

-  Right on Highway 20
-  700 m Turn right on Pelham St
-  3 km Turn right at end of Pelham St onto Hollow Road
-  1.5 km Turn right at first 4 way intersection to stay on Hollow Road.
-  850 m Turn HARD LEFT at next intersection onto Hansler St  
USE CAUTION!
-  2 km Turn right at next intersection onto Metler Road
- Past Effingham Street
-  4.2 km Turn right onto Centre St
-  1 km Turn at first right onto Kilman Rd
-  Turn left onto Effingham St (T intersection)
-  Turn right onto Roland Rd

Roland road turns into Holland Rd near the Howell Family Pumpkin farm about 4 km on the left.

- Continue past Cataract Rd.
-  5.5 km Turn left at 2<sup>nd</sup> stop sign onto Merrittville Hwy/Regional Road 50
-  3.6 km Turn left onto Decew Rd after crossing small lake

Decew Falls is a picturesque 72 foot (22 metre) waterfall and historic Morningstar Mill built in 1872 and operated until 1933. The grist mill has been restored into a working museum and flour is still milled here for the benefit of visitors.

Down stream lies the Decew Generating Station. First built in 1896 the hydroelectric power generator is the oldest continually operating station in Canada. Water for the station was first directed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Welland Canal using feeder canals into three small reservoirs now the nearby Lake Gibson. The power was directed to Hamilton over 50 km away, an astonishing venture for the time.

The house on site, Decew House was the British headquarters during the War of 1812 and is the house that Laura Secord famously trekked 32 kilometres to from Niagara-on-the-Lake in order to alert the British of an impending American attack and possibly changing the course of Canadian history.

- Decew Rd turns into First St Louth at bottom of the hill.
-  1.8 km Turn at first left onto Pelham Rd/Regional Rd 69

-  2.2 km Turn right onto Fifth Street Louth/Regional Rd 28
-  Immediate Left turn into Henry of Pelham Family Estate Winery parking lot. If anyone cares to visit for a tasting or a purchase please feel free. Otherwise we will simply use the parking lot to reassemble the group. After the many turns we will have likely lost a few cars.

-  Right onto Fifth Street Louth
- Straight onto Effingham Street

-  2 km Right at Sawmill Road

-  110 m 1<sup>st</sup> Right at Wessel Drive

-  1.5 km Left at Pelham Road (T intersection)

-  2.3 km Right at Staff Avenue

-  1.2 km Right at Seventeenth Street
-  2 km Left at King St/Regional Road 81 (T intersection)
-  200 m Veer left onto St. John's Drive
-  Left at Nineteenth St
-  Immediate Right onto Glen Road
-  1.3 km Turn Right to continue on Glen Road
-  230 m Turn Right onto Sixth Avenue

Ball's Falls Conservation Area contains what is now a ghost town but was formally known as Ball's Mills (after the Bahl family), Louthe Mills and later Glen Elgin. Germans with close British ties the Bahl family emigrated initially to New York state. During the American Revolution the Bahl family still maintaining their allegiance to the Crown relocated to Canada and fought with the Loyalist Militias. The conservation area includes an operating flour mill a lime kiln, a church, black smith shop

and carriage shed all dating from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Originally the area included three mills, a woolen mill at the upper falls, and grist and saw mills at the larger lower falls. Though the town eventually included a cooper, blacksmith, tailor, weaver and butcher it never grew past a population of 19. By the late 1850s the railway was established and the town began to dwindle as inhabitants moved to be closer to this new artery. The rain fed Twenty Mile Creek that feeds the two waterfalls can vary from a slight trickle to a raging torrent so while the view is always spectacular especially in the fall, the cascade itself can be wanting especially in the dryer months.

- Continue on Sixth Avenue

-  Turn Right onto Victoria Ave/Regional Rd 24

-  350 m First left onto Fly Road/Regional Rd 73

-  1.5 km first right onto Cherry Avenue

- Past Moyer Rd

-  600 m Turn Left into Megalomaniac Winery