#### Unforgettable Experiences

All seasons are overflowing with memorable festivals, events and cultural experiences you won't see anywhere else. From art exhibits and studio tours to summer music festivals, theatre performances and makers' markets, there is a world of creativity waiting to be discovered.

The Grand River twists and winds its way between Fergus and Elora, connecting the two with its power and natural beauty. Create a romantic evening by gliding along in a canoe at dusk or surge with excitement as you hold your tube through white water.

Uncover the countryside and connect to nature in fun and creative ways. Discover alpaca farms, beautiful sunflower fields, pumpkin patches and corn mazes for you to lose yourself in.

Tantalizing flavours and an emerging culinary scene await for you in Elora and Fergus.

Make time to get to know our thriving local food culture as well as our local breweries and distilleries.

Relax and immerse yourself in the lap of luxury. An array of experiences await you; indulge in spatreatments, savour locally produced chocolate treats and choose to fall asleep under the stars surrounded by breathtaking natural views in glamorous private tents with all modern-day luxuries.



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### Centre Wellington

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#### Natural Wonders & Rich Heritage

More than 10,000 years ago, glaciers carved out the Grand River and spectacular Elora Gorge.

Explore charming Victoria Park and discover the dramatic beauty of the Gorge or take a stroll along the river on Bissel Park's boardwalk.

Heritage thrives in every corner of Elora and Fergus.
Quaint residential streets, historic downtowns with Scottish-influenced limestone buildings, enchanting

boutiques, art galleries and

exceptional restaurants. All have something unique to offer, each with fascinating stories.

Discover local history at the stunning Wellington County Museum & Archives, a National Historic Site and award-winning museum. Afterwards, immerse yourself in

contemporary art at the Elora Centre for the Arts.

Walk the cascade of steps that have been sculpted into the limestone banks of the Gorge in **Templin Gardens** for a tranquil retreat or cross the **Milligan Footbridge** to view the river at its best.

For nature lovers and adventure seekers, there are many trails offering beautiful lookouts for hiking & biking experiences.

## **Legend**

- **ELORA & FERGUS TOURISM** INFORMATION CENTRE
- **GREEN SPACE**
- ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
- VICTORIA PARK
- LOVER'S LEAP
- TOOTH OF TIME
- **GRAND RIVER RACEWAY** AND CASINO
- BISSELL PARK
- ELORA CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
- KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- **ELORA QUARRY CONSERVATION AREA**
- WELLINGTON COUNTY MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES
- ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
- KISSING STANE
- **TEMPLIN GARDENS**
- WEIGH SCALE BUILDING FERGUS TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE
- FERGUS GRAND THEATRE
- HISTORIC FERGUS MARKETPLACE
- **CONFEDERATION PARK**

Restroom

#### Victoria Park Templin Gardens In the early 1800s residents used The gardens were commissioned in the late this area to graze cattle and dump 1920s by J.C. Templin as a gift to his wife. Stone garbage, until a fire that lasted a from the nearby Gow limestone quarry was used week burned all vegetation. Later, a and gave Templin Gardens the distinctive mark of park emerged including a plateau of Scottish stone masons from a bygone era. The stone above the caves for outdoor stone stairway to the river's edge offers a dancing and entertainment for breathtaking view of the rapids and gorge. locals. Today the park continues to provide access to the stairs down to the Gorge as well as the Upper Grand Gorge Trail. As in the past, Elora Centre for the Arts visitors can enjoy a picnic area with the Grand River cascading nearby. Built in 1856, the building served as the village girls' school, with a boys' school built and added on later. The school closed in 1996 and the building is now home to the Elora Centre for the Arts. hosting contemporary art exhibitions, classes and events, as well as a garden with local art installations. Farmers Market Kissing Stane Stairs In the 1830s, a granite stone was to Gorae found in the forest near St. Andrew's Trestle Bridge River Boardwalk Presbyterian Church, According to local legend, it was the one location in Bissell Park Fergus where public displays of affection WaterPalls were tolerated and soon became known as the "Kissing Stane". Sitting on the stone for a kiss is thought to bring good luck, a tradition that continues to this day. Elora Gorge Falls Wellington Rd 21 Tooth of Time Wellington County When the Matthews family settled near the falls, the Museum and Archives **GRAND RIVER** Tooth of Time had a cedar tree on top. Their son, Built in 1877, the Museum has been designated as a National Anson, chopped it down, possibly preventing the Historic Site as the oldest surviving example of a rural House of tree's roots from splitting the Tooth in half. The name Gender Neutral Industry and Refuge, known as the Poor House. The building "Tooth of Time" was likely given by the Neutrals or Restroom Restroom has evolved over the years from a Poor House, to a Long Term Attawandaron Nation, who lived there before fleeing Care Facility to an award-winning Museum and Archives. north after being defeated by the Iroquois in 1651.

st Andrew's Mill Cascade

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