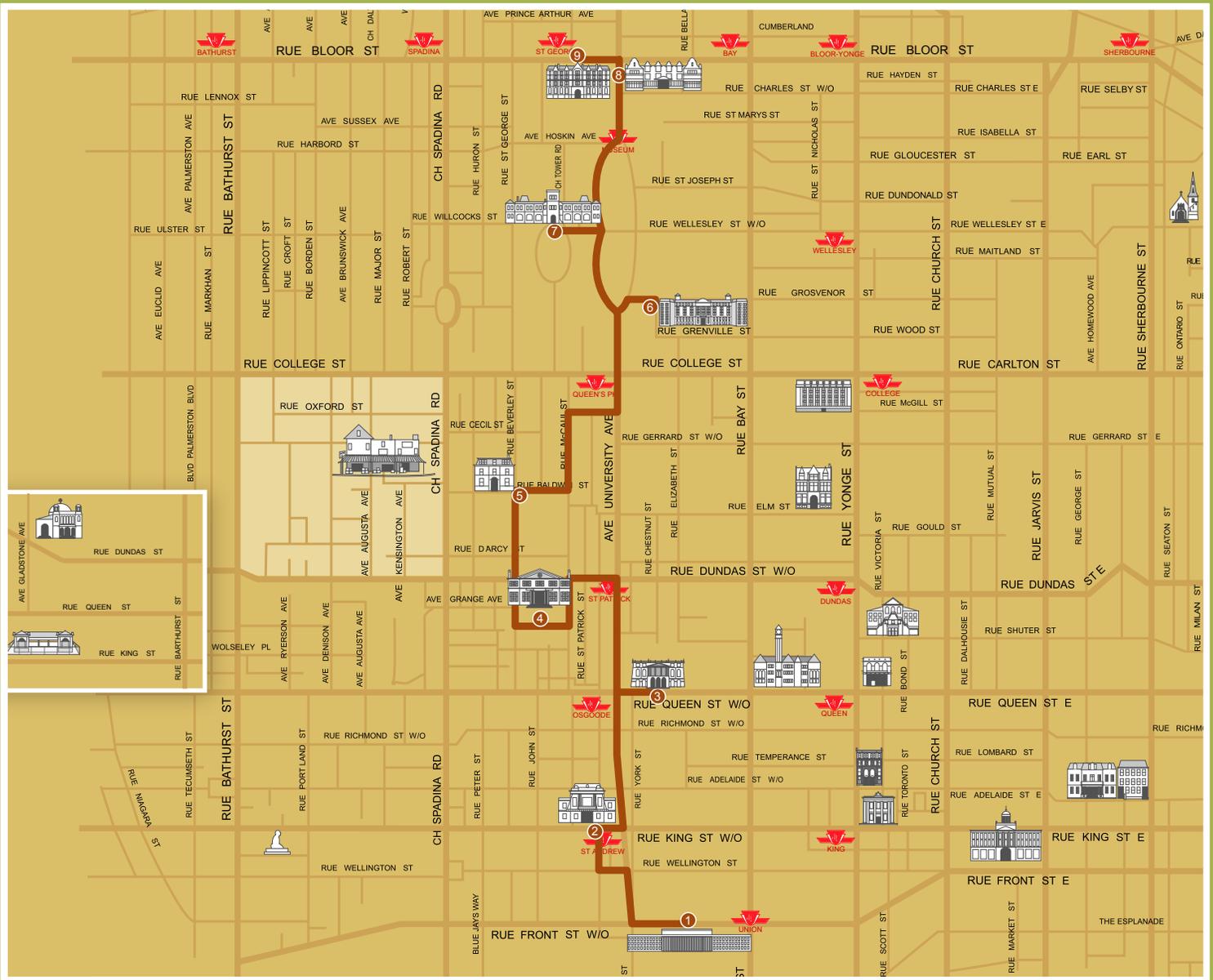


Along University Avenue

National Historic Sites Urban Walks: Toronto



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University Avenue is no doubt one of Toronto's most distinguished streets. Its wide lanes stretch all the way from Union Station, past Queen's Park and up to Bloor Street.

Take a walk along University Avenue and discover some of Toronto's historic landmarks, many of which are now National Historic Sites. Many of the sites, such as Union Station, University College and the Royal Conservatory of Music, continue to play an active role in the city today.

Estimated distance: 3.75 km
Estimated walking time: 90 minutes

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1. Union Station (Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk) National Historic Site of Canada



Credit: City of Toronto

The Designation:

Union Station, built between 1914 and 1927, is a monumental Beaux-Arts railway station. In 1975, it was designated as a National Historic Site.

Opening hours:

Union Station is fully-functioning train station, serviced by VIA Rail, the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) and GO Transit.

Address:

65-71 Front Street West

Telephone:

416-366-7788 (Traveller's Aid Society)

Website:

www.toronto.ca/union_station

2. Royal Alexandra Theatre National Historic Site of Canada



Credit: www.torontohistory.org

The Designation:

The Royal Alexandra Theatre, built in 1906-07, is a lavish example of a Beaux-Arts playhouse. In 1985, it was designated as a National Historic Site.

Opening hours:

To visit the interior of the theatre, you must purchase a ticket to a performance.

Address:

260 King Street West

Telephone:

416-593-0351

Website:

www.mirvish.com/OurTheatres/Royal.html

3. Osgoode Hall National Historic Site of Canada



Credit: J. Butterill, Parks Canada

The Designation:

Construction of Osgoode Hall began in 1829. Since then, it has been the elegant home for the seat of courts and law society in Ontario. In 1979, it was designated as a National Historic Site.

Opening hours:

Osgoode Hall is open to the public. It is accessible Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Address:

130 Queen Street West

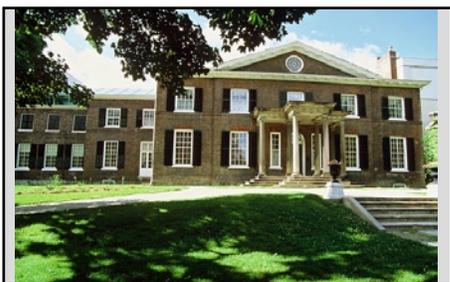
Related Websites:

<http://www.ontariocourts.on.ca/coa/en/index.htm>

<http://www.ontariocourts.on.ca/scj/en/index.htm>

<http://www.lsuc.on.ca/about/a/history/>

4. The Grange National Historic Site of Canada



Credit: J. Butterill, Parks Canada

The Designation:

The Grange is an example of an early 19th-century residence in British classical tradition. In 1970, it was designated as a National Historic Site.

Opening hours:

The Grange is currently closed to the public as the Art Gallery of Ontario is undergoing reconstruction. It is due to reopen later in 2008.

Address:

Beverley Street (attached to the Art Gallery of Ontario)

Website:

http://www.ago.net/www/information/grange/grange_frame.cfm

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5. George Brown House National Historic Site of Canada



Credit: B. Morin, Parks Canada

The Designation:

This building, designed in the Second Empire Style, was home to George Brown - Canadian statesman and founder of The Globe. In 1976, the George Brown House was designated as a National Historic Site.

Opening hours:

Not open to the public. Convention and banquet space may be rented. Tours available on advanced reservation.

Address:

186 Beverley Street

Telephone:

416-314-3585

Website:

http://www.heritagefdn.on.ca/userfiles/HTML/nts_1_8828_1.html

6. Women's College Hospital National Historic Site of Canada



Credit: City of Toronto Archives

The Designation:

Women's College Hospital is a major hospital and research centre; it has been fundamental to the advancement of women in medical education and practice. In 1995, it was designated as a National Historic Site.

Opening hours:

Women's College Hospital still operates a hospital – access is limited for visitors. However, the general public is invited to visit the Miss Margaret Robin Archives, open Monday thru Friday from 9am to 4pm. To contact the archives, phone 416- 323-6400, ext. 4076 or email wch.archives@wchospital.ca.

Address:

76 Grenville

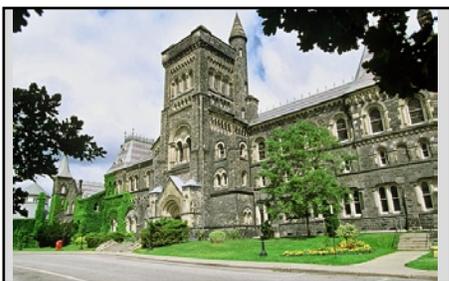
Telephone:

416-323-6400

Website:

www.womenscollegehospital.ca

7. University College National Historic Site of Canada



Credit: J. Butterill, Parks Canada

The Designation:

University College, built between 1856 and 1859, is an impressive Romanesque Revival building. It is also the founding college of the University of Toronto. In 1968, it was designated as a National Historic Site.

Opening hours:

The doors of the college are open to all and visitors are encouraged to walk through the building.

Address:

15 King's College Circle

Website:

www.uc.utoronto.ca

8. Annesley Hall National Historic Site of Canada



Credit: J. Butterhill, Parks Canada

The Designation:

Annesley Hall, built in 1902-03, was the first university residence built for women in Canada. The building is a remarkable example of the Queen Anne Revival architectural style. In 1990, it was designated as a National Historic Site.

Address:

95 Queen's Park Crescent

Telephone:

416-585-3209

Website:

<http://vicu.utoronto.ca/map/annesley.htm>

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9. Royal Conservatory of Music National Historic Site of Canada



Credit: Royal Conservatory of Music

The Designation:

The Royal Conservatory of Music has played a fundamental role in musical education in Canada, from teaching music in schools, to training musicians, and promoting interest for music among the general public. In 1995, it was designated as a National Historic Site.

Opening Hours:

The Royal Conservatory of Music building is currently under renovation. It is due to re-open for classes in 2008; the new concert hall will open in 2009. For more information, please consult their website at www.rcmusic.ca.

Address:

273 Bloor Street West

Telephone:

416-408 2824

Website:

www.rcmusic.ca