York/Durham Tour - revised for 2024.

Revised and updated for 2024 this tour maintains the essence of the previous versions while introducing some different roads.

Please arrive by 9:45AM. Our drivers meeting will be at 9:50AM and we will depart at 10:00AM. (Bring a mostly full gas tank, and a mostly empty bladder!)

Our meeting point is at Tim Horton's, 8129 Sheppard Ave East @ Morningside Avenue. This is the Tim's next to Wendy's, not to be confused with the takeout at the nearby Esso station.

Our tour starts by travelling through the Twyn Rivers area of the Rouge National Urban Park, and on to Old Finch Avenue where we will traverse the single lane Bailey Bridge, followed by a crossing of Toronto's only vehicular suspension bridge. As we leave the wilds of Scarborough, we will skirt the SE corner of York Region as we travel east into Durham Region, through the hamlet of Whitevale, on our way to the Lakeridge ski hill area where we can enjoy some squiggly roads. Continuing to the village of Goodwood, we will see some of the locations used in the Schitt's Creek TV series.

Heading west, back into York Region, we find some more curvy roads, drive around Musselman's Lake, and continue north towards our lunch stop at the Rose Family Farm <u>(www.rosefamilyfarm.ca)</u>, where we will find a washroom, a farm store and a chip truck. They grow their own potatoes! (Reviews: "Freshest French Fries around" and "Best fries ever!"). The farm store has seasonal produce, strawberries, corn, potatoes, squash, pumpkins, and baked goods.

There is a guest washroom, also some tables and a giant oak tree under which we can picnic. A folding chair would be advisable.

After lunch we continue west following the twists and ups and downs of the Oak Ridges Moraine, eventually working our way south where we will finish around 2PM, at Cathedral Town in the village of Victoria Square in Markham.

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