabbagetown for a perfect day on the farm – right in the heart of the city!

Let the kids experience farm life while hanging out with many furry and feathered pioneer breeds of farm animals: Tamworth pigs, Cotswold lambs, Shorthorn calves, Nubian goats and even a pony.

HAUNTED TOURS OF TORONTO

Goblins and ghosts and ghouls, oh my!

For a frightfully delightful time, get the little ones ready for some spine-tingling fun at the city's Original Haunted Walk. They'll hear stories of Toronto's most eerie happenings, unsolved mysteries and harrowing hauntings.

ALL ABOARD!

HAVE AN ADVENTURE TRYING ALL THE DIFFERENT WAYS OF GETTING AROUND THE CITY, ALL IN ONE DAY.

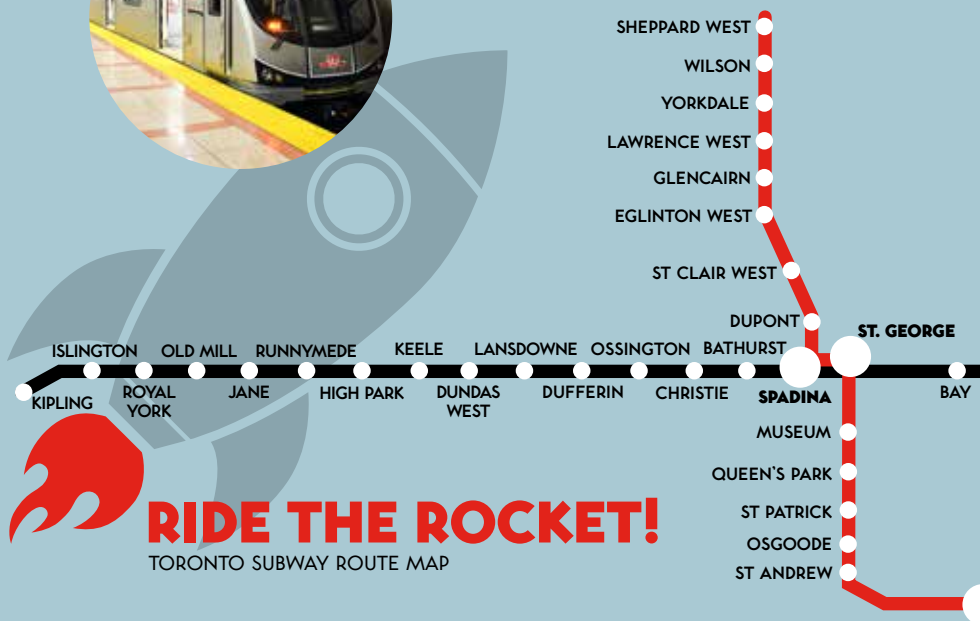


Toronto is the world in one place, with its many unique cultures and communities. Want to see it all? Hop on! These transportation options turn the journey into an adventure.

All aboard! The **UP Express** Train gets you from Pearson International Airport to downtown's Union Station in just 25 minutes.



Head underground for a **subway** ride to your next destination. Built between 1949 and 1954, the Yonge route was Canada's first subway line. Grab a transfer so you don't have to pay again when you...



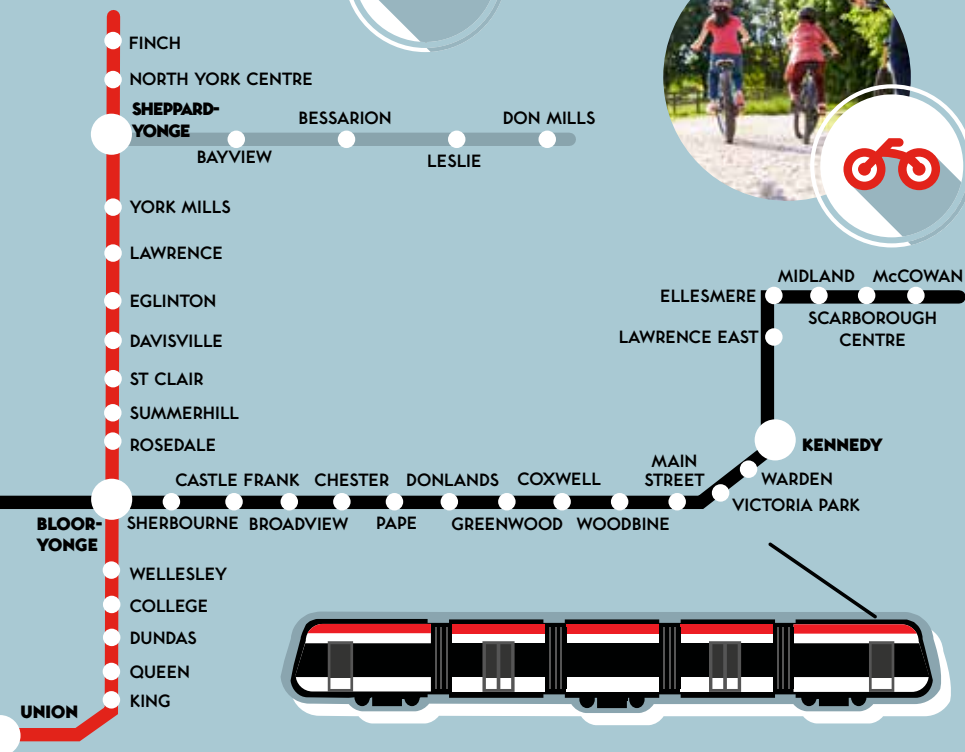


...connect onto a **streetcar**. Toronto's bright red iconic trolleys are one of our most photographed features.

Get a window seat on the **bus** for scenic views while you get from Adventure A to Adventure B.

For a unique spin on sightseeing, try a guided **Segway tour** of the Historic Distillery District.

Wind down your madcap day on the breezy Toronto Islands. The **Toronto Island Ferry** offers incredible views of the city skyline, especially at dusk. Once on the island, you can ride an antique carousel, rent a four-seater bike, or strap into a roller coaster. Or, find a nice spot on a bench or restaurant patio and just chill!



Get the Scoop



Photo: Danielle Lenarcic Bliss

The realm of ice cream cones has been elevated to an art – or perhaps kitsch, depending on your viewpoint – with everything from candy floss to corn to crickets (euuwww!) crowning a cone. Here are some of the over-the-top spots for getting your Instagram-worthy frozen delights.



ED'S REAL SCOOP

2224 Queen Street East

Homemade ice cream and gelato (that's Italian ice cream) is the real deal.

GREG'S ICE CREAM

750 Spadina Avenue

Ever had roasted marshmallow ice cream? Well, what are you waiting for? Greg makes it (and about 100 other flavours, too).

DEATH IN VENICE

536 Queen Street West

All gelato, all the time, freshly-made flavours change daily. And, yep, sometimes there's one with crickets and mealworms.

BANG BANG ICE CREAM

93 Ossington Avenue

If you think ice cream is better as a sandwich, check out this place, where it's squished between two freshly baked cookies.

SWEET JESUS

106 John Street

Your imagination and your Instagram account will blow up when you get one of these crazy, soft-serve concoctions.

DUTCH DREAMS

36 Vaughan Road

Midtown Toronto's go-to, the chocolate pretzel cone is a must try. Pack it with Heavenly Hash – roasted almonds, marshmallow and chocolate chips.

THE SWEET ESCAPE

24 Tank House Lane in

Distillery Historic District

A patisserie in the cooler months, it serves up unique and whimsical ice cream in the warmer months. Try a cone made with their own in-house smoked chocolate.

Photo:
The Sweet Escape





FAMILY EATS



Sightseeing works up an appetite! Luckily, Toronto boasts a smorgasbord of dining choices for hungry, hungry families. Here are six great options locals swear by.

TERRONI

(57A Adelaide St. East, plus other locations)

"The ambiance is great: it's always hopping so you don't have to worry about your kids making noise. The menu has so many delicious dishes. Finally, it's an adult restaurant, so I don't feel like I'm compromising my dining experience to go out with my family."

Kid picks: Pizza, tagliatelle Bolognese, gnocchi

— Danielle Bianco Eveleigh

UNITED BAKERS DAIRY RESTAURANT

(506 Lawrence Ave West)

"A classic, old-school diner with a large menu with lots of choices, quick service, generous portions and it's moderately priced. It's a bit of an institution with multi-generation families. I like the open face tuna melt."

Kid pick: Macaroni and cheese

— Jennifer Potts

JAWNY BAKERS

(804 O'Connor Drive)

"The food quality is consistent and they are geared towards families, with a relaxed environment. They offer crayons and colouring pages as well as kids menus."

Kid picks: Ribs, pasta

— Stephan Howard

BARRIO COREANO

(642 Bloor St West)

"It's so unexpected, because it's a full "grown-up" restaurant, with amazing food and a trendy vibe, but they make child-friendly versions (i.e. no spice) of their dishes. Plus, the staff are so nice to children! Going at kids' dinner time – 6 p.m. – makes it way easier to get a table!"

Kid picks: quesadilla, churros, dulce de leche

— Rebecca Zamon

QUEEN MARGHERITA PIZZA

(1402 Queen Street East, and other locations)

"We love the pizza, the wine list, the generally speedy service – plus crayons, colouring pages and kids' menus. But mostly the excellent pizza!"

Kid pick: pizza!

— Tamara Robbins Griffith

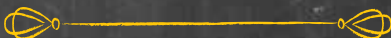
THE SENATOR

(249 Victoria St.)

"It's old-school Toronto and close to everything. We love the cool, diner vibe. We usually go to the Senator, then head over to the Eaton Centre or City Hall."

Kid picks: Buttermilk pancakes or grilled mac and cheese

— Robin Stevenson



QUICK BITES

Great ways to taste Toronto while you're on the run.

- The vegetarian-friendly banh mi sub is a delicious mix of Vietnamese and French flavours. Try: **Nguyen Huong Food Co** (322 Spadina Ave)

- What could be better than a hot pastry pocket filled with gently spiced meats and veggies, Central American style? Try: **Jumbo Empanada** (245 Augusta Ave)

- Nosh on old-school Jewish-deli classics like smoked meat and Swiss on rye. Try: **Caplansky Food Truck** (@CaplanskyTruck for location)

- Grab a dozen deep-fried Indian samosas: they disappear quickly, especially when paired with sweet tamarind dipping sauce! Try: **Moti Mahal** (1422 Gerrard St East)



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

THE BIG SCREEN JUST LOVES TORONTO! FROM SUPERHERO FRANCHISES TO HISTORICAL DRAMAS, YOU MAY BE SURPRISED AT THE NUMBER OF POPULAR MOVIES AND TV SHOWS THAT WERE SHOT HERE.

DIRECTORS FLOCK TO TORONTO SO IT'S NOT UNUSUAL TO SEE FILM CREWS WORKING THEIR MAGIC AND HOLLYWOOD STARS MAKING AN APPEARANCE ON THE STREETS OF THE CITY. TAKE A LOOK AT THESE FAMOUS FLICKS FILMED IN AND AROUND THE CITY. WHICH ONES HAVE YOU SEEN?

X-MEN

Majestic Casa Loma has served as a filming location for countless Hollywood movies, including Marvel's 2000 blockbuster X-Men, with the inside of Toronto's Casa Loma used for the interior shots of Professor Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters.

With scenes of Metro Hall, the Distillery District and an intense Xavier/Magneto meeting at Roy Thomson Hall (discussing the future of mutant- and human-kind!), there's plenty of Toronto to see in this fan favourite Marvel movie.

SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD

Several iconic Toronto landmarks serve as filming locations for this quirky action/fantasy flick, based on the popular comic book series, including Bloor Cinema, Lee's Palace, The Annex neighbourhood and Casa Loma. Plus, Scott's house is on Toronto's Alberta Avenue, while his girlfriend Ramona's is on Carlton Street in Cabbagetown.

PIXELS

Adam Sandler's 2015 fantasy-comedy, where aliens discover classic arcade games and use them as models for their Earth-bound attacks, features battles filmed throughout the city's downtown core.

Shoutouts to Toronto include scenes of King Street – where the film's video arcade is located – shots of Princess



BAM!



Margaret Junior School, a human vs. alien-video-game battle in Rouge Park, and a quirky scene of the POTUS making a cake in Queen Street East's Bobette and Belle cake shop.

The big finale? A giant Pac-Man chase through downtown Toronto, from Adelaide and York to Yonge Street to King Street West and Bay Street.

THE INCREDIBLE HULK

With the exception of the opening shots filmed in Brazil, the large majority of this 2008 Edward Norton hit was shot around our beloved Toronto.

Fictional "Culver University" is none other than the picturesque University of Toronto, with shots of famous Convocation Hall, University College, the Med-Sci Building and Knox College. Yonge Street south of Gerrard, meanwhile, stands in for Harlem, with a few little giveaways – like those signs for Sam the Record Man and The Big Slice.

And that scene where Bruce Banner and Betsy Ross have their romantic kiss? None other than Cherry Street bridge.

SUICIDE SQUAD

In summer 2016, Will Smith, Jared Leto, Margot Robbie and company could be seen causing mischief and mayhem throughout Toronto as the world's most dangerous super-villain task force.

With filming locations throughout Toronto, including Union Station, Adelaide Street, the Downsview subway station and Yonge Dundas Square, and even a now-famous scene where the Batmobile speeds down Yonge Street, *Suicide Squad* had supervillains strolling through the entire city!





CN TOWER

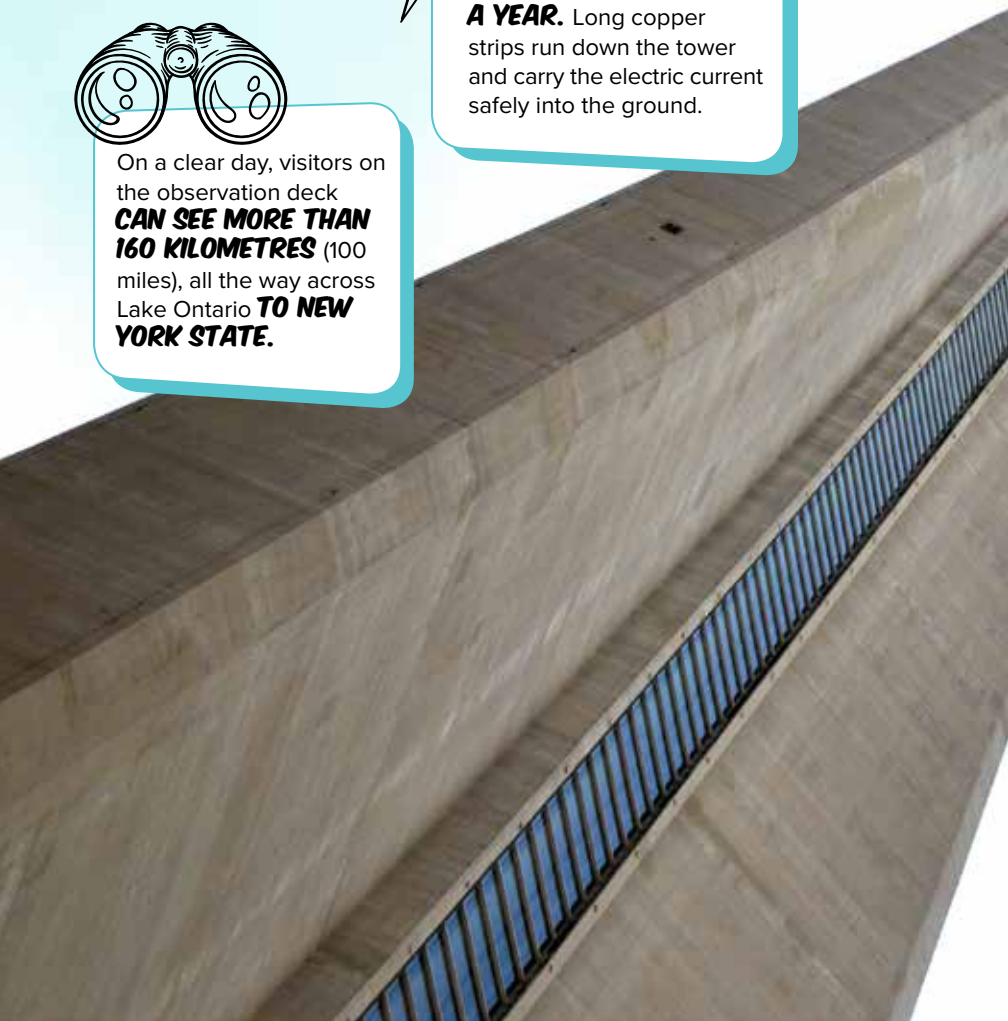
Completed in 1976, nothing says "Toronto" like the CN Tower, the tallest freestanding structure in the Western Hemisphere!



LIGHTNING STRIKES the CN Tower about **75 TIMES A YEAR.** Long copper strips run down the tower and carry the electric current safely into the ground.



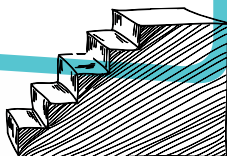
On a clear day, visitors on the observation deck **CAN SEE MORE THAN 160 KILOMETRES** (100 miles), all the way across Lake Ontario **TO NEW YORK STATE.**





Because it was built to sway from side to side (just a little bit), it can withstand **HIGH WINDS** and **POWERFUL EARTHQUAKES**.

The tower has an incredible **1,776 STEPS**... and six glass-fronted elevators in case that climb is a bit much. *Pssst!* For an **EXTRA-COOL** ride, hop on one of the three elevators with **GLASS FLOORS**.



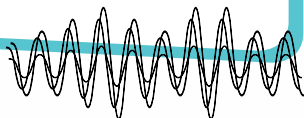
It weighs **118,000 METRIC TONNES** (130,000 tons), 35 times the weight of Paris's Eiffel Tower.



RED and **WHITE** for Canada Day, **GREEN** for St. Patrick's day, and **BLUE** during Toronto Maple Leafs playoffs: **THE TOWER LIGHTS UP** in different colours for holidays and special events.



The CN Tower was built in the 1970s for transmitting **TV AND RADIO SIGNALS** – and, for most Toronto stations, **IT STILL DOES**.



GAME ON!

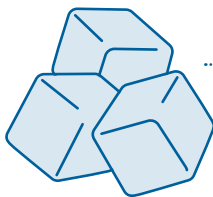
THE NUMBERS BEHIND
OUR FAN NATION

BY JAMIE BRADBURN



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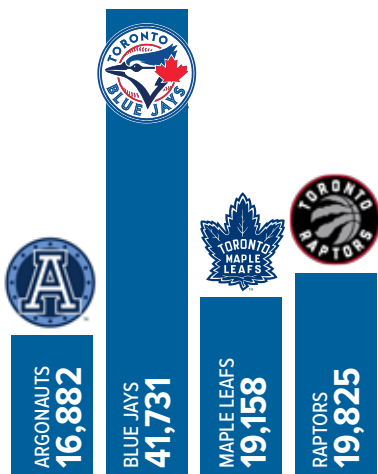
NUMBER OF TEAM JERSEYS RETIRED
BY THE TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS



2 MILLION

EQUIVALENT OF ONE-INCH ICE CUBES IN
THE AIR CANADA CENTRE'S ICE SURFACE

NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO CATCH
A TYPICAL HOME GAME FOR



TORONTO RAPTORS
THEN & NOW



ORIGINAL



CURRENT



72,500

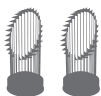
WEIGHT, IN POUNDS, OF THE
SCOREBOARD INSTALLED AT THE
AIR CANADA CENTRE IN 2015

NUMBER OF LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS BY SPORTS TEAM

ARGONAUTS: **16 GREY CUPS**



BLUE JAYS: **2 WORLD SERIES**



MAPLE LEAFS*: **13 STANLEY CUPS**



*11 as the Maple Leafs; 1 each under old team names the Arenas and St. Patricks

COST OF A BIRTHDAY OR
ANNIVERSARY GREETING
ON THE ROGERS CENTRE VIDEO
BOARD DURING A BLUE JAYS GAME

\$100

**\$125
MILLION**

AMOUNT, IN U.S. DOLLARS,
PAID BY THE RAPTORS TO
ENTER THE NBA IN 1993

5 HOURS

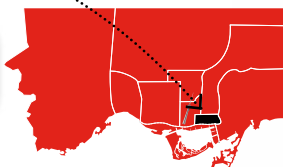
TO CONVERT THE AIR CANADA
CENTRE FROM BASKETBALL
TO HOCKEY



THE HUNT IS ON!

SPOT, SNAP, TASTE, TOUCH and **HUNT** your way through Toronto, Mississauga and Brampton. The goal is to tick off as many items as possible. Start by picking a neighbourhood (or more than one) and hit the ground searching for clues. Take a photo, visit, buy or sample an item – the choice is yours!

OLD TOWN



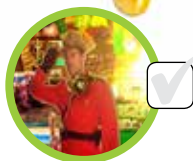
ST. LAWRENCE MARKET

This is where Toronto was born. Here you'll find lots of old, historic buildings and the world's best food market. There are dozens of places inside the market where you can eat lunch.

A LIFE-SIZE CUT-OUT OF A MOUNTIE

Find the souvenir shop with a Mountie that greets visitors when they walk in. Keep an eye out for his red serge uniform.

The Souvenir Market, St. Lawrence Market Upper Level 23



TWO LARGE RED WOODEN DOORS ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE MARKET

Once upon a time, the market was a jail. The door on the left was the jail and police station entrance and the one on the right was for the mayor's office way back in 1844.

St. Lawrence Market, entrance at 93 Front Street



A STORE THAT ONLY SELLS HONEY

This tiny shop has more than 50 types of honey from all around the world, and samples are free! Ask to try a type of honey from a place you'd like to visit or have visited.

St. Lawrence Market, Lower Level B28, 93 Front Street East



GIGANTIC WHEELS OF CHEESE

The biggest piece of cheese you've ever seen (or eaten) might not be as big as the ones here. Go to a few of the cheese shops and try to find the largest wheel of cheese. Take a photo and ask for a sample.

St. Lawrence Market, various cheese shops inside main building at 93 Front Street East



A LARGE PAINTING OF A BUILDING THAT LOOKS LIKE IT'S HELD WITH NAILS AND FLAPPING IN THE WIND

This famous red-brick building that looks like it's been flattened had its back wall painted to look like the building across the street.

Gooderham Building, 49 Wellington Street East



THE DISTILLERY HISTORIC DISTRICT

In this historic neighbourhood, the streets are made with cobblestones and no cars are allowed. It's one of the city's coolest places to check out art, hear live music and just wander around and pretend you've gone back in time.

THE WORDS L-O-V-E COVERED IN LOCKS ON THE SIDE OF A BRICK WALL

Find space on the Love Locks and lock in your love. If you don't have a lock, head across to Biltmore Domicile furniture shop and buy one, or just take a photo.

Love Locks, 7 Tank House Lane



A LEOPARD-PRINT SHOE THAT'S BIG ENOUGH TO SIT ON

Take a seat on a soft, velvety high-heeled shoe on the cobblestone lane in front of a shoe store. Take a photo or just hang out.

Heel Boy, 53 Gristmill Lane



A BRIGHT RED HEART THAT'S 14 FEET TALL AND 12 FEET WIDE

The giant red heart made of hot-rolled steel was built for the Christmas market in 2014, but everyone fell for it so it never left. Stand inside it and have someone snap a photo.

Gristmill Lane and Parliament Street entrance



AN OLD RED TRUCK THAT'S PARKED ON THE COBBLESTONE STREET

Take a look inside the window and notice the long pole to change gears and how squished the seat is to the window. This wouldn't be the most comfortable ride, would it?

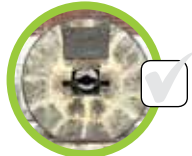
Distillery Lane and Trinity Street



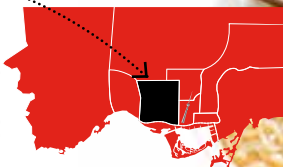
A GIANT ROUND STONE IN FRONT OF A BRICK WALL

This millstone that came all the way from England was once used for grinding grain. Stand in front of it with your arms stretched out and see how much wider it is than you.

Between 6 and 10 Trinity Street



WESTSIDE



CHINATOWN AND KENSINGTON MARKET

There are five Chinatowns in Toronto, but this one in Dundas and Spadina area is the most famous one – full of food, tea and herb markets, restaurants and clothing shops. Right beside it is Kensington Market, which isn't really a market but a neighbourhood with a whole bunch of unusual and cool stores, bright murals, places to eat and peculiar things to look at.

TALL RED POLES WITH DRAGONS IN THE MIDDLE OF SPADINA AVENUE

You'll find these in the heart of Chinatown, near the corners of Spadina Avenue and Dundas Street. The dragons are symbols of power, excellence and perseverance.

Sculptures on south and north sides of Spadina Avenue at Dundas Street



A GIRL WITH A LARGE HEAD WHO'S HOLDING A BIG BOWL OF RAMEN

This girl is the face of this world famous ramen restaurant, which started in Japan. Check out the large mural of sumo wrestlers inside and try the famous ramen.

Ajisen Ramen, 332 Spadina Avenue



A CAT STANDING ON A YELLOW CHAIR

Look up to find this one. There's a tall pole with a bright yellow chair glued to it, and on top of the chair is a sculpture of a cat who's just hanging out.

Corner of Spadina Avenue and St. Andrew Street



A STORE THAT'S PAINTED THE COLOUR OF A SMURF WITH TWO HOT PINK MANNEQUINS

You won't be able to miss the bright colours, which will pop out at you from the street. This store carries racks and racks of vintages clothes and accessories and lots of costume pieces. Go in and snoop around.

Courage My Love, 14 Kensington Avenue



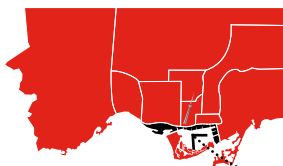
A BIKE RACK THAT SPELLS OUT THE WORD "KENSINGTON"

This sculpture that looks like a bike chain is a working piece of art. As you'll see from the bikes locked up to it, it's a piece that's not only cool to look at, but also one you can touch and lock your bike to.

Kensington Market entrance at College Street and Augusta Avenue



WATERFRONT



You could spend a whole day in this area and wouldn't run out of things to do. Walk, skate or bike along the Lake Ontario waterfront path and discover parks, art, stores, restaurants and free concerts and festivals.

A 240-METER LONG WATER CHANNEL AND THREE BIG TOWERS THAT POUR WATER

At one time, this was an industrial area, but you wouldn't know it from the skating rink, playground and green park space. Not to mention this ginormous water sculpture that will take you about three minutes to walk around.

Sherbourne Common, 61 Dockside Drive



PINK UMBRELLAS, LOUNGE CHAIRS AND A WHITE SANDY BEACH

There's a beach next to the Redpath Sugar Refinery factory that feels a bit like a beach in Mexico. Come with a lunch, catch some rays and put your feet in the white sand.

Sugar Beach Park, 11 Dockside Drive



GIANT YELLOW UMBRELLAS AND MUSKOKA CHAIRS

There's another beach on the waterfront, and once you spot the yellow umbrellas you have arrived. Check out some of the best views of Toronto Island and count the planes taking off or landing.

HTO Park, 339 Queens Quay West



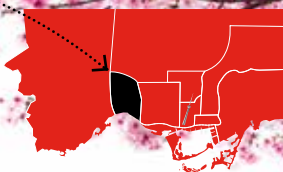
WOODEN, WAVY WALKWAYS THAT ARE SHAPED AFTER ONTARIO'S GREAT LAKES

It's like riding the waves on water but you're walking on them on land. There are three locations of these wavedecks along the waterfront of different lengths and heights. Try finding all three!

Located at the foot of Simcoe, Rees and Spadina on the Queens Quay waterfront



HIGH PARK



Toronto's largest park has 399 acres to explore year-round. Try sledding in the winter, looking at cherry blossoms in the spring, walking trails in the fall and the swimming in the summer. There's also a tiny zoo and medieval village playground.

A STATUE OF A MAN WEARING A BUTTON WITH THE WORD "LOVE"

There's a statue of a man near the Forest School High Park Nature Centre who's known around the park as "The Hippie." He's tall, has a beard and is wearing sunglasses and a button that says "LOVE."

375 Colborne Lodge Drive



LLAMAS FROM SOUTH AMERICA

Get up close and personal with some llamas from the Andes Mountains of South America. These are animals that help humans carry heavy goods across mountains. Watch out! They might spit if they are angry or scared.

Parkside Road entrance into High Park on Deer Pen Road



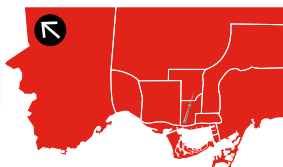
A CURLY RED SLIDE AT A MASSIVE MEDIEVAL VILLAGE PLAYGROUND

This is anything but a regular playground and more like an adventure park. Explore the medieval grounds by rope, swing, ladder and curly, red slide.

Jamie Bell Adventure Playground, 185 Spring Road



BRAMPTON



Also known as Flower City, there are more than 200 distinct ethnic backgrounds that call Brampton home. Culture, outdoor activities and spots to skate, swim, golf and even ski are what you'll find here.

A BELL HANGING ABOVE A WALKWAY IN GRANGE PARK

This bell is more than 100 years old and used to be located in the clock tower of the Dominion Building. It's found a new home above a pathway, surrounded by brick.

Grange Park, 45 Main Street South



A SCULPTURE OF THREE GIRLS HOLDING HANDS AND DANCING

These three girls will be dancing when the weather is warm. A turntable underneath their feet spins around in the hotter months. Otherwise, you may find them standing still.

Young Canada Sculpture, Brampton City Hall, 2 Wellington Street West



A HARP MADE OF STAINLESS STEEL AND BRASS

This sculpture of a harp gets its name from a mountain nymph in Greek mythology, but you can't play music on this one. Look for this harp in front of a theatre that shows live music, comedy and theatre.

Syrinx's Harp, The Rose Theatre, 1 Theatre Lane



Canada's sixth largest city is known for its villages within the city and more than 500 parks. Here you'll also find more than 1,200 restaurants, seven performing arts theatres, Ontario's largest shopping centre, plus massive street parties and festivals.

A RED AND WHITE LIGHTHOUSE

Not many cities can say they have a lighthouse in their town, but Port Credit can! This working lighthouse can be seen by its bright light up to 15 miles away on Lake Ontario. Hit the deck for some great views.

Port Credit Lighthouse, 105 Lakeshore Road East



STARS ON THE PAVEMENT WITH NAMES OF MUSICIANS

Keep your eyes peeled about three minutes east of the lighthouse for the star plaques with names of musicians from Mississauga. See how many names you recognize.

Music Walk of Fame, 20 Lakeshore Road East



AN ELECTRIC BLUE OR HOT PINK DIPPED ICE CREAM CONE

While most dipped cones you usually see are chocolate, this old-fashioned ice cream shop serves over-the-top flavours like blue raspberry and cotton candy! Plus, it's been here almost 60 years.

Dairy Cream, 715 Lakeshore Road East



A HOUSE IN THE CITY MADE OUT OF LOGS

This is one of the oldest log houses in Ontario. Built in 1826, this historic home was renovated several times and in 1994, it was moved from its original location at 7250 Mississauga Road to where it is today.

Leslie Log House, 4415 Mississauga Road



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE WITH THIS FUN TRUE OR FALSE QUIZ ABOUT **TORONTO'S** **MUST-SEE ATTRACTIONS**

Illustrations By Clayton Hanmer



BATA SHOE MUSEUM

TRUE OR FALSE

The Bata Shoe Museum is shaped like a giant shoe.

FALSE: but not by much: it's actually shaped like a ginormous shoebox. You can find shoes from around the world in this unique museum.

RIPLEY'S AQUARIUM OF CANADA

TRUE OR FALSE

You can pet a stingray or watch a piranha feeding frenzy at Ripley's Aquarium of Canada.

TRUE: Check out glowing jellyfish, sharks and a giant octopus while you're there, too!



TORONTO ZOO

TRUE OR FALSE

The Toronto Zoo is one of the world's largest zoos.



TRUE: The Toronto Zoo is one of the world's largest zoos, with over 5,000 animals from 450-plus species. It is also a leading conservation centre.

CN TOWER

TRUE OR FALSE

The CN Tower has 1,001 steps—you have to climb them all if you want to check out that view!



FALSE: There are actually 1,776 steps! (But don't panic: there are six glass-front elevators—three of which have glass floors, too.)

CASA LOMA

TRUE OR FALSE

Casa Loma was built as a medieval-style stadium to host jousting matches.



FALSE: Toronto's original mansion was built to be a private residence. It has a secret underground tunnel leading to its stables, but no jousting ring.

HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

TRUE OR FALSE

You can test out your goal-scoring skills at the Hockey Hall of Fame.



TRUE: Cool simulation games let you shoot against hockey's best goalies or defend your net against top scorers.

ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM

TRUE OR FALSE

The Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) has the skeleton of a giant chef.



FALSE: The ROM lobby is home to a Futalognkosaurus ("giant chief lizard") skeleton — one of the largest in the world.

CANADA'S WONDERLAND

TRUE OR FALSE

Canada's Wonderland is home to Canada's third-fastest and tallest roller coaster.



FALSE: Wonderland's Leviathan is actually Canada's fastest roller coaster—it reaches speeds of 148 km/hour (92 miles/hour). It's also the tallest, at 93.27 metres (306 feet) high.

ONTARIO SCIENCE CENTRE

TRUE OR FALSE

A tornado once touched down at the Ontario Science Centre.



TRUE: It's still there; you can touch a mini-twister any time you visit! (Conduct electricity with a plasma ball the next time you're there, too.)

ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO

TRUE OR FALSE

You can't get hands-on with art at the Art Gallery of Ontario.



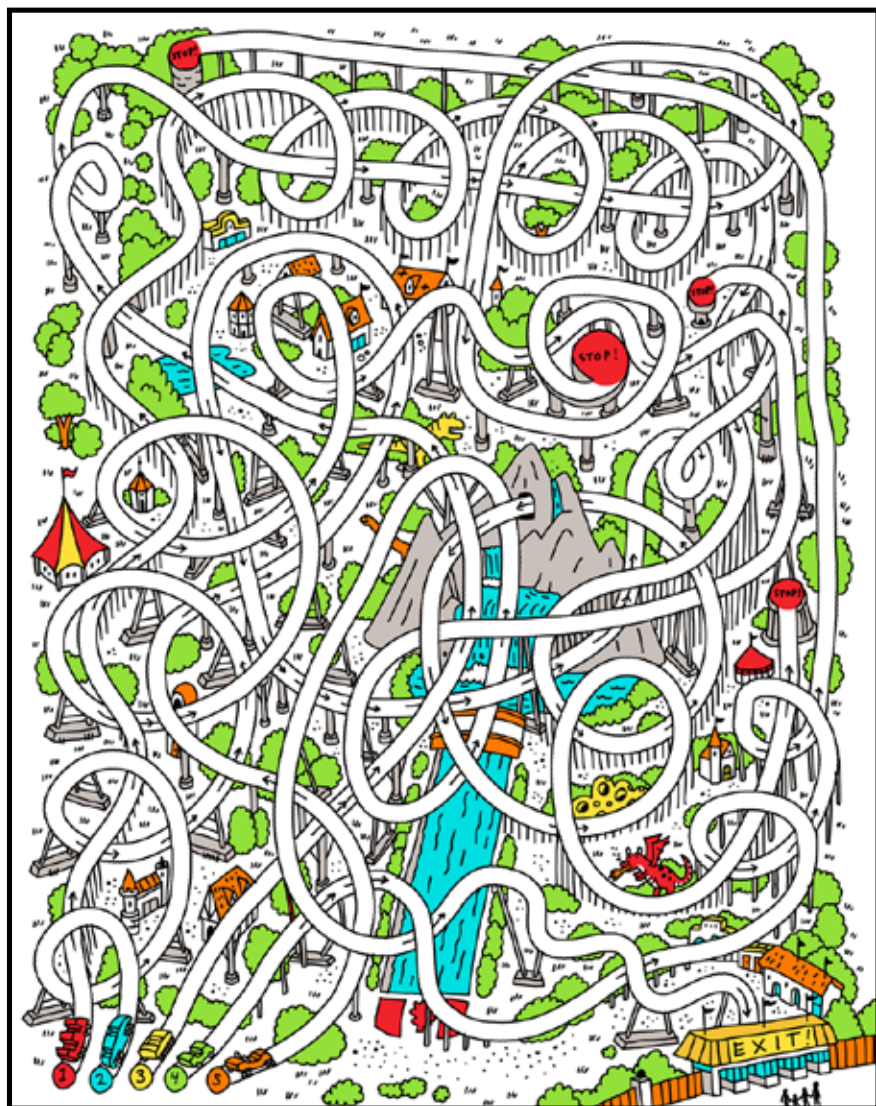
FALSE: While you can't touch any of the gallery's masterpieces, you can definitely get hands-on—and messy! — creating your own art during a workshop.

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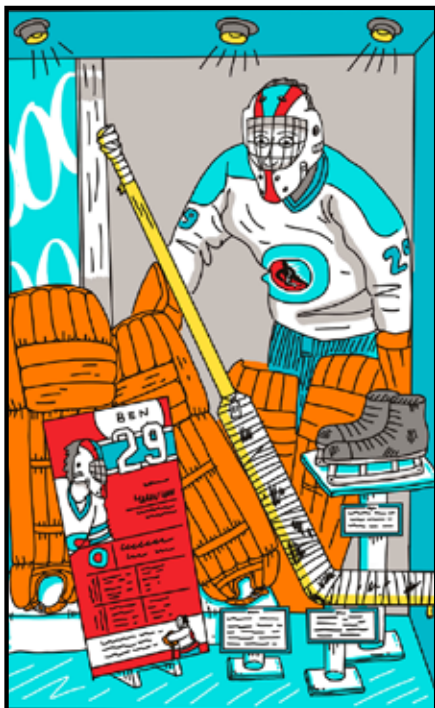
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PICK A TWISTY RIDE AND FOLLOW IT TO THE EXIT WITHOUT GETTING LOST OR HITTING A DEAD END!



ANSWER: #2



MUCK WITH THE PUCK

THINK THAT YOU KNOW THE GAME? SPOT THE 10 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE TWO HOCKEY HALL OF FAME EXHIBITS.



ANSWERS



SPOT THIS

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR THESE SURPRISING
TORONTO SIGHTS



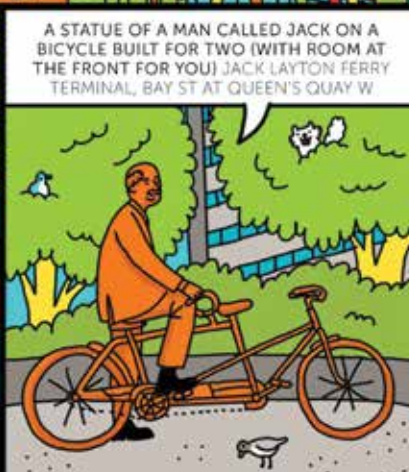
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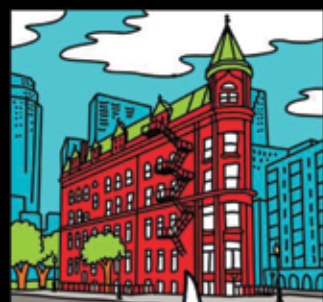
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RED CANOES JUTTING
OUT FROM THE WALL UNDER A BRIDGE
DON MILLS ROAD BRIDGE, THORNCLIFFE PARK



A STATUE OF A MAN CALLED JACK ON A
BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO (WITH ROOM AT
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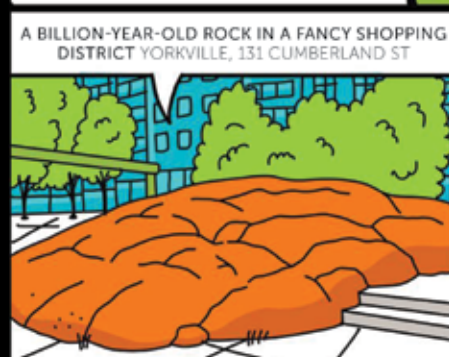
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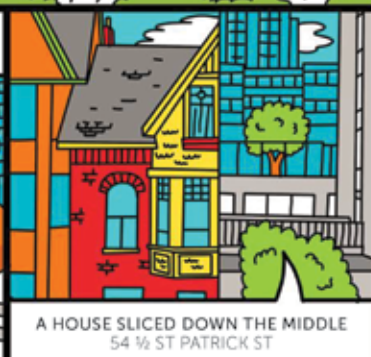
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NATHAN PHILLIPS SQUARE, 100 QUEEN ST W



A GIANT THIMBLE ON A PILE OF VERY BIG
BUTTONS THE FASHION DISTRICT,
SPADINA AVE AND RICHMOND ST W



A BILLION-YEAR-OLD ROCK IN A FANCY SHOPPING
DISTRICT YORKVILLE, 131 CUMBERLAND ST



A HOUSE SLICED DOWN THE MIDDLE
54 1/2 ST PATRICK ST



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