

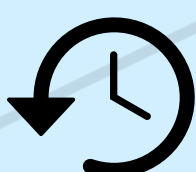
# GET TO KNOW

## KITCHENER WATERLOO



Reid's Heritage Homes is proud to have built new homes and communities in the Kitchener-Waterloo area for decades - and it's not hard to see why! Conveniently located on the 401, 1.5 hours from Toronto, Kitchener-Waterloo offers big-city excitement without losing its small-town charm. Kitchener and Waterloo are considered 'twin cities' and although they have separate municipal governments, they are often referred to as 'Kitchener-Waterloo' or 'KW'.

### A Little Piece of History...



Kitchener was founded in 1807 by Bishop Benjamin Eby, the community was known successively as Sand Hill, Ebytown, and then Berlin before being renamed after the British field marshal Lord Kitchener in 1916 after a referendum.

The area's deep Germanic roots and history are most evident during the annual Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest, the largest celebration of all things Bavarian outside of Germany.

### Fun Facts...



- Kitchener was the first city to launch the Blue Box recycling program in 1981.
- Home to the annual Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest, considered to be the second largest Oktoberfest in the world.
- Waterloo is known internationally for its 2 universities, 'Wilfred Laurier' and 'University of Waterloo'.

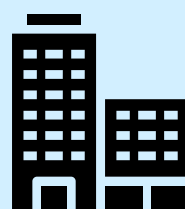
### Oktoberfest...



Oktoberfest is an annual nine-day festival in the twin cities of Kitchener-Waterloo. It is Based on the original German Oktoberfest and billed as Canada's Greatest Bavarian Festival as well as the second-largest Oktoberfest in the world.

For information on this annual festival, visit [www.oktoberfest.ca](http://www.oktoberfest.ca)

### Places to visit...



- **Homer Watson House and Gallery** - The Homestead of Homer Watson, Canada's first noted landscape artist.
- **Kitchener Waterloo Art Gallery** - Waterloo Region's leading public art gallery, connecting people and ideas through art with a focus of contemporary culture.
- **Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum** - A Museum featuring exhibits on Waterloo's history, plus the 24-acre Doon Heritage Village.
- **Bingemans** - A multipurpose recreation center with a water park, bowling & a big outdoor stage, plus a campground.
- **Chicopee Ski & Summer Resort** - A non-profit organization that provides outdoor recreation facilities to families in the Waterloo Region including skiing, mountain biking and beach volleyball.

### The Great Outdoors...



The Kitchener Waterloo area offers over 125km of walking/ hiking trails that have continuous or linked routes all through the city, some of which also run along the beautiful Grand River. Whether you're a walker, jogger, hiker, cyclist or simply someone who wants to be surrounded by nature, there is green space nearby for you to enjoy.

For additional information, visit [www.explorewaterloo.ca](http://www.explorewaterloo.ca)

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