



## The Region:

### TORONTO EAST

#### A pleasant mix of rural charm and urban sophistication

The communities of Toronto East (officially known as Durham Region) are located immediately east of the City of Toronto and offer students the ease and amenities of city life while maintaining a small town appeal. This area offers numerous year-round recreational activities including water and land sports, while at the same time offering easy access to the many attractions of Toronto.

**Location:** 30-40 minutes east of Toronto

**Outdoor Sports:** Boating • Cycling • Fishing • Golfing • Hiking • Horseback Riding • Rollerblading • Skating • Skiing • Snowboarding • Snowtubing

#### Recreation for students:

• Art Galleries • Coffee shops • Festivals • Libraries • Music concerts • Movies • Museums • Parks • Restaurants (formal and fast food) • Ski Resorts • Shopping malls & centres • Sports • Theatre • Youth recreational centres

#### Why Toronto East?

- Close to Toronto - within 40 minute commute to downtown Toronto
- Safe, welcoming communities
- Growing neighbourhoods - new schools
- All communities are joined by one common transit system
- Great value experience

#### COMMUNITIES IN THIS REGION:

- Ajax
- Oshawa
- Pickering
- Whitby

[www.durhamtourism.ca](http://www.durhamtourism.ca)

City/Suburb

### "The Town by the Lake"

The Town of Ajax was first established in 1941 when a wartime shell plant was constructed. The town grew around the plant providing residency to numerous Canadian soldiers returning from the war. From then to now, the town has increasingly become a bedroom community to Toronto and is a leader in manufacturing. Conscious of preserving its natural heritage, the town's 6 km of waterfront including parks and natural areas (the best in the Greater Toronto Area) remain largely undeveloped for all to enjoy.

- Located on the north shore of Lake Ontario
- Population: approximately 90,000
- 25 km east of Toronto

#### Notable features:

- Centre for automobile, aerospace and plastics manufacturing
- Many parks for activities such as soccer, baseball and rugby
- Waterfront Trail crosses the town on the Lake Ontario waterfront as the longest undeveloped waterfront in the Toronto area
- Over 465 acres of parkland and natural areas throughout the town
- Minor league baseball & hockey teams, soccer clubs

#### Main Attractions:

- Rotary Park
- Greenwood Conservation Area (Waterfront): [www.townofajax.com/Page127.aspx](http://www.townofajax.com/Page127.aspx)
- Durham Shopping Centre
- Southwind Equestrian Centre: [www.windsongquestrian.ca](http://www.windsongquestrian.ca)
- Ajax Downs Horse Race Track: [www.ajaxdowns.com](http://www.ajaxdowns.com)

**Libraries:** 3 public library branches

**Shopping Malls:** 1 (Durham Shopping Centre) including clothing and music stores plus fast food eateries

**Movie Theatres:** 1 multiplex

**Public Transit:** Public bus system servicing all 4 communities; GO train/bus to Toronto

**Transit to school may include:** Public bus / School Bus / Walking

#### Average Temperatures: [ ° c ]

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High	-2	-1	3	10	16	22	25	24	20	13	7	1
Low	-8	-8	-3	2	7	13	16	16	12	7	2	-5