



## 5 & Dime Walking Tour

The Art Gallery of Mississauga explores the 905

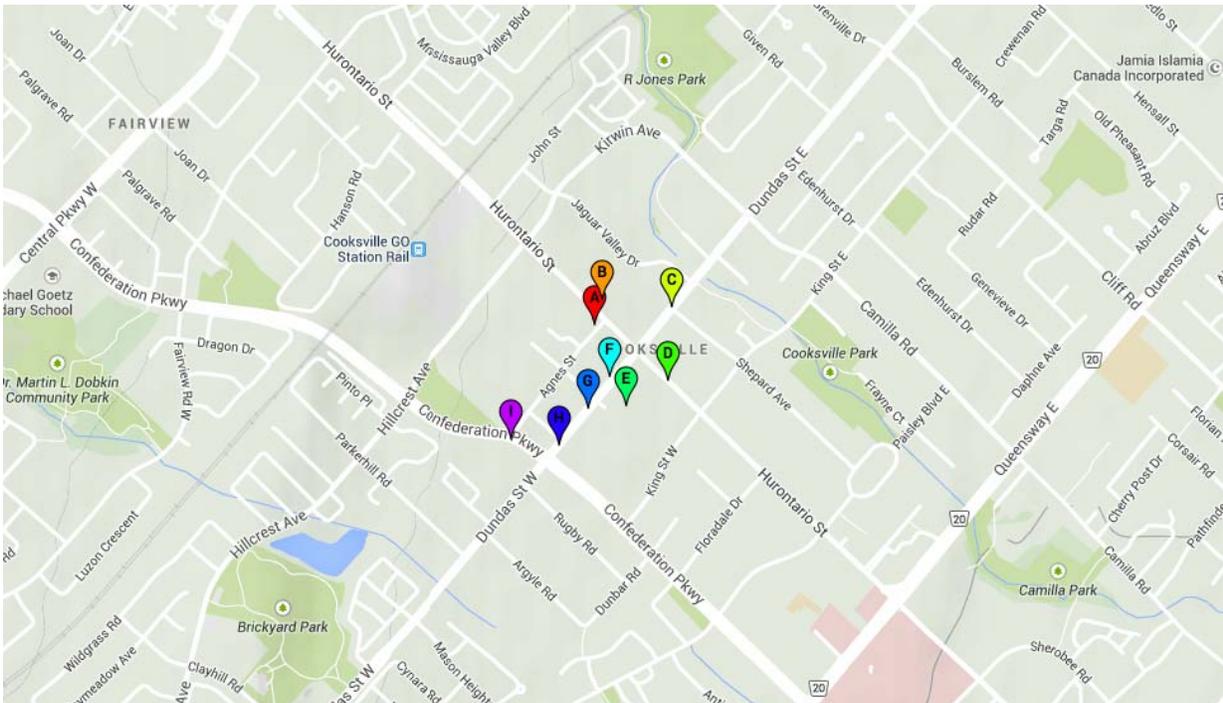
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The 5 & Dime walking tour meanders through community hubs in Mississauga’s Cookville. This vibrant, ever-changing area in the heart of Mississauga has a long history. Here you can find the latest Bollywood movies, get your hair coiffed, listen to tales of the old city and eat anything from tandoori chicken to arepas and my favourite, home-made kulfi (Pakistani ice-cream)!

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- Start your journey at **Colombia Mia** at 3038 Hurontario north of Dundas on the side of Hurontario. Owner, Alonso Orozco is living his vision of presenting authentic Colombian cuisine in a comfortable, contemporary dining environment. Check out his pictures at the entrance of incredible Colombian architecture.  
**Suggested Nosh: Arepa or patacones (fried green plantains)**

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- Your second stop is **Charlie's** at 3055 Hurontario. Charlie, who arrived from Guyana in the 1970's has built an empire consisting of three businesses: *Charlie's West Indian Food Market*, *Charlie's Meat & Seafood* and *Charlie's Caribbean Cuisine*. Charlie's son Derek Budhoo and his sisters were born into the business. They continue the family tradition of serving the Caribbean community and introducing Mississauga to Caribbean cuisine.

**Suggested Quick Nosh: Bakes, Doubles or Dahl**

- Walk to Dundas Street. Staying on the north side of the street, head east to the first plaza on your left. Pause in front of **Nappy's Hair Shop**. I wouldn't suggest you walk in unless you're planning to get a haircut. Barbershops like this one have long occupied a place of importance to Black communities. This is a sanctuary where a mainly West Indian male clientele congregate to share ideas, information, gossip, hopes, dreams and bond across generations. There are numerous Black and Caribbean businesses within a few square blocks. See if you can spot them as we walk through the area.

- Cross Dundas and head south to **Granny's Place** at 2545 Hurontario. This plaza is always a lively place. Cedric, who owns Granny's here and in Hamilton How many types of businesses can you identify here?

**Suggested Quick Nosh: Jamaican patties or a small soup**

- Walk across the street to the plaza on the south west side. Walk past the giant hair shop a few stores down on your right you'll find **Bollywood Rush**, a South Asian take-out tucked away beside the laundromat. Here you'll find Zubair, the owner, amidst wall-to-wall movies. Can you locate a Jamaican movie?

**Suggested Quick Nosh: Samosa or Pakora**

- Cross to the North East corner of 5 & Dime and walk west along Dundas Street to check out **Trdak's Western Wear**. Joe Trdak, who inherited this family institution, is a walking history book. He loves to recount tales of the farms and fairgrounds, businesses and people of the past so introduce yourself and while you're at it, check out the funkiest belt buckles in town.

- Wander along the Dundas street stretch. Stop at 63 Dundas, the home of **African Caribbean Grocery**. Here you will experience a wealth of African and diasporic culture from a wide variety of fufu mixes, dried fish and beautiful 6 metre lengths of wax resist cotton in bold African patterns. Languages spoken here include twi, an Akan language from Ghana.

- **Oriental Market** at 113 Dundas is a short walk west to Confederation Parkway. This is an important cultural mecca where members of the Filipino community congregate to gather ingredients, exchange news and enjoy a tasty meal. When I first came here Mark, who works behind the counter told me how to make kare-kare, his favourite dish. People in the store eagerly chimed in contributing their secret ingredients.

**Suggested Quick Nosh: BBQ skewers (not vegetarian)**



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- Head north to **Arya Supermarket** at 3050 Confederation. Here, you will find various Middle Eastern foods including Persian pastries and the most delectable nuts and juicy dates from Iran.

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### **About the Art Gallery of Mississauga**

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The Art Gallery of Mississauga (AGM) is a public, not-for-profit art gallery located in the Mississauga Civic Centre right on Celebration Square across from Square One Mall. The AGM is proud to admit people free of charge, serve communities, and provide positive visual art experiences for all visitors.

Engage. Think. Inspire. This phrase opens the dialogue at the AGM. The Gallery connects with the people of Mississauga through the collection and presentation of relevant works from a range of periods and movements in Canadian art. Expressing multiple ideas and concepts, this visual art translates into meaningful cultural and social experiences for all audiences. The AGM employs innovative education, artist projects and other forms of dialogue to advance critical enquiry and community connection to the visual arts. The mandate of the Gallery is to “*bring art to the community and the community to art.*”