

Fresh Baked Adventures

From cupcakes to croissants, scones to squares, and everything in between. Discover all the yummy treats from bakeries and cafés across the 1000 Islands Rideau Canal Waterways region – guaranteed to satisfy any sweet tooth!

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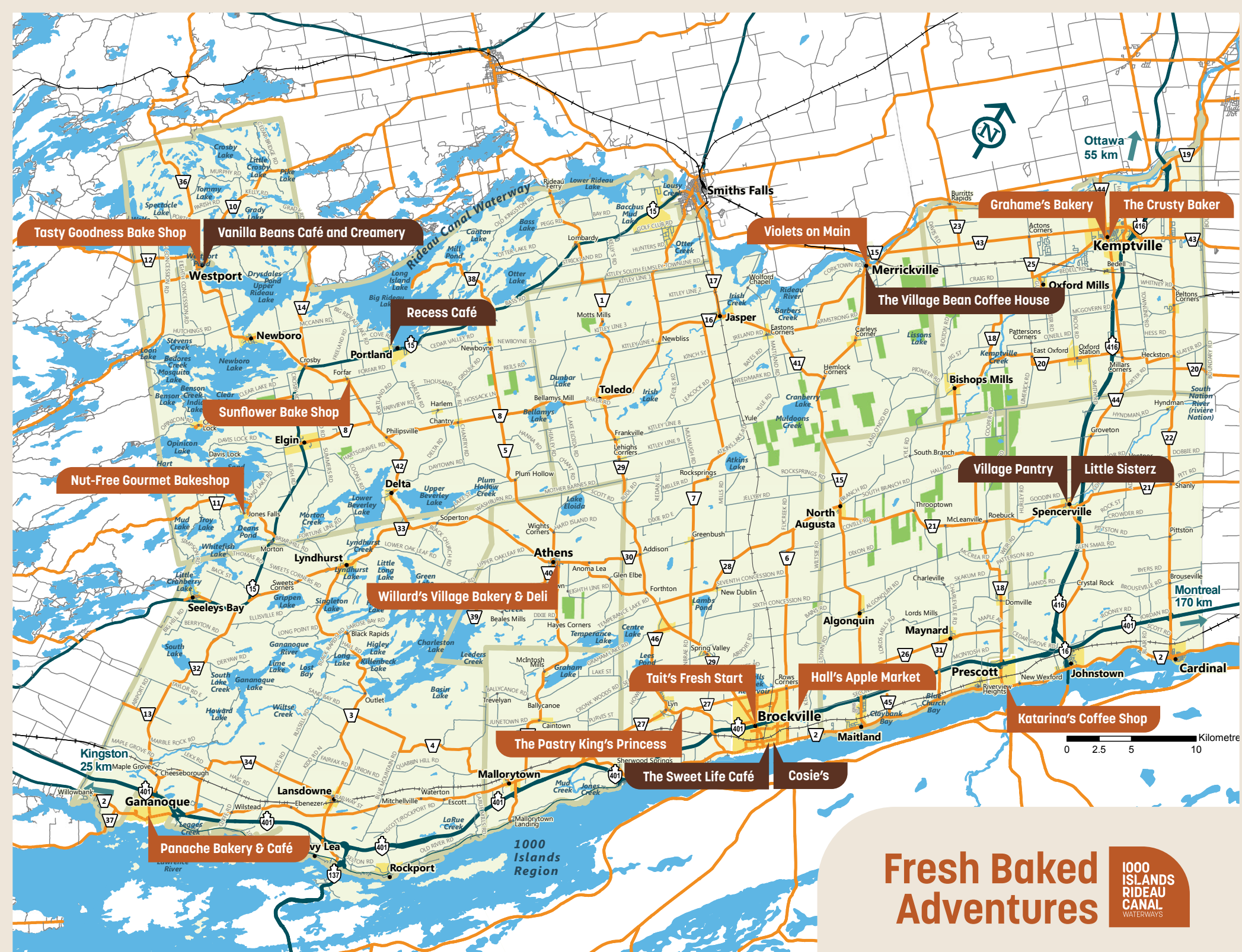


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The Crusty Baker

16 Prescott Street, Kemptville, Ontario

This British-themed bakeshop is famed for its innovative scones, in flavours like dried cranberry, Black Forest and devilled egg. Other highlights include baguettes, sourdough bread, bacon butter tarts, and seasonal soups and sandwiches. The Crusty Bakers use local fruit, vegetables, meat and eggs, and bake all of their breads in house daily. Ontario cheeses and savoury frozen pies and quiches (including gluten-free choices) are also available, along with locally made sodas and honey.

facebook.com/thecrustybakers

613-215-0347

Hours: Year-round, Wednesday to Saturday

Location notes: Across the street from a quaint creek-side park.



Grahame's Bakery

115 Clothier Street East, Kemptville, Ontario

This heritage bakery dates back to 1885, and at least one member of the Grahame family has been baking here since 1939. Each morning, Rick Grahame arrives early to fry the bakery's famous doughnuts—they're usually ready by 5:30 a.m. He also fires up the bakery's original 18-foot-by-18-foot wood-burning oven to bake wholesome, old-fashioned breads like pumpernickel-light rye throughout the morning, as well as buns and scones. Year-round, find treats like butter tarts. Seasonally, try fruitcake, mincemeat tarts or hot-cross buns.

grahamesbakery.com

613-258-2317

Hours: Year-round, Tuesday to Saturday

Location notes: Two blocks from Rotary Park, in the centre of Old Town Kemptville.



Violets on Main

318 Main Street West, Merrickville, Ontario

When Patti and Trevor Johnson were planning to open a bakery, they found one for sale in Merrickville on a street lined with violets. That gave them the name of their new venture, which opened in 2021. Artisanal breads—including ancient-grain cheddar, caramelized onion, cranberry-muesli and roasted garlic loaves—are among the best-selling items. The bakery also whips up pies, cakes, cookies, squares, butter tarts, doughnuts and specialty cakes, many with local honey or maple syrup.

violetsonmain.ca

613-454-1380

Hours: Year-round, Wednesday to Sunday

Location notes: Steps from Merrickville Blockhouse National Historic Site and the shopping district.





Katarina's Coffee Shop

513 King Street West, Prescott, Ontario

Display cases filled with fanciful cupcakes, golden butter tarts, oat fudge bars, cinnamon rolls and double-baked croissants are likely the first things you'll see when you walk into this sunny coffee shop run by mother-daughter team Carla and Nicole Hudson. There's a different featured scone every week. In summer, you can order a customized ice cream sandwich with your choice of Kawartha Dairy ice cream between two fresh cookies. Enjoy your treats indoors or on the pet-friendly patio.

katarinasprescott.ca

613-213-8007

Hours: Year-round, daily from Victoria Day to Thanksgiving; closed Monday in off season

Location notes: Steps from Kelly's Beach and Centennial Park on the St. Lawrence River.



Hall's Apple Market

2930 Concession 2 Road, Brockville, Ontario

Not surprisingly, classic apple pies packed with the farm's own fruit are the best sellers in this charming country store. However, the busy bakeshop actually makes some 20 types of pies, including—depending on the season—peach, raspberry-rhubarb crumble and blueberry. Old-fashioned treats like apple brown betty squares, butter tarts, oatmeal cookies and buttercream fudge are all made on site, too. Scented with the aromas of cinnamon and pastry, the shop smells like Grandma's kitchen!

hallsapplemarket.com

613-342-6320

Hours: Year-round, daily

Location notes: A country bakery and store in a scenic location surrounded by orchards.

Tait's Fresh Start

31 King Street West, Brockville, Ontario

Founded in 1908, Tait's has been serving Brockville for more than a century; owner Jay Leroux took over in 2015. Today, this family-run shop whips up a great selection of breads, as well as homestyle squares, cookies, pies, cupcakes, muffins, tea biscuits, fritters, turnovers and more. Don't miss the French pastries, including eclairs and metropolitan. Many baked goods feature local apples, maple syrup and honey. The shop also serves fresh soups, sandwiches, chili and other lunch items.

taitsfreshstart.wixsite.com/taits

613-865-8800

Hours: Year-round, Monday to Saturday

Location notes: In the heart of historic downtown Brockville, near various attractions.



The Pastry King's Princess

2404 South Howard Road, Lyn, Ontario

So, who is the Pastry King's Princess? That would be Ingrid Van Dusen, whose father was Brockville's Pastry King. She carries on the family's Dutch baking traditions with customer favourites such as cupcakes iced with European buttercream, which is less sweet than North American buttercream. Brownies, rum balls, cookies, lemon squares and many other baked goodies are available, too, along with imported Dutch cheeses. Watch for the road signs to find this secret bakery on a quiet rural road.

pastrykingsprincess.com

613-345-2484

Hours: Year-round, Tuesday to Saturday

Location notes: Take a scenic country drive just outside Brockville.



Panache Bakery & Café

162 King Street East, Gananoque, Ontario

In this lively shop, Yun Ting Tsai bakes up a dizzying variety of danishes, florentines, buttercream-iced cupcakes, croissants, tarts, pies, muffins and cookies. Try the matcha white chocolate cookie or the chocolate chip-cream cheese-coconut squares! You can also pick up loaves of sourdough bread in tempting flavours like rosemary-black olive, cheddar jalapeno or sun-dried tomato pesto, or get made-to-order sandwiches. Don't miss the sausage rolls, quiches, tourtières and other savoury items.

panachebakery.net

613-382-1412

Hours: Year-round, Tuesday to Saturday

Location notes: In the heart of downtown, a short walk from Gananoque Town Hall Park and the river-side fountain.

Willard's Village Bakery & Deli

21 Main Street East, Athens, Ontario

When was the last time you had a fresh doughnut hot from the fryer? If it's been too long, drop into Willard's for the small-town bakery's beloved specialty. Doughnuts are only made on certain days of the week, so check Willard's Facebook page for the current schedule. Oatmeal cookies and fried cakes are other local favourites, and the deli serves subs, wraps, chili, stews, soups, macaroni and cheese, and more. Everything at this family-owned shop is homestyle, with no added preservatives.

facebook.com/willards1968

613-924-9594

Hours: Year-round, Monday to Saturday

Location notes: Surrounded by historic murals in a quaint village.



Nut-Free Gourmet Bakeshop

58 Kenney's Road, Elgin, Ontario

Jeff Day was already selling frozen, nut-free cookie dough before he bought the Hotel Kenney—a heritage property on Whitefish Lake—in 2022. So, he decided to add a nut-free bakeshop to the property's amenities. In the open kitchen, bakers turn out cinnamon rolls, butter tarts, savoury hand pies and other treats that are easy to eat on the move. The cinnamon rolls even come in little boat-shaped boxes! You can also buy cookie dough to take home and bake yourself.

nutfreegourmet.com

343-653-5500

Hours: May to October, daily

Location notes: At the base of the Jones Falls Locks on the Rideau Canal, surrounded by many hiking trails.



Sunflower Bake Shop

1536 County Road 42, Portland, Ontario

Carrot cake, peanut butter cheesecake and fresh breads are the top sellers in this village bakery. Familiar bread flavours include raisin-cinnamon, as well as herb and cheese made with local cheddar. But, depending on the day, you might find loaves of peasant bread loaded with flax, cornmeal, rye and poppyseeds. Or look for pagnotta, a dense and chewy Italian-style bread. The signature Sunflower flax bread with non-GMO flax is a classic. Cinnamon buns, mini pizzas and maple-walnut sticky buns are a hit, too.

sunflowerbakeshop.com

613-777-3444

Hours: Year-round, daily

Location notes: A country stop that shares a location with the Forfar Dairy Cheese Store.



Tasty Goodness Bake Shop

41B Main Street, Westport, Ontario

Butter tarts are one of this bake shop's claims to fame. As well as classic butter tarts, owners Daphne Sword and Rick Taylor create fun variations, such as pecan, Skor, chocolate chip, raisin, peanut butter, Turtles and even maple-caramelized bacon! You'll also find cinnamon buns, cookies, brownies, lemon tarts, mini cheesecakes and other sweet treats in this cozy shop. Take-home meals such as shepherd's pie, chili and lasagna are available, too; order in advance for the best selection.

tastygoodnessbakeshop.ca

613-273-2800

Hours: June to December, daily; January to May
Friday to Sunday

Location notes: Wander to the Westport Harbour or nearby shopping.



Cafés

The Village Bean Coffee House

205B St. Lawrence Street, Merrickville, Ontario

Carrot cake is one of this lively coffee shop's most popular items, but the display cases also brim with brownies, cinnamon buns, lemon loaf, date squares and other treats. Seeking something more substantial? Try the breakfast special, panini, wrap, salad or bagel, or a cup of the daily soup. Whatever you choose, you can complement it with a latte, cappuccino or other gourmet beverage made with organic, fair-trade coffee or tea.

thevillagebean.ca

613-269-4646

Hours: Year-round, daily

Location notes: Centrally located in a bustling historic shopping destination.



Little Sisterz

14 Spencer Street, Spencerville, Ontario

In this busy village café, chef-owner Gina Vacchio cooks up Canadian and Italian treats, many based on her mom's treasured recipes—with a modern twist. Cannoli and focaccia are big sellers, but you might also find anything from mini lemon mascarpone pies to decadent cheesecakes. Gluten-free and dairy-free choices are available. Craving a full meal? The café serves breakfast, lunch and dinner items, such as Belgian waffles, frittata, pizza and pasta.

littlesisterz.ca

613-648-8888

Hours: Year-round, daily; closed Wednesday from January to May

Location notes: On the main street, steps from the South Nation River and the Spencerville Mill and Museum.



Village Pantry

8 Spencer Street, Spencerville, Ontario

This family-run shop is famed for its cinnamon buns, fresh bread and hot pizza. In summer, families sit at outdoor patio tables enjoying ice cream cones. The Village Pantry has the vibe of an old-time general store, with locals popping in and out to pick up snacks, milk or just a bit of news. Lunch items include hot dogs, submarine sandwiches, salads, fish and chips, and poutine. Get takeout and you can enjoy it at a picnic table beside the nearby South Nation River.

facebook.com/Village-Pantry-Spencerville-101700639212777/

613-658-3029

Hours: Year-round, daily

Location notes: On the main street, steps from the South Nation River and the Spencerville Mill and Museum.



The Sweet Life Café

20 Market Street West, Brockville, Ontario

Fresh-baked scones and cinnamon buns are highlights at this downtown Brockville café, which also bakes up everything from gingersnaps and butter tarts to red velvet brownies. Ask about gluten-free options, including muffins, banana bread, and bake-at-home cookies and scones. You can also pick up a homestyle sandwich, a salad or a bowl of soup—in flavours such as potato bacon or chicken corn chowder—and have a waterfront picnic at Blockhouse Island on the St. Lawrence River.

facebook.com/thesweetlifecafe

613-803-8882

Hours: Year-round, Monday to Friday

Location notes: In the heart of a historic downtown close to Canada's first railway tunnel.



Cosie's

45 King Street West, Brockville, Ontario

In this aptly named cozy tearoom, you'll feel as though you've dropped into a corner of England as you sip Earl Grey from a vintage cup. Nosh on British-style pasties, Eccles cakes, crumpets drizzled with butter, or scones accompanied by jam and clotted cream. This is very much a place where the Old World meets the New: British-Canadian owners Alison and Paul Goodyer make many of their treats with local ingredients, including strawberries, apples and ground pork.

cosiestearoom.com

613-865-9179

Hours: Year-round, Wednesday to Sunday

Location notes: In the heart of a historic downtown near various attractions.





Recess Café

2761 Ontario 15, Unit 103, Portland, Ontario

Housed in a former school, the Recess Café may make you feel like you're back in class, with its retro wall murals and stacking chairs. However, the food is anything but institutional—think baked French toast dripping with Blair Brothers maple syrup from nearby Westport, or a breakfast club sandwich made with local Bushgarden Farmstead cheese. Scones, carrot cake, cowboy cookies and cinnamon rolls are among the best-selling items. Soups, sandwiches, salads and bowls are available, along with premium brewed coffee, lattes and cappuccinos featuring latte art.

recesscafe.ca

613-390-1596

Hours: Year-round, Wednesday to Sunday

Location notes: On a tree-shaded site on Portland's edge.

Vanilla Beans Café and Creamery

34 Main Street, Westport, Ontario

Beloved for its fresh, hand-rolled bagels, Vanilla Beans also sells scones, butter tarts, whoopie pies and other baked treats. With its stone walls, pressed-tin ceiling, ceiling fans and wood floors, it feels like an old-fashioned ice cream parlour—and, indeed, in summer it does a brisk business in ice cream cones and dairy-free sorbets. You'll also find espresso, grilled sandwiches, popcorn and other light fare. Many products feature local ingredients, such as maple syrup, honey, berries, produce and ham.

facebook.com/VanillaBeansWestport

613-273-5053

Hours: May to October, daily

Location notes: In an old stone house across the street from the harbour.

