

***Waterfront Trail Adventure Tour:
Niagara Section
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Discover Old Port Dalhousie: Walk & Quiz

Follow this guiding text as you take a 'loop' walk along the Lake Ontario shoreline, harbour and downtown area of Old Port Dalhousie and you will discover the answers to this quiz along the way. The person with the most correct answers will be eligible for a prize.

The public parking area for the "Old Town" is in Lakeside Park and this is where you'll start your tour. Lakeside Park between 1902 and 1950's was a popular tourist attraction and summertime would even bring tourists from Toronto by boat into the harbour.

Start by walking north (ie. towards Lake Ontario) and into the Lakeside Park green area.

1. The most prominent feature you will see is the world famous Loeffl Merry Go Round, where you can still get a ride for only ____ - _____. This original Charles I.D. Loeffl carousel was carved between 1898 and 1905 in Brooklyn, New York and relocated here in 1921 from an amusement park in Scarborough, Ontario. The Lakeside Park Carousel is one of approximately 350 antique hand carved carousels still operating in North America and is considered unique in size. It has 68 animals and 4 chariots in four rows. The original Loeffl Lion is one of 5 in all of North America and is the only one that has its head turned to watch onlookers as it circles by.

2. Buy a ticket as a souvenir and show it for a bonus point ____ when you check your answers.

3. Beside the Merry Go Round is a children's play area - named: L _____
W _____ .

Continue walking towards the lake until you reach the concrete walkway running along the beach -- this is the Waterfront Trail -- which you will follow for the next several points of interest. Head easterly towards the harbour. You will pass the SNACK BAR and on your right, the Picnic Pavilion, the only remaining structure left of the N.S. & T. Railway that used to terminate at the park.

4. How Many Lighthouses do you see? _____

5. What are the colours on the lighthouses? White and _____ .

6. On the other side of the harbour there is a building - what do the initials NYC mean?
D _____ Y _____ C _____

If you have time, a walk out to the end of the piers is a popular activity. Both piers were constructed in 1838 to enclose the entrance to the Second Welland Canal. Toronto is approximately 40 km away across the Lake.

Continuing south (ie. away from the Lake) along the Waterfront Trail a very short distance:

7. The English language portion of the sign (on your right) reads: "Fisheries and _____, Small Craft _____, Port Dalhousie, Managed by the _____ of _____. _____, CANADA"

Just before the roadway turns into the parking lot at the end of Lakeport Road the walkway has a small indentation, which is actually where the First Welland Canal turned and then went into Lock One of the First Canal (no remains). The First Canal ran behind the Merry Go Round from Lake Ontario to this point in the walkway.

You will see the main Waterfront Trail sign - look to see where you are!

8. The Port Mansion Restaurant is the end building on Lakeport Road and the date on the building signage is: circa 18_____.

9. Ahead (on your left) you will see the remains of Lock One of the Second Welland Canal and as you make the turn in the walkway you can look down into the lock. What are the dates on the black iron fencing: 18_____ and 18_____.

10. What is the name on the sign immediately below the Waterfront Trail sign on the post: "_____ Point Parking Lot"?

11. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch _____ is also visible and you will now walk behind the Legion building and a restaurant building and onto the bridge over the water. The original portion of the building is the only remaining building that serviced the Third Welland Canal.

12. On your right is an industrial building which you will walk in front of later on your tour ... on the back of the building towards the right corner there is a sign for a business hanging up beside a double doorway reading: _____ WELDING & MACHINE.

13. Next stop is another Lock One and there is a plaque here that indicates the canal number and dates of the canal and reads as follows: "The Third Welland Canal 18_____ - 19_____. This plaque commemorates the 110th Anniversary of the opening of the 3rd Welland Canal September 15th, 1881. The canal served until _____ when the present 4th canal was opened to traffic. On this site a section of the original Lock One and the restored

LOCK TENDERS SHANTY can be seen, reminders of the historic and economic importance of the Welland Canals which joined the Great Lakes waterways system."

Also here is the Old Lock tenders Shanty, built in 1887 and restored in 1992.

14. On the east side of the Lock is the Heywood Hydro Generating Station built in 1988. The sign on the gate has an address of: _____ Rd.

At the trail junction with the roadway sidewalk, you will turn right and head back into Town. Just a few steps from the turn, you will be walking over the Weir Bridge and turning to look south (ie. away from the Lake), you can see in the distance Henley Island, home of the St. Catharines Rowing Club and the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta Course on Martindale Pond.

15. The sign across the roadway, "Welcome to Old Port Dalhousie". On the sign is a lighthouse, a carousel horse and (how many) _____ oarsmen.

16. Lincoln Fabrics (this is the front of the building you saw while crossing the bridge) at 63 Lakeport Road, is an important industry in Town and has achieved ISO 9001 : _____ standing. The building was constructed in 1900 and once housed The Maple Leaf Rubber Company.

17. Looking across the street to your left along this section of the walk, the Henley grandstand and finish tower are visible, as well as Rennie Park, where you may wish to make a walk through before returning to this walk. Rennie Park features a Peace Garden, The Spirit of St. Catharines Rowing Sculpture, World Rowing Donor's Monument, Dalhousie House (the last remaining building of the Muir Dry Docks), a monument to Muir Dry Docks and a monument to the first Women's Rowing Crew. Beside Rennie Park is a row of shops, the first business is a popular chain called: _____ .

18. Another sign welcomes you "Welcome to Historic Port Dalhousie. Two Centuries of Seafaring Tradition." What is the date that appears at the bottom of the sign: _____ ?

You are almost back at Lock One of the Second Welland Canal, but you will cross the street at the cross walk lights and walk up Lock Street.

19. On the corner is Murphy's Restaurant and _____ Inn. Built in 1885 by Ed Murphy as a ship's chandlery.

20. You will cross _____ Alley.

21. The Craft Guild is located at # _____ Lock Street. This building was built circa 1898 originally as Stanton's Grocery Store which also housed the post office and telegraph station.

22. Across the street is a popular tavern and the sign says it all: "THE _____ TAVERN - THE _____ WITH FLAIR" built in 1890 as the Wellington Hotel.

23. Beside the tavern is a shopping area which includes a popular shop, "Olson foods & bakery". The building is named " _____ & _____ Market _____ .

You have almost completed the walk, so you may wish to refresh yourself at one of the restaurants or shops before heading back to your car.

24. As you turn to walk down to the parking area, what is this street named? _____ Street. (Note: You will be exiting the parking lot up this street)

On your left you pass a Private Road with a street sign with the name "Gary Rd." on it. This private roadway runs parallel to the First Welland Canal route.

25. At the bottom of the sidewalk on your right is the Old Jail House. Arguably the smallest in Ontario at 12-feet x 20-feet! Now supporting a patio bar. On the front of the building is a small St. Catharines Heritage Building designation plaque. "Port Dalhousie Jail, circa _____ ". (hint: it is hard to read, but it does have a date on it!)

As you cross the roadway into the parking lot, you are crossing the route of the First Welland Canal and you are also crossing over top of a very large wet weather storm water chamber that helps prevent storm water overflows from the sewage pumping station you just walked past (on your left).

Have a safe journey as you leave our pretty little Town.

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Notes:

- When you arrive at your days end destination (Confederation Park in Stoney Creek), have your answers checked. Submit them to the tour organizers and a prize (s) will be awarded around 6pm in the Park.
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- Your Name: _____ and Score: _____ out of 25 points.