



**Niagara British Car Club  
Presents  
Blossom Run  
14 May 2022**

**Important Times -- Arrival at Tim Hortons 9:30 a.m.**  
**-- Depart from Tim Hortons 10:00 a.m. in groups of 5 every 5 mins.**

**Lead car cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Caboose car cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STOP #0: Tim Hortons, Gateway Plaza, exit 38 on Q.E.W.  
Glendale Ave. & York Rd.**

Mileages are cumulative

UT - U Turn      TL - Turn Left    POI – Point of Interest  
 TR – Turn Right      SA – Straight Ahead




**STOP #** Get out of the car  
And explore the POI

**PAUSE #** Stop the car and  
Read about the POI




**OBSERVE #** Continue to drive  
While navigator reads POI

**LUNCH** is at the Sandtrap in NOTL  
So if you get lost meet us there






**HELP!** Call any of the cell numbers above

Done	Mile	Km	Make	At	Instruction
	0.0	0.0	RT		Out of Timmies Parking lot
	0.1	0.1	RT		Glendale Avenue
	0.1	0.2	SA		Over the QEW, stay in the right lane then move to the left Lane after the safety bollards
	0.6	0.9	LT		Taylor Road
	1.4	2.3	LT		Warner Road at top of hill
			SA		Garner Rd. on the left stay Straight ahead on Warner Rd.
	2.6	4.2	Stop #1		Stop at the turn around and walk down to the Screaming Tunnel and read POI #1

**STOP #1: Screaming Tunnel**  
**Disembark and read Points of Interest #1**

Done	Mile	Km	Make	At	Instruction
	2.6	4.2	UT		Retrace Warner Road
	3.9	6.2	LT		Taylor Road
	4.6	7.4	LT		Mountain Road
	6.5	10.4	Exit		3 <sup>rd</sup> exit Mewburn Road Caution bumpy road
	7.9	12.7	LT		Warner Road Caution hardpacked gravel road

**STOP 2: Warner Burial Site**  
**Disembark and read Points of Interest #2**

Done	Mile	Km	Make	At	Instruction
	8.4	13.5	UT		Warner Burial Site
	9.3	14.8	LT		Mewburn Rd. /Concesion 6 Rd.
	9.5	15.2	SA		York Road Caution Grooved Pavement and some gravel
	13.2	21.1	Exit		1 <sup>st</sup> exit Niagara Stone Road
	15.4	24.6	RT		East West Line McDonalds 15 Minute Pit Stop
	15.4	24.7	RT		Out of McDonalds parking lot Through Picard's parking lot Continue on East West Line
	17.8	28.4	RT		Concession 2 Road
	21.9	35.0	LT		York Road
	22.8	36.5	LT		Niagara Parkway
	22.9	36.6	RT		Immediate right turn Queenston St.

**PAUSE #3: William Lyon MacKenzie Printing Press  
Navigator read aloud Points of Interest #3**

	23.1	36.9	LT		Clarence St.
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**STOP #4: Brock Memorial  
Park on left side of road and read memorial to  
Brock's horse**

	23.1	36.9	SA		On Clarence after stop
	23.1	37.0	RT		Kent Street
	23.3	37.2	LT		Queenston Street
	23.8	38.0	SA		Dumfries Street
	24.0	38.4	LT		Dee Road Caution bumpy road

**PAUSE #5: Willowbank  
Navigator read aloud Points of Interest #5**

Done	Mile	Km	Make	At	Instruction
	24.8	39.7	RT		Niagara Parkway


**OBSERVE #6: Reif Winery 15608 Niagara Parkway  
Navigator read aloud Points of Interest #6**

Done	Mile	Km	Make	At	Instruction
	29.0	46.4	RT		McFarland House into parking lot No sign at parking lot entrance


**PAUSE #7: McFarland House  
Stop and read Points of Interest #7**

Done	Mile	Km	Make	At	Instruction
	29.1	46.5	RT		Out of parking lot at McFarland House
	29.4	47.1	RT		John Street East/Ricardo Street
	30.6	48.9	RT		Navy Hall into parking lot
	30.6	48.9	RT		Out of parking lot
	30.8	49.2	RT		Collingwood St. Niagara Pumphouse Art Centre



**PAUSE #8: Niagara Pumphouse and Art Gallery  
Read Points of Interest #8**

Done	Mile	Km	Make	At	Instruction
	30.8	49.3	RT		Out of parking lot
	31.1	49.7	RT		Melville Street
	31.1	49.8	LT		River Beach Drive
	31.2	49.9	LT		Turntable Way

**PAUSE #9: Turntable Way  
Read Points of Interest #9**

Done	Mile	Km	Make	At	Instruction
	31.3	50.1	RT		Delater Street
	31.5	50.4	RT		Front Street
	31.9	51.0	LT		Simcoe Street
	32.1	51.3	RT		Queen Street

**PAUSE #10: A brief tour of beautiful Chautauqua  
Read Points of Interest #10**

Done	Mile	Km	Make	At	Instruction
			SA		Mississauga Street
			RT		Niagara Blvd.
			LT		Vincent Ave.
			RT		Circle St.
			RT		Wyckliffe Ave.
			LT		Shakespeare Avenue
			LT		Luther Avenue
			RT		Circle St.
			RT		Adison Avenue
			LT		Shakespeare Avenue
			LT		Lakeshore Road to Sandtrap for lunch

## **Blossom Run: Points of Interest**

### **POI #1: The Screaming Tunnel**

The tunnel is known as “Screaming Tunnel” and was created in the early 1900s not as a thoroughfare but as a drainage passage to keep the tracks from being lost beneath flood waters. The fact that it allowed local farmers a convenient path to avoid the oncoming trains from the CNR overhead came only as a secondary use. Made from 125 feet of limestone bricks, the tunnel took on a haunted air early in its existence as moss and algae took hold of the porous stones. Given its eerie look, it is no wonder the simple tunnel became home to its own legend.

David Cronenberg created a psychic thriller in 1983 with his adaptation of the Steven King novel *Dead Zone*. In the movie, Christopher Walken's character awakens after a head on collision and realizes he now had psychotic powers of reliving the past and foreseeing the future.

Setting: The Screaming Tunnel..scene of the murder... a young girl was found

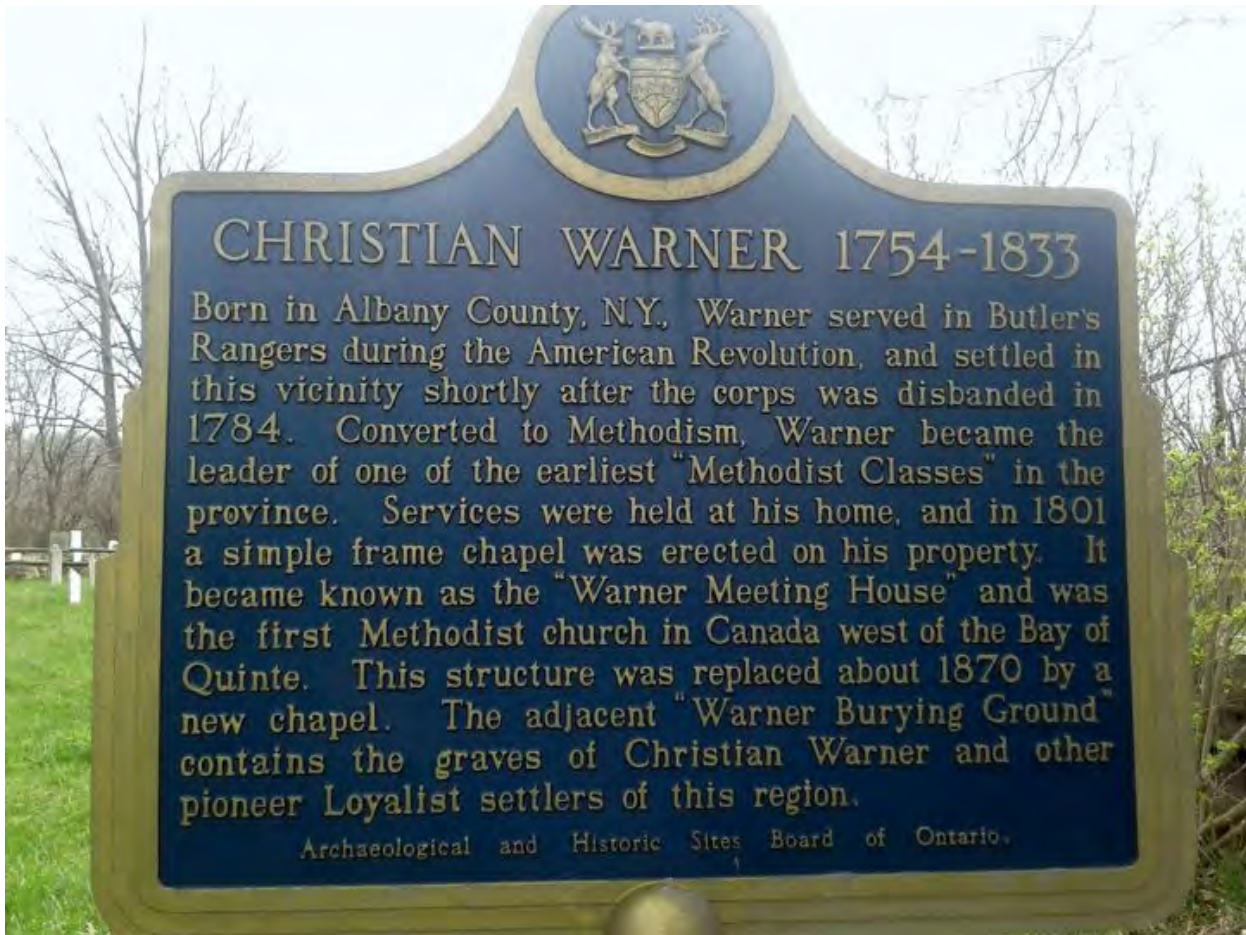
Action: The deputy keeps hid back to the camera...foreshadowing???

Starring: Christopher Walken, Tom Skerritt, Coleen Dewhurst, Nicholas Cage...



Question #1 What is the name of the Railway that passes over the Screaming Tunnel?

## POI #2: Warner Burial Ground



Be careful where you walk because there are many markers only a few inches above ground. Don't trip.



Can you find the headstone that has a new granite marker in front of it?

Question #2 Who is lying there?

### **POI #3: Queenston Street, William Lyon MacKenzie Printing Press Then and Now**

-1824 published weekly newspaper  
'Colonial Advocate'

(agricultural advice, poems,  
anecdotes, advertising, current  
events... )

-CONFLICT!! -- criticism of the  
'Family Compact' - the ruling families  
(mostly English - MacKenzie was  
Scottish), so... he left his store in  
Toronto, came to Queenston (the  
Queen's Town!!), as a publisher

-1854 'Thirty years ago, I published  
at Queenston, on the 18th of May,  
1824, The first number of a public  
newspaper, voluntarily



established to promote justice and equity in a sparsely populated, badly  
governed colony, To communicate the day that had transformed a quiet,  
peaceful obscure trade into an ardent colonial politician and public cause.  
I then planted in front of my dwelling a row of acacia or locust trees, And a  
grapevine and had the scene of seeing them grow luxuriously.

Note: acacia has thorns ... democracy is a prickly pursuit!!!

### **POI #4: Brock's Horse Memorial**



This horse carried  
General Sir Isaac Brock  
into battle at Detroit and  
Queenston Heights, is  
the most famous  
warhorse in Canadian  
history. Few know that,  
according to local  
legend, his final days  
were spent peacefully  
grazing on the grassy  
commons of the  
Goderich Square.

Question #3 What was the name of Brock's horse?

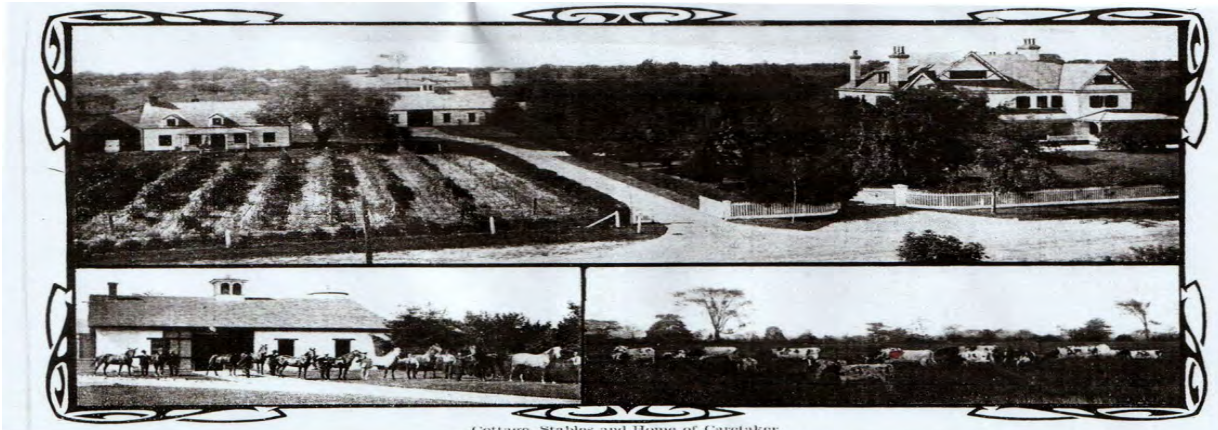
## POI #5: Willowbank



Willowbank was the family home of Alexander Hamilton (1790-1839). He spent most of his life in Queenston, Ontario. Alexander was a businessman, militia officer, Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, Judge, and Postmaster. He had a lasting impact on the community and was important in the history of Upper Canada.

Alexander's father Robert Hamilton was a successful businessman and his mother Catherine was a member of the prominent Askin family. His wife, Hannah Owen Jarvis, was the daughter of the first provincial secretary and registrar of Upper Canada William Jarvis.

## POI #6: 15608 Niagara Parkway Reif Winery “Ideal Country Home of Willis K Jackson”?



Ideal Country Home? Really?

With a cottage, stables and mansion? Stables and Horses? Herd of cows?

Now location of Reif Winery.

### 16052 Niagara Parkway

It was said that General Isaac Brock suggested that his English visitor travel to Gracewood. Upon arriving, the visitor was most impressed with the long laneway and rows of trees and roses leading up to the brick home. He wrote of this effect to the Irish poet, Thomas Moore, who in turn wrote *'The last Rose of Summer.'*



## POI #7: McFarland House



Built in 1800 by John McFarland and his sons, on land granted to him by King George III, this is one of the few buildings in Niagara-on-the-Lake which pre-dates the War of 1812.

Used as a hospital and headquarters for both the British and American armies during the War of 1812.

It was also the location of a cannon battery created to protect the Niagara River. Built on a ravine that was used as the launch point for the British attack on Fort Niagara in 1813.

The home is of particular historical significance as it survived the burning of Newark, a tragedy that took place when the American forces occupying Fort George retreated from the area in December 1813. This makes McFarland House one of the oldest structures in Niagara-on-the-Lake, as well as the oldest building owned by The Niagara Parks Commission.

Question #4 What were the stone features in the foreground above used for?

## POI #8: NOTL Pumphouse & Lighthouse



The Niagara Pumphouse was built in 1891 to supply water to the inhabitants of the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. It is the oldest surviving pump house in the Niagara Region. The original building contained a steam engine, water pumps and a boiler with a 75 ft. chimney.



Original pumphouse water pump. This one was driven by an internal combustion but the original was driven by a steam engine. Thus the pumphouse enclosed a boiler and 75' chimney.



This is the rear range light that was used to guide ships off of Lake Ontario and into the lower portion of the Niagara River. The lighthouse sits on the open grounds of 247 Ricardo Street. You can park in the lot and walk up to it, even though it is closed to the public.

## POI #9: Turntable Way



Vacationers from Toronto and elsewhere flocked to St. Catharines in the summer and took the train to Niagara-on-the-lake. Here the train turned around for its return trip.

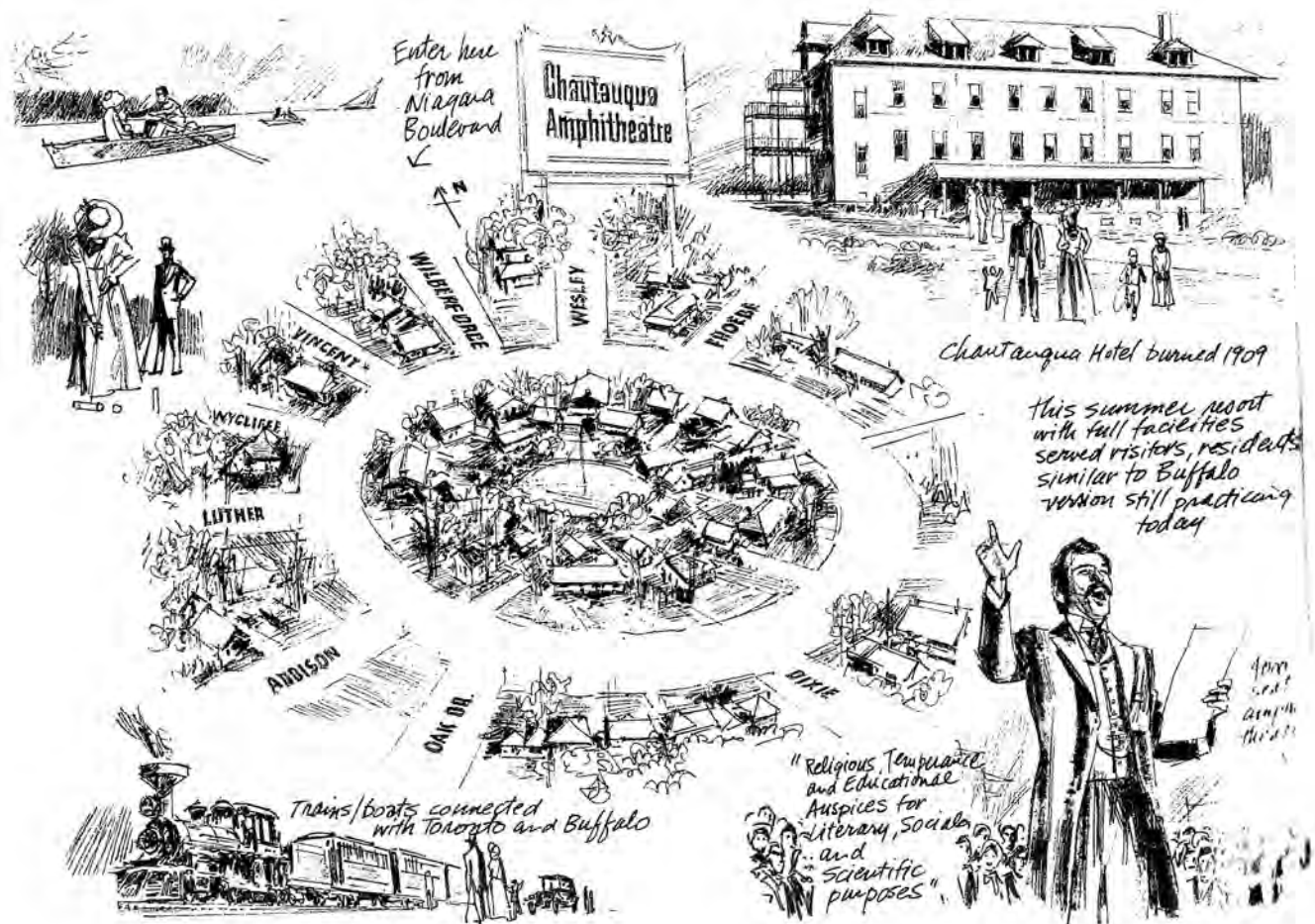


Remains of the track that ended at the turntable in NOTL.



You can still see remains of the old turntable which has now been turned into a floral garden.

# POI #10: Chautauqua



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Question Sheet

#1 What is the name of the Railway that passes over the Screaming Tunnel?

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#2 Who lies where the new granite headstone covers the old headstone?

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#3 Name of General Brock's horse?

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#4 What are the stone features at McFarland House used for?

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#5 What is the name of the railway that served NOTL to St. Catharines and on to Toronto?

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## Answers

#1 What is the name of the Railway that passes over the Screaming Tunnel?

Canadian National Railways or CNR

#2 Who lies where the new granite headstone covers the old headstone?

Ethel Warner

#3 Name of General Brock's horse?

Alfred

#4 What are the stone features at McFarland House used for?

Horse and carriage

#5 What is the name of the railway that served NOTL to St. Catharines and on to Toronto?

Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto or NS&T





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