



## **Niagara Benchlands Badge**

The Niagara Benchlands Badge introduces hikers to the historical significance and variety of activities near and around the Beamsville Bench area of Niagara.

The Niagara Benchlands badge is awarded to hikers who complete the following 3 hikes:

### **1. Jordan Historical Hike**

This is a self-guided leisurely walking tour of the village of Jordan. In addition to scanning QR codes around the village of Jordan, the hike/walk can be accessed as a PDF download.

<https://qrco.de/bch3Qi>. Before you head out for the hike, you may want to print the map on Page 10 of the PDF.

Scan the QR code at the entrance to the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre in Jordan. Follow the map and read the description at each stop on the tour. You will need to answer the following 5 questions in order to earn the badge:

1. How big is the new museum?
2. In which house did one of the founders of the Welland Canal live?
3. Why did the congregation of the Eastern Orthodox Congregation sell the Hare House?
4. In which house did John Henry Preston, a black Canadian born in the United States live?
5. Where does Sarah Hayne's husband's name appear?

### **2. Ball's Falls Hike**

<https://www.plotaroute.com/route/2086071>

1. Park at Jordan Hollow Park **N43.1422346 W79.3727785**
2. Take the Jordan Hollow Side Trail until it meets the Main Trail.
3. Turn right and follow the Main Trail to Ball's Falls Historic Village.
4. Continue to follow the trail until it meets Sixth Ave (the street that passes through the Historic village).
5. Cross over the street towards the barn and follow the path across the **metal bridge**.
6. Turn left after the bridge and follow the path with the creek on your left.
7. As you walk up the hill take a **photo of the old mill**.
8. At the top of the hill is the upper falls. Take a picture of the **Upper Falls**.
9. Continue up the hill and follow the path (staying to your right) until it ends.

10. Turn Right and continue down the hill, across the roadway and back to the Historic Village.
11. In the village, follow the path that leads to the Lower Falls. Take a picture of the **Lower Falls**.
12. Return to the Main Trail in the Historic Village and follow the Main Trail back up the set of stairs (Twenty Valley Trail) and descending the long flight of stairs that you came up earlier in the hike until the trail eventually meets the Jordan Hollow Side Trail.
13. Take the side trail back to the parking lot and your car.
14. Requirements for badge: photos of 1) ruins of old mill, 2) Upper Ball's Falls, 3) Lower Ball's Falls

### 3. Wineries of the Beamsville Bench:

This hike is approximately 6 km long.

<https://www.plotaroute.com/route/1980183?units=km>

1. Park at Mountainview Conservation Area km 73.5
2. Turn Right on Mountainview Road and follow the white blazes until you see entrance to **Fielding Winery**. Take the road to Fielding Winery and take a picture of the winery. Return to Locust Lane Road.
3. Turn Right on Locust Lane Road and follow the white blazes to **Locust Lane Winery**. Take a photo. Return to Locust Lane Road.
4. Turn Right on Locust Lane Road and follow it past **Hidden Bench Winery**.
5. Turn Left on McLeod Street.
6. Turn Right on Mountainview and continue to **30 Bench Winery**. Take a picture of the Winery.
7. Continue down Mountainview Road and turn Left to get to **Rosewood Winery**.
8. Return to Mountainview Road and retrace your steps to get to **Angel's Gate Winery**. Take a photo of the Entrance way.
9. Locate Angel's Gate Side Trail just to the left of the winery. Take the side trail. There is a picnic table along the path if you would like to enjoy a picnic lunch. Follow the side trail until it meets Beamsville Bench Side Trail.
10. Turn left onto Beamsville Side Trail and follow it until it meets the main trail. Keep left on the Main Trail and continue until the parking lot at Mountainview Conservation Area and your vehicle.
11. Winery Photo requirements: for badge: Fielding, Locust Lane, 30 Bench, Angel's Gate.

There are several other wineries along this route if you are interested in checking them out. Both Angel's Gate and Locust Lane are on the Main Trail.

**Organized Crime** is on Mountainview Road along the Main Trail. Feel free to visit a few of the wineries (if your boots are relatively clean).

