



Niagara British Car Club Presents

Niagara on the Lake Museum
Niagara Polo

Date: Saturday, September 14
11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Welcome! This run is **not** a rally event. It is **not** a time/distance event and is **not** speed dependant. Please obey all speed limits, stop signs and road safety signs. **You** are responsible for your own safety.

Organizer(s') Cell: Garry Lemon – 905-351-1702

Bud and Leslie: 905-341-1349

Mileages are cumulative.

**Run notes, special instructions, organizer, contact numbers etc.*


- TL turn left
- TR turn right
- SA straight ahead
- organizers from the numbers provided
- POI point of interest
- HELP! Call any of the

MUSTER POINT: Tim Hortons in Virgil, 1561 Niagara Stone Rd, Niagara-on-the-Lake
Spill over parking is available on the north side of the LCBO lot

MUSTER TIME: 10:45 a.m.

DEPARTURE TIME: 11:00 a.m.

DESTINATION: NOTL Commons

Completed	Instruction	Km	Instruction
	TR	0.1	Out of the parking lot, at the lights  onto Hwy. 55
	TR	4.2	At John Street W.
	NOTE		Some cross streets along John are our stops; some are four-way and some are two-way
	TL	5.9	Turn left into the commons; Two Sisters winery is across from our entrance, which is a dirt road not normally used

We will wait for the opening ceremonies and the parade of our cars to begin.

Remember to bring your lawn chairs!

What you can expect to see:

- An Indigenous welcome from Phil Davis
- A car display from the Niagara British Car Club
- A car display from sponsors MINI St. Catharines and Performance BMW
- The Fort George Fife & Drum Corps and the Grimsby Pipe Band
- Sentineal Carriages to bring in dignitaries
- Pony rides for kids
- Food and drink vendors
- Artisan market from Sorella Niagara
- Best Hat contest at half-time – Beau Chapeau will be judging the contest and awarding prizes to the winners
- Divot stomp with a free sample of bubbly from Konzelmann Estate Winery
- Half-time entertainment from the Hitmen Drumline
- Two exciting games of POLO with players from the Toronto Polo Club

For details, log onto www.niagarapolo.com

Point of Interest #1

The Gardens at Pillar and Post



At the corner of John and King, across from the hotel and behind a brick wall are these magnificent gardens. They are just a few years old and were developed on a dirt parking lot. They are open to the public unless a public function is on.

“We chose Seferian Design Group to bring this magical section of Ontario’s favourite town to life. Partnering with this innovative leader in landscape architecture, we transformed our six-acre park space into the ultimate indoor/outdoor event space. Inspired by Monet’s gardens in France, the creation of the garden included bringing in more than 350 new trees, many of which also call the famous artist’s gardens

home. In addition to gorgeous foliage, our partners in construction were tasked with developing a replica of Monet’s infamous Japanese bridge, several paved pathways and a lily pond to spur quiet contemplation.”

The hotel is to be commended for adding this beautiful landscape.

Point of Interest #2

Butler’s Barracks and the Commons

Named after Colonel John Butler, a hero of the American Revolutionary War, this complex was an integral component of the military facilities built in the Niagara region to replace those destroyed during the War of 1812. Situated inland, out of range of the American artillery across the river, Butler's Barracks comprised more than 20 buildings by 1854. The only structures that survive from this period are the Commissariat Stores, Junior Commissariat Officers' Quarters, Men's Barracks and Gun Shed. The site was used by the British until 1870, after which it became a training camp for the Canadian militia. The barracks near John Street have been fully reconstructed and act as the headquarters for Parks Canada’s Southwestern Ontario Field Unit. The Commons was used extensively over the past two centuries for military training. It was also the site of the Native Council House at the perimeter of Paradise Grove from 1812 until the mid 1820s.

The Military Reserve, better known in the community as The Commons, has seen history unfold on the land for more than 200 years. With the start of the Great War in 1914, it became a training camp for over 14,000 soldiers of the 2nd Division of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Thousands of soldiers who fought and died at Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele and the many terrible battles of the Great War trained here.

In 1917, Butler's Barracks became Camp Kosciuszko, the winterized training camp for the Polish Army. Butler's Barracks, known as Camp Niagara in the 20th century, reached its greatest development during World War II when buildings, tents, parade grounds, streets and other necessary facilities covered much of the Commons. Camp Niagara was active until the 1960s. Soldiers who trained here served in the Boer War, World War I and World War II, in the Korean Conflict, and in peacekeeping efforts of the 20th century. When the soldiers were camped on these lands, polo was one of the leisure sports in which they participated on the parade square.



In 1955, the International World Boy Scout Jamboree was held here and Bud Moulson was in attendance!!