

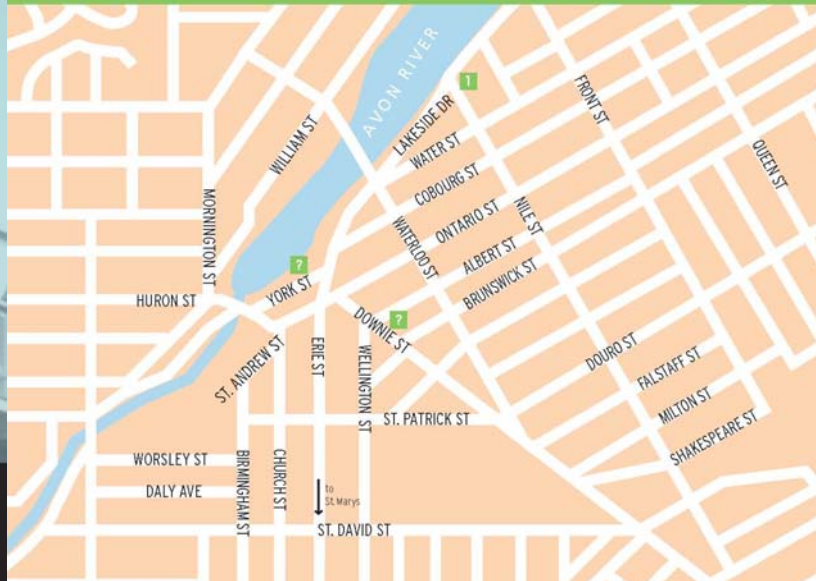


Which Canadian Prime Minister took a dive at the St. Marys Quarry in 1968?

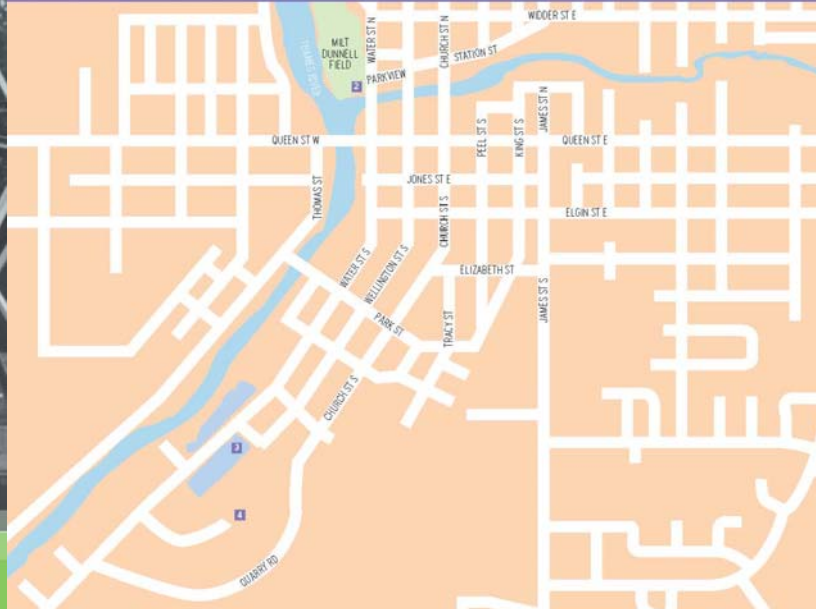


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Stratford's Grand Old Hockey Shrine, 15 Morenz Dr.

Built in 1924, The William Allman Memorial Arena, is touted as the longest continuously operating arena of its kind in the world. It is one of the last remaining examples of the so called "Ice Palaces" built in North America during the 1920s and 30s, which took advantage of new technologies permitting the installation of indoor artificial ice surfaces.



SPORTS CELEBRITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE WILLIAM ALLMAN ARENA:



Local Hockey Hopeful Turned Coach Brings Home the Gold!

Sons of the city's leading baker and confectioner, the Rankin boys enjoyed a measure of hockey success. Frank Rankin coached the Toronto Granites in the 1922-23 Ontario Hockey Association's senior league, and in February 1924, he and the Granites beat the United States 6-1 to win hockey gold for Canada at the first Winter Olympics, in Chamonix, France. Frank was inducted into the Hockey hall of Fame in 1961.

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one's first

} The William Allman arena
is the site of Wayne
Gretzky's first
minor hockey
goal in 1968.



Hockey-Hall-Of-Famer Got His Start In Stratford.

Named in a national press poll the outstanding hockey player of the first half of the 20th century, Howie Morenz spent his formative years in Mitchell, just west of Stratford. He learned to skate and play hockey on the Thames River, but it was in Stratford, where he starred on junior, senior and railway teams, that he signed with the Montreal Canadiens launching a hall-of-fame career.

Hockey Day in Canada



On January 30 2010, CBC celebrated the 10th annual live broadcast of Hockey Day in Canada from Stratford. The Allman Arena hosted Don Cherry & Ron McLean as well as many hockey greats including Ted Lindsay, Wendel Clark and Tim Taylor.

Youngest Men's World Figure Skating Champion.

Winning the 1963 World Figure Skating Championships at the age of 18, marked the culmination of 14 years of hard work for Stratford's Donald McPherson. Born in 1945, McPherson began skating at the Stratford Figure Skating Club at the age of 4. He gained valuable experience in 1960 at the age of 15 when he finished 10th at the Olympics in California. He then turned professional starring in Dick Button's Ice-Travaganza at the 1964 New York World Fair.





William Allman. So, who was this guy?

Not a well known sports figure or VIP, Bill Allman spent most of his 47 years with the City of Stratford managing "the barn" and its ice. He passed away in 1995 and the following year the arena was named in his memory. A fitting nod to the man who truly loved the old barn and the game played within it.

TO CONTINUE THE TOUR IN ST. MARYS, DRIVE WEST ALONG LAKESIDE DRIVE CROSSING THE WATERLOO STREET INTERSECTION (WHERE LAKESIDE DRIVE WILL BECOME VETERANS DRIVE) TO THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT ONTARIO STREET. TRAVELLING ACROSS ONTARIO STREET, VETERANS DRIVE NOW BECOMES ERIE STREET. CONTINUE SOUTH ON ERIE STREET LEAVING STRATFORD EN ROUTE TO ST. MARYS. ERIE STREET WILL BECOME HIGHWAY 7/119. TURN RIGHT AT THE HIGHWAY 9 EXIT TO ST. MARYS. HIGHWAY 9 WILL BECOME QUEEN STREET AS YOU ENTER THE DOWNTOWN. TURN RIGHT AT WATER STREET NORTH AND CROSS THE BRIDGE. MILT DUNNELL FIELD WILL BE ON YOUR LEFT.

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Milt Dunnell Field – The Flats Renamed

Frequently flooded by the Thames River, the area of land known as the Flats, was not suitable for any permanent structure. Cricket and baseball teams played here as early as 1860, with bats changing to lacrosse nets in the 1890s when it was home to the St. Marys Alerts Lacrosse Team until 1920. As a young lad Milt Dunnell would evade the nickel charge at the gate to watch a referee get tossed into the river after a bad call.



"The Sports Editor of Canada" Milt Dunnell.

Joining the Toronto Star in 1942, Milt Dunnell travelled the globe to cover sports, but he cherished his ties to Perth County, where in 2005, in honour of his 100th birthday, St. Marys renamed the town's athletic field Milt Dunnell Field. Milt Dunnell died on January 3, 2008 at the age of 102.



Boxcars for Milt!



While training at Ipperwash during WWII, avid gambler Milt Dunnell got into a craps game with pal, Waldo Montieth.

The craps table was the regiment bass drum causing every roll of the dice to out a rousing military tattoo. During the evening, Milt made thirteen straight passes cleaning out the Perth Regiment and then moving to the London Hussars to pick them clean too! And by the way, J. Waldo Monteith went on to become a cabinet minister in the Diefenbaker government.

DRIVE ALONG WATER STREET NORTH BACK TO QUEEN STREET CROSSING THE INTERSECTION TO WATER STREET SOUTH UNTIL YOU REACH THE QUARRY. OR IF YOU PREFER, ENJOY THE LEISURELY WALK ALONG THE RIVERVIEW WALKWAY FROM THE MILT DUNNELL FIELD TO THE QUARRY.

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Canada's Largest Outdoor Spring-fed Swimming Pool, Water Street South.

With a water depth ranging from 20 to 25 feet, this swimming hole of legendary stature is a perfect destination on a hot summer day. The Quarry gained additional status in 1968 when, former Prime Minister of Canada Pierre Elliot Trudeau dove off the high dive during an un-scheduled side-trip to St. Marys.



FROM THE QUARRY, THERE ARE THREE ENTRANCES OFF WATER STREET TO THE GROUNDS OF THE CANADIAN BASEBALL HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM.

THE CANADIAN BASEBALL HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM MAY ALSO BE ACCESSED BY DRIVING EAST ALONG QUEEN STREET TO CHURCH STREET SOUTH. TURN RIGHT ON CHURCH STREET SOUTH AND TRAVEL TO THE END OF THE STREET.

