

THINGS TO DO

The new island park in Toronto has a 4-kilometre trail filled with sculptures and more are being unveiled this month

There are free guided tour of Toronto's newest outdoor art gallery.

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Alexandre Arrechea's Orange Functional, as seen at the Lassonde Art Trail in Toronto.
Vid Ingelevics and Ryan Walker

Toronto's newly reshaped waterfront includes a park that is home to Canada's most ambitious destination for public art.

Spanning four kilometres through the newly opened Biidaasige Park, the Lassonde Art Trail (LAT) officially launched its inaugural season, inviting the public to explore a dynamic, year-round open-air gallery of massive sculpture installations that tackle everything from climate change to material innovation.

The inaugural program includes 17 sculptures, eleven of which are new commissions. Last month, seven installations opened in the LAT East section, with LAT West set to open on July 24, alongside the western section of the Park, with more installations to be unveiled.

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Nadia Belerique and Tony Romano's Homing at the Lassonde Art Trail.
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In LAT East, installations include Alexandre Arrechea's [Orange Functional](#), described as “new ways of playing by shooting a basketball into the layered branches.” [Homing](#) by Nadia Belerique and Tony Romano is another installation that looks at familiar objects set on a dining table. As well, visitors

can connect with “the deep histories embedded in [Trajet](#), honouring Indigenous footprints of all sizes left on the lake bed more than 11,000 years ago,” created by Caroline Monnet and Dean Baldwin Lew.

Currently, the LAT is offering [Art + Nature Tours](#) led by an Art Guide, which runs every Saturday until Aug. 22. The 40 minute tour highlights selected artworks, and they start at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. No registration is needed.

A [map is also available](#) showing the location of each installation.

According to the team behind the LAT, the West section will unveil works by Alexa Kumiko Hatanaka, Lisa Hirmer, Virginia Overton, Hank Willis Thomas, and additional artworks in the series by Ryan Gander.

Later this year, in September, a permanent sculpture by Kent Monkman will make its debut, along with a sculpture by Monira Al Qadiri, completing LAT’s inaugural season.

The Lassonde Art Trail is also a great reason to visit [Biidaasige Park](#), which is located on an island in the city called [Ookwemin Minising](#). Formerly known as Villiers Island, the new 39.6-hectare spot is about a 30-minute walk from downtown and offers views of the skyline.

And as the “largest park to open in Toronto in a generation,” Biidaasige Park on Ookwemin Minising officially opened in July 2025.

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