



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 Upper Falls Side Trail .
6. As you walk up the hill take a **photo of the old mill**.
7. At the top of the hill is the upper falls. Take a picture of the **Upper Falls**.
8. Continue to follow the Upper Falls Side trail as it loops back to the main trail.
9. When you cross the road, take the path to the Lower Falls.

10. Take a picture of the **Lower Falls**.
11. 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.
12. Take the side trail back to the parking lot and your car.
13. Requirements for badge: photos of
 - a. ruins of old mill
 - b. Upper Ball's Falls
 - c. Lower Ball's Falls

3. Wineries of the Beamsville Bench:

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

1. Park at Mountainview Conservation Area km 73.5
2. Turn Right on Mountainview Rd 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 Rd.
3. Turn Right on Locust Lane Rd and follow the white blazes to Locust Lane Winery Sign.
4. Continue on Locust Lane Rd and follow it past **Hidden Bench Winery**. Take a picture of the Winery.
5. Turn Left on McLeod St.
6. Turn Right on Mountainview and continue to **30 Bench Winery**. Take a picture of the Winery.
7. Continue down Mountainview Rd and turn Left to get to **Rosewood Winery**.
8. Return to Mountainview Rd and retrace your steps to get to **Le Clos Jordanne 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.

There are several other wineries along this route if you are interested in checking them out.

Organized Crime is on Mountainview Rd along the Main Trail.

Required pictures: Fielding Winery
Hidden Bench Winery
30 Bench Winery
Le Clos Jordanne Winery