

# MAXVILLE ROUTE

Glengarry but Maxville is the soul!

Maxville

Park from 2 - 6 pm.

# HERITAGE TOUR

# Discover Our Roots

Following a Native presence of several thousand years, the first settlers in Glengarry began arriving in the 1780s. Most were Scottish Highlanders, Their mass emigration from Scotland was precipitated by the 1762 Land Tenure Reform, known as the Highland Clearances (in the Gaelic: Fuadach nan Gàidheal, the "eviction of the Gael"). Many of this clan-based society

American Colonies, and some came by ship directly from Scotland. Here, they built a peaceful, new homeland and proudly preserved their family roots. Over the next century, they were joined by fellow Highlanders along with French Canadians from Québec and a diverse set of immigrants from Europe, All these people brought their own traditions. Thus,

Glengarry grew to become a unique blend of people with stories to tell and songs to share with family and friends. Come discover Glengarry's heritage and

be charmed by what is best described as the "Glengarry Mystique."

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# LEGEND

MAXVILLE ROUTE

ALEXANDRIA ROUTE

ST. RAPHAEL'S ROUTE

LANCASTER ROUTE

CHURCH (larger symbol ents more than one church)

HISTORICAL PLAQUE

**BICENTENNIAL FARM** INDIAN LANDS

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### 1996 County Rd. 20

and 18191 Kenyon Concession Rd. 8

Established in 1852, this tiny community has two churches, The beautifully detailed red-brick Gordon Free Church (1864) This route through the former Kenyon Township is named after its first minister, Rev. Daniel Gordon whose begins at Maxville, home of the Glengarry Highland son Charles W. Gordon (more widely known by his pen Games where thousands gather annually to name Ralph Connor) wrote 'The Man from Glengarry' and celebrate the Scottish heritage of music and sports. 'Glengarry School Days' and other internationally acclaimed The saying goes that Alexandria is the heart of North novels. Just around the corner, the Glengarry Congregational Church (1837) is the oldest remaining log chapel in Ontario

# built by Congregationalists.

The "Max" in Maxville was originally "Macs" after the Log Building Plague Highland Scots who settled here around 1815. Take 18975 County Rd. 24 some time to stop, pick up a Walking Tour brochure, and Throughout Glengarry cedar log homes and barns are a explore Maxville's boomtown fronted shops: the onecommon feature. Some like this one have been proudly room boomtown barber shop is a real treasure. Just off restored revealing the log construction. Others are less easy Main St. large brick houses, with ornate woodwork and to spot having been covered with siding. A popular game wrap-around verandas, testify to the prosperity that for locals while driving through the countryside, is to try to arrived after the Canada Atlantic Railway came through identify log buildings hidden beneath later additions and in 1882. Main St. today, shows no evidence of fires that siding materials. Enroute see how many you can identify. rayaged it five times over a thirty-year period (1910 to Some of the clues include the scale of the building (usually 1940). Four churches at the south end of Main Street small, one storey), the size and placement of windows and (St. Michael and All Angels; St. James Catholic; Maxville doors, and a central chimney. United; and St. Andrew's Presbyterian) create their own precinct. Come on Friday (Victoria Day to Thanksgiving) Kenvon Presbyterian Church

### and catch the Maxville Farmers' Market at King George and Cemetery 1630 County Rd. 20, Dunyegan

MAPOF

Maxville Fairgrounds

This impressive gathering place, with its beautifully

landscaped grounds, features a designated historic

established in 1948, featuring traditional Scottish sporting

and cultural activities like the caber toss, and performances

by massed pipe bands, fiddlers and Highland dancers,

People come from far and wide to attend this event

and to hear the Glengarry Pipe Band, formed in 1961,

and winner of the North American Pipe Band title.

Glengarry Sports Hall of Fame

Maxville Fairgrounds, 35 Fair St.

Learn about the celebrated achievements

grandstand, built in 1957, that seats over 3,000 people

35 Fair St.

Glengarry Highland Games Come in August to experience these legendary games,

glengarryhighlandgames.com

alengarrysports.com

Maxville Fair (an annual event since 1889)

agricultural exhibitions and horse shows

MAXVILLE

This picturesque church and cemetery retained its Highland Scottish influences longer than most other Canadian congregations. Until 1934, ministers were required to be proficient in Gaelic. The cemetery includes many McLeods, Campbells, Stewarts and McDonalds. Some of the tombstones are shaped to look like tree stumps, representing a life that has been cut too short. At 1609 Concession Rd, 30 just passed the cemetery is the Dyer School House built in 1886. A plaque describes the through Sandy Kennedy's hilltop orchard. The village, with school bell in its tower and its travels before being returned



# Glengarry Pioneer Museum

1645 County Rd. 30 and County Rd. 24, Dunvegan Step into an earlier century with a tour through this must-see pioneer village featuring the Star Inn, built in the 1840s, containing one of the earliest bars in Eastern Ontario: a blacksmith shop from Apple Hill: Big Beaver School; a Loyal Orange Hall; and a trapper's cabin - all furnished with period artifacts collected in the county. The museum's school programs and themed events animate Glengarry's rich history with stories and demonstrations. Period reproductions and a selection of local histories are available at the gift/book store, Spring/Fall: 10am-5pm Weekends & Holiday Mondays Summer (June to Labour Day) glengarrynioneermuseum ca

# Fiske's Corners

County Rd. 24 and Fiske's Corners Rd. True to the Glengarry tradition of naming rural hamlets after its first settlers. Fiske's Corners takes its name from general store owner Hughie 'Fiske' MacMillan, Although no longer in operation, the blacksmith shop still-stands behind the house at 19698 County Rd 24

In June, the Kenyon Agricultural Society hosts three action-County Rd. 34 and Laggan Glenela Rd. packed days full of music, carnival games, a midway, In the Gaelic "lag" means little hollow. When Donald Cattanach settled here in 1826 he named the crossmads after his boyhood home in Inverness-shire, Scotland. Situated on on the Garry River by Rev. Alexander Macdonell, parish the banks of the Rigaud River, it once included a blacksmith shop, general store and post office

# Fassifern General Store

athletes from Glengarry through this collection of County Rd. 34 and Kenyon Concession 6 inductee portraits, artifacts and sports memorabilia, One of the few remaining rural stores, this community hub A special "Scottish Heavyweight" category gives a historically serviced travellers along the Old Military Rd. nod to Roderick "Big Rory" McLennan - hammer between Hawkesbury and South Lancaster. Today, it serves throw champion of the world in the early 1870s, everything from gas to movies to ice cream, and even worms. Phone 613-527-1044. Schedule available on website

# Plague at Schoolhouse #6

From 1816, generations of Glengarry children attended schools similar to this one-room schoolhouse. Built in 1913. it was the standard educational facility throughout Glengarry providing quality elementary education.

## Church of St. Catherine of Sienna 2799 County Rd. 30, Greenfield

reminiscent of buildings found in rural Scotland. leas onto Lock Garry Rd

3551 Loch Garry Rd. and Kuhn Lane Loch Garry, the only lake in Ontario east of Ottawa, is known for its "Loch Garry Musky" and is the source for the Garry River and Alexandria's Mill Pond. Watch for the historical plaque overlooking the lake that tells the story of the lost village caused by the railway bypassing the community.

Follow the edge of the lake before veering off west to Apple Hill alona Kenyon Concession Rd. 2 (part of the way is over gravel

County Pd. 20 and Kenyon Concersion Pd. 2 Apple Hill was named in 1882, when the C.P.R. line ran its train station. Bank of Hochelaga (Montreal) and The King Edward Hotel, became the centre of a bustling community where farmers lined up every Wednesday to ship their produce to market in Montreal. Little remains of those days, out two churches still serve the community: the handsome brick Zion United Church (1889), and turning left at the corner onto County Road 20, St. Anthony's Catholic Church and cemetery. Half a block further the King Edward Hotel still tands. Apple Hill native Kenneth MacRae penned the music out the portrait of founder Col. A.G.F. Macdonald, a citizenlocal favorites 'Glengarry My Home' and 'My Home Apple soldier who raised and led the 154th Battalion overseas in

### Indian Lands

and at the intersection of County Rd. 43 and County Rd. 20. Mohawks surrendered title in June 1847. The name Indian park with the Ontario Royal Ensign, is a proud symbol of Lands survives in the concession numbers, designated II.

# Alexandria Route

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Alexandria the heart of North Glengarry, is a bustling bilingual little community featuring a historic red-brick downtown, many beautiful churches including a cathedral. and lots of tempting restaurants and gourmet treats to fuel This parish was founded in 1909 to serve the local French your journey. The best way to see Alexandria is on foot. speaking Catholic families. The church was constructed Park your car or bike, pick up the Alexandria Walking Tour between 1910-12 using local limestone guarried from brochure then go exploring.

# Mill Square and Priest's Mill

16 Mill Square, Alexandria Priest's Mill or 'Muileann t-Sagairt' (in the Gaelic) was Alexandria's original name. The pre-1819 grist mill was built

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19385 Kenvon Concession Rd. 6

# Kenyon Township Hall and

The village of Greenfield is quaint with clapboard houses lining the road up the hill where two substantial stone buildings attest to the skill of local stonemasons. The Kenyon Township Hall built in 1860 was the seat of local government until 1998; and the Church of St. Catherine of Sienna was built in 1912 for the many Roman Catholics in the area. Both are Leaving Greenfield the route goes to Highway #43 where it dog-

# Loch Garry Plague and View

The mural commemorates Gerry McDonald's famous barbershop - a place where the locals, who referred to it as "The Senate" gathered to share stories, to discuss politics and A special note to geo-cachers: this plague contains a special sports, and to catch up on local gossip. code to lead you to the Glengarry Trails' Loch Garry geocache

at the east end of the lake Originally built in 1827 for Archibald (Archie Breach)

1840s by D. A. Sandfield Macdonald who was a dynamic Apple Hill local businessman that later became Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario from 1875-1880. Garry Fen, which remained in the family until recently was a bub of political and social activity welcoming such notables as Sir Wilfrid Laurier Red-Brick District Downtown Alexandria Take some time to explore the beauty of this district's redbrick architecture. A mural of the street created by local students offers a bygone comparison. Stop by The Glengarry News (est. 1892) and pick up a newspaper to read the historica

Alexandria Island Park / Mill Pond A Plaque is located on the north-east side of the Derby St. W. wide strip of land running from the St. Lawrence River to swimming, a playground and water park for children, and Prescott County along the western side of Glengarry. The public washrooms at the Sandfield Centre. The nearby land is divided into 21 concessions, and further divided into Glengarry Sk8park is a skateboarder's paradise. 86-acre lots (compared to 200-acre lots found in the rest of Glengarry). The Indian Lands were set aside by Sir John Johnson for members of the St. Regis Mohawk Reserve, The The Ontario Francophone flag, flying side-by-side in the

many boardwalks, small bridges and interpretive signs along

# Église du Sacré-Cœur 225 Main St S

to Montreal via the 'Glengarry Sleigh'. Conc. 2 Kenyon (the Boyd Block presbytery was added in 1949). The church's Gothic style, impressive size, prominent location, and quality of design and materials contribute to its

### landmark status within Alexandria. 22 St. Finnan's Roman Catholic Cathedral 72 St. Paul St.

priest of nearby St. Raphael's and later first bishop of Upper An early church was built here in 1833, a year after Father Canada. The mill burned and was rebuilt several times with Alexander Macdonell founded the parish. By 1853, nearly the present building dating to 1902. An artisan studio and half the families in the congregation were MacDonalds of pub with an outdoor terrace set in the mill race are worth a various spellings! In 1885, St. Finnan's was built on the same site and became a cathedral five years later. Designed in Gothic Revival style by W. H. Hodson of Quebec City it is a richly sculpted limestone building with carved window and door mouldings, with projecting pilasters and corbels. Next door is St. Margaret's Convent where all English-speaking Catholic children were taught from 1930 to 1954

# Grotto of Notre-Dame-de-Fatima Corner of Bishop St. and Centre St.

The Grotto of Notre-Dame-de-Estima was erected in 195 by volunteers using stone salvaged from the burned S Martin-de-Tours Church in Glen Robertson. The grotto, commemorating parishioners who lost their lives during the First and Second World Wars, was restored in 2016.

### Church-on-the-Hill United Church 36 Kincardine St. F.

In 1912, this church was built to serve the Presbyterian community with financial support from church members led by Munro and McIntosh (Buggy from Glengarry fame) The congregation joined the United Church in 1925. Its Boyd Block construction, stained-plass windows, and arcaded spire make this church one of Alexandria's most picturesque.

### The Armories and 'The Buggy from Glengarry' 215 Main St. N.

ALEXANDRIA

Barbershop Senate Mural

Mill Square, Alexandria

2 Ottawa St., Alexandria

McDonald, this timber-frame house was purchased in the

vignettes in the "Auld Lang Syne" column. While there, check

World War I. As you are leaving, you may even hear the words

Start your hike through the Garry River watershed on

Garry Fen

"Wull ya nae come back again?"

Alexandria's bilingual heritage.

Glengarry Trails Start Here

This grand brick structure served as the United Counties' first armory, active from 1914 to 1963. See the nearby plaque commemorating Munro and McIntosh, a major manufacturer of sleighs and carriages from 1880s-1920s. At its peak, it produced more than 10,000 vehicles per year, including the



service: Telephones, like people, have their weaknesses."

In 1843, disruption within the Church of Scotland led Free

St. Columba Presbyterian Church and Kirk Hill United Church

Dalkeith Rd. at Rigaud River, Dalkeith

established several mills and a general store on the shore of

renamed Dalkeith with the arrival of the nost office in 1867

Before railways, the frozen Rigaud River was used to transport

# Munro and McIntosh manufacturing plant.

Quialey's Corner

Kirk Hill Churches

St. Finnan's Roman Catholic Cathedra

20905 Laggan-Glenelg Rd.

the first Baptist congregation in Glengarry building their first chapel in 1835, which held services in both Gaelic an Lochiel Rd. and MacMillan/Old Military Rd. English. The present 1864 Gothic Revival church is located The Quigley brothers established a hotel and store at this across the road from the original church site and cemeter crossroad in 1850. The former St. Alexander's Catholic Church, built across the street in 1851, is reputed to be one Lochiel Reformed of the oldest wood frame churches in Eastern Ontario. Thi

# Presbyterian Church community was also home to one of the last independent

and Cemetery

22015 Breadalbane Rd.

Brodie Rd. telephone companies - The Glengarry Telephone Company, One of the few remaining Covenanter Churches in Canada operating here from 1907-1966. One of the "rules" for it was built by John and Isabella Brodie who arrived from customers was "Don't expect perfection in a telephone Scotland in 1815. The congregation, formally organized in 1846, built the current frame church in 1871 on lan donated by the Brodie family. Its simple, well-proportioned

# style reflects the belief that no frivolities should come between the people and their God.

**Light Infantry Fencibles** 

n 1812 Father Alexander Macdonell belond to raise

this regiment just one month before the United States

declared war on Great Britain and began to move

troops towards the Canadian frontier. The Glengarrian

fought in many significant engagements of the War of

1812, including the hardest fought battle of the war

the British force and were accorded the right to wea

Robertson-Clark Building

Dalkeith Historical Society

William Robertson, son offounder John Robertson, lived an

operated a store and post office. In 1913, it was converted

to St. Paul's Roman Catholic Chanel. In 1937 the chanel wa

extended and a carriety added. Closed in 2007, it is now the

home of the Dalkeith Historical Society who host exhibit

meetings and cultural events in the restored building. One

3rd Sunday of the month, 10am-1pm, dalkeithhistory.com

Breadalbane Baptist Church

In 1816, emigrants from Perthshire, Scotland established

1841 Dalkeith Rd. Dalkeith

Niagara" on their colours

undy's Lane where they protected the right flank of

Glan Sandfield

Church ministers to reorganize local congregations. Today, County Rd. 21 stand witness to this split - atop the same hill and within a Named after John Sandfield MacDonald, first premier of Ontario, the name is combined with the Gaelic word "glen meaning "valley". This hamlet is home to an 1882 United Church building (no longer in use) featuring a simplified

### Gothic design with dramatic arched windows with a "rose Glengarry Trails that cover nearly 15 km of natural beauty, In 1811, John Robertson and his wife from Dalkeith, Scotland, detail the Rigaud River. First called Robertson's Mills, the village was Glen Robertson Old Presbytery

and Cemetery Chisholm St. S. Glen Robertson agricultural goods and other commodities in the wintertime. The first church, which could accommodate 800 worshiper and the elegant Second Empire style stone Presbytery wer built by Rev. MacDonald in the 1880s. A stone plague to the

### east of the presbytery marks the site of the first and second churches both of which burnt to the ground.

St Martin-de-Tours Church 21943 Glen Robertson Rd. (County Rd. 10) Following the loss of the second St. Martin-de-Tours Church a third church was built on Main Street. It is famous for it church suppers that draw over 700 people who come to

share in community, food and music, rom Glen Robertson follow County Rd. 10 heading west which will take you back to Alexandria.

Mol an latha math mu oidhche. Praise the good day at the close of it.