

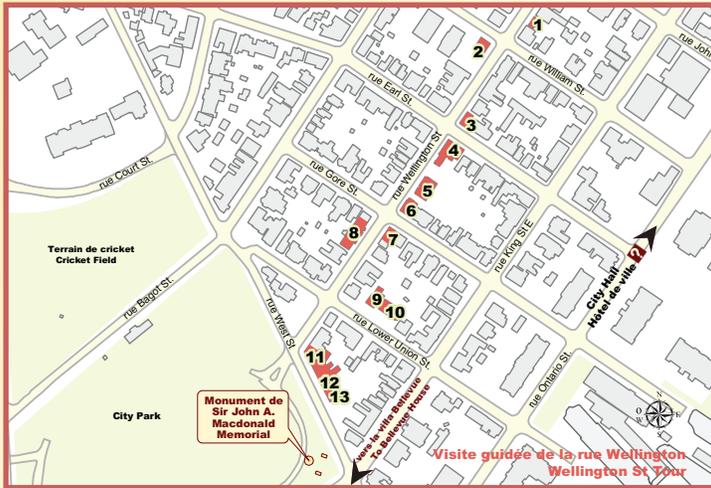
Free A Walking Tour: KINGSTON

Wellington Street, Kingston

Start on Wellington St. at the corner of Johnson St.
Estimated walking time is 45 minutes
including the return to the starting point.

Enjoy this historical City of Kingston Walking Tour.
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Please respect private property.

Wellington St. was originally named Grass St., after Michael Grass, a Loyalist who arrived in Kingston in 1783. This tour highlights some of the 19th century architecture on Earl, Gore, Lower Union and West streets, where they intersect with Wellington St.



1 103 Wellington St. is an 1837 Greek revival cottage. It has an elaborate doorway with the pattern repeated above the windows.



Continue along Wellington St. to Earl St. and look left toward the water. This is one of the most interesting streetscapes in Kingston. While there have been additions and alterations over the years, they are faithful to the architects' intentions.

2 96 Wellington St. is an unusual three-storey double house or duplex at the corner of Wellington and William Streets. Built in 1841, it was a rental property when Kingston was the capital of Canada. The walls facing the street are stone but parts of the rear walls are brick. It is possible there would have been additions to this building if the capital had not moved to Montréal in 1843.



3 67 Earl St. on the left corner was built in 1847.

The right hand side of the house was probably duplicated on the left before alterations. The windows and balcony in the roof are all additions – the balcony in about 1900 and the two windows in about 1960.

4 66-68 Earl St. on the right corner was built in 1842, a two-storey, limestone double house. Notice the doorways with Venetian windows and balconies above them. Other houses on Earl St. are included in the Earl St. Walking Tour.



5 47 Wellington St. was built as the Wellington Street School. It was designed by John Power in 1873, cost \$7,200 and was the most modern school in the city at the time. Since it closed in 1927, it has been a badminton club, HMCS Cataraqui, an engineering laboratory and apartments – which shows just how buildings can be repurposed.



Continue along Wellington St. to Gore St. and look down towards the water.

6 89-91 Gore St. is on your left at the corner of Gore St. and Wellington St. It is a three-storey stone house with two doors on Gore and one on Wellington St. There are semi-circular arched entrances with recessed doors and a large blind arch above each. This house was built in 1842 as a rental property when Kingston was expected to boom as the capital city of the United Provinces.



7 92 Gore St. across the street, on your right at the corner of Gore St. and Wellington St., was built in 1839 as a double house

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- King St. – the “ceremonial entrance” to Kingston’s downtown
- Earl St. – one of the oldest streets in Kingston
- John & Joseph Power – featuring some of the buildings designed by these prominent Kingston architects

without the wing on Wellington St. One of the doorways on Gore has been blocked off. When it was built, a carpenter lived there with his woodworking yard behind the house. Note that the second floor windows have pieces of ironwork in the lower corners. These pieces originally held back shutters.



8 **32-38 Wellington St.** is a brick terrace built in two sections between 1873 and 1879. These four houses, examples of middle-class housing, have a high stone foundation. There are two carriageways with arched entrances. Each house has a recessed doorway, and there are six dormers. The porches are later additions.



Continue along Wellington St. to the corner of Lower Union St.

9 A few houses down on the left is **81 Lower Union St.**, a one-and-a-half-storey brick cottage built in 1875. Notice the door, especially the very narrow side windows, and the porch with its Doric pillars. The roof windows are Gothic in style and there is a carved wooden (bargeboard) decoration in the central gable.



10 **75 Lower Union St.** (Charles Place) is a regency cottage that was built sometime before 1832. The Oliver family owned it from 1832 to 1898. The servants’ quarters



upstairs were converted to family bedrooms in the 1840s. That is when the dormer and the small upper porch were added. It is called “Charles Place” for one-time owner Charles Oliver, to avoid confusion between it and a house belonging to George Oliver. It has a deeply recessed central porch. The doorway and sidelight windows are intricately designed with fancy borders. The other windows at the front of the house include both 8 over 8 panes of glass and 12 over 12 panes.

Return to Wellington St. and turn left.

Continue along Wellington St. to West St. which at one time was the western limit of the village. In the war of 1812, a stockade along this street defended Kingston, with a blockhouse at this intersection. Walk towards the water on West St. and you will see a row of interesting houses.

11 **65 West Street** has a corner tower, very popular in 1879. It was built for \$1,275. This house completed a streetscape of red brick buildings all built in the 1870’s.



12 Next door is Westbourne Terrace at **57-63 West St.** It was built in 1874. **63** was lived in by the original owner while three of his children lived in other parts of the terrace. It has a two-storey bay window with a projecting gable roof. The other three have single-storey bay windows. There is a central carriage-way.



13 At the far end of Westbourne Terrace is **55 West St.**, built in 1877 and altered in 1892. It is similar in appearance to Westbourne Terrace, although it was built separately and later. The first owner was a lawyer, Cornelius Price, who later became a judge.



You may now retrace your steps to downtown.

Or, go a little further down West St. to the intersection of West St. and King St., turn left and follow King St. back to downtown.

