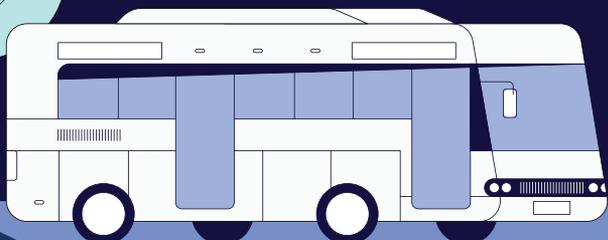
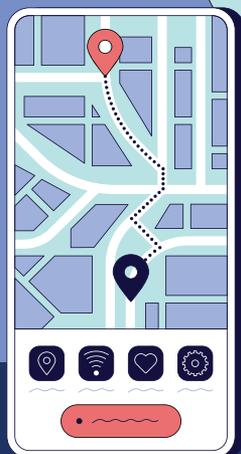


# EXPLORE HAMILTON 25/26

## PASSPORT



# INTRODUCTION

## **DISCLAIMER\***

Discounts are subject to change depending on the vendor. We advise students to call ahead before hand to confirm the discount is still available.

Terms and conditions of discount can be found at the back of this booklet.

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## **DISCOUNTS**

You must present the physical passport in order to receive any discounts, unless otherwise stated by each business

# BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREAS (BIAS)

**Business Improvement Areas** are distinct geographic regions in Hamilton which support the diverse businesses, events, and communities within them. There are over 1000 businesses across 11 unique business improvement areas in Hamilton.



**ANCASTER  
VILLAGE**



**BARTON  
VILLAGE**



**CONCESSION  
STREET**



**DOWNTOWN  
DUNDAS**



**DOWNTOWN  
HAMILTON**



**HESS  
VILLAGE**



**INTERNATIONAL  
VILLAGE**



**LOCKE  
STREET**



**OTTAWA  
STREET**



**WATERDOWN  
VILLAGE**



**WESTDALE  
VILLAGE**

# WHAT'S GOING ON IN HAMILTON

## FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

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### DOORS OPEN HAMILTON

Doors Open Hamilton is a public free access event in May to explore fascinating heritage properties, natural spaces, infrastructure and cultural landscapes that shape and define our communities. You can visit the museums, galleries, the Dundurn Castle, and more- all for free!

### HAMILTON FRINGE FESTIVAL

Hosted in mid to late July, the Hamilton Fringe Festival showcases a diverse lineup of sketch comedy, improv, theatre, dance, puppetry, magic, musicals, and more! Come catch 1 of 350+ performances taking place in historic venues across town.

### SUPERCRAWL

The arts and music festival to celebrate the end of summer is on September 12-14th on James Street North. Come for live music, art installations, theatre, dance, fashion, food, and fun!

### WINTERFEST

Winterfest is a free and affordable 3-week festival in February featuring over 70 community-led arts and recreation events. Come check out concerts, crafts, dancing, theatre, fashion, art installations, recreational activities, and more!

## KEEPING IN THE LOOP

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**The Vibe Hamilton** is a free, weekly guide to events, food, music, markets, and more in Hamilton!



**What's the Plan Hamilton** is a go-to source for things to do in Hamilton. Follow them on Instagram!



# GETTING AROUND HAMILTON

## HAMILTON BIKE SHARE



There are over 800 bikes across Hamilton that can be unlocked with a membership (included in student fees as a full-time undergraduate student). Just scan the QR code on the back of a bike through the app. These bikes can be used within Hamilton for a time limit (1.5 hours) each day!

## HAMILTON STREET RAILWAY



The HSR encompasses all local transit (buses) and can take you to all BIAs in Hamilton and more! As part of your MSU student fees, you can travel freely on the HSR all year by loading your unique redemption code onto a PRESTO card. You can also tap a credit card to pay your fare.

## BIRD



Bird is an e-scooter service, conveniently located across Hamilton. Pay per minute or purchase from various pass options.

## GO BUS



You can use your PRESTO card to ride GO transit to other destinations in Southern Ontario. Register for a post-secondary student discount to receive 40% off your fare!

# ANCASTER VILLAGE

## ANCASTER CHEESE AND FINE FOODS



**10%  
OFF**

**SPECIAL  
DISCOUNT  
COUPON**

Specialty cheese shop featuring fine cheeses and many local food options. Vegan, vegetarian and glutenfree foods available too. Inclusive Space, everyone is welcome!



25 mins



15 mins



33 mins

356 Wilson St E

# ANCASTER VILLAGE

## TRAILS CAFE



Independently owned, LGBTQIA friendly, quaint cozy cafe in the Heart of Ancaster Village. Come enjoy our delicious espresso beverages and tea along with hearty sandwiches and also Vegan / glutenfree baked goods.



30 mins



15 mins



35 mins

286 Wilson St E

# BARTON VILLAGE

## HAMILTON CRAFT STUDIO



**25%  
OFF**  
ANY WORKSHOP

**SPECIAL  
DISCOUNT  
COUPON**



45 mins



20 mins



33 mins

121 Princess Street 2nd  
& 3rd Floors

# CONCESSION STREET

## NEVER BOARD



Come eat, drink, and play at the Never Board Games Lounge, Hamilton's largest board games cafe/restaurant. With over 1500 games to play and a great menu of local food and drinks, you'll never be bored again!



45 mins



20 mins



37 mins

784 Concession St Unit 11

# CONCESSION STREET

## COLLINS BREWHOUSE



**10%<sup>\*</sup>  
OFF**

**SPECIAL  
DISCOUNT  
COUPON**

Where friends gather! Home of the \$5.00 Pabst Blue Ribbon.



20 mins



8 mins



14 mins

33 King St W

# DOWNTOWN HAMILTON

## MYSTIC RAMEN



We make small batch craft ramen as well as don buri and izakaya items. We are a safe and inclusive space to all diners and their unique dietary needs.



25 mins



13 mins



21 mins

51 King William Street

# DOWNTOWN HAMILTON

## RELAY COFFEE ROASTERS



We are a warm & friendly downtown cafe on King William St. offering brilliant, locally roasted coffee. We've been roasting coffee in Hamilton for more than 15 years.



25 mins



12 mins



21 mins

27 King William Street

# DOWNTOWN HAMILTON

## ESCAPE MANOR



**20%\***  
**OFF**

**SPECIAL  
DISCOUNT  
COUPON**

Escape Manor Hamilton is an immersive entertainment venue located at the heart of downtown Hamilton. We offer Escape Rooms, Darts Reimagined, Craft Cocktails, Complimentary Board Games, and more!



25 mins



14 mins



25 mins

**51 King William Street**

# DOWNTOWN HAMILTON

## BT65 RESTAURANT CAFE



Unusual flavors of Turkish cuisine and more are meticulously prepared with homemade recipes. Every plate is filled with the warmth of a mother's touch, and every sip is filled with sincerity. We're at your service from 12:00 PM to 11:00 PM with fresh dishes, hot tea, and friendly service.



25 mins

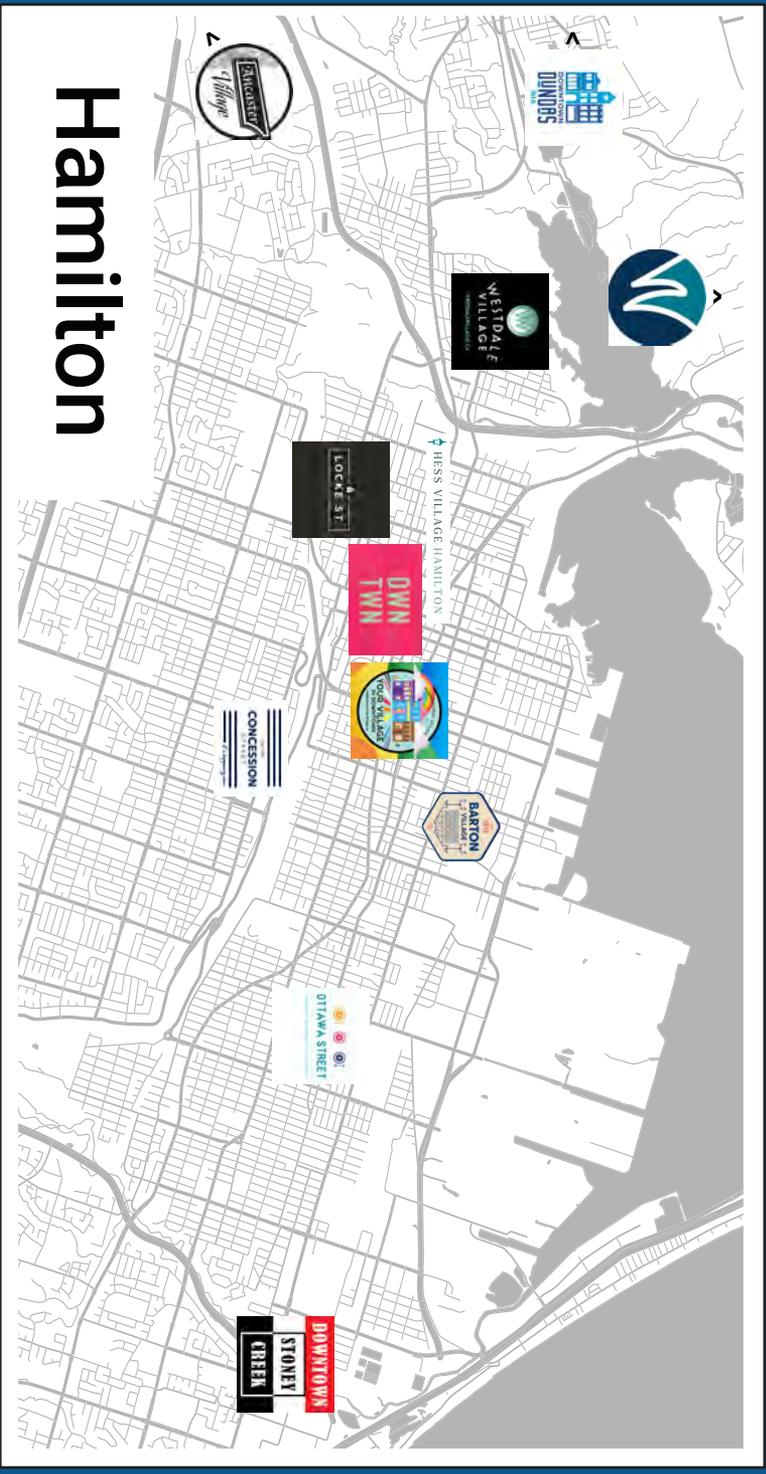


14 mins



26 mins

215 King Street East



# Hamilton

Know a hidden gem or great spot in Hamilton not included in this guide? Reach out to [avpmunicipal@msu.mcmaster.ca](mailto:avpmunicipal@msu.mcmaster.ca) with location recommendations for the next iteration of the Explore Hamilton guide!

Please reach out to Kerry Yang [avpmunicipal@msu.mcmaster.ca](mailto:avpmunicipal@msu.mcmaster.ca) with any questions or concerns.

# HESS VILLAGE

## THE NAILS HOTEL



**15%\***  
**OFF**  
SERVICES

**SPECIAL  
DISCOUNT  
COUPON**

The Nail Hotel blends luxury with relaxation, offering the ultimate getaway spot for self care. From iconic cocktails to sophisticated nails, every visit is sure to elevate your girls day, making it the perfect getaway.



20 mins



10 mins



16 mins

110 George Street

# HESS VILLAGE

## RADIUS RESTAURANT + LOUNGE

radius®



Radius celebrates the greatness in local food, drink, art and entertainment. Try their shareable plates, happy hour, or their date night menu. They also donate \$1 for every lunch entrée to local community organizations.



20 mins



10 mins



16 mins

18 Hess Street South

# HESS VILLAGE

## SELO CAFE



Selo Cafe is a cozy, community-driven spot in the heart of Hess Village, offering specialty coffee, fresh baked goods, and a warm, eclectic atmosphere. Inspired by European café culture, Selo is a place to slow down, connect, and enjoy thoughtfully crafted drinks and pastries. Since opening, the menu continues to evolve with seasonal offerings and unique collaborations.



20 mins



10 mins



16 mins

13 Hess Street South

# HESS VILLAGE

## GOWN & GAVEL



**15%\***  
**OFF**  
FOOD

**SPECIAL  
DISCOUNT  
COUPON**

Pub fare for lunch and dinner, plus private events, nightlife, and home to Hamilton's legendary patio Saturday's. Open 7 days a week.



20 mins



10 mins



16 mins

24 Hess St S, Hamilton

# INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE

## CAFÉ ORANJE



Euro-inspired coffee shop in the heart of Hamilton, serving locally roasted specialty coffees, in-house and locally prepared baked goods and light breakfast and lunch. Delicious coffee, warm community vibes!



25 mins



15 mins



24 mins

312 King St E, Hamilton

# INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE

## DAS SCHNITZELHAUS



10%<sup>\*</sup>  
OFF

SPECIAL  
DISCOUNT  
COUPON

Das Schnitzelhaus is a family-owned German restaurant serving authentic, freshly prepared schnitzels, hearty classics, and traditional recipes that bring the taste of Germany to your table. With warm hospitality and a cozy atmosphere, we offer a dining experience that celebrates quality, community, and rich culinary tradition.



25 mins



14 mins



23 mins

255 King St E

# LOCKE STREET

## SCORE PIZZA



Score Pizza serves up stone-fired, made-to-order pizzas fast—with unlimited toppings all for one flat price. Customize your own or choose from signature creations, all baked to perfection in a piping hot stone oven.



20 mins



9 mins



15 mins

180 Locke St S

# LOCKE STREET

## CRAIG'S COOKIES

**CRAIG'S  
COOKIES**  
Hamilton



COMPLIMENTARY  
SHOT OF  
SUMMIT STATION  
DAIRY MILK\*

**SPECIAL  
DISCOUNT  
COUPON**

Score Pizza serves up stone-fired, made-to-order pizzas fast—with unlimited toppings all for one flat price. Customize your own or choose from signature creations, all baked to perfection in a piping hot stone oven.



20 mins



9 mins



15 mins

188 Locke St S

# OTTAWA STREET

## DSRT CO.



10%<sup>\*</sup>  
OFF

SPECIAL  
DISCOUNT  
COUPON

Since 2021, DSRT Co. has been crafting visually stunning and equally delicious filled chocolate bars with artistic style and creative flavours. Stop by for one of their original signature bars and browse the store for the many other delicious treats, baked goods and hand crafted beverages.



40 mins



21 mins



39 mins

295 Ottawa Street North

# WATERDOWN VILLAGE

## GARCIA'S SANDWICH SHOP



Welcome to Garcia Sandwich shop, where the passion and love for Italian cuisine is apparent in every sandwich we make. As a family-owned and operated restaurant, we take pride in serving the best standard ingredients to our customers.



45 mins



15 mins

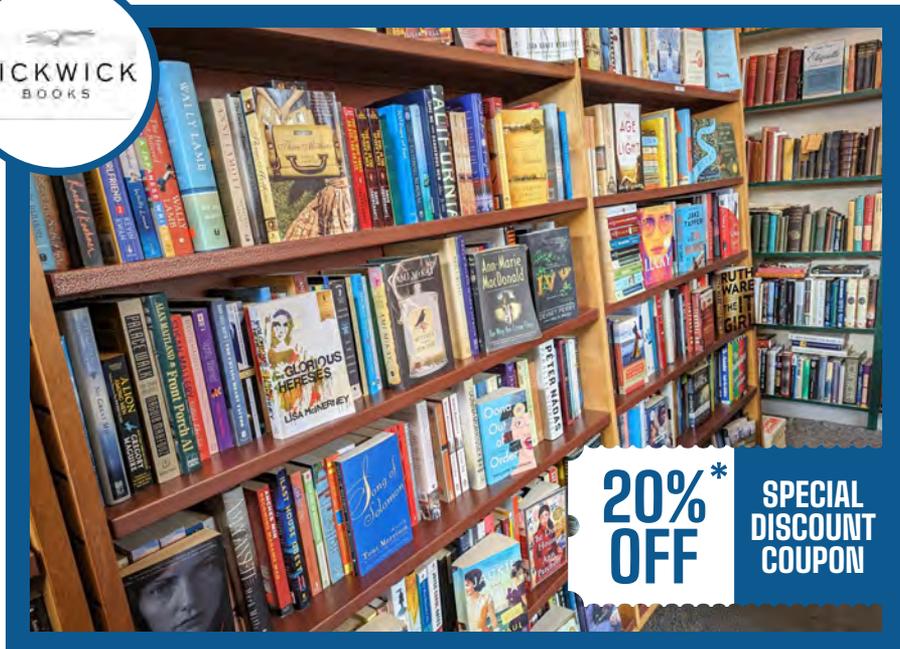


46 mins

255 Dundas St E #2B,  
Waterdown

# WATERDOWN VILLAGE

## PICKWICK BOOKS



Pickwick Books sells quality used, rare and collectable books in historic Waterdown village.



40 mins



16 mins



46 mins

325 Dundas Street East,  
Waterdown

# WATERDOWN VILLAGE

## BOUND YOGA

BOUND *yoga*



15%-90%  
**OFF\***

**SPECIAL  
DISCOUNT  
COUPON**

Yoga studio for the whole family! Wide variety of movement classes for fitness, fun, and wellness



45 mins



17 mins



47 mins

170 Rockhaven Ln #108,  
Waterdown

# WESTDALE VILLAGE

## DOOCOO



Unique gifts store at Westdale Hamilton.



5 mins



3 mins



6 mins

1032 King St W

# BURLINGTON

## ZERO LATENCY BURLINGTON



Free Roam Virtual Reality Arena in Burlington! Offering amazing and immersive experiences for those who love gaming and technology



55 mins



20 mins

3410 Mainway Unit 11,  
Burlington

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## **HAMILTON CRAFT STUDIO**

25% off any workshop.

## **COLLINS BREWHOUSE**

10% off Applicable only on Tuesdays.

## **ESCAPE MANOR**

20% off. Must use code **STUDENT 20**. Offer available Sunday to Thursday.

## **THE NAILS HOTEL**

15% off services. Must present valid student ID card.

## **RADIUS RESTAURANT + LOUNGE**

10% off food for McMaster Students only. Must present valid student card.

## **SELO CAFE**

10% off discount for McMaster Students. Must present valid student card.

## **GOWN & GAVEL**

15% off food for McMaster Students until 5-9pm. Must present valid student card.

## **DAS SCHNITZELHAUS**

10% off applicable to food items.

## **CRAIG'S COOKIES**

Complimentary shot of delicious Summit Station Dairy milk (white, chocolate, strawberry, coffee) with purchase!

## **DSRT CO.**

10% off one use per person.

## **PICKWICK BOOKS**

20% off applicable to all used books.

## **BOUND YOGA**

15-98% off one use per person.

## **DOOCOO**

Free welcome gift. One use per person.

## **ZERO LATENCY BURLINGTON**

15% off use code MCMASTERVR.



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