

A Christmas Story's Ontario legacy

Next time you drive over the Cherry St. bridge near Unwin Ave. just east of downtown, don't forget to say "Oh fudge." That's where the scene in *A Christmas Story* was shot where Ralphie helps his dad change a flat tire and lets fly with "the queen mother of dirty words."

Check out some other Ontario locations and props from the movie:

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1. Vintage streetcars: Visitors to the Halton County Radial Railway (Milton Streetcar Museum, 13629 Guelph Line, Milton) can ride on the public transportation used in the movie.

2. Christmas tree sale: 232 Queen St. W. A former empty lot across from CityTV, it's now home to Everest Restaurant.

3. Oh fudge: southwest side of the Cherry St. drawbridge between Polson St. and Unwin Ave.

4. Ralphie-vs.-Scut Farkas fight: A former empty lot at 64 Sears St. (one block north of Eastern Ave. at Laing St.)

5. Bullies chasing the kids: Shot along Sears St. at Minto St.

6. Chinese turkey: Chop Suey Palace Restaurant, 744 Gerrard St. E. It's now French restaurant Batifole.

7. Interiors: All shot at former Magder Studios — also home to SCTV and major movie shoots — at 793 Pharmacy Ave. Now called Commercial Studios Ltd.



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8. The schoolyard where Flick licks the flagpole: Victoria Public School, 173 Niagara St., St. Catharines. Now a women's shelter.

9. "I can't get up!" snowsuit scene: 151 Russel Ave., St. Catharines.

10. Red Ryder BB gun: The original weapon, and other movie props, are on display at the St. Catharines Museum, 1932 Welland Canals Parkway, St. Catharines.

11. 1938 Ford LeFrance pumper that rescued Flick: Owned by Chippawa Volunteer Firefighters' Association, 8696 Banting Ave., Niagara Falls.

