

Ontario's *Hidden Gems*

You don't need more vacation days. You need a better travel plan. Four Ontario spots the locals sleep on, the kind I would actually put on your summer itinerary. Check them off as you go.



☐ Elgin & Winter Garden Theatre

TORONTO, ON

Two theatres stacked on top of each other, and the upstairs one has a ceiling of 5,000 real preserved beech leaves. People walk past it on Yonge Street for years and never go in. The catch: you can only see it on a guided tour on set dates, so book the moment a new one opens.

PRICE	\$20 / person, 90-min guided tour
BEST TIME	Select tour dates, book ahead (no walk-ups)
OFFICIAL	heritagetrust.on.ca/ewg



☐ Point Pelee National Park

LEAMINGTON, ON

You can stand on the southernmost tip of mainland Canada, farther south than northern California. Summer is beaches and the marsh boardwalk; the third week of September the trees fill with monarchs staging to cross the lake. You cannot drive to the Tip, take the free shuttle and walk the last stretch of sand.

PRICE	\$10 adult / \$19.50 family • 17 & under free
BEST TIME	Summer + late-Sept monarch migration
OFFICIAL	parks.canada.ca/pelee



☐ Elora Gorge

ELORA, ON

You float down the river between 22-metre limestone cliffs on a tube, about 90 minutes from the city. It is the most fun you will have in Ontario in July, but it is weather and water-level dependent and it books out, so grab tickets online early. No walk-ups.

PRICE	~\$12.50 day-use + \$21.50 tubing (or \$55.50 w/ gear)
BEST TIME	Tubing ~late June to early Sept, book online
OFFICIAL	grandriver.ca



☐ Spirit Rock • The Corran

WIARTON, ON

A burned-out 17-room stone mansion sitting on a cliff over Colpoy's Bay, and hardly anyone outside Bruce County knows it is here. Free to walk in; there is a long staircase down the escarpment your legs will feel on the way back up. Good shoes, and come for summer or fall colour.

PRICE	Free entry (small ~\$10 QR lot; park in Wiarton if full)
BEST TIME	Summer & fall
OFFICIAL	greysauble.on.ca

These are four of them. The rest, I save for the people I actually plan trips for.

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