

## Area 86-Western Ontario General Service Geographical Boundaries

Western Ontario General Service Area 86 has been in existence since 1958. It is the oldest General Service Conference Area in Ontario with a complete Area Committee and Assemblies. We are located in the cradle of the Great Lakes Basin and are bounded mostly by water. Area 86 is approximately 400 kilometers from Sundridge in the North to Port Colborne in the South, and it is 400 kilometers from Fort Erie in the East to Windsor in the West. We have 540 Groups and over 10,000 A. A. members. Many of our groups can trace their beginnings back to meetings in Buffalo, Toronto and Detroit.

Starting in Hamilton at the western end of Lake Ontario, we extend eastward along the south shore of Lake Ontario to the Niagara River and Western New York State, to the cities of Niagara Falls and Fort Erie. The Area then follows along the entire North Shore of Lake Erie to the Detroit River and Windsor, and north along Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair River to Sarnia, bordering Southeastern Michigan.

We then go northward around Lake Huron to Tobermory on the Bruce Peninsula, and back southeast and north again, traveling around the Georgian Bay shoreline to a point north of Parry Sound. Area 86 then extends overland eastward from Georgian Bay to South River at Hwy. 11. This line is the boundary with Northeastern Ontario Area 84.

The Eastern limit of Area 86 here abuts Area 83-Eastern Ontario International along a line which roughly follows Hwy 11 South to Orillia and down to Beaverton, and then back around the western shore of Lake Simcoe to the Holland River. We follow the Holland River south and along Hwy. 400 to Highway 9. At this point we head back west to Orangeville and then southeast again to Georgetown and Milton. From Milton, the line straddles Sixteen Mile Creek to Lake Ontario, taking in the southern half of the city of Oakville, and goes southwest along Lake Ontario to Burlington and Hamilton.

Within Area 86-Western Ontario there are 24 Districts. Some of the cities within these Districts, besides those already mentioned, would include: Brantford, Kitchener-Waterloo, Guelph, Stratford & Clinton, Hanover, St. Thomas, Midland, Barrie, Owen Sound, London, St. Catharines, Port Colborne, Chatham-Kent, Huntsville, Cambridge, Woodstock, and Leamington. Please come and visit us at a meeting in Western Ontario.

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