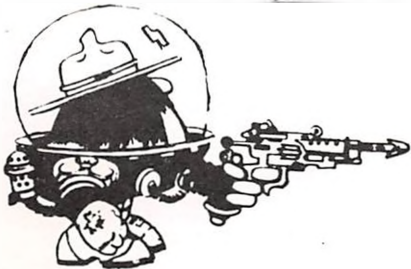


**YOU WANT  
TO KNOW  
WHERE  
YOU CAN GO?**



This is a short survival guide intended for the fan who is in Toronto for the Convention and not much else. It contains information about nearby restaurants, public transit, Ontario Liquor Laws, and worthwhile points of interest not too far from the hotel.

If you're planning to spend an extra day or two, or to take an afternoon off the Convention to look around Toronto, you'll find more detailed information folders and people to answer your questions at the Toronto Information Services desk near the Registration Tables. Either way, we hope you'll enjoy your stay in Toronto. We like it, and we think you'll like it too.

-The TORCON 2 Committee

## Beer, Wine and Liquor

The legal drinking age, for beer and liquor, is eighteen. Be prepared to present at least two pieces of identification if you might look younger.

Beer and liquor are sold only through province run outlets, not grocery or drug stores.

The outlets are not 24 hours.

They will close at 6 p.m. Saturday and stay closed Sunday and Monday.

Beer and liquor are sold through separate outlets: beer at the Brewer's Retail, liquor and wine at the LCBO (Liquor Control Board of Ontario). See the map for closest locations.

Bars close at 1 a.m. and to buy drinks on Sunday you must also buy a meal.

It is illegal to carry opened bottles or cases of beer.

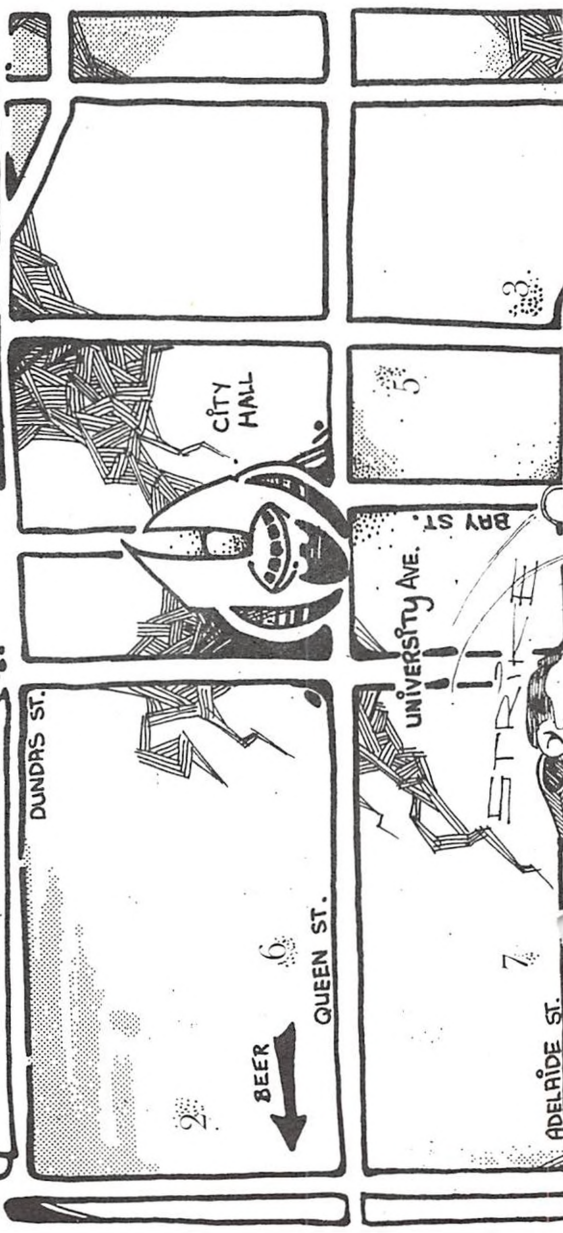
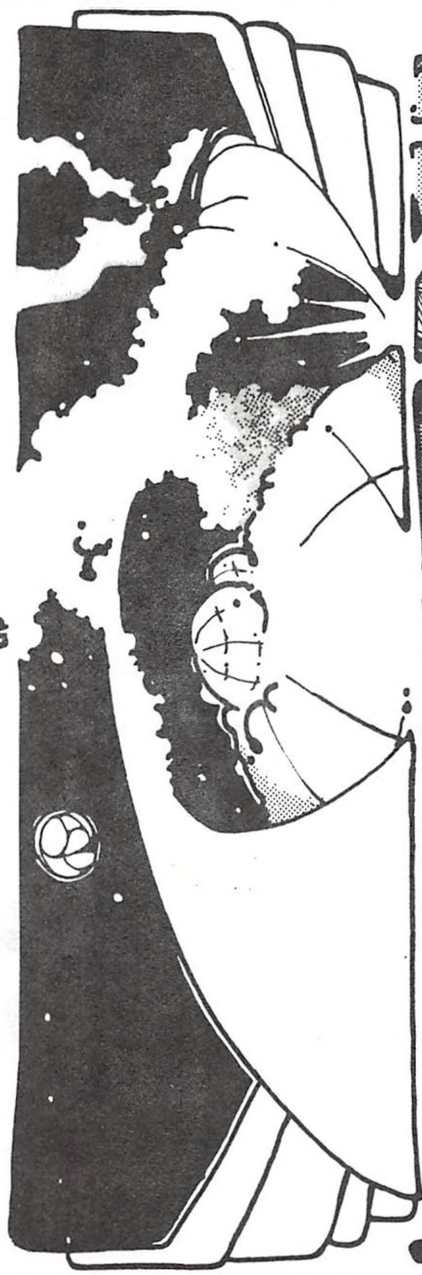
Note: Because of recent crackdowns by the Liquor Licencing Commission in hotels, the Royal York will be very touchy about drinking outside of rooms or licenced areas. Please try to co-operate a save everyone a bit of trouble. Thank you.

# Map Index

1. Liquor Store in Union Station. Can be reached by tunnel from Hotel.
  2. Arrow to Brewer's Retail (Beer Store) Take Queen St. streetcar west to Bathurst St. About half a mile past Spadina on map.
  3. "The Mall" Two thirds of a mile of Toronto's main shopping-eating-people street has been closed to traffic. Wonderful place. Safe and interesting to wander in the small hours. Theatres, book shops, body rubs, open air sidewalk pubs. A must for any visitor to Toronto.
  4. St. Lawrence Market. See under Food section.
  5. Eaton's and Simpson's. Toronto's versions of Macy's and Gimbles.
  6. Bakka: A Science Fiction Book Shoppe. Take a look at their stuff in the Hucksters' Room and then see lot's more here.
  7. Old Favourites Book Store. Toronto's best and biggest second hand book store. Lots of SF magazines too.
- Hidden under the Funny Little Man's Right Shoulder: The Toronto Dominion Centre; Toronto's answer to TMA-2. It has a pleasant and fairly expensive underground shopping concourse. With large bookstore.
- Be sure to take the five minute walk up to see Toronto's City Hall. Eric Von Daneiken has devoted three chapters to it in his latest book.

"Toronto Cops are Tops" is a saying here, and more importantly it's true. They're co-operative and friendly and quite happy to give directions to lost tourists. Don't hassle them and they won't hassle you.

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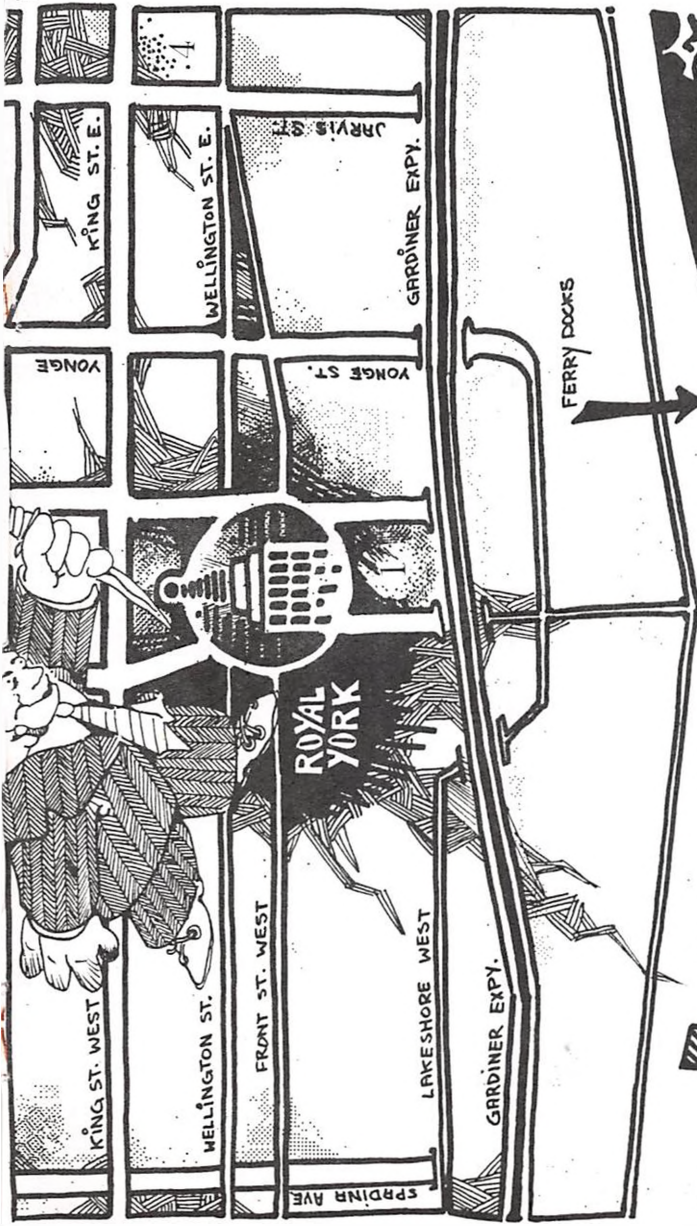
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# Food

First, a warning for Neos. Hotel food is very expensive. A short walk to an outside restaurant might cost you a few minutes of Convention going but it will save you a lot of money.

Do-It-Yourselfers should plan on shopping at the St. Lawrence Market. It's a farmer-stall type supermarket with meats, vegetables, fruits, bread and eggs that are the next best thing to straight from the farm.

On Saturdays only, the North Building is opened and the food is straight from the farm, and sold to you by the farmer that brought it. Located at Front Street East at Jarvis, 6 blocks east of the hotel.

The South Building is open Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Union Station Coffee Shop: fast food

In Union Station across from hotel. Take tunnel. 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. daily.

Big Boy Restaurant: fast food. friendly service and bottomless coffee. 3 blocks north of Front on Yonge.

Taste of Japan: Pleasant Japanese Restaurant. licenced. above the Big Boy Restaurant.

Mon. to Wed.: 12 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Open hour later Thur. to Sat.

The Old Spaghetti Factory: Italian a filling plate of spaghetti for \$2, and an old trolley car in the middle of the dining room. Licenced. Take Front east to Yonge, south to The Esplanade. #45 on the north side.

L'Omelette: about 20 versions of their name and other French goodies. great for lunch or dinner. nice atmosphere. service a bit slow. phone to check hours: 863-0438. #48 Wellington 4 blocks east of Hotel.

Winston's: one of Toronto's best. French menu. piano music. excellent pate. Reservations. Am. Exp. Chargex, Diners, Carte Blanche. call 363-1627, \$20 up. # 120 King Street, just east of York St. one block north of Hotel.

The Mercury Restaurant: 24 hours. seven days. less than elegant but food is edible and cheap. licenced during appropriate hours. #189 Bay St. half block north of hotel.

## Transit

In Toronto, this consists of street cars, buses, and, believe it or not, a subway that is clean and safe any time of day or night. One fare, 30¢ cash or 4 tickets per \$1, takes you anywhere in the system. Don't forget to get a transfer from where you pay your fare if you have to change cars on your ride. If you'd like to go someplace not listed here, call 487-2424 for Transit Information. Just tell them where you are and where you want to go and they'll let you know how. The closest subway station to the Royal York is Union Station.

## Not On The Map

The Ontario Science Centre: If you have at least a high school science education, you probably won't learn much, but you will have a lot of fun. The idea here is involvement and almost every exhibit has at least one button to push or lever to pull. Great place to tire out your kids. 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays. Weekends close at 6. Open labour day. Adults \$1, Students 50¢, under 12, 25¢. Take subway north to Eglinton Station, transfer to Eglinton East bus. Get off at Don Mills Rd. Walk 1 block south.

The Toronto Islands: A five minute walk to the foot of Yonge St. A ten minute ferry ride across the harbour. (50¢) And there's no more city. Just trees grass and beach. Rent a bike for the paths or a canoe for the lagoons. Beautiful place. Good for a whole day of R&R.

Royal Ontario Museum and McLaughlin Planetarium: Museum has internationally famous Chinese artifact collection. Superb Hall of Paleontology. Planetarium has several Star Theatre shows daily. Phone 928-8550 for times. Museum open Mon.: 10 to 5, Tues. to Sat.: 10 to 9, Sun.: 1 to 9. 50¢. Free to students, children, and after 5 p.m. Take subway north to Museum stop.

Markham Street Village: Art galleries, Antiques, and, of course, home of Capt. George of the Whizzbang and his Comic Art Gallery. Also home of Fan Fair 1 in 1968. Subway north to St. George. Subway west to Bathurst. Walk west one block.

If you walk one more block west, you'll come to the Spaced Out Library. Toronto's SF library and home of the Judith Merrill Collection. Watch for announcements of special hours around the Convention. 566 Palmerston Avenue. (Also home of deadcat.)

The Canadian National Exhibition and Ontario Place: \$1.50 gets you into both until Labour which is the CNE's last day. The CNE is the world's largest, most sophisticated country fair with something for everybody; including a mile and a half of Midway. Ontario Place is the provincial "showcase" but it's still a fun place for pub crawling and it features Cinesphere: the first theatre designed for the new giant Imax process motion pictures. A must for movie buffs. Look for special CNE buses right outside the hotel.

The Royal York will set up a 24 hour Coffee Counter for the duration of the Convention. Look for notices on the Convention floor.