

3-DAY CREATIVE RETREAT

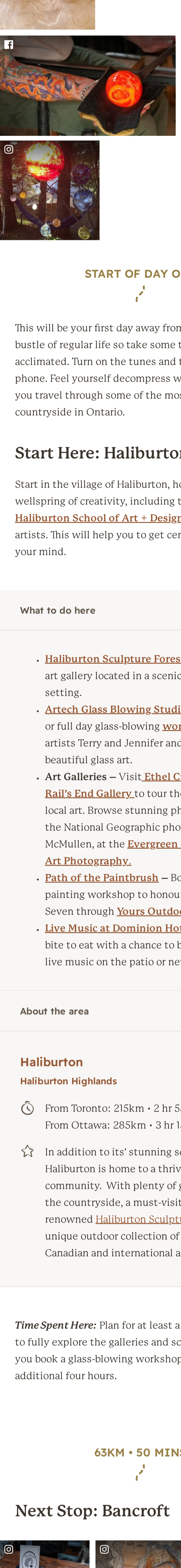
3 days | Total Distance: 188km

Day One

Distance: 156km

Peruse the work of fellow creatives or book a workshop in 1 Haliburton and 2 Bancroft, before settling in to an inspirational paradise in 3 Tweed.

*If you're from western Ontario your itinerary will start in the western region of Ontario's Highlands. If you're from the east, we suggest you take in this experience in reverse.



START OF DAY ONE



This will be your first day away from the hustle and bustle of regular life so take some time to get acclimated. Turn on the tunes and turn off the cell phone. Feel yourself decompress with every mile as you travel through some of the most beautiful countryside in Ontario.

Start Here: Haliburton

Start in the village of Haliburton, home to a wellspring of creativity, including the renowned Haliburton School of Art + Design, a draw for many artists. This will help you to get centered and quiet your mind.

What to do here

- **Haliburton Sculpture Forest** – An outdoor art gallery located in a scenic wooded setting.
- **Artech Glass Blowing Studios** – Book a half or full day glass-blowing **workshop** with artists Terry and Jennifer and produce beautiful glass art.
- **Art Galleries** – Visit **Ethel Curry Gallery** or **Rail's End Gallery** to tour their Canadian and local art. Browse stunning photography from the National Geographic photographer, Dana McMullen, at the **Evergreen Gallery of Fine Art Photography**.
- **Path of the Paintbrush** – Book an outdoor painting workshop to honour the Group of Seven through **Yours Outdoors**.
- **Live Music at Dominion Hotel** – Combine a bite to eat with a chance to be inspired by live music on the patio or new 'Boathouse.'

About the area

Haliburton

Haliburton Highlands

🕒 From Toronto: 215km • 2 hr 55 min
From Ottawa: 285km • 3 hr 15 min

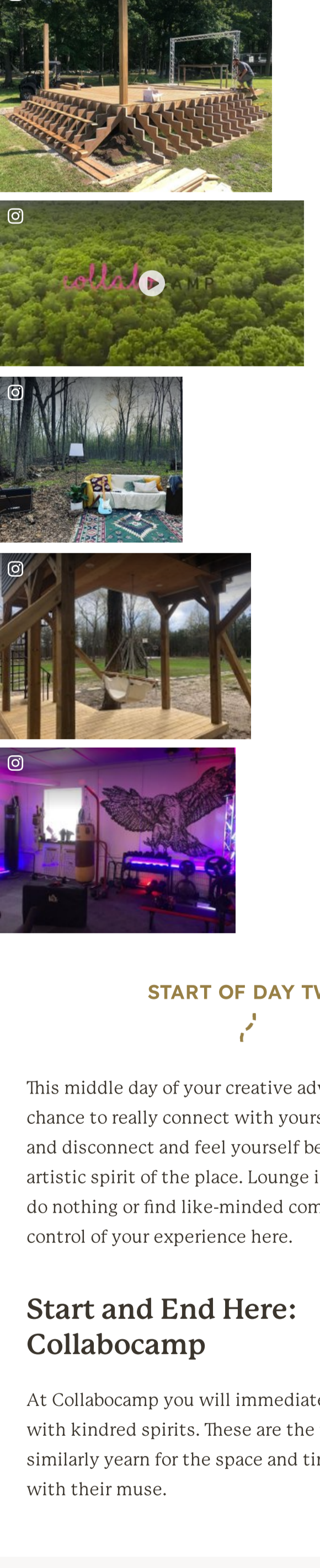
☆ In addition to its' stunning scenery, Haliburton is home to a thriving arts community. With plenty of galleries dotting the countryside, a must-visit is the renowned **Haliburton Sculpture Forest**, a unique outdoor collection of sculptures by Canadian and international artists.

Time Spent Here: Plan for at least a few hours here to fully explore the galleries and sculpture forest. If you book a glass-blowing workshop plan for an additional four hours.

63KM • 50 MINS



Next Stop: Bancroft



Roughly an hour's drive from Haliburton, Bancroft is the perfect place to stop for a bite to eat en route to your overnight destination in Tweed. If you love small towns, Bancroft is cute as a button and fun to wander before you settle down for lunch.

What to do here

- **The Muse Gallery & Café** - The name says it all for this fun local creative spot. Stop here for some delicious vegan and vegetarian fare and a wander through the local gallery.
- **Bancroft Art Gallery** - Browse a permanent collection including Oscar Schlienger's work.
- **A Place for the Arts** - Tour the Annex Gallery and their rotating exhibits.

About the area

Bancroft

Hastings County

🕒 From Toronto: 245km • 2 hr 50 min
From Ottawa: 220km • 2 hr 35 min

☆ Bancroft, the Mineral Capital of Canada, is a rockhounds' dream. Must stop locations for all rock-lovers includes the **Bancroft Mineral Museum** and the **Princess Sodalite Mine**. Or take a trip down **The Miner's Loop** and walk in the shoes of miners long ago.

Time Spent Here: Plan for one-and-a-half to two hours here to eat and browse local art.

93KM • 1 HR 5 MINS

Last Stop: Tweed

Make the roughly one-hour drive to Tweed, Ontario, where you will stay at the inspirational **Collabocamp**, a retreat just for artists and creative folks (or those just looking for a little bit of a break).

What to do here

- **Collabocamp**
- Book this stay for the next two nights and get settled in. Explore the property and say hi to the other creative souls who can be found here.
- Choose between **four different accommodation options**, depending on whether you are traveling solo or with a group. All are private and set up exclusively to support the creative journey.

About the area

Tweed

Hastings County

🕒 From Toronto: 220km • 2 hr 30 min
From Ottawa: 190km • 2 hr 20 min

☆ Tweed is home to **North America's Smallest Jailhouse**, with just 3 cells to hold the local criminals. While it eventually closed to lack of crime in the area, today it is home to the local Visitor Information Centre. You can still visit though and play criminal for the day, taking pictures behind the bars.

END OF DAY ONE

Day Two

Distance: 0km

Sink into the Collabocamp experience and get tapped into yourself in a whole new way.

START OF DAY TWO

This middle day of your creative adventure is your chance to really connect with yourself, to unwind and disconnect and feel yourself be buoyed by the artistic spirit of the place. Lounge in bed all day and do nothing or find like-minded company. You are in control of your experience here.

Start and End Here: Collabocamp

At Collabocamp you will immediately feel yourself with kindred spirits. These are the folks who similarly yearn for the space and time to reconnect with their muse.

What to do here

- Create to your heart's content **using the property's** on-site art studio, complete with art supplies, camera, and video and audio equipment.
- Take a creative workshop like the **Blank Boy Canvas**, a multi-national art initiative that stimulates thinking.
- Have a private **yoga or meditation practice outdoors or in the yoga shala**. Choose from hatha, vinyasa, yin or yoga nidra.
- If music is your jam, book the **compact music studio** with big sound.
- Book a **sound journey**, a meditative journey into sound and vibrational frequency healing.
- Create or chill at your own pace, and feed off the vibes of the place.

END OF DAY TWO



Day Three

Distance: 32km

Cap off your trip with some great food, atmosphere and cider (and maybe even some live music) in 4 Stirling before heading home.

START OF DAY THREE



Maybe you're sad to be leaving Collabocamp, in which case perhaps you can add on an extra day! If you must go, remember that you will carry the benefits of your retreat with you. Your day today will be about wandering and returning to the "real" world, one step at a time.

32KM • 25 MINS



Start Here: Stirling

After such an inspirational retreat you'll be ready to fill your body as well as your creative well. Just a hop skip and a jump from Tweed, Stirling will be the perfect place to end your adventure and reflect on how far you've come in only three days.

What to do here