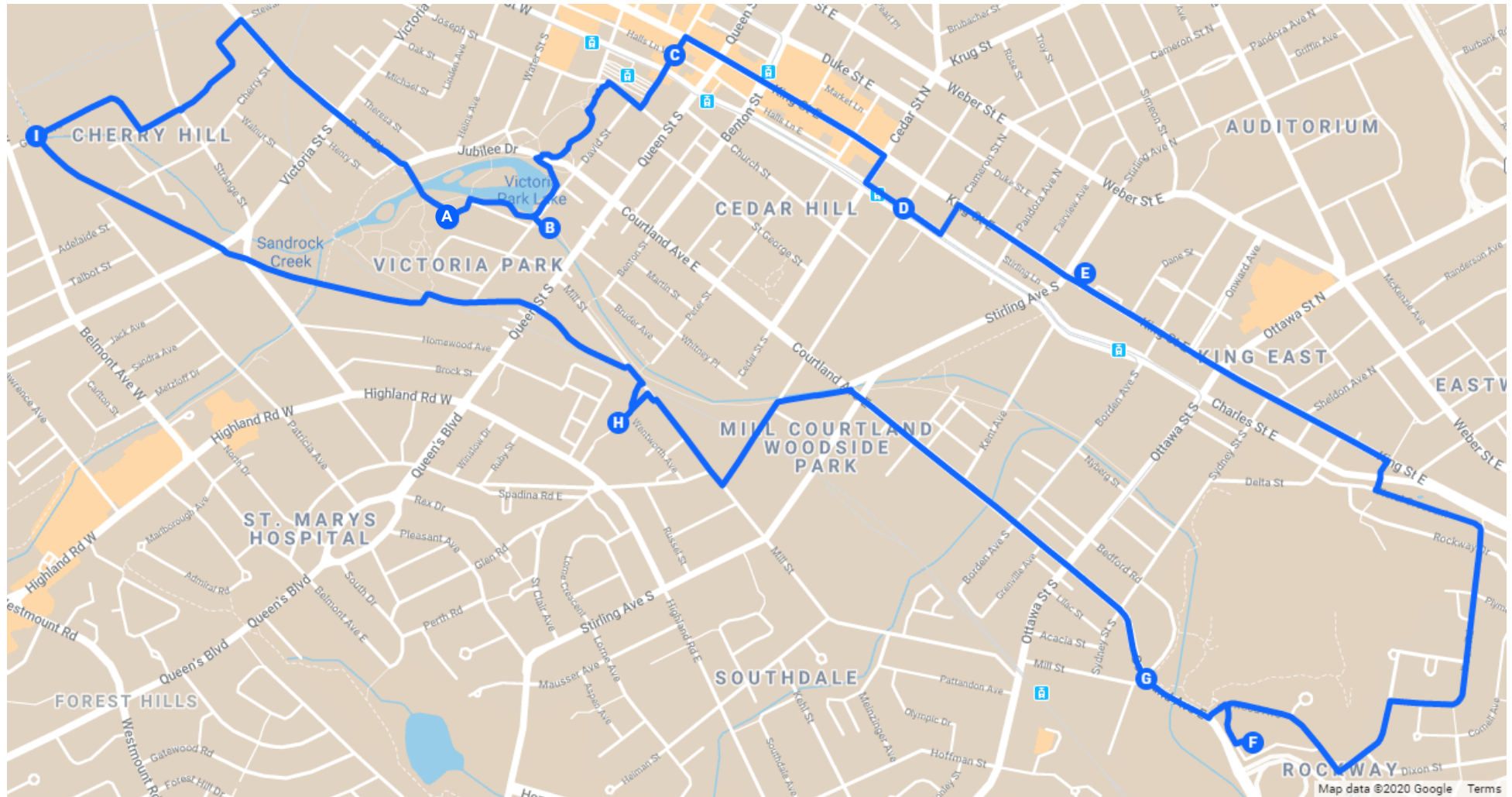


INDIGENOUS BIKE TOUR

A 13 km route exploring history and culture in downtown Kitchener



Explore some of Kitchener-Waterloo's Indigenous History with a self-guided bike tour. This map is the 2020 revision a 2015 joint project between Kitchener Public Library and ARA Archaeology. Please load the online version of [the map in google maps](#) to see detailed information, additional resources and references. The route takes approximately 1 hour 15 minutes by bike or 3 hours on foot.

Conditions may vary - be sure to check for weather and construction.

START

A. Sensory Garden - Victoria Park (80 Schneider Ave)

This was a swamp and the wintering site of the Attiwandaronk and (centuries later) the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) Nations.

- Follow the trail around South of lake
- Cross David St and continue to:

B. Schneider House National Historic Site (466 Queen St)

Built in 1816, it is the oldest dwelling in Kitchener and was built along the Mississauga Road. There are stories of a New Year's gift exchange between the Schneider family and a New Credit Mississauga family.

- Go back on the trail to Victoria Park
- Continue on the trail around the lake, across Jubilee Dr, past the Clock Tower
- Exit right on Joseph St
- Turn left on Ontario St S
- Turn left on Halls Ln and arrive at:

C. "The Condor and the Eagle" (Ontario St S & Halls Ln W)

Commissioned by Neruda Arts, the indigenous Chilean art collective Alapinta created this mural in 2013. It draws on Haudenosaunee imagery and symbolism, including the Iroquois Confederacy flag.

- Turn left on Ontario St S
- Turn right on King St W
- Turn right on Cedar St N
- Turn left on Charles St E, view:

D. "The Mural of Belonging" (Madison Ave S & Charles St E)

Coordinated by Neruda Arts in 2017, this mural is a celebration of equity, social justice, and respect for cultural diversity.

- Continue SE on Charles St E
- Turn left on Cameron St S
- Turn right on King St W

E. First Mennonite Church Grounds (778 King St E)

It is believed a Mississauga burial ground is located here.

- Continue E on King St E
- Turn right on Sydney St S
- Turn left on Charles St E
- Turn right on Preston St
- Turn left on Floral Crescent
- Turn right on Doon Rd
- Turn left on Carwood Ave, continue to:

F. A.R. Kaufman Family YMCA (333 Carwood Ave)

A trail branched off here from the main Mississauga Road towards First Mennonite Church and to Grand River planting grounds.

- Exit left onto Carwood Ave
- Turn onto Courtland Ave E, arrive at:

G. Mississauga Road (Mill St & Courtland Ave E)

A road followed Schneider Creek from Doon, through Victoria Park, to the Strange St. Attiwandaronk village. Settlers built Mill St., the oldest street in Kitchener and today, Mill St, Carwood Ave., Vanier Dr. and part of Manitou Dr. roughly follow the original route.

- Turn right onto Bedford Rd
- Turn right onto Sydney St S
- Turn left onto Nyberg St
- Turn right onto Ottawa St S
- Turn left onto Iron Horse Trail
- Continue to Mill St, and arrive at:

H. Highland Courts Park (147 Wentworth Ave)

Mississaugas of the New Credit wintered here up until the 1860s.

- Exit the park and turn left onto Mill St
- Turn left onto the Iron Horse Trail
- Continue to Gage Ave, arrive at:

I. Strange St Earthwork (Gage Ave & Iron Horse Trail)

An Attiwandaronk village with a capacity of 1000 people in winter months was here in the mid 1600's.

- Turn right (NE) on Gage Ave
- Turn left onto Waverly Rd
- Cross Strange St through Cherry Park
- Turn right on Park St, to Victoria Park

FINISH

View the interactive map online:
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