

= Ontario Highway 23 =

King 's Highway 23 , commonly referred to as Highway 23 , is a provincially maintained highway in the Canadian province of Ontario . The route travels from Highway 7 east of Elginfield north to Highway 9 and Highway 89 in Harriston . The total length of Highway 23 is 97 @. @ 7 kilometres (60 @. @ 7 miles) . The highway was first established in 1927 between Highway 8 in Mitchell and Highway 9 in Teviotdale , via Monkton , Listowel and Palmerston . As part of a depression relief program , it was extended south to Highway 7 in 1934 . It remained relatively unchanged until 2003 , when it was rerouted northward from Palmerston to Harriston .

= = Route description = =

Highway 23 begins at Highway 7 , east of Elginfield , a community straddling the boundary between the municipalities of Middlesex Centre and Lucan Biddulph . The route travels north through the latter , surrounded on both sides by farmland . At Whalen Corners , the highway curves northeast as it exits Middlesex County , becoming the boundary road between Huron County to the west and Perth County to the east . The highway passes through the communities of Woodham and Kirkton , crossing completely into Perth County just north of the latter . It later enters Russeldale , meeting the eastern terminus of former Highway 83 (County Road 83) as it swerves north . Approximately 9 kilometres (5 @. @ 6 mi) beyond there it enters the town of Mitchell , where it is known as Blanchard Street . The route intersects Highway 8 (Huron Street) , and becomes concurrent with it briefly to cross the North Thames River before branching back northeast along St. George Street . Midway between Mitchell and the village of Monkton , the highway bisects the community of Bornholm within the municipality of West Perth . Prior to entering Monkton , Highway 23 curves gently towards the southeast ; In the middle of the village , drivers must turn at an intersection with Perth County Road 55 to remain on Highway 23 .

Continuing its northeasterly course , the highway passes through more farmland , now within the town of North Perth , and serves the communities of Newry and Atwood before encountering former Highway 86 (County Road 86) on the western edge of Listowel . South of this intersection , the route is known locally as Mitchell Road South . It turns southeast onto Main Street West , where it once travelled concurrently with Highway 86 before turning northeast onto Wallace Avenue North . The final leg of the route passes through the village of Gowanstown . The route gently curves to the east before turning north at an intersection just west of Palmerston , where it crosses the boundary into Wellington County and the Town of Minto . Eight kilometres (5 miles) north of the intersection , Highway 23 encounters the western terminus of former Highway 87 (County Road 87) , where it turns east then northeast . The route enters Harriston , where it is locally known as Arthur Street . The Highway 23 designation ends at a junction with Highway 9 and Wellington County Road 109 (formerly a segment of Highway 9) , locally known as Elora Street . The road continues beyond the junction as Highway 89 .

= = History = =

Highway 23 was first established on June 22 , 1927 , when the Department of Highways assumed the road from Mitchell to Teviotdale through Perth and Wellington counties , via Monkton , Listowel and Palmerston , connecting Highway 8 and Highway 9 . As part of depression relief work undertaken by the department during the early 1930s , Highway 23 was extended from Highway 8 to Highway 7 east of Elginfield on July 11 , 1934 . Highway 23 remained unaltered between 1934 and 1998 . On January 1 , 1998 , the section from the Highway 89 junction west of Palmerston to Highway 9 in Teviotdale was decommissioned , resulting in the northern terminus of Highway 23 becoming the western terminus of Highway 89 . During the spring of 2003 , the segment of Highway 89 between this junction and Harriston was renumbered as Highway 23 , resulting in the current routing .

= = Major intersections = =

The following table lists the major junctions along Highway 23 , as noted by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario .