



Things to do...in Brampton

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There's more to the Flower City than pretty blossoms - Brampton is booming and blooming. Over the next five years, Brampton will be transforming its downtown core into the creative centre of the city thanks to the HACE economic development plan. As the city gears up to become a vibrant creative force in the GTA, there are plenty of things to see and do in the meantime.

Take a moment to look around...there's no need to venture too far from your doorstep to shake things up and have a little fun. Here's a list of what's shaking in the colourful city of Brampton:

1. Wander through Downey's Farm Market in Inglewood.

Ok, ok, so this first stop isn't even in Brampton, but it's worth the less than 30-minute drive north-west of the city. Trust us. There's strawberry picking (raspberry picking starts July 9), a corn maze and a Kritter Korral complete with donkeys, llamas, rabbits, and goats.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Where: 13682 Heart Lake Rd.

When to go: Daily 9 am to 6 pm

2. Catch a free concert in Rose Garden Square

From July to September, the Rose Theatre presents a free concert series. It happens Thursdays during the lunch hour (12 pm to 2 pm), Friday nights (8 pm to 10 pm) and during the Farmer's Market on Saturdays (11 am to 1 pm).

Click [here](#) for more information.

Where: 1 Theatre Lane

3. Go fruit-picking

Who would have known that Brampton is home to a myriad of pick-your-own-fruit farms? Whether you fancy apples, raspberries, strawberries, pears, pumpkins or squash (depending on the season), there's something for everyone. Just add pie crust!

[Al Ferri and Sons Country Apple Store](#)

Where: 8605 Heritage Rd.



Downey's Farm Market.

What to pick: Apples and strawberries

Website: <http://www.huttonville.com/alferriandsons/>

The Big'R Apple Farm

Where: 8672 Heritage Rd.

What to pick: Apples, strawberries, pears, pumpkins, squash, and sweet peas

Website: <http://www.huttonville.com/bigrapplefarm/>

Carl Laidlaw Orchards

Where: 9496 Heritage Rd.

What to pick: Apples, pears and raspberries

Website: <http://www.huttonville.com/carllaidlaworchards/index.htm>

Green Acres Farm

Where: 9266 Heritage Rd.

What to pick: Apples

Website: <http://www.huttonville.com/greenacres/index.htm>

Orchalaw Farms

Where: 9726 Heritage Rd.

What to pick: Apples, pears and pumpkins

Website: <http://www.orchalawfarms.com/>

Quint Ferri North Farm

Where: 9156 Heritage Rd.

What to pick: Apples and strawberries

Website: <http://www.huttonville.com/quintferri/index.htm>

Sunny Acre Farms

Where: 9519 Winston Churchill Blvd.

What to pick: Raspberries

Website: <http://www.sunnyacrefarms.com/>

4. Pick up an apple...at The Apple Factory

Walking into The Apple Factory is akin to walking into your grandmother's kitchen. The smell of a baking apple pie in the oven fills the air and a glass of cold-pressed apple cider awaits you on the kitchen counter. After the trip down memory lane, take a trip down the store aisles and challenge your decision-making skills with the assortment of fudge, ice cream, fresh bread, cookies, tarts, and jams.

Where: 10024 Mississauga Rd.

Website: <http://www.applefactory.com>

5. Lose yourself in the Brampton Global Jazz & Blues Festival

"Don't worry, be happy," Bobby McFerrin has famously said. Hear it from the crooner himself this year at the festival (McFerrin plays a solo show on August 13 at the Rose Theatre). If southern music is more your style, don't miss the legendary Dr. John bring Bourbon Street to Brampton.

When to go: August 11 to 14

Website: <http://www.artofjazz.org/index.cfm>

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