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2022 ROMWalks at a Glance



Figure 1 A Franco-Ontarian Monument, Notre Place, on Monuments in Memory walk. © Paul Vaculik.

This year, ROMWalks offers:

- 36 Free walks in 9 neighbourhoods.
- 2 Plus walks given 3 times each.
- 3 ROM Members walks given twice each.
- Private Group walks flexibly arranged.

Look for booking information under Plus Walks, Members Walks and Group Walks or at www.rom.on.ca/ROMWalks.

Free ROMWalks

These ROMWalks are free to the public. No registration is required, meet at the starting point, Sundays 2pm and Wednesdays 6pm, and look for the ROM umbrella.

Queen's Park Circle

Wed May 11, Sun Jun 12, Wed Jul 13, Sun Sep 4

The provincial legislature, the mansions on Queen's Park Crescent, St. Michael's University, Victoria University. Learn their stories and their secrets, while seeing some new and interesting Toronto architecture.

Starting point: In front of the legislative buildings

End Point: Charles Street and Queen's Park Circle

TTC Access: Queen's Park subway stop and streetcar stop on the 506 College Street line

King Street East: Newspapers and Newsmakers

Wed May 18, Sun Jun 19, Sun Aug 7, Sun Sep 18

Join us in exploring the characters who have shaped Toronto's history along its first main street, and the colourful history of the newspapers that have headquartered their operations there from the 1820's to the present day.

Starting Point: Corner of King St. East and Berkeley St. (one block West of Parliament)

End Point: Corner of King St. East and Victoria St. (one block from King St. subway stop)

TTC Access: 504 Streetcar to Parliament and King St. stop, or Bus #65 Parliament from Castle Frank subway stop to King Street.

Sacred Stones & Steeples

Sun May 15, Wed Jun 15, Sun Jul 17, Wed Aug 17

Explore with us the magnificent sacred buildings from the 19th century which show the importance of religion in the life of the city and how that has changed over time. While we look forward to the new, let us still appreciate the beauty and the heritage bequeathed to us from the past.

Starting Point: Northeast corner of Church & King Streets

End Point: Gould and Bond Street

TTC Access: King St. subway stop or the 504 and 514 King streetcars

Riverdale

Sun May 22, Wed Jun 29, Wed Aug 3, Sun Aug 28

Join us on a tour through Riverdale whose history includes indigenous settlement, brickmakers, jailbreakers, medical facilities, a park and a Russian royal. Discover how this east end area has evolved over two centuries and continues to reflect the changing demographics of the city.

Starting Point: West side of Broadview Ave. just North of Withrow Ave.

End Point: NW corner of Broadview Ave. and Gerrard St. E.

TTC Access: 504B King Streetcar or 505 Dundas Bus to Withrow Ave. stop

Historic Danforth

Sun May 8 (F), Wed Jun 8, Sun July 24 (F), Wed Aug 24

(F) This walk is available in French.

Discover the rich history of “The Danforth” which includes beautiful heritage homes, historical churches, the famous Music Hall and a former Nickelodeon. Hear about an early, influential family, the Playters.

Starting Point: NW corner of Danforth and Cambridge Avenues (one block west of Broadview)

End Point: Broadview at Wolfrey Ave (three blocks south of Danforth)

TTC Access: Broadview subway stop

Kensington

Sun Jun 5, Wed Jul 6, Wed Aug 31, Sun Oct 2

Join us as we wander through what was once the old Jewish Market, past late Victorian buildings that have undergone considerable change over the years, and onto the campus of the University of Toronto. Memories of times past mix with the modern life of condos, restaurants and music.

Starting Point: SW corner of Dundas Street West and Denison Avenue

End Point: College and Bellevue

TTC Access: Spadina or Bathurst Streetcar, Dundas West Street stop

Rosedale II

Wed May 4, Sun Jul 10, Wed Aug 10, Sun Oct 9

Explore the tree-lined streets of this prestigious enclave, the suburb of choice for Toronto's wealthy citizens in the early 1900s. We'll view a National Historic Site and admire impressive domestic architecture built in a wide variety of styles over 150 years.

Starting Point: Park Road at Bloor Street East

End Point: NW corner of Chestnut Park and Roxborough St. E (1 block north of Rosedale Subway station)

TTC access: Bloor/Yonge Subway stop

Willowdale and York Cemetery – Farm to City Centre

Wed May 25 (F), Sun Jun 26, Wed Jul 27 (F), Sun Sep 11

(F) This walk is available in French.

Discover the transformation of the early farms of the 18th and 19th century into the centre of the city of North York prior to the amalgamation of Toronto. We will also explore the tranquility, history and residents of York Cemetery just steps from the busy traffic and towering buildings of Yonge Street in the former North York.

Starting and End Point: Mel Lastman Square at Red Muskoka Chairs on the NE corner close to Yonge Street.

TTC Stop: North York City Centre Subway stop

Mt Pleasant

Sun May 1, Wed Jun 1, Wed Jul 20, Sun Aug 21

In one of Toronto's largest cemeteries, we will stroll through the beautiful, treed landscape and hear the stories of people who were influential in the growth of Toronto during the Victorian era. We will learn about mourning customs, memorial styles and the meaning of symbols found on the monuments and mausoleums.

Starting and End Point: Yonge Street entrance (north of St. Clair)

TTC access: St. Clair Station

ROMWalks Plus

Two different walks are offered this 2022 walking season for a limited number of participants. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Tickets must be reserved in advance and can be booked online at www.rom.on.ca/ROMWalks or call 416.586.5797 for information and to reserve tickets. *

Annex West

Sundays, July 3, August 14, September 25 at 2:00 pm

Come and explore the Annex neighbourhood west of Spadina. Learn about the people and places including churches, schools, an historic pub, and a fire station - all spiced up with an occasional murder.

Monuments in Memory: Queen's Park

Wednesday, June 22 at 6:00 pm, Sundays, July 31 and October 16 at 2:00 pm

Explore with us the history of remembering on a tour of the monuments in and around Queen's Park. We will look at memorials of ordinary people and hear the stories of how they made Canadian history. We will discuss the style, purpose and subjects of memorials, and how they have changed over time.

ROM Member Exclusive ROMWalks

These Member exclusive walks are free for ROM Members; however, registration is required. Due to the popularity of these walks, registration will not open until a month prior to the scheduled walk. Watch your email communication for registration dates and register at www.rom.on.ca/members/events or call 416.586.5700.

Jarvis Street

Saturdays, June 4, August 20

Once the most fashionable address in Toronto, Jarvis Street retains many of its old mansions and churches and has acquired new architectural gems. A walk down this broad street provides insight into its elegant past and energetic present.

Cabbagetown North

Saturdays, July 2, October 1

A heritage community, full of incredible homes and history dating back to the 1850s, brought back to life through restoration, renovation and community pride.

Whiskey, Wharf and Windmill

Saturdays, July 23, September 10

Walking through the Distillery district, discover the commercial, industrial and residential structures built on the borders of the historic town of York that have been adapted over the last 2 centuries.

Private Group ROMWalks

Our private group walks are available for all scheduled 2020 ROMWalks, plus these additional walks:

About the ROM, Annex, Along the Front, Arts & Entertainment, Citadels of Wealth, Heart of Toronto, Necropolis, Parkdale, Rosedale I, St. James Cemetery, Historic Toronto, Waterfront, Wychwood, Yorkville.

The cost is \$10 per person with a minimum of \$100.

Call 416.586.8097 for booking and more information.



Figure 2 ROMWalks groups listen to their guides at the Adam Beck Monument. © Paul Vaculik.

ROMWALKS Schedule 2022

Please note: Free (F) - This walk is available in French.

Walk	Weekday	Month	Date	Walk Type
Mt Pleasant I	Sunday	May	1	Free
Rosedale II	Wednesday	May	4	Free
Danforth	Sunday	May	8	Free (F)
QP	Wednesday	May	11	Free
SSS	Sunday	May	15	Free
King East	Wednesday	May	18	Free
Riverdale	Sunday	May	22	Free
Willowdale	Wednesday	May	25	Free (F)
Doors Open	Sunday	May	29	None
Mt Pleasant I	Wednesday	June	1	Free
Jarvis	Saturday	June	4	Members
Kensington	Sunday	June	5	Free

Walk	Weekday	Month	Date	Walk Type
Danforth	Wednesday	June	8	Free
QP	Sunday	June	12	Free
SSS	Wednesday	June	15	Free
King E	Sunday	June	19	Free
Monuments in Memory: Queen's Park	Wednesday	June	22	Plus
Willowdale	Sunday	June	26	Free
Riverdale	Wednesday	June	29	Free
Cabbagetown N	Saturday	July	2	Members
Annex W	Sunday	July	3	Plus
Kensington	Wednesday	July	6	Free
Rosedale II	Sunday	July	10	Free
QP	Wednesday	July	13	Free
SSS	Sunday	July	17	Free

Walk	Weekday	Month	Date	Walk Type
Mt Pleasant I	Wednesday	July	20	Free
WWW	Saturday	July	23	Members
Danforth	Sunday	July	24	Free (F)
Willowdale	Wednesday	July	27	Free (F)
Monuments in Memory: Queen's Park	Sunday	July	31	Plus
Riverdale	Wednesday	August	3	Free
King E	Sunday	August	7	Free
Rosedale II	Wednesday	August	10	Free
Annex W	Sunday	August	14	Plus
SSS	Wednesday	August	17	Free
Jarvis	Saturday	August	20	Members
Mt Pleasant I	Sunday	August	21	Free
Danforth	Wednesday	August	24	Free

Walk	Weekday	Month	Date	Walk Type
Riverdale	Sunday	August	28	Free
Kensington	Wednesday	August	31	Free
QP	Sunday	September	4	Free
WWW	Saturday	September	10	Members
Willowdale	Sunday	September	11	Free
King E	Sunday	September	18	Free
Annex W	Sunday	September	25	Plus
Cabbagetown N	Saturday	October	1	Members
Kensington	Sunday	October	2	Free
Rosedale II	Sunday	October	9	Free
Monuments in Memory: Queen's Park	Sunday	October	16	Plus

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