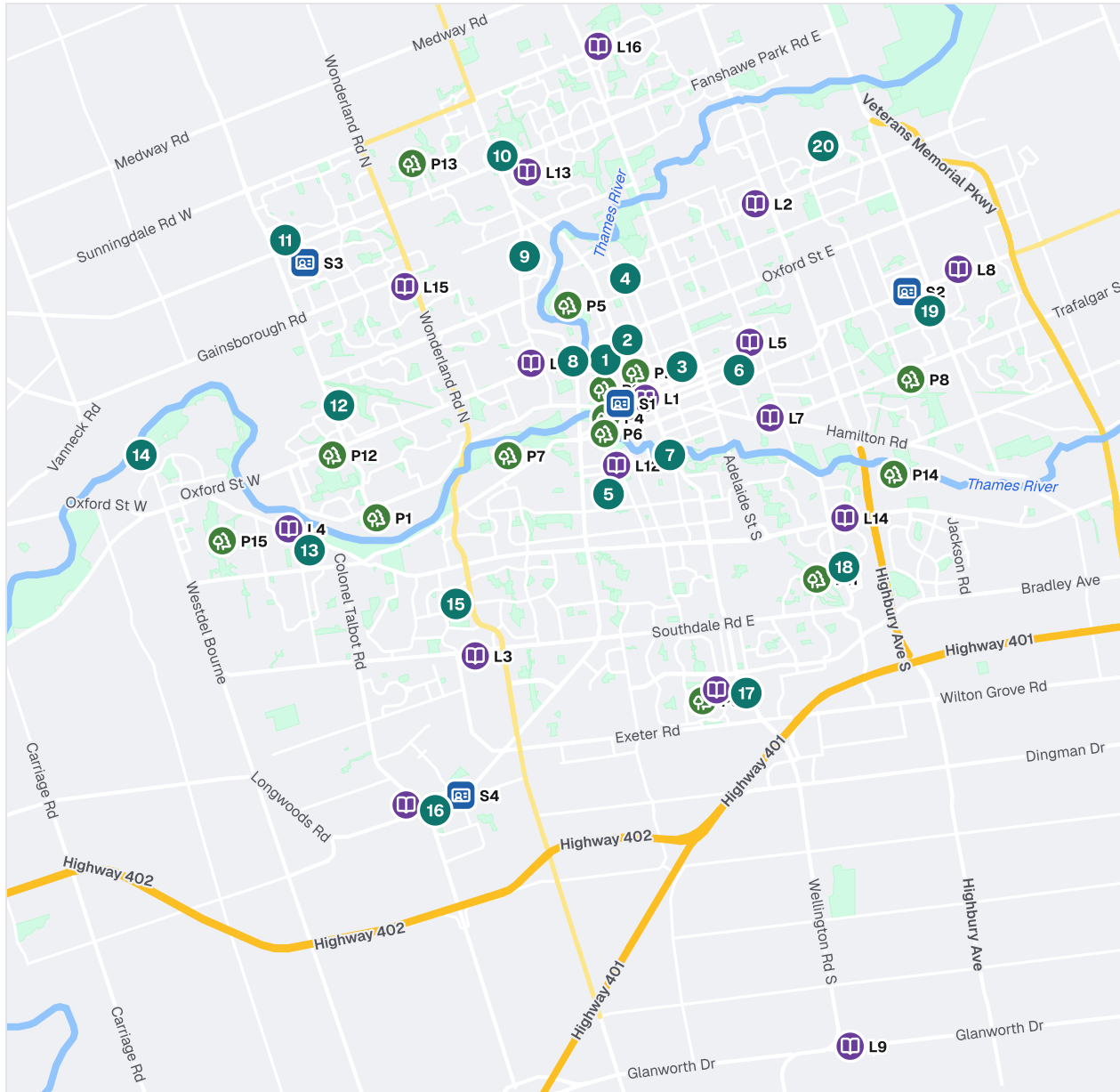


# London, Ontario — get your bearings

Numbers on the map match the descriptions. North is up.



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Selected neighbourhoods, not an exhaustive list. Numbered points are approximate reference locations, not official boundaries. For orientation, not navigation. No safety ratings. Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors (ODbL).

# Neighbourhoods

## 1. Downtown

Start here for Covent Garden Market, restaurants, the library and events. This is London's busy centre. If you stay out in the evening, check when the last bus home leaves before you go.

## 2. Richmond Row

The stretch of Richmond north of downtown is a go-to for restaurants, shops and an evening out. It can feel lively and noisy late at night.

## 3. Woodfield

Just east of the core: older houses, leafy streets and an easy walk toward Victoria Park. Come for a relaxed look at London's heritage streets.

## 4. Old North

Tree-lined streets and older homes between downtown and the university area. A pleasant place for a daytime walk and a look at established London.

## 5. Old South / Wortley Village

This is where you go for a village feeling inside the city: coffee, independent shops and a stroll along Wortley Road. An easy first neighbourhood outing.

## 6. Old East Village

Come for independent businesses, arts and performance spaces, and the Western Fair District nearby. Explore with a destination in mind; the feel changes from street to street.

## 7. SoHo

The name means "south of Horton". A neighbourhood close to downtown and the river, with older homes and redevelopment. Useful to recognize when people describe central London.

## 8. Blackfriars / Petersville

A small historic area across the river from downtown. Blackfriars Bridge and nearby river paths make a good starting point for a walk.

## 9. Western / Broughdale

University buildings, students and busy term-time streets. Visit for the campus and events; check parking and visitor access before going.

## 10. Masonville

When someone says Masonville, they often mean the north-end mall and surrounding shops and restaurants. Handy for a shopping trip; roads are busy.

## 11. Hyde Park

The northwest shopping-and-neighbourhood area around Hyde Park Road. Good for errands and restaurants; distances between stops can be longer than they look.

## 12. Oakridge

Established west-end streets, shopping along Oxford and access toward the river. Think everyday errands mixed with quiet residential pockets.

## 13. Byron

A west-end village feel, with Springbank Park nearby and Boler Mountain to the south. A favourite direction for a park outing or outdoor activity.

## 14. River Bend / West 5

Farther west: newer neighbourhoods, the West 5 area and nearby woodland walks. Choose an official trail entrance and check trail conditions.

## 15. Westmount

A southwest area Londoners associate with shopping and established residential streets. Handy for everyday services around Wonderland and Commissioners.

## 16. Lambeth

The southwest village that became part of London. Come for local shops and community places; allow more travel time from the city centre.

## 17. White Oaks

South-end shopping around White Oaks Mall and Wellington Road, with residential streets nearby. Useful for errands and meeting up over food.

## 18. Pond Mills / Westminster

Southeast neighbourhoods near ponds, natural areas and everyday services. Use marked public trails; wooded routes are better explored in daylight.

## 19. Argyle

A broad east-end area with shopping along Dundas and many residential streets. A practical place for errands; "Argyle" covers more than one small pocket.

## 20. Huron Heights / Fanshawe

Northeast London around Fanshawe College and surrounding neighbourhoods. Think campus activities, local services and parks; the conservation area is farther northeast.

## Public libraries

Free library card with proof of address. Free Wi-Fi, computers, English conversation groups, children's programs and newcomer help.

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|------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>L1</b>  | Central Library      | 251 Dundas St, N6A 6H9           |
| <b>L2</b>  | Beacock Library      | 1280 Huron St, N5Y 4M2           |
| <b>L3</b>  | Bostwick Library     | 501 Southdale Rd W, N6K 3X4      |
| <b>L4</b>  | Byron Library        | 1295 Commissioners Rd W, N6K 1C9 |
| <b>L5</b>  | Carson Library       | 465 Quebec St, N5W 3Y4           |
| <b>L6</b>  | Cherryhill Library   | 301 Oxford St W, N6H 1S6         |
| <b>L7</b>  | Crouch Library       | 550 Hamilton Rd, N5Z 1S4         |
| <b>L8</b>  | East London Library  | 2016 Dundas St, N5V 1R1          |
| <b>L9</b>  | Glanworth Library    | 2950 Glanworth Dr, N6N 1N6       |
| <b>L10</b> | Jalna Library        | 1119 Jalna Blvd, N6E 3B3         |
| <b>L11</b> | Lambeth Library      | 7112 Beattie St, N6P 1A2         |
| <b>L12</b> | Landon Library       | 167 Wortley Rd, N6C 3P6          |
| <b>L13</b> | Masonville Library   | 30 North Centre Rd, N5X 3W1      |
| <b>L14</b> | Pond Mills Library   | 1166 Commissioners Rd E, N5Z 4W8 |
| <b>L15</b> | Sherwood Library     | 32-1225 Wonderland Rd N, N6G 2V9 |
| <b>L16</b> | Stoney Creek Library | 920 Sunningdale Rd E, N5X 0H5    |

## ServiceOntario offices

Health cards (OHIP), driver's licences, Ontario photo cards and birth certificates. Bring your documents and check hours before you go.

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|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>S1</b> | Dundas and Talbot           | 100 Dundas St · Bell Building, main entrance on Talbot St |
| <b>S2</b> | Dundas and Beatrice         | 1790 Dundas St E, Unit 18                                 |
| <b>S3</b> | Fanshawe Park and Hyde Park | 1280 Fanshawe Park Rd W · Inside Walmart                  |
| <b>S4</b> | Wharncliffe and Campbell    | 2295 Wharncliffe Rd S · In East Lambeth Plaza             |

## Parks and nature

### **P1 Springbank Park**

London's largest park, stretching along the Thames. Paved paths for walking and cycling, picnic areas, and Storybook Gardens for young children (admission charged).

### **P2 Victoria Park**

Downtown's main park. Summer festivals and events, and an outdoor skating rink in winter.

### **P3 Harris Park**

A big open park beside the river at the edge of downtown, used for outdoor concerts and festivals. A good place to join the riverside paths.

### **P4 Ivey Park (the Forks of the Thames)**

Where the two branches of the Thames meet, next to downtown. The Thames Valley Parkway, a long paved path along the river, passes through here.

### **P5 Gibbons Park**

A river park north of downtown with a playground, open lawns and paths along the water. Popular with families.

### **P6 Thames Park**

A riverside park near SoHo with sports fields and paths along the Thames.

### **P7 Greenway Park**

Sports fields and river paths west of downtown. Follow the river west to reach Springbank Park.

### **P8 Kiwanis Park**

A long east-end park along the river, with sports fields and walking and cycling paths.



The interactive version also shows 121 coffee shops.

### **P9 White Oaks Park**

A south-end community park with sports fields and open space, close to White Oaks Mall.

### **P10 Fanshawe Conservation Area**

A large conservation area around Fanshawe Lake in the northeast: walking and cycling trails, picnics and camping. An entry fee applies.

### **P11 Westminster Ponds**

A natural area of ponds and woods with trails and boardwalks. Look for birds and turtles; stay on marked trails.

### **P12 Sifton Bog**

A boardwalk leads into a rare bog, unusual for a city. A short, quiet nature walk in the west end.

### **P13 Medway Valley Heritage Forest**

Wooded valley trails along Medway Creek, near Western University. Trails can be steep and muddy; wear good shoes.

### **P14 Meadowlily Woods**

Woods and meadows along the Thames in the east end, reached by the historic Meadowlily Bridge.

### **P15 Warbler Woods**

Quiet forest trails in Byron, in the west end. Best in daylight; stay on marked trails.

## Exploring with confidence

- Get to know a place in daylight first. After dark, choose well-lit, busier streets, check when your bus home leaves, and consider travelling together.
- Quiet river paths and wooded trails are best explored in daylight. If you feel uncomfortable, go into an open business or change your route.
- Poverty, homelessness or someone's appearance do not tell you whether they are dangerous. No guide can promise safety on every street.

### Three easy first outings

- Wortley Village: coffee and a stroll along Wortley Road.
- Downtown: Covent Garden Market and the Central Library.
- Byron: a daytime walk in Springbank Park.

### Before you go

Check opening hours, the weather, and your bus (LTC) there and back. Buses run less often in the evening. Neighbourhood names overlap and people use them differently.

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