

Toronto, Ontario

A wonderfully walkable city of diversions

By IRIS SANDERSON JONES

TORONTO, Ontario — On a hot summer day in Ontario Place, the kids chase around the lakes and amusement areas in their bathing suits.

They scream going down the giant water slide into a pool, stare at giant movie screens and follow their parents through glass walkways above this very unusual amusement park. A separate walking bridge leads

across the highway to the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) grounds, where fair-makers are getting ready to hold the world's largest annual outdoor fair for the 101st time Aug. 15 through Labor Day.

What makes Ontario Place unusual is that it is a crown corporation of the provincial government of Ontario, making it more like Expo 67 than Disneyland.

The 96-acre park has three man-made islands and a five-pod pavilion sitting high above the water between them. Nearly 400 private boats are parked in its marina. A huge domed building has films shown on a 60-by-80-foot screen at Cinesphere.

The band leads the kids and the ducks regularly down the paths past the Japanese Temple Bell to the band shell. Top name performers regularly fill the open-sided amphitheater called the Forum. But most of all, it's just a place as Canadian as the geese that waddle up and down the hills beside Lake Ontario.

Ontario Place is just off Lakeshore Drive, in the area which has been known as the exhibition grounds area for years.

Admission to the CNE automatically gains you admission to Ontario Place, although you must then pay a small fee to see the Cinesphere.

The three theaters in the pavilion now are presenting a children's show, an off-beat light and video experience called "Reflections" and a film about Egypt called "Timeless Journey." The pavilion also contains three large restaurants.

Every day at noon, a parade of clowns and giant animals winds around the park, entertaining the kids with displays of balloons.

DOWN THE shoreline from Ontario Place, closer to the downtown area of Toronto, is another outdoor summer experience called Center Island. You can sail around the island on a harbor tour that departs from Ontario Place, or you can take the ferry across from the dock at the foot of Bay Street.

Center Island once was a haven of summer cottages for people trying to escape the summer heat. Now, it is a walking, picnicking, biking way to spend a day, with a little bit of toned-down amusement park thrown in.

There are no roller coasters, but the kids like the train, the cable car, the Haunted Barrel Factory and Far Enough Farm in Centerville, a replica of a turn-of-the-century village.

The ferry, which is a short walk from the Union Station subway stop, runs every 15 minutes from 9:45 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. It costs \$1 for adults, 50 cents for senior citizens and 25 cents for children.

The island ferry gives you a first-class view of the city skyline, including the C.N. Tower, the tallest free-standing structure in the world. An outside elevator takes you to a high observation deck and a restaurant in the tower where you get a spectacular view of the city if the air is clear.

This is a good place from which to plan your walking tour of this very walkable city. If you prefer lower viewpoints, try the bar at the top of the Park Plaza Hotel on Bloor Street and Avenue Roads in the area known as Yorkville.

Near that corner, you will also find a 40-projector film presentation called "The Great Toronto Adventure," which will give you background on the city.

YORKVILLE IS an old area of the city that has been converted to small restaurants and boutiques, Greenwich Village-style. Interesting aspects of Toronto can be taken in by walking either southwest or east from this Bloor Street-Avenue Road corner.

South are the Ontario parliament buildings and the Royal Ontario Museum. Southwest is the multi-ethnic area around Spadina Street. These streets have Chinese as well as English characters on the street signs.

Kingston Market, which is really only a block of outdoor stalls and open shops, running west from Spadina features food and people from every corner of the earth. As you examine the summer fruit, you can delight in the odors from the Jamaican Bake Shop and listen to the sounds from the rock music record shop across the street.

People and cars push down the market streets past crates of live chickens and pigeons, tables of live crabs, heaps of fruit and colorful displays of clothes hanging from open doorways.

A few blocks south on Spadina, old Chinese ladies in black oriental pajamas carry their shopping bags through the pagoda entrance of the very contemporary China Mart, a Chinese shopping center of restaurants and shops.

If you walk a few blocks west from China Mart to Dundas, where the King Tut exhibit will be showing this fall at the Art Gallery of Ontario, you will find another interesting block of new shops called The Grange. While you are in the art gallery, be sure to see the permanent exhibit of sculpted figures donated by sculptor Henry Moore.

These are the original plaster casts of bronze pieces owned by museums around the world, and they are well displayed under natural sky light.

IF YOU GO east instead of southwest from the Yorkville corner at Bloor and Avenue roads, you will walk past the most popular walking-drinking-eating shopping area in the city. The streets just north of Bloor are full of tiny outdoor cafes and shops.

Not many visitors go beyond Yonge Street to the older hotels in the dilap-

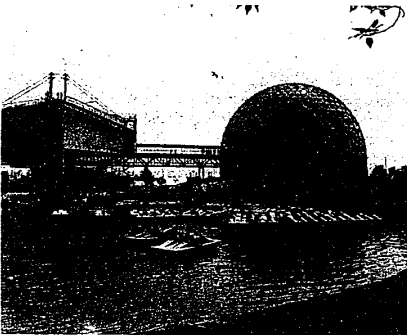
Tut, tut

If you tried to call the King Tut Hotline in Toronto after we gave you a long distance telephone number July 23, you discovered that King Tut didn't live there. The number got changed slightly when it hit the printing press.

For information about the Treasures of Tutankhamen show, at the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto Nov. 1 through Dec. 30, call area code 416 and then dial 364-4900.

Tickets to the show will be sold only through major department stores in Canada. Order forms for those tickets will be available at Simpsons and Simpsons-Sears in Windsor during store hours Wednesday, Aug. 1, for as long as they last.

An order form entitles you to order four tickets. It's the only way you can see the show.



ABOVE: Strollers take time to discuss their thoughts at the fountain between city hall and Eaton Place. LEFT: One of three man-made lakes at Ontario Place. The domed building houses a 60-by-80-foot movie screen. (Photos by Micky Jones)

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Fair place for flea markets

Southwestern Ontario has fairs and flea markets, exhibits and special events, tucked into every big and little town on and off the main roads during August.

There are regular Sunday flea markets in places like London and Welland, as well as in smaller towns like Mount Hope and Jordan.

There are antique shows in Stratford beginning Aug. 6, Blenheim Aug. 18-19, and Sarnia Aug. 24-26. Antique Steam Shows, which highlight steam engines in every form, run in Brigidon Aug. 17-19. Special craft shows in-

clude Friendship Weekend at Simcoe Aug. 4-6, and the Arts and Crafts Weekend at Harrow, Aug. 18-19.

The Essex County Kennel Club Dog Show is in Leamington Aug. 31 to Sept. 3. The Central Ontario Exhibition runs in Kitchener Aug. 28 to Sept. 23.

By now you may be asking to yourself, "Where the devil is this?" All of these towns are in southern Ontario between Detroit and either Toronto, Niagara Falls or Sarnia.

There's an Alpefest Aug. 1-6 at Crystal Beach near Welland; a Carnival Aug. 2-6 slightly west at Wainfleet; River days Aug. 3-6 closer to home in Chatham; and a German Festival Aug. 3-4 at Dashwood, between Sarnia and Grand Bend on Lake Huron.

The area around the city of London includes Calpepo Days, Aug. 3-6; at Port Stanley, the Fun in Lucan, Aug. 17-19; further northeast near Brantford, a big community picnic Aug. 8 at Sheland; and a Peach Festival Aug. 25-26 at Winoona.

By this time, my eyes are beginning to cross and my finger is getting sore from locating these unknown places on the map. But stay with me. A weekend fair can make the difference between a boring expressway ride and a fun trip.

Nearer to Windsor, you'll find Emancipation Day celebrations in Amherstburg, Aug. 4-5; the Cornfest in Tecumseh, Aug. 25-26; in Windsor, the Ontario Open Tag of War Championships Aug. 4-6; and the Fireman's Field Day celebrations Aug. 31 to Sept. 3.

Further afield: the Welland Canal 150th Anniversary Aug. 20 to Sept. 4 and the Rural Corn Fest in Doon Pioneer Village in Kitchener Aug. 25-26.

There's more. Fiddle contests, square dancing festivals, fishing derbies, flower shows, golf tournaments, Highland games, horse shows, Indian events, military ceremonies, music festivals, parades, rodeos, sports car races, tennis tournaments, rockwood rendezvous, water sports, and lots of theater.

For a listing of summer events contact the Canadian Government Office of Tourism in Detroit, or drop into the Ontario tourist office a short way down Highway 401 from the Ambassador Bridge.

Ski passes limited but available

The Gold Pass, a special season pass honored at ski touring centers throughout the country, is available but only 250 will be handed out.

The pass, sponsored by the National Ski Touring Operators Association, gives the holder unlimited trail use in centers such as Jackson N.H.; Viking, Vt.; Cummington, Mass.; Royal Gorge, Calif.; and 150 other centers in the United States. The pass sells for \$75.

According to NSTOA president Stanton Allen the Gold Pass will introduce both new and experienced cross country skiers to the variety of skiing opportunities provided by the many NSTOA member centers.

Funds from Gold Pass sales are used in skier education and standardization of skier information.

The NSTOA's represents operators of ski touring centers throughout the U.S. and works with the various national ski organizations in planning for the future of skiing.

For more information regarding the Gold Pass, write to NSTOA, Gold Pass, Bretton Woods, N.H. 03575.

DR. SONYA FRIEDMAN'S RUN FOR YOUR MIND



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THE IDEA Dr. Sonya Friedman helps people every day on her radio show noon to 3 PM on WXYZ with her philosophy of positive thinking and positive action. That's why she's organizing this run... a fun way to get your body and your mind in shape.

THE FUN People who participate in the 7UP WXYZ Marathon will be given a custom designed "Run for your Mind" t-shirt, a special certificate, and a chance for some really great prizes in the drawing held at the conclusion of the race. But you don't have to win the race to win the prizes.

THE COURSE 10,000 meters (approximately 6.2 miles) beginning on the Southfield Civic Center grounds at 10¹/₂ Mile Road and Evergreen. The course goes through the neighborhoods of Southfield and back to finish at the Civic Center. The Southfield City Parks and Recreation Department will assist in organizing the event to make sure the runners have a safe, well marked and enjoyable course.

THE DATE Sunday, August 12, 9:15 AM

TO ENTER Fill in the entry below and mail. An entry fee of \$4.00 per person is payable at the start of the event.

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