

# Godsil65 Excursion: Historic Elora Ontario

**Departure:** Wednesday, 25 June at 12:15pm from the SLC

**Return:** Approximately 7:00pm

**Cost:** Bus transportation is \$20 per person, payable at registration.

**Please make your reservation by 14 June!**

*On Wednesday afternoon, we will take a break from research lectures and get a taste of Ontario, visiting a small village on the Grand River. The choice of activity once there is entirely up to you. The village of Elora offers food, drink, shopping, art exhibits, hiking and some more adventurous recreation. Famous for the adjacent Elora Gorge, the village is a favorite weekend getaway for Ontarians. Here, we list the most obvious choices for afternoon activities, so read on. And be sure to reserve your seat on the bus on or before Saturday June 14th. To do this, send a short note to [martin@wpi.edu](mailto:martin@wpi.edu) including the subject line "ELORA". Bus seats will be assigned on a first come-first served basis, but we will try to find rides for all who send requests before 15 June.*

## 1. Tubing on the Grand River. (\$25 rental fee)

A short walk from downtown. Be sure to bring swimwear, towel and other appropriate supplies. Tubing is not permitted on days when the river condition is unsafe. Rental fee includes tube, helmet, jacket, and registration fee. (For more information, see

<http://www.grandriver.ca/EloraTubing/>)



- ## 2. Elora SkyRider Zipline. (\$30+HST per ride)
- From the brochure: "Glide 200ft across the 80ft deep Gorge for an amazing view. It's a breathtaking experience that you'll never forget." One AXE, the service provider, does not usually open on a Wednesday. But we are fortunate that their ziplines will be operational on June 25th to serve another interested group. So there is no need for advance reservations. (For more information, see <http://oneaxepursuits.com/2014/courses/elora-skyrider-zipline-near-toronto-ontario/>)



3. **Hiking along Elora Gorge.** (Free)

Choose from short walks around town to a 10km trail loop headed east along the Grand River to the neighboring town of Fergus and back. The most popular hike follows 3km of gorge trails, including elaborate steps and the 22-metre high cliffs, and providing breathtaking views of Elora Gorge.



(See also: <http://www.grandriver.ca/index/document.cfm?Sec=21&Sub1=0&sub2=0>)

4. **Elora Center for the Arts.** (Free admission)

This resource for artists has exhibits and regular events and a lot of great stuff to see. Check out the Harris Gallery and the Minarovich Gallery. 75 Melville St. Or consider walking 2km to the Wellington County Museum & Archives. (See also: <http://www.eloracentreforthearts.ca>)



5. **Shopping.** Gifts, clothing, antiques, crafts and more. Wander along Geddes St, Metcalf St, and Mill St to see what rural Ontario has to offer. Your brochure includes 47 different places to buy things in Elora!



6. **Dining.** (Prices vary. E.g., a burger or sandwich can cost \$12) A variety of fifteen restaurants to satisfy your appetite. Choose from crepes, ethnic vegetarian, fish & chips, pizza, burgers and sandwiches, steaks and seafood, or traditional English food.

7. **Pubs.** And, of course, for those who want to pull out a pen and paper and discuss mathematics over a pint, Elora has a few great pubs where you can relax and enjoy views of the village or the Grand River and the falls leading down to the Gorge.