

What Do You See Photo Challenge 2026



A photo challenge for Niagara Photographers who are interested in the opportunity to see through the lens of fellow photographers as a source of inspiration.

- This year we have 6 locations spread across Niagara !
- Visit each of the 6 locations below and take photos.
- You can do them all in one day or different days, time etc. Please stay as close to the designated spot or area as possible when taking your shots or it will defeat the purpose. Don't be afraid to get creative with your photos. Remember this is the "what do you see" photo challenge, so make us "see what you see".
- When you have shot all the locations, pick your **one** best photo from each location and process the 6 images to your liking, anything goes.
- Resize your 6 images to maximum 1920 pixels wide x 1080 pixels high in JPG format.
- **Rename each jpg image file starting with the number of the location and then your name. As an example an image from location 3 will be called "3 Joe Smith".**
- Email them to me dropdcreighton@gmail.com to complete your submission.
- The deadline for submissions is **October 14th 2026**.

Here's the best part;

Your images will be assembled into a slideshow with the other participants and shown in the order of locations. That way all of us can draw on the inspiration in seeing what other photographers see with different interpretations of the same locations. It is a great way to expand what you see and photograph, as well as a great excuse to go out and shoot!

The slideshow will premiere at a Welland Photography Club meeting on October 28rd 2026. After that evening it will be uploaded to YouTube for all of us to enjoy.

Check out these past challenges:

The 2014 Challenge can be seen here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5bCzKiIL7w&t=296s>

The 2023 Challenge can be seen here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oq6sWQIt788&t=26s>

FAQ's

Is there a cost to participate?

There is no cost. The challenge is free.

Do I have to be a member of a Camera or Photography Club?

No, you don't need to be a member of any club. All are welcome to participate. You are also welcome to come see the premiere at the Welland Photography Club in October.

What if I don't shoot all the locations ?

Shooting all 6 locations is recommended but if you miss some that's ok too. Submit what you have so you can join the fun

Is this a competition?

It's not a competition, just a creative exercise for us all.

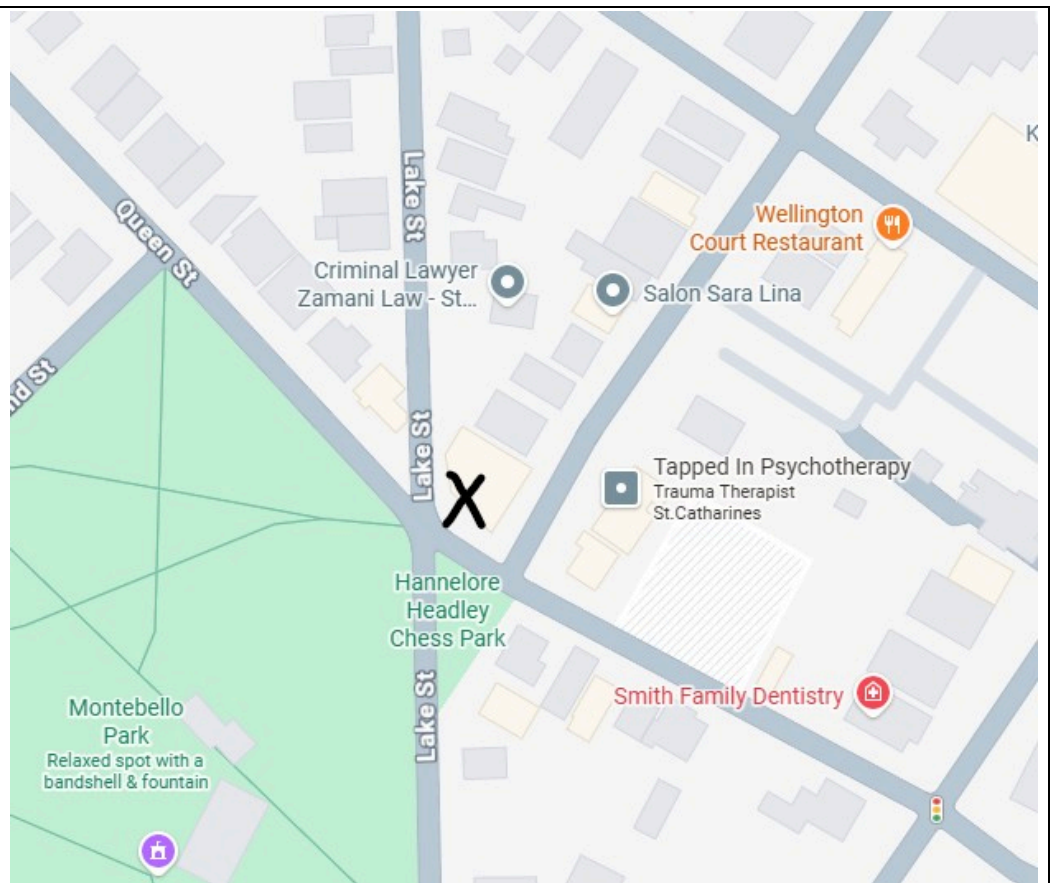
Will my photos be used for anything else?

Absolutely not, your photos will be in a slideshow posted on YouTube for the purposes of this challenge only.

Have Fun ! Darren Creighton

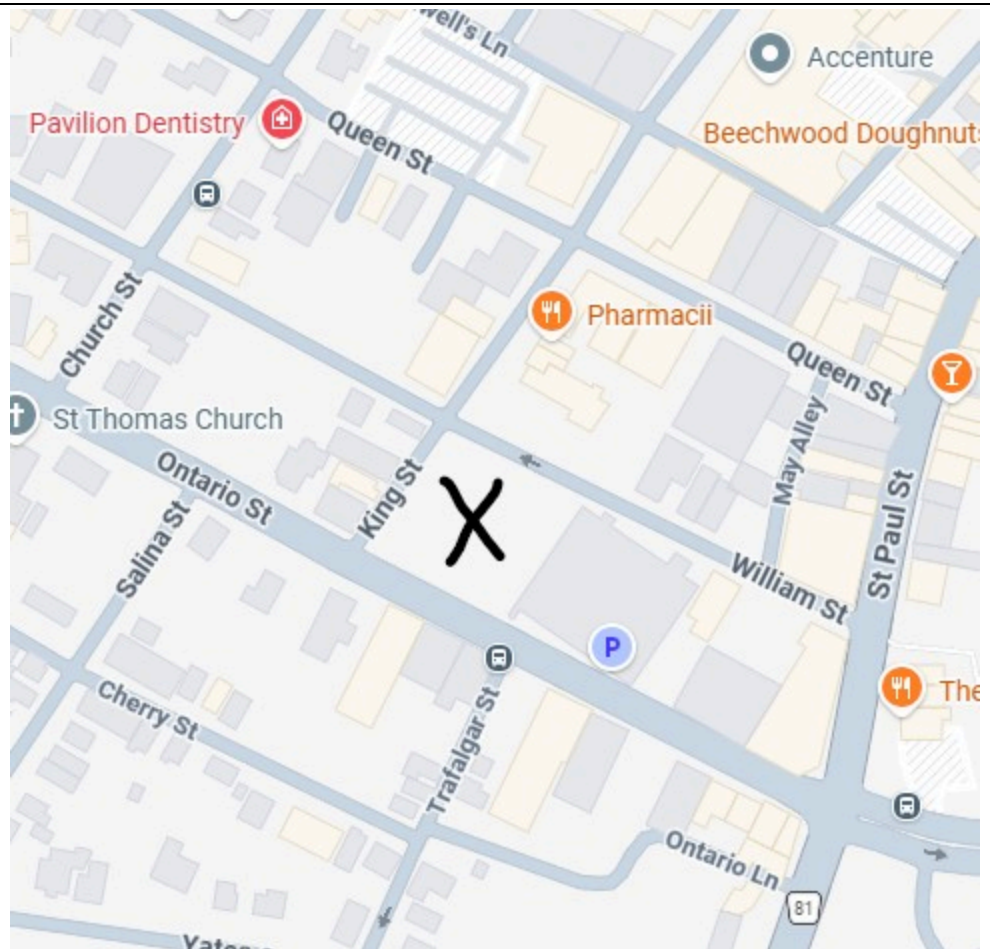
#1 Corner Store Queen & Lake

At the Corner of Queen & Lake Street in St Catharines is an old Corner Store.
The skewed angle of streets at this intersection combined with the old building the store is located in can look interesting from different vantage points.



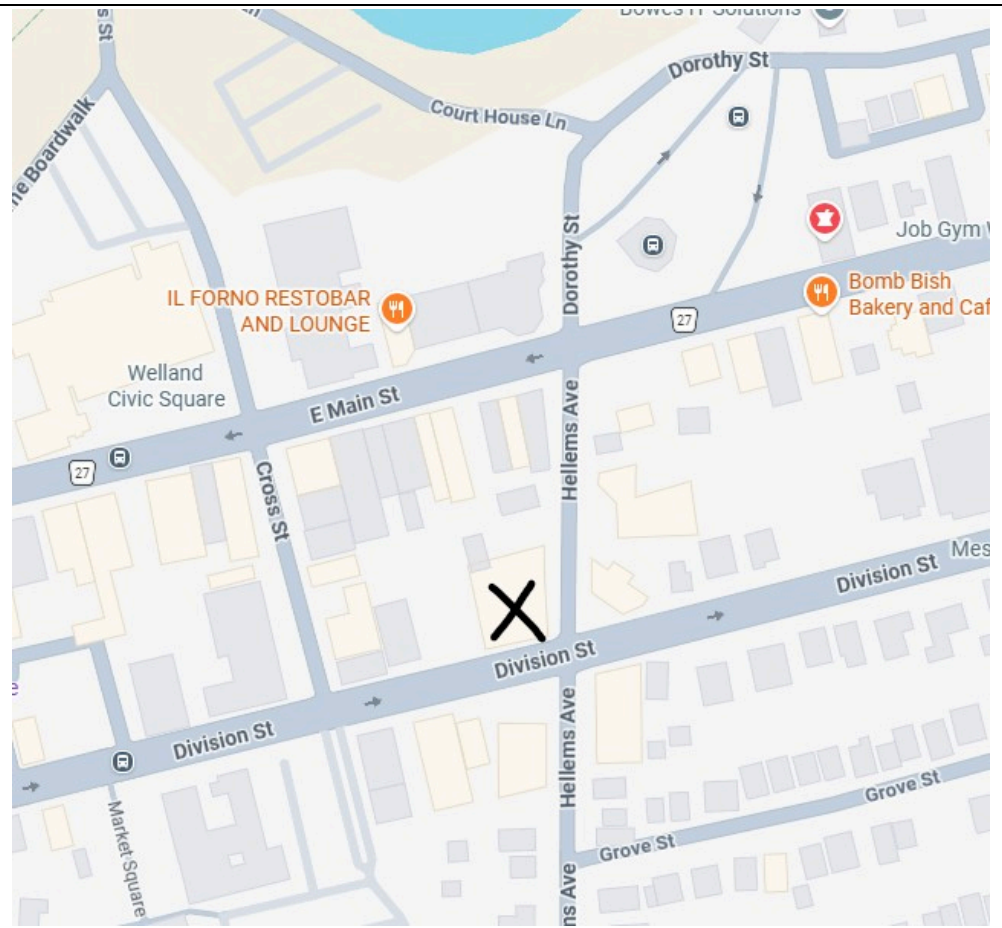
#2 Abandoned Lot William & King

This Abandoned lot in St Catharines is an excellent study of liminal space and urban decay. Explore the ordinary and capture it before it transforms !



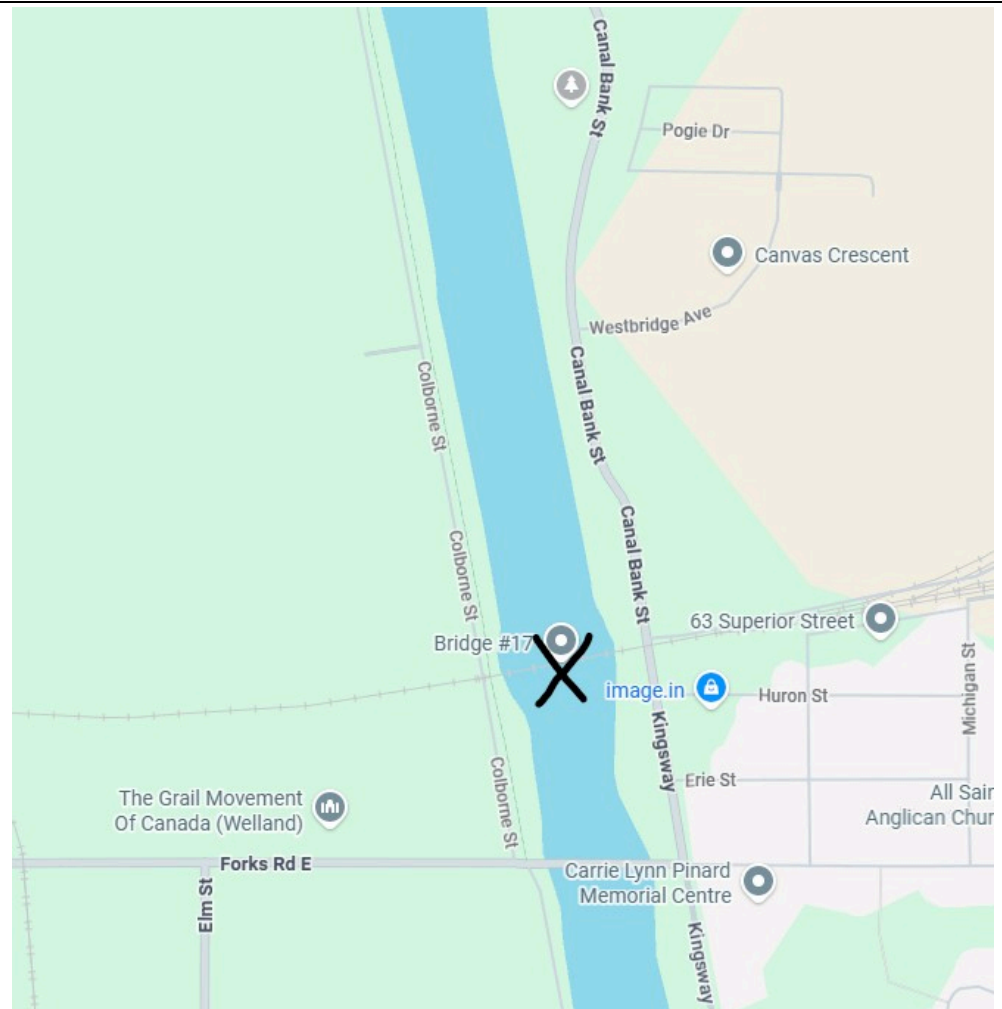
#3 Hillside Lanes

Formerly Hillside Lanes on Division St in Welland. Another decaying building that gives Wes Anderson Vibes and needs to be captured before it's gone.



#4 Dain City Train Bridge

Also known as Bridge 17 in the seaway system. It is one of the last visible remnants of the old canal route & a bit of a time capsule of pre-1970s Welland. It makes for a great photographic subject from either side of the old canal. Please do not trespass or venture out onto the bridge. There are plenty of vantage points in the surrounding area to capture this icon.



#5 Elm St Naturalization Site & Leash Free Dog Park

Just south of Mud Lake on Elm Street heading into Port Colborne is a Naturalization Site that is also a Leash Free Dog Park. It is quite a nice place with walking paths and open nature.



#6 Hopkins Tomb

Located in the Oakwood Cemetery on Lakeshore Road South of Hwy 3 in Wainfleet. The tomb dates back to the 1800s and is a local legend. You can access from the roadside or cemetery property, just don't trespass on surrounding farmland.

