



Stone Crock Bakery



Village of St. Jacobs



La Crème Stores, Village of St. Jacobs

Cultivating Tourism in St. Jacobs Country

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St. Jacobs Country is nestled in a fertile agricultural area of Southwestern Ontario just 1.25 hrs. west of Toronto; north of Waterloo. Along with abundant crops, a rich cultural heritage and a thriving tourism industry grow here, permitting visitors a chance encounter with something uncommon in today's fast-paced world – horse and buggy traffic!

St. Jacobs area is home to the "Old Order Mennonites" a religious sect whose transportation of choice is the

the St. Jacobs Farmers' Market in the St. Jacobs Country Market District. Old Order Mennonites are among 100s of vendors, growers, producers and crafters who participate in a neighbourly style of commerce that attracts country and city folk alike. Indoor and outdoor vendors sell everything imaginable! (Thursday & Saturday all year from 7 am to 3:30 pm; Tuesday Summer Market June 15 to August 31, 2010 from 8 am to 3 pm.) There are even farm animals to visit and kiddie rides in fair weather. Also in the Market

practicing their crafts. At the Mill, see intriguing exhibits including a model railway, maple syrup museum and quilt gallery. Satisfy your curiosity for the Old Order Mennonite lifestyle by visiting a multi-media presentation called "Telling The Mennonite Story" at the Visitor Centre. Indulge yourself with great food at Benjamin's Restaurant & Inn, The Stone Crock Restaurant and Vidalia's Bar and Grill. Take home tasty treats from the Stone Crock Bakery and Stone Crock Meats & Cheese.

Stay for more than a day at award winning Best Western St. Jacobs Country Inn or nearby Destination Inn & Suites and inquire about special getaway packages. A variety of charming bed and breakfast accommodations are also available in the Village of St. Jacobs and surrounding area.

Plan your getaway to St. Jacobs Country by visiting www.stjacobs.com or call 1-800-265-3353 for a brochure.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Elmira Maple Syrup Festival –
Saturday March 27, 2010

Annual "Quilt & Fibre
Art Festival, Waterloo Region
& Beyond", May 25-29, 2010.

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for details.



St. Jacobs Farmers' Market

horse and buggy. These gentle rural people go about their lives observing conservative traditions that shun fashion and modern conveniences. A drive along rural sideroads will take you by 'Old Order' farms where life goes on much as it has for the last 100 years. Hand lettered signs at the end of laneways invite you to purchase brown eggs, garden vegetables, maple syrup, and handmade quilts - products of these industrious households. "No Sunday Sales" at these farms though; it is set aside as a day of rest.

Every week, these treats and treasures from the farm will be offered for sale at

District are St. Jacobs Outlets, open daily with over 30 stores offering great deals on top brands, Market Road Antiques with 100 vendors booths open daily 10 am-6 pm year round; professional theatre year 'round at St. Jacobs Country Playhouse, and award-winning Best Western St. Jacobs Country Inn.

A few kilometers to the north, the Village of St. Jacobs retains its nostalgic charm and reputation as a shopper's paradise. Browse artist studios, and fashionable clothing, décor, and gift boutiques. Stop to watch the broom maker, candy maker and potter