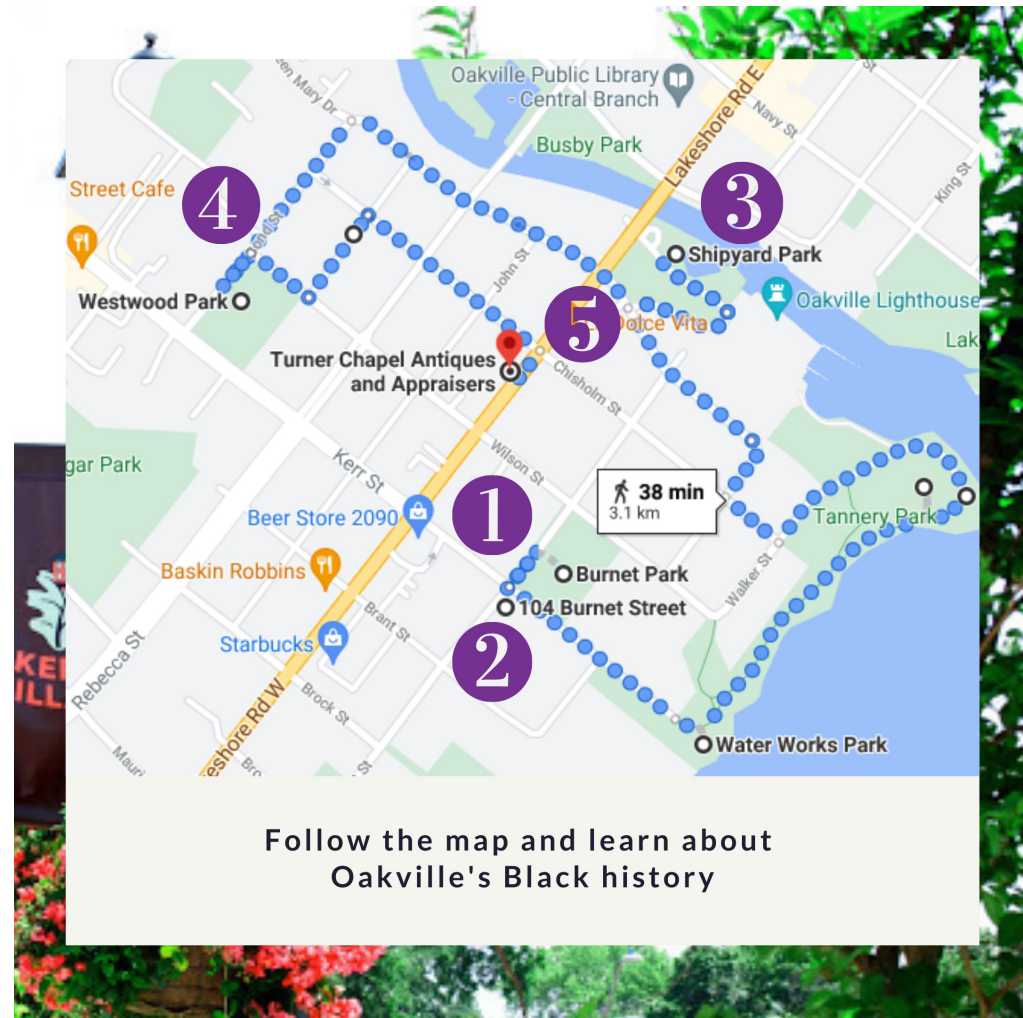




OAKVILLE'S

BLACK HISTORY WALKING TOUR!

KERR VILLAGE ROUTE





1

BURNET PARK
BURNET ST AND KERR ST

As an official Port of Entry into Canada, Oakville was one of the major destinations along the Underground Railroad and the first glimpse of freedom for many freed and escaped African American slaves. The Underground Railroad saw over 40,000 African American people migrating from the United States to Canada between 1850 and 1860 alone. In 2019, descendants of the Adams, Wayner, Duncan and Skeet families were present for the unveiling of the commemorative plaque.



2

THE ADAMS HOME
104 BURNET ST.

Jeremiah B Adams, a prominent figure in Oakville's Black history, purchased this house with his wife Eliza in 1909 on the southwest corner of Burnet and Kerr Streets. This house was passed on to their daughter, Nina Adams and then to other descendants of Jeremiah Adams in the Wayner, Duncan, and Skeete families for over 100 years. While the house was demolished in 2016, the plaque was put in place in 2019 to commemorate Oakville's Black history and community members. Descendants of the Adams, Wayner, Duncan and Skeet families were present for its unveiling.



3

SHIPYARD PARK
FRANCIS ST AND LAKESHORE RD WEST

The CCAH is working with the Town of Oakville to redesign Shipyard Park into a beautiful space dedicated to Oakville's Black history in a public and permanent way. William Chisholm purchased the land around Sixteen Mile Creek in 1827 and in 1834 the Town of Oakville became an official Port of Entry into Canada. Ships from Oakville sailed throughout the Great Lakes and beyond, and many slaves were assisted by ship captains to stow away in grain vessels.



4

KERR STREET
CAROUSEL OF NATIONS FESTIVAL

Kerr Street was the original home of the Carousel of Nations Multicultural Festival, a family event that contributes to the social cohesion of the Halton Region community. Since 1999, the festival remains to be a successful collaboration among the local ethno-cultural groups, professional and amateur multicultural artists, Halton Regional Police Service, local businesses, government and corporate sponsors.



5

TURNER CHAPEL ANTIQUES
37 LAKESHORE ROAD WEST

The Turner African Methodist Episcopal Church was built in 1891 by former slaves. The congregation included African Americans from Oakville and Bronte. The congregation remained very active for nearly 100 years.