

Toronto’s new 4 km waterfront art trail is officially open to explore – with 7 free massive installations to visit

Toronto’s new Lassonde Art Trail is now open at Biidaasige Park, featuring seven large-scale art installations across a free 4-kilometre waterfront route.



Alexandre Arrechea, Orange Functional, 2022. Photo Vid Ingelevics and Ryan Walker. Courtesy the artist and Lassonde Art Trail.

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A highly-anticipated new cultural destination in the form of an **open-air art gallery** is now officially open to explore on Toronto’s waterfront.

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Spanning over four kilometres through the newly minted Biidaasige Park, the [Lassonde Art Trail \(LAT\)](#) is turning a 60-acre slice of the Port Lands into a year-round hub for community gathering and creative exchange.

The best part? It's **completely free to visit!**



Oluseye, Crown Act, 2026. Photo Vid Ingelevics and Ryan Walker. Courtesy the artist and Lassonde Art Trail.

The grand opening kicked off on June 4 with the **debut of LAT East**, a curated outdoor experience featuring seven larger-than-life installations that interact directly with the nature around them. This inaugural lineup showcases an incredible **mix of Canadian and international voices**, ranging from playful, interactive setups to striking permanent landmarks.

Visitors can shoot hoops on a multi-hoop basketball net called *Orange Functional* by Cuban artist Alexandre Arrechea, wander through a low-to-the-ground labyrinth titled *Crown Act* by Nigerian-Canadian artist Oluseye, or spot a modest songbird sculpture by legendary British artist Tracey Emin.



Kara Hamilton, *Delicate Matter (for the birds)*, 2026. Photo Vid Ingelevics and Ryan Walker. Courtesy the artist and Lassonde Art Trail.

The full list of opening installations includes:

- **Alexandre Arrechea** – *Orange Functional* (2022)
- **Nadia Belerique & Tony Romano** – *Homing* (2026)
- **Tracey Emin** – *Roman Standard* (2013)
- **Ryan Gander** – *Stories of relics* (2026)
- **Kara Hamilton** – *Delicate Matter (for the birds)* (2026)
- **Caroline Monnet & Dean Baldwin Lew** – *Trajet* (2019)
- **Oluseye** – *Crown Act* (2026)

The path is **fully accessible** and perfect for exploring by foot, bike, or even by kayak along the river. Free guided tours led by local art students are also rolling out every Saturday throughout the summer starting June 13.



Oluseye, *Crown Act*, 2026. Photo Vid Ingelevics and Ryan Walker. Courtesy the artist and Lassonde Art Trail.

This initial launch is only the first chapter for the new destination. Waterfront wanderers can look forward to **even more art dropping later this summer** when LAT West officially makes its debut west of the Cherry Street bridge in late July.

The Lassonde Art Trail is located at Biidaasige Park (51 Commissioners St.) and is open 24/7. You can check out more details and full artist profiles on the [Lassonde Art Trail website](#).

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Biidaasige Park is unlocking its northwestern section on July 25, offering free public access to the Lassonde Art Trail and scenic lookouts.



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A **sprawling new green oasis** is expanding on Toronto’s eastern waterfront this summer, bringing ten additional acres of parkland, interactive art, and historic lookouts right to the edge of the lake.

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Biidaasige Park officially opened to the public last summer of 2025, as part of the ambitious Port Lands Flood Protection project. It's since become a favourite city escape, featuring a number of one-of-a-kind attractions like a giant explorable owl sculpture, dedicated barbecue spots, and two thrilling ziplines. Now, the upcoming launch of the park's northwestern stretch will add **another 10 acres of public space** to explore.



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The expansion is packed with new features that will give Torontonians plenty of reasons to head down to the water. Visitors can look forward to **Canoe Cove**, a dedicated waterfront haven designed entirely for non-motorized boats and paddling enthusiasts.

Art lovers will want to check out the [Lassonde Art Trail](#) which opened last month on June 4, a stunning four-kilometre walkway that treats visitors to free, immersive outdoor art installations winding through the river valley, leading up to a lookout point with panoramic views of downtown Toronto. There is also the **Waterside Promenade**, a highly scenic walkway tracing the eastern edge of Toronto's bustling harbour.

Another must-see is the Atlas Crane, where visitors can get up close and personal with this **decommissioned, 300-ton cargo crane**, which served Marine Terminal 35 starting back in 1961. The historic Atlas Crane stands out as the park's most unusual landmark, saved as a heritage structure and acting as one of the very last cranes of its kind remaining on the Great Lakes – a cool nod to the area's industrial past.



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The transformation of the former industrial zone is part of a massive **\$1.4-billion initiative** to restore the mouth of the Don River and protect the eastern waterfront from severe flooding.

Getting to this expanding oasis has also become significantly easier this season. Commuters and explorers no longer have to rely solely on the cycling trails or nearby transit, thanks to a [brand-new transit dock](#) operating half-hourly shuttle boats. This water taxi service seamlessly links the foot of Yonge Street and Portland Street directly to the edge of Biidaasige Park.

You can check out the grand opening of the new northwestern section yourself when it officially unlocks for the public on **July 25**.

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