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BEST OF THE BRUCE

BRUCE COUNTY, ONTARIO





Explorers Welcome

In your hand is your ticket to explore

Hike the path less traveled, breathe in gorgeous sunsets on sandy beaches, surge through forests on a bike or paddle in the Great Lake! Bruce County is a place where children are encouraged to look under rocks, and parents help with the heavy lifting.

Unique Experiences Abound in Bruce County

If you are scouting for hidden treasures, courting a cultural scene or seeking an unmatched camping experience, come unearth it here. Your journey will be marked with inquiry and discovery.

Plan your Journey

Include some of the exclusive adventures available in our regions. Ideas for your shopping, dining and sleeping experiences and stellar community activities are in this guide. Come...

Explore the “Best of” Bruce County

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Find Yourself in Bruce County

Work / life - zero distance in between

Starting a business in Bruce County is like setting up shop in a natural, entrepreneurial incubator. Your neighbours are your mentors, your customers are your boosters. Canada's largest market is only two hours away. You're surrounded by opportunities in food, energy, tourism, environmental and creative industry segments we can't even imagine yet. But you will - because your commute from work to life is either very short or extremely exciting. Get on your bike...



Contact us
1-800-268-3838
businessstobruce.com





Peninsula

854 kilometres of coastline - 2 National Parks

It took millions of years for sediments to compress into the richly-layered, rugged coastline of the Bruce Peninsula. It will only take you a few moments on your first day here to realize how untouched it remains. From ancient forests to interior trails to every hand-hold and new perspective, this is the explorer's natural playground. Grab life here...



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Tobermory

The 8th Wonder of Canada

Situated at the tip of Bruce County, Tobermory's clean, fresh air will invigorate you with every breath, and its pristine turquoise waters will captivate you.

Taking in your surroundings, you realize that with the Great Lakes by your side and 1000 year old ancient cedars firmly at your back, this is Canada; authentic, rugged and stunningly scenic.



Left to right: Ropes course at Little Cove Adventures, Tobermory Brewing Company and Grill, Blue Bay Motel is steps to the marina, gifts at Mariner Chart Shop



Do

Scuba diving capital of Canada, **Fathom Five National Marine Park** is home to 22 shipwrecks – many dating back to the mid-1800s. Or view them through glass bottoms boats with **Blue Heron Cruises** or **Bruce Anchor Cruises** on your way to **Flowerpot Island**. Launch your own SUP adventure with rented gear from **Thorncrest Outfitters** or join **Fathom Paddle Guiding** to view the historic Big Tub Lighthouse and shipwrecks at your own speed.

Shop

Tobermory is a fun, bright and flavourful marine community with art galleries, scrumptious treats and nautical antiques. Watch the magic happen at **The Sweet Shop**: where fine confections are created the old fashioned way. Unearth fine art pieces at **Circle Arts** that are uniquely Bruce Peninsula and crafted by Canada's finest artists. The **Mariner Chart Shop**, along the dock, is a must visit, full of clothing and gifts.

Eat

Live music, a wood fired pizza oven and stunning views over Georgian Bay contribute to the delicious experience that awaits you at **Tubby's Lounge and Gastropub**. Tucked away in the Cornerstone Golf Club clubhouse, the **Ancient Cedars Café** features a menu to suit everyone's desires; vegan, gluten-free or complete carnivore options. End your day sipping a Bruce Trail Blonde Ale or Fathom Five Porter at the **Tobermory Brewing Company and Grill**.

Stay

Walk to your slumbering place at **Blue Bay Motel** in the heart of Tobermory overlooking Big Tub Harbour on Georgian Bay. Or, for a secluded stay, watch the sunset at **Bear Cove Bed & Breakfast** on Lake Huron. Even though you are at the tip of the Peninsula, have no fear... free Wi-Fi is available.



FUN FACT

Number of shipwrecks in the area: 22

DON'T MISS

BRUCE PENINSULA NATIONAL PARK VISITOR CENTRE
1-888-773-8888

FLOWERPOT ISLAND
519-596-2233
pc.gc.ca

MS CHI-CHEEMAUN
1-800-265-3163
Front Street
ontarioferries.com

BIG TUB LIGHTHOUSE
1-800-268-3838
264 Big Tub Road



Lion's Head Serenity on Bruce Peninsula

Situated in a secret nook on the famous Bruce Peninsula, Lion's Head is a little town perfect for those looking for peaceful serenity.

Residents and tourists come to Lion's Head to explore the crystal clear blue-green waterways under the majestic escarpment.

The area boasts of amazing hiking, safe shallow beaches and natural attractions, all perfect to host your next retreat.



Do

Come see Saturn's rings, Jupiter's moons and the Great Red Spot with **Bayside Astronomy** every Friday and Saturday evening at dusk in the summertime at the Peninsula Observation Deck, just steps from the Lion's Head Marina. At **Greig's Caves**, explore natural limestone caves and breathtaking views from 300 feet above the sparkling waters of Georgian Bay. Or head to **The Bruce Trail**, to hike in a nature reserve known for the largest concentration of glacial potholes on the escarpment.

Shop

To find that uniquely Canadian-made reminder of your restful unwinding in Lion's Head, visit **The Dandy Lion**. Discover hidden secrets at **Hellyer's Food Market**. An unexpected staircase in the cereal aisle transports shoppers to **Grandad's Attic**, to pick up a board game or elusive antique for the cottage.

Eat

Before heading out to enjoy the serenity of Lion's Head, grab a perky cup of fair trade organic coffee from **Rachel's Bakery and Café**. Lunch is served at **Marydale's Family Restaurant**, a cozy neighbourhood hangout in the centre of town. Many scrumptious choices on menus illustrated by local school children, but locals will say the Crispy Chicken Wrap is their hands down favourite. Walk, drive, ski or snowmobile to the traditional English pub, **The Lion's Head Inn**, at the end of the day to savour their panko breaded Perch Feast.

Stay

Trip Advisor's top rated B&B on the Bruce Peninsula, **Taylor-Made Bed and Breakfast** welcomes you home to a relaxing evening and gets your day fueled with energetic choices for breakfast. For a water-side stay, **Lion's Head Beach Motel & Cottages** lets you hear the waves lapping at the shoreline while you sleep.

Left to right: Dark Skies exploring, Lion's Head Inn, shopping at The Dandy Lion, view from the side patio at Lion's Head Beach Motel & Cottages



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Lighthouse and Harbour
44°59'27.1"N 81°14'56.6"W

DON'T MISS

BAYSIDE ASTRONOMY

519-377-5166
1 Bruin Street
bpba.ca

GREIG'S CAVES

519-377-8762
407 Scenic Caves Road
greigscaves.ca

LION'S HEAD PROVINCIAL NATURE RESERVE

519-389-9056
ontarioparks.com

HARBOURSIDE MUSIC

519-793-4782
Lion's Head Harbour
visitlionshead.ca



Warton Basecamp to the Bruce Peninsula

As the provisioning headquarters to the beautiful Bruce Peninsula, Warton is the perfect basecamp for any day hike, boat trip or camping adventure.

Pack your bags, explore the wilderness of the region, and challenge yourself to the top of the escarpment.

Nestled between the rugged limestone cliffs of the Niagara Escarpment and the shores of Georgian Bay, you can't help but notice the stunning landscape and opportunities to touch, climb and experience the outdoors right at your fingertips.



Left to right: splash pad fun, fuel up at the Green Door Cafe, shop the Rankin River Trading Company and sleep at The Spirit Rock Outpost & Lodge



Do

With magnificent views of Colpoy's Bay, **Bluewater Park** offers a waterfront campground, picnic and playground areas, swimming pool, splash pad, tennis courts, fitness trail, historic Train Station, ball diamond and Warton Willie. On Groundhog Day, this nationally-renowned prognosticator makes his annual spring prediction at the **Warton Willie Festival**. For a breathtaking hike, take the **Bruce Trail** north from the park to climb the red spiral staircase to Spirit Rock Lookout and the **Spirit Rock Conservation Area**.

Shop

Food, fashions, and furnishings can be found on the main street in Warton. Pick up some delicious Warton Willie Droppings or Bruce Trail Mix from **Northern Confections** and start your shopping experience at **Josie's of Warton** for a fantastic dress fitting session. Before heading to the cottage, stop at **Home by Design** to pick up contemporary home decor for a chic element, or **Rankin River Trading Company** if rustic cottage is more your style.

Eat

You'd be crazy to miss the Gourmet Local Lamb Burger with garlicky homemade Caesar Salad at **Green Door Café**, or for a vegetarian option, try the Roasted Vegetable Pita with Goat Cheese. For outdoor dining, grab an incredible Bento Box Combo from **The Warton Inn** for a picnic in beautiful Bluewater Park or dine on the waterfront patio of **Dockside Willies**.

Stay

Glamping is taken to a new level at **The Spirit Rock Outpost & Lodge**. In addition to conventional motel accommodations, four Cabin Tents are burrowed into the bush and provide all the comforts of traditional lodgings. Located in a Heritage-designated home, **The Wright House Bed and Breakfast** is an Edwardian mansion with antique furniture, cozy rooms and delectable home-cooked breakfast.



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Niagara Escarpment from Warton Bluewater Park
44°44'39.2"N 81°08'12.2"W

DON'T MISS

WIARTON WILLIE FESTIVAL
519-534-4545
Bluewater Park

BRUCE TRAIL
1-800-665-4453
400 William Street
brucetrail.org

SPIRIT ROCK CONSERVATION AREA
Highway 6
greysable.on.ca

THE BRUCE BECKONS
519-534-1256
38 Beckons Lane
thebrucebeckons.ca

Hike the Bruce Trail

Challenge yourself and hike along Canada's oldest and longest footpath: The Bruce Trail.

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This 890 km trail runs between Queenston, in the Niagara region, to Tobermory in the Bruce Peninsula.

As you hike along the trail you will see the spectacular scenic lookouts overlooking Georgian Bay with the escarpment as the backdrop.

TOP 10 HIKES ALONG THE BRUCE TRAIL

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1
Overhanging Point | 6
Hope Bay |
| 2
Devil's Monument | 7
Sydney Bluff |
| 3
White Bluff | 8
Jones Bluff |
| 4
Lion's Head | 9
Malcolm Bluff |
| 5
Jackson's Cove | 10
Spirit Rock |



EXPLORE CANADA'S OLDEST
AND LONGEST FOOTPATH

BRUCE TRAIL CONSERVANCY
1-800-665-HIKE
brucetrail.org



MS Chi-Cheemaun

Crossing the main channel, stand on the ship's deck to watch over Georgian Bay as the sun dawns in the east on another adventurous day.

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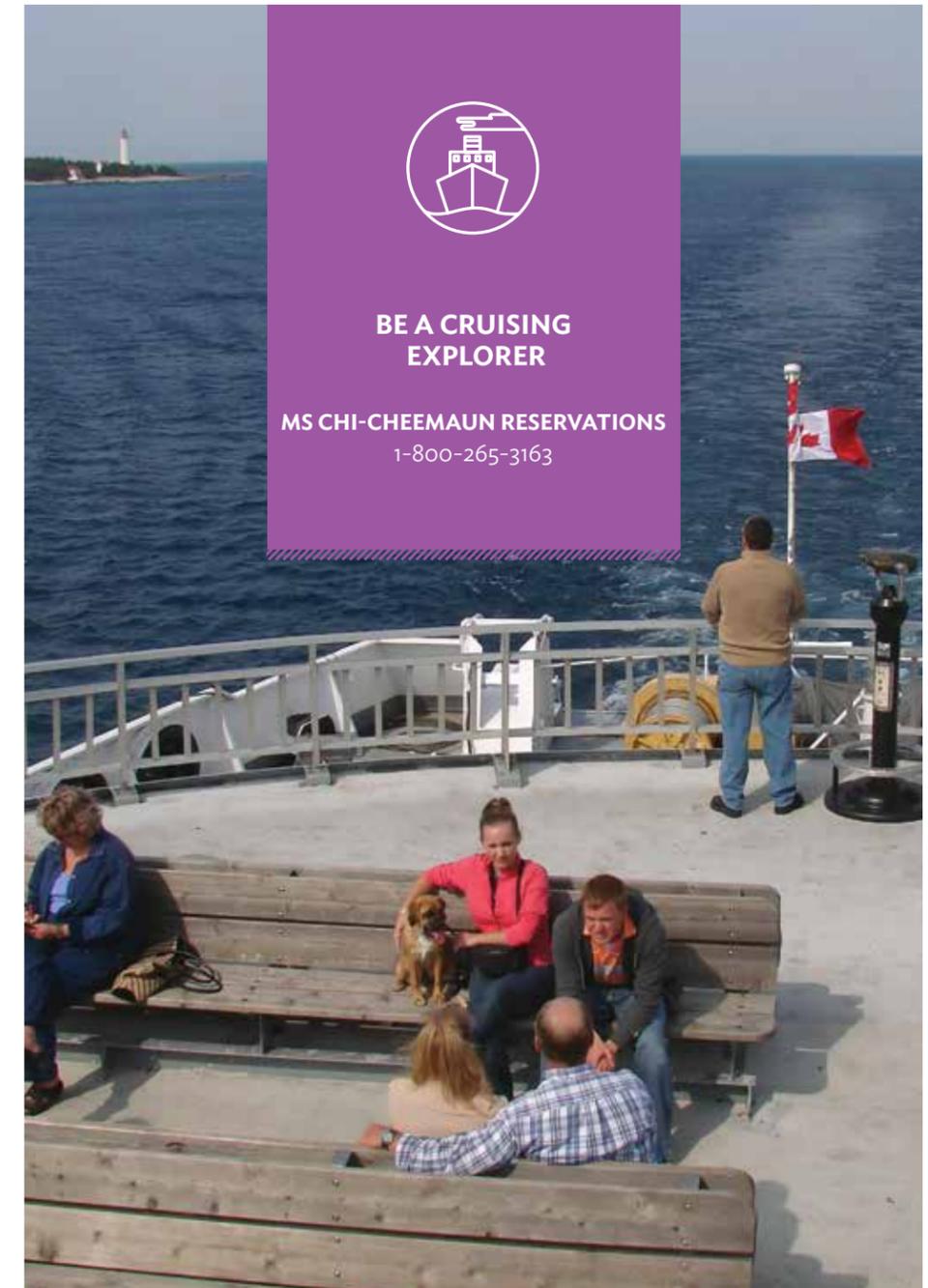
Coming home, gaze west from the MS and watch the sun melt into golden Lake Huron.

Board the MS Chi-Cheemaun, or the Big Canoe, by car, camper, or bike (motor and pedal) or bus for a short cut to Northern Ontario or an experience in its own right. Set sail for a 2 hour cruise from Tobermory at the very tip of the Bruce Peninsula, to Manitoulin Island, the world's largest freshwater island. The 111 metre ship can ferry almost 650 passengers and over 140 vehicles! To make the 40 kilometre crossing comfortable, the ferry has a complete cafeteria service, a children's play area, indoor and outdoor lounges and a "Boatique" gift shop.

But the MS Chi-Cheemaun isn't only a means of getting from here to there. **Sunset Dinner Cruise & Concert Series** pair Traditional Storytelling and live concerts with delectable three-course, gourmet dinners.

Are you catching the last sail back to the mainland? Late evening sailings are a mystical star-gazing voyage. An experienced astronomer guides passengers through the Bruce Peninsula's Dark Sky Reserve. Night sky **Astronomy Tours** will help you find stars, meteors and many other hidden treasures in the sky.

▶ Clockwise from left: Sailing into Tobermory; view from the stern; at the dock with the bow open to load and unload passengers



Scuba Diving and Snorkeling

22 shipwrecks - 10-150 feet

With tanks or without, diving enthusiasts will be reluctant to surface with so much to see. You'll see plenty with up to 100 feet of water clarity. Our pristine waters feature submerged forests, limestone shoals and as varied a collection of submerged vessels in one place as you'll encounter anywhere. Fathom the possibilities...

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DIVER'S DEN
519-596-2363
www.diversden.ca

G+S WATERSPORTS LTD
519-596-2200
www.gswatersports.net

LITTLE COVE ADVENTURES
519-596-8622
www.littlecove.ca

PARKS CANADA DIVER REGISTRATION CENTRE
519-596-2233

Fathom Five National Marine Park is an underground museum.

Renowned for scuba diving, Fathom Five National Marine Park is Canada's first underwater park and boasts 22 known shipwrecks! Regardless of your experience as a diver or snorkeler, the dive shops of Tobermory will introduce you to Canada's premiere dive destination.

The park is over 116 square kilometres of crystal clear water surrounded by an archipelago of 19 islands. Sheer cliffs and huge caves can be found both on the islands and beneath the turquoise waters. And for the diving enthusiast, the remains for over 20 historical shipwrecks lie 10 to 150 feet beneath the surface waiting to be investigated. Savage storms have left masts broken and scattered, but massive timbers remain intact, giving divers and snorkelers a glimpse of steamers and cargo ships that brought passengers and supplies to the Bruce Peninsula over a century ago.

Tobermory is one of the few places in Canada to have a hyperbaric dive chamber, refurbished in 2015 to provide essential medical and educational support for the North American diving community.

Dive shops, sightseeing and charter vessels and the Parks Canada Diver Registration Centre are all located within walking distance in Little Tub Harbour. All divers planning to dive in Fathom Five, need to first obtain their dive tag by registering at the Centre.

► Exploring the limestone nooks and crannies in the crystal clear turquoise waters of Big Tub Harbour

Glass Bottom Boat Tours to Flowerpot Island

Nestled on the shores of crystal clear tropical blue water, Tobermory is the 8th wonder of Canada.

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BLUE HERON CRUISES

519-596-2999

BRUCE ANCHOR CRUISES

519-596-2555

BRUCE PENINSULA NATIONAL PARK

1-888-773-8888

Located at tip of the Bruce Peninsula, Flowerpot Island is a scuba diver's paradise, an explorer's dream and a family's memorable vacation.

Flowerpot Island is located in **Fathom Five National Marine Park**, 6.5 km off the shore of Tobermory and is only accessible by boat. **Blue Heron Cruises** and **Bruce Anchor Cruises** are the only two private boat tour companies that make multiple trips daily beginning in the spring until mid-fall. Both companies feature glass bottom boat tours that explore some of the

shipwrecks laying just beneath the surface in Big Tub Harbour and share the history of those shipwrecks as you embark on the journey to Flowerpot Island.

Flowerpot Island gets its name from the two natural "flowerpot" rock pillars. Here you can explore the flowerpots, caves, historic light station and ancient cedars, some over 750 years old! To scope out all of the beauty on the island, it is recommended to plan for 5 hours. And remember to wear running shoes or hiking footwear; rugged terrain ahead for the adventurous.

If you're interested in spending the night, there are 6 campsites on Flowerpot Island that can be booked through Bruce Peninsula National Park Reservations.



Top: Viewing the shipwrecks in Big Tub Harbour
Bottom: One of the majestic Flowerpots



Dark Sky Astronomy

As the sun sets on another glorious day,
the starry vistas begin to unfold in the Dark Sky
Preserve on the Bruce Peninsula.



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Big city lights will
be a faint glow in
your memory as the
peninsula darkness
provides the perfect
backdrop for a
spectacular view of
our Milky Way.

Bayside Astronomy is a free program, beginning at dusk every Friday and Saturday night from Canada Day to Labour Day at the **Peninsula Observatory Deck (POD)** beside the Lion's Head Marina. Astronomy enthusiasts start the adventure at dusk with a short constellation conversation and then you can explore the awe-inspiring vastness of the universe like never before using volunteer telescopes. Planning a week-long stay? Bayside Astronomy takes the show on the road: Mondays at **Miller's Family Camp**, Wednesdays at **Summer House Park** and Thursdays at **Singing Sands** in Bruce Peninsula National Park.

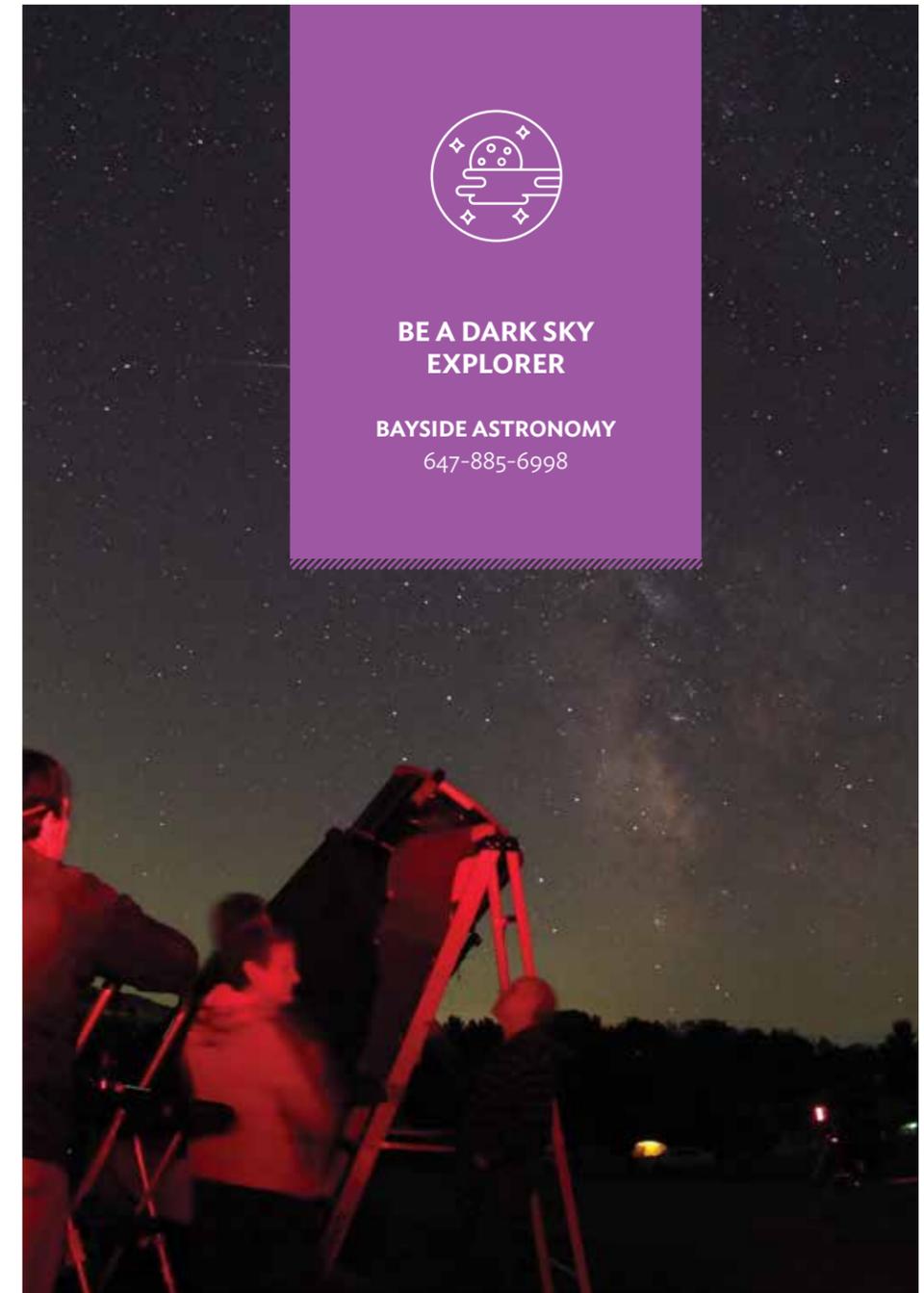
Ever wondered "What is the brightest star in our sky?" or "How far away is the closest star?". Ever wanted to travel to Andromeda, the next galaxy? Or thought "Why is it called the Milky Way? Whether you are an amateur astrophotographer or want to glimpse Saturn's rings, the best way to appreciate the sky is to see it for yourself.

► Clockwise: Bayside Astronomy evenings at the POD, volunteer showing the constellations, wonderful view of the Northern Lights



**BE A DARK SKY
EXPLORER**

BAYSIDE ASTRONOMY
647-885-6998



Bouldering in Bruce Peninsula National Park

With large limestone boulders dotted along Georgian Bay's turquoise shores, the Bruce Peninsula offers exciting bouldering opportunities.

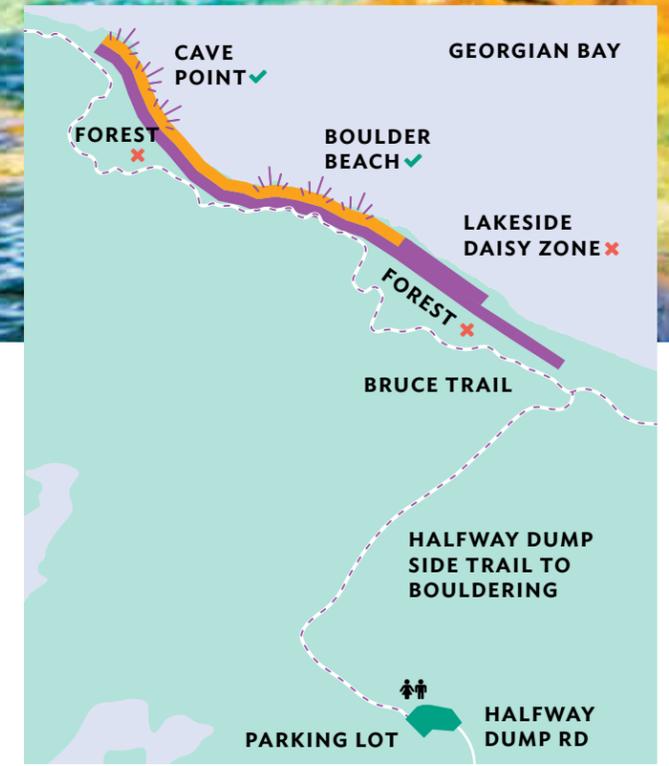
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EXPLORER

PARKS CANADA VISITOR CENTRE
1-888-773-8888

 **BEST TIME TO VISIT**
Spring/Fall



✓ Open ✗ Closed 🚻 Washrooms

Climbing boulders, or bouldering, is a self-powered, low impact outdoor activity that is both fun and challenging.

“Problems” are the paths climbers take to get to the top and each boulder may have many problems of varying difficulty. Since ropes and harnesses are not used, bouldering is made safest through the use of spotters and protective crash pads.

As a core part of UNESCO’s Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve, Bruce Peninsula National Park sprawls over 156 square kilometres and is home to many endangered and at risk species. Bouldering is only permitted from Cave Point to Boulder Beach at Halfway Log Dump within Bruce Peninsula National Park. An agreement between

Parks Canada and the Ontario Access Coalition provides bouldering guidelines to protect the park and keep you safe. Visit www.ontarioaccesscoalition.com for more information and to review their Interpretive Bouldering Guide to Halfway Log Dump.

It’s not uncommon for the parking lot to fill to capacity in July and August, so the best

time to boulder is in the spring and fall when the crowds have dwindled. There is a nominal cost to park at Halfway Log Dump and keep in mind, beyond the parking lot, there are no washrooms or garbage receptacles. Get up-to-date information on parking, visitor attractions and alternate bouldering and climbing destinations at the Parks Canada Visitor Centre in Tobermory.

▶ A climber starts her ascent at Boulder Beach. Right: Map of permitted bouldering areas



Lakeshore

3,543 km³ of fresh water - sunsets daily

Something special happens to the human spirit when Lake Huron waves brush beaches in perfectly-timed succession. It reveals your playfulness to others and releases peace inside that few other experiences match. That's only just the start of Bruce County's Lakeshore experience. The expanse of water and sand neighbours entire villages of quaint shops, unique eateries and soon-to-be friends. Welcome to where we live...

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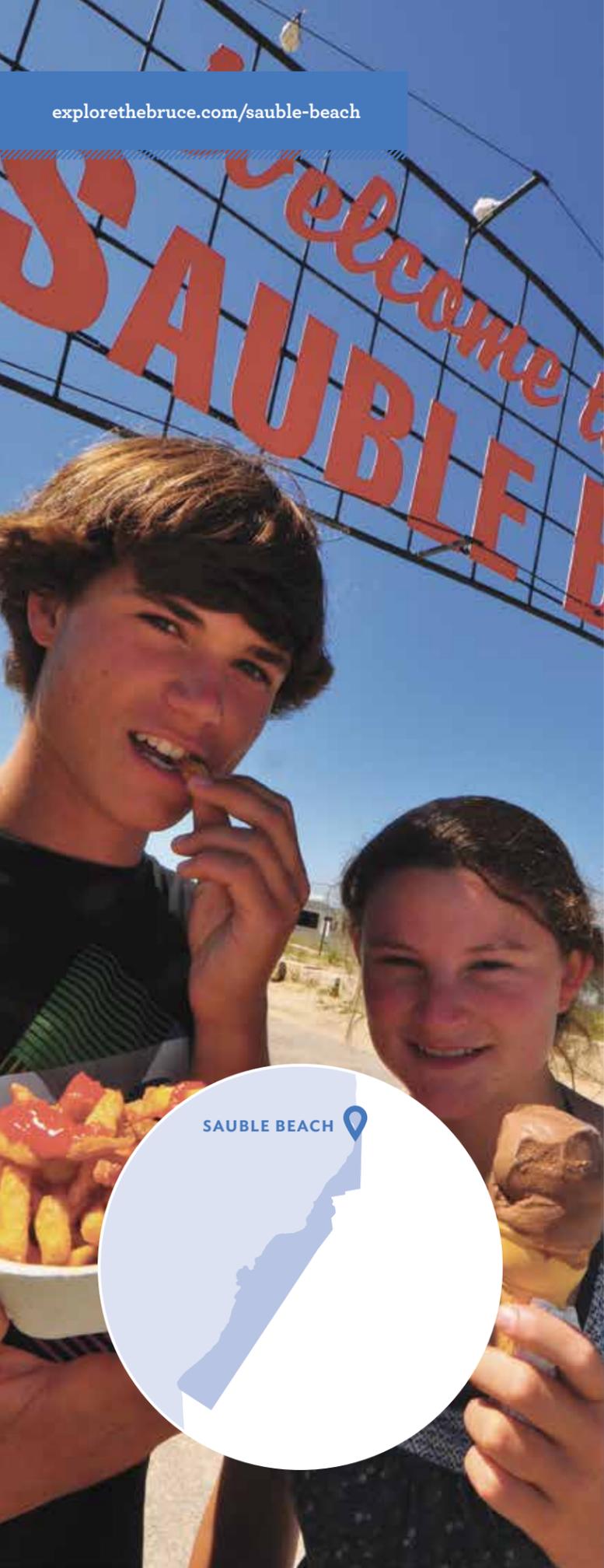
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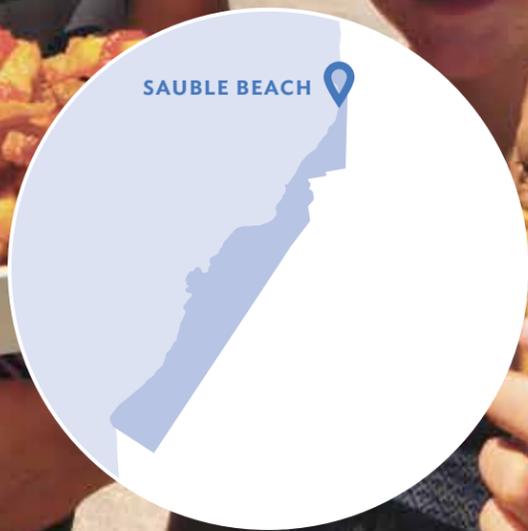
Sauble Beach

The Retro Beach

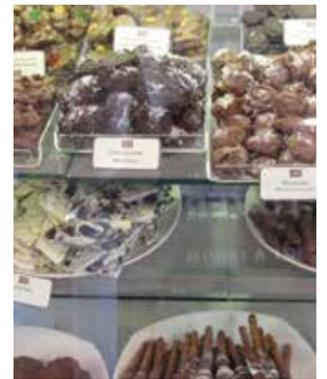
Walking downtown showing off your swimsuit. Listening to tunes from the passing cars with ice cream in hand. Playing a round of mini-golf, or catching the latest sunset. These are all normal experiences found in Sauble Beach.

This is the second longest fresh water beach in the world with an 11 kilometre stretch of white sandy beach.

Your Sauble Beach experience is one of the summer family fun, old fashioned values and retro flashbacks, all set on a beautiful beach of Sauble.



▶ Left to right: Planning a SUP path; double decker taco bus; handmade delectable chocolates; dessert at Carson's Camp



Do

Spring and fall are the best times to hike the Sauble Trail to **Sauble Falls**. Overhanging trees and the tiered waterfall make for a perfect Kodak moment. See hundreds of vintage cars and motorcycles along Main Street every Tuesday night during the summer at classic **Cruise Night**. Rent a Stand up Paddle board from **SUP Sauble Beach** and paddle along the Lake Huron shoreline. In the summer, join the fun at the **Sauble Speedway** on Saturday nights to cheer on the Thunder Cars, Four Cylinders and of course – lawnmowers!

Shop

For your swim gear, visit **Jack n Jill's Surf Shop**, the **Cabana Beach House**, or **Longboard Woody's Surf Shop**. For stylish summer wear, on and off the beach, visit **The Garage Clothing Co**. For your cottage décor visit **One o Six On Main** and **Sauble Beach Antiques**. Looking for some snacks for the beach? Stop in at **Bruce County Nut and Fudge** for their popcorn, fudge and chocolate bark.

Eat

Solas Grill is known for the beachfront patio and homemade pizzas. Bring burgers and fries from **The Crowd Inn** or **Mars Fries** back to the beach towel. Craving tacos? **Casero Taco Bus** serves fresh, locally-sourced, homemade Mexican Cuisine. At **Beach Burger**, sink your teeth into a juicy burger topped with pineapple. For an eclectic cafe experience, visit **Two Chicks Cafe and Smoothie Bar** or **Macbeths Cafe & Bakery**. Open year round, **Sauble Dunes** will satisfy steak lovers with their Steak and Caesar Salad special.

Stay

With many campgrounds to choose from such as **Carson's Camp**, **White Sands**, **Sauble Falls Tent and Trailer** and of course **Sauble Falls Provincial Park**, your adventure continues into the evening for campfires and s'mores. If you are looking for a comfortable bed down river from the falls, stay at **Sauble River Marina and Lodge Resort** where you can rent canoes, kayaks and bicycles.



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Sauble Beach Sign
44°37'46.0"N 81°16'14.3"W

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SAUBLE SPEEDWAY

519-422-1422
1199 Bruce Road 14
saublespeedway.ca

SAUBLE FALLS TRAILS

519-422-1952
1400 Sauble Falls Road
ontarioparks.ca

SAUBLE SAND DUNES

Sauble Falls Parkway
visitsaublebeach.ca

GIGGLES ARCADE

519-422-9937
107 Main Street
gigglesarcade.com



Southampton

Master the art of strolling

High Street in Southampton is a place to bump into old friends and new, to slow down your pace and treat yourself to a little something from the boutique or bistro.

Allow yourself the time to listen to every word of meaningful conversations.

Create the time to enjoy the flavours of every last morsel. Stroll into niche boutiques and find that special something to make your loved one's eyes sparkle. Stroll along the favourite beach boardwalk, then make your way to a beach-side bench to take in a lingering view of the naturally beautiful Chantry Island lighthouse.



Do

 **Thorncrest Outfitters** will suit you up for your canoe, kayak or stand up paddle board trip along the Saugeen River. **Martin's Bike Shop** rents bikes to those looking to bike along the waterfront **North Shore Trail**. Take a short ferry ride to the bird sanctuary on **Chantry Island** to climb the lighthouse and explore the light keeper's cottage. Browse the **Southampton Art Gallery** at the historic **Southampton Town Hall**. See the vintage cars on **Cruiser's Nights** at the flag each Thursday evening in the summer.

Shop

 Stroll into **Offshore Bakery** for a "Bruce County Potato" or their famous flaxseed bread. **Southampton Olive Oil Company** offers a tasting extravaganza of olive oils and balsamic vinegars. **Cooks Cupboard** will entertain you with kitchenware and gadgets that take ordinary food to the extraordinary. **L & Co., Infinite** and **Sisters on Huron and Preview** provide chic clothing and intimates for Boomers, that can be equally embraced by their daughters.

Eat

 One of the first structures built in Southampton in 1852, the **Walker House** offers scrumptious house specialties. **Armen's** creates delicious dishes inspired from world journeys that are hard to replicate at home. Gather at **Elk & Finch** for locally sourced meals and "to die for" desserts. Enjoy the famous fish & chips and a little karaoke at **Duffy's**, order a delicious catered meal at **Little Black Dog**, try an award-winning veal sandwich at **Highview Food & Drink** and savour a home brewed pint at **Outlaw Brew Co.**

Stay

 **Chantry Breezes Bed and Breakfast** is a gracious Victorian home with spacious wrap-around porches, patios, and flower gardens and offers the discerning visitor an exceptional standard of accommodation. Camp at the **Dreamaker Family Campground** on the shores of the Indian or Deer Ponds. **Quality Inn** is just steps away from the Saugeen River. Or find a cozy, private cottage to stay in with your group.

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Views from Southampton Pioneer Park
44°30'00.1"N 81°22'26.1"W

DON'T MISS
SOUTHAMPTON ARTS CENTRE
519-797-5068
201 High Street

RENT A BIKE
519-797-3200
235 High Street
martinsbicycleshop.com

CHANTRY ISLAND TOURS
519-797-5862
86 Saugeen Street
chantryisland.com

BRUCE COUNTY MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTRE
33 Victoria Street N.
brucemuseum.ca

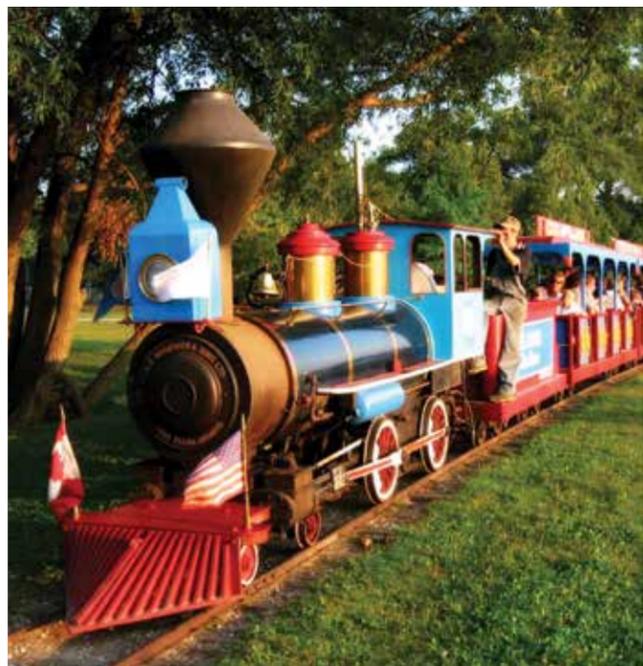


Port Elgin Celebrate

Port Elgin is the perfect celebration destination to share with friends and family by your side.

Whether it's a girl's night on the town sipping wine at a bustling restaurant, or the smiles you'll receive on your anniversary knowing you found the perfect gift to surprise that special someone.

So go ahead, give yourself a pat on the back for surviving the week, enjoy a delectable meal, listen to live music over a pint at the pub, lay back and kick it on the beach, or shop downtown. Toasting life's moments is made easy in Port Elgin.



Left to right: Port Elgin Steam Train; delicious Fireside Stix at Allen's; walk, bike or rollerblade on the North Shore Trail; relax in Super 8 Motel's pool



Do

Sightseers won't want to miss the **Port Elgin Steam Train** along the shore, or the **SS Trolley** shuttle that travels to and from Port Elgin and Southampton. Take the crew out to walk, bike or rollerblade along the lakefront **North Shore Trail**. Or head inland to the **Saugeen Rail Trail**. Enjoy **Metta Wave Yoga** on the beach, or challenge your friends to a Stand Up Paddle Board session! In the winter, snowshoe and cross country ski groups gather at **Beiner Bush Trail** and **Woodland Trail**, a non-motorized forest trail system.

Shop

Looking for that perfect outfit for your night on the town? **Beachin', Cabana Beach House, Mensch Clothing** and **Casual Corners** will have that stylish outfit with the perfect shoes to make you feel great as you dance the night away. **Belle of the Boudoir** carries beautiful intimates for women. Visit **Port's Emporium** or **Accents** for trendy home decor and gifts. Pick up something for the kids at **Turtle Crossings Toy Store** or **Bicyclette Rouge**.

Eat

Grab a seat outside at **Chester's, The Wismer House** and the **Queen's Bar and Grill** for a cold beverage and delicious pub fare. Executive Chef Randy Felker at **Ristorante Rosina's** creates gourmet dining experiences. Gather with friends to watch the game at **Allen's Fireside** and share a plate of their signature Fireside Stix. For a steaming cup of java, visit **Rabbit Dash** or **Ashanti**. Select farm fresh produce at **Hi-Berry Farms** from spring to fall. Pick apples and navigate the corn maze at **Smith's Apples** in autumn.

Stay

Sit back and relax in comfort at Port Elgin's **Super 8 Motel** or **Colonial Motel**. Both locations have restaurants on site to offer a hot breakfast before you start your next adventure! Campers and day trippers can delight in the open-year-round **MacGregor Point Provincial Park** in Port Elgin and seasonal **Inverhuron Provincial Park** in Tiverton. Both offer superb trails and beautiful beaches along Lake Huron.

SNAP THIS #EXPLORETHEBRUCE
Port Elgin Harbour
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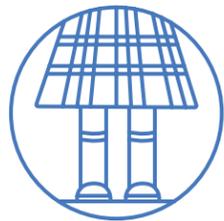
DON'T MISS

SS TROLLEY
519-832-2332
642 Green Street
sstrolley.ca

STEAM TRAIN
519-389-3919
101 Green Street
visitportelgin.ca

BEACH YOGA SESSIONS
226-453-3020
Port Elgin Main Beach
mettawave.com

SMITH'S APPLES & FARM MARKET
470 The River Road
smithsapples.com



Kincardine

Ontario's Scottish Destination

Kincardine is proud of their Scottish roots and their connection to Lake Huron.

From their Scottish themed festivals and pipe band parades to their phantom pipers, Kincardine offers an original Scottish experience, a historic downtown atmosphere and a waterfront location where the local tartan is proudly displayed and everyone can enjoy a little taste of Scotland.



Left to right: Stroll along the boardwalk at Station Beach, enjoy a bite at The Bruce Steakhouse, shop the main strip and enjoy a sunset



Do

March with the **Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band** as they parade Queen Street every summer Saturday evening at 8pm in downtown Kincardine. Head to Walker's Lookout or grab a seat on one of our Big Blue Beach Chairs and take in a famous Lake Huron sunset as the **Phantom Piper's** eerie lament pipes the sun to sleep. Grab your surf board, beach towel or volleyball and hit up sandy **Station Beach & Boardwalk** home of many events throughout the summer.

Shop

Looking to try your hand at Stand Up Paddle-boarding or being outfitted for the sport? Check out **West Shore Surf Shoppe** for all of your surf, surf rental and beach wear needs. **Kincardine's Scottish Shop**, located across from Victoria Park, are the purveyors of all things Scottish including kilt rentals! Visit **Penetangear**, the lakeside lifestyle experts, for casual, outdoor and active clothing and equipment for the entire family. Kincardine is also host of several **high-end gift shops** and ladies fashions, such as **Nine Waves**.

Eat

Enjoy casual fine dining with a side serving of sunsets at the **Harbour Street Brasserie**, showcasing an ever-changing, seasonal menu. The **Bruce Steakhouse** is the place to get local food - Bruce County's famous beef. **Hawg's Breath** features the best sandwiches and friendliest atmosphere in town.

Stay

Just steps away from the downtown core and shoreline the **Inn at the Harbour**, Kincardine's premier boutique hotel, will delight even the most discerning of traveler. And did we mention that every room has a sunset view? For a true waterfront stay, fall asleep to the sound of the waves at the **Lakefront Bed & Breakfast**, a truly romantic, adult retreat. The **Best Western Governor's Inn** or **Marriott Towne Place Suites** offer the quality and space for a group stay or big event.

SNAP THIS #EXPLORETHEBRUCE
Station Beach Big Blue Beach Chairs
44°10'28.5"N 81°38'30.1"W

DON'T MISS
KINCARDINE CRUISE NIGHTS
519-396-4396
sunsets.com/kincardine

STONEY ISLAND CONSERVATION AREA
431 County Road 23
svca.on.ca

BRUCE POWER VISITOR CENTRE
177 Tie Road
brucepower.com

PADDLEBOARD RENTALS
519-396-5369
Station Beach
westshoreclothing.com

Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band Parade

As eight o'clock approaches, there's an energy that starts to build as spectators await the march of the Scottish band.



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Listen to the faint drone of the bagpipes as the band begins to warm up in Victoria Park.

The sound of lawn chairs being set up as faithful attendees claim their spot along the parade route. The excitable laughter as youngsters stand impatiently in line for ice cream while the anticipation grows. A main street tradition in Kincardine since 1948, you'll thrill to the sights and sounds of Scotland as the Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band parades Queen Street every Saturday evening in the summertime.

The band forms up at **Victoria Park** (Durham Market Square North), with hundreds – if not thousands of spectators falling in line directly behind, awaiting the procession. At 8pm sharp, rain or shine (and we really mean rain or shine), we march!

Follow the Band as they parade north on Queen Street to Quinn Plaza (just south of Broadway Street), where the Band will take a short, and well deserved break before embarking on the return route. Be sure to stay with the Band all the way back to Victoria Park, and enjoy a short concert following.

Understandably, not everyone is able to visit on a Saturday in the summertime. If visiting any other evening during July & August, you're invited to Walker's Lookout to enjoy the haunting sounds of the **Phantom Piper**, as the sun is piped to sleep from atop the Kincardine Lighthouse. The lament of the pipes can be heard as the sun starts its descent, until well below the horizon. This unique experience is an ode to the **Legend of Donald Sinclair**, which can be found inscribed on a plaque on Walker's Lookout.



Everyone gets in on the action each Saturday evening in the summer



Lighthouse Tours

Steadfast, serene, immovable, the same year after year, through all the silent nights, Bruce County's lighthouses evoke romantic mystery of lighthouse keepers devoting their lives to the preservation of fisherman and lake travelers.



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▶ Clockwise from left: Big Tub lighthouse in Tobermory, Chantry Island lighthouse in Southampton, Point Clarke lighthouse and Kincardine lighthouses at sunset



Whether it's for their beauty, romance or practicality - or a combination of all three - the mystery and tradition of lighthouse-keeping has us both fascinated and intrigued.

The **Bruce Coast Lighthouse Tour** is a self-guided world-class marine heritage experience available only in Bruce County! Our coastline spans a whopping 854 kilometres, offering up 15 different lighthouses to explore from spring until fall. For a peek inside, daily tours are available at select lighthouses:

- Chantry Island (Accessible by boat only. Daily tours provided by Marine Heritage Society. Hours vary)
- Flowerpot Island (Mid May - Thanksgiving, Museum: July & August)
- Kincardine (Open July 1st - Labour Day: 11:00am - 5:00pm)
- Point Clark (Open late June to Labour Day, 10am - 5pm daily)

For a truly authentic experience, the Flowerpot Island Lighthouse offers a **Lighthouse Keepers Program**. Brave souls, ready for the challenges of living on the rocky shoreline edge, can experience what some of the lighthouse keeper's duties were. For more information, visit:

- Cabot Head - www.cabothead.ca
- Flowerpot Island - www.castlebluff.com



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Kiteboarding and Great Lakes Surfing

Harness the power of the wind and waves on the coast of Lake Huron.

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Kiteboarding

Slicing through the water, powered only by the wind is an exhilarating experience that lofts you into a magical natural kingdom where air currents are the rulers. Once you've mastered carving out an edge and start cruising crosswind, the exhilaration and freedom from skimming across the water becomes addictive.

Oliphant, located just north of Sauble Beach, attracts some of the world's renowned kiteboarders from all over the world. With its warm shallow waters, generous open space and steady crosswinds off Lake Huron, it's a kiteboarder's paradise! Whether a beginner surfer or seasoned rider, Sauble Beach Kite Surfing School offers lessons from May until October to get your feet wet. They are fully equipped with all of your equipment needs.

Surfing

Any surfer will tell you, timing is everything, and nowhere is that more evident than the surf on the Great Lakes. With more than 17,000 kilometres of coastline, Kincardine is a spot with the perfect combination of underwater terrain and wind currents to create those clean peeling waves. But swells here are fickle; they can come up fast and sometimes they will be gone in as little as three hours. Other times a swell can last all day, giving surfers unlimited action.

Kincardine has been recognized as Ontario's surfing hot spot! The wind from Lake Huron and the depth of the water makes the perfect waves for great lakes surfing! During the spring and the fall, you can get as many as 50 days of solid surfing.

Kincardine has also made it's way in the surfing circuit. Each fall, West Shore Lakeside Surf Shoppe hosts The Great Lake Surf Competition. Surfers compete from all over and the event continues to grow each year! No gear? No problem; West Shore has all your gear and rental needs for the perfect Great Lakes surfing experience.



▶ Right: a surfer catches some waves in Kincardine. Top and right: a kiteboarder catches some air in Oliphant



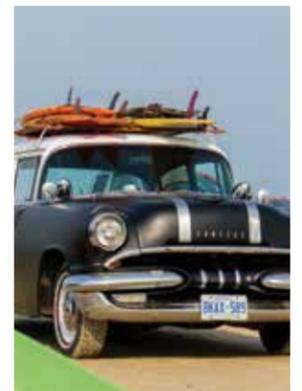
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LEARN & RENT GEAR FROM:

SAUBLE BEACH KITESURFING SCHOOL
519-422-3962

JACK N JILL'S SURF SHOP
519-422-1440

WEST SHORE LAKESIDE SURF SHOPPE
519-396-5369



Kayaking in the Fishing Islands

With the warm sun overhead and a shore lunch packed away, set out for a paddle through crystal clear waters around the spectacular dolomite islands off the west coast of the Bruce Peninsula.

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Spy on cormorants and bald eagles, hover over the shipwrecked ruins of the Gold Hunter and absorb the breathtaking scenery that unfolds in front of you.

This Fishing Islands, an archipelago of over 70 islands 3 kilometres off the western shore of Oliphant through Howdenvale, is designed for the first time kayaker to discover the sport of sea kayaking. The area's warm shallow channels are protected from the oftentimes harsh conditions of Lake Huron's open waters. Some islands are large, almost spanning 100 acres, while others are no larger than the exposed top of a shoal, so pay attention when you are paddling.

Whether you are starting in Oliphant and travelling north to Howdenvale, or paddling the route in reverse, the fresh air, the lush green of the islands along the way and the joy of adventure guarantees pure rejuvenation.

► Paddling can be a solitary or group activity. If you are looking for company, the Great Lakes Sea Kayaking Association hosts paddles periodically



**BE A PADDLING
EXPLORER**

EXPLORER'S TREAD
519-270-8461

**SUNTRAIL SOURCE FOR
ADVENTURE**
519-935-2478

THORNCREST OUTFITTERS
519-797-1608

**GREAT LAKES SEA
KAYAKING ASSOCIATION**
www.glska.com



Explore the Unforgettable

Let time slow down as the history and culture of Bruce County is revealed.

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Journey through thousands of years of natural and human history, meet the shopkeeper and travel back to a time where residents picked up sugar, bread and the latest news in the General Store.

Aboard the **HMS General Hunter**, “fire a cannon” and defeat the enemy while learning how to properly tie a slip knot to secure your rig. Experience Past, Present & Future Inventions in the Technology lab in the **Rise of Community** exhibit. Rediscover the significant sacrifices Bruce County soldiers made in **Bruce Remembers**. Immerse yourself in the rich culture of the **First Peoples’ Gallery** and learn about traditions that shaped our landscape today.

The **Bruce County Archives & Research Room** preserves the collective memory of the County and makes available our documentary heritage to visitors and researchers alike. With

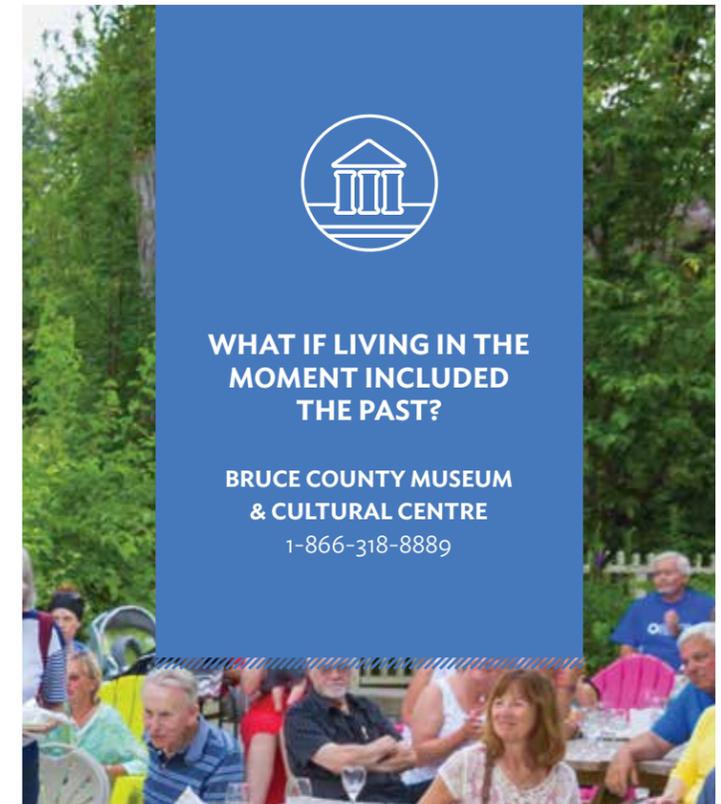
assistance, browse through a variety of documents: Personal Papers, Municipal, Educational, Business and Organizational Records, as well as photos in our multimedia Collections. The Museum hosts a number of special events and programs ranging from live entertainment, theatre, speciality events (Medieval Day), holiday programming, March Break and Summer Day Camp, to featured special guests and more!

A Membership is the best way to enjoy all the Museum has to offer including sneak peeks and exclusive events. Our Ticket to Culture program offers members free admission to Grey Roots Museum & Archives, Simcoe County Museum, Huron County Museum and Waterloo Region Museum.

Check out www.brucemuseum.ca to learn more about our interactive experiences, exhibits, events, programs, gift shop, and facility rentals. The **Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre** is located at 33 Victoria Street North, Southampton. You can call us at 1-866-318-8889.



Left to right: Explorers viewing exhibits, kids programming, adults enjoying cultural events and exhibits.



WHAT IF LIVING IN THE MOMENT INCLUDED THE PAST?

BRUCE COUNTY MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTRE
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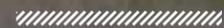




Interior

Over 1,455 family farms - zero calories

You could call the southern interior of Bruce County its breadbasket with all the farms, fresh produce stands, unique cheeses and even our own winery. The extremely cool thing about all that fresh country air and goodness is that you can trek, bike, ride horseback and paddle in between each wonderful meal. It's an easy calorie burn...



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Lucknow and Ripley Experience the Backforty

Outdoor activity is a highlight in this region, with farm gate markets, a lighthouse and two downtowns to explore.

Agriculture is the predominant industry in this region, providing chances for visitors to explore vegetable patches, roam with cattle herds and savour amazing local culinary delights.

Be greeted by friendly local passersby, who will make you feel at home.



▶ Left to right: Vegetable patch at the Food Garden; Armstrong Bakery pies cooling; bright and lively gifts at Everlasting; dinner is served at Fisherman's Cove



Do

Participate in a "Fired Up Fridays" event at **Grassroots Rural Retreat** outside of Lucknow and enjoy wood fired pizza and great musical entertainment. Stroll through the beautiful **Bruce Botanical Food Gardens** in Ripley and learn all about the rare and endangered plants growing there. All plants are edible and for a donation, you can take some fresh produce home!

Shop

Nine Waves in Lucknow sells stylish brand names from Europe. At **Susan Nichol Pottery** in Ripley purchase one of a kind serving trays, bowls, vases and more and be prepared for your next summer gathering. **Everlasting Flowers and Gifts** in Lucknow has beautiful items to liven-up your home. Check out their selection of barnboard vintage décor.

Eat

The Cheesy Monkii at **Pine River Cheese** has lunch covered! Try their poutine made with fresh Pine River Cheese curds. **Lake Range Family Restaurant** is a great place for dinner following a busy day at the beach. They are famous for their Fish n'Chips! Visit **Armstrong's Bakery** in Lucknow to try their fresh fruit tarts. If you are early enough in the day, you may even get your hands on their mouthwatering donut holes!

Stay

Enjoy the peaceful countryside at **Grey Ox Meadows B&B**, tucked into the rolling hills outside of Lucknow. Rent a cabin or bring your own camping trailer to **Fisherman's Cove**. This is an award winning campground featuring a beautiful lake, playgrounds and two indoor pools.



FUN FACT

Lucknow's Paul Henderson scored the winning goal in the 1972 Summit Series against the USSR

DON'T MISS

ICE CREAM TRAIL
519-395-3735
21 Queen Street, Ripley
icecreamtrail.ca

GRASSROOTS RURAL RETREAT
519-528-2210
760 Bruce Road 86

BRUCE BOTANICAL FOOD GARDENS
62 Park Street, Ripley
bbfg.org

SECRETS OF THE BACK 40
519-395-3735
21 Queen Street, Ripley



Walkerton and Area Clean Water Living

Sitting on the banks of the Saugeen River, Walkerton is surrounded by one of the province's premier canoe routes and one of Canada's best fly-fishing rivers.

The Bruce County capital known for its tight-knit, lively community members.

Features a variety of contemporary downtown retail and restaurants, all surrounded by a natural flowing river that offers visitors plenty of room to unwind.



Left to right: The vineyards at Hoity Toity, Harley's butter tarts piled high selecting colourful specimens at Folmer's, a warm welcome awaits at the Best Western



Do

Learn how to craft cider with the owners at **Hoity Toity Cellars!** Visit Southwestern Ontario's largest private garden at **Folmer's Botanical Gardens.** Stroll through 30 acres of display gardens showcasing rare and exotic plants, ponds, waterfalls and even a labyrinth! Enjoy the wildlife along the **Saugeen River Trail**, the perfect spot to watch spring and fall spawning runs. Stroll by the historic **Victoria Jubilee Hall, Walkerton Jail and Courthouse.**

Shop

Are your loved ones paddling down the river or fly fishing? Don't worry, downtown Walkerton is home to many boutique shops such as **His Style, Kisses/Lifeology, Amazing Assets** and **MOMS.** Find the best outdoor-living for your home or cottage at **Walkerton's Water & Wellness.** **A&R Music** offers a wide variety of musical instruments. **Mildmay Cheese Haus** is home to over two hundred kinds of cheese, including crumbly, ten year old cheddar, and samples to help you find your favourite.

Eat

Locals gather at the **Walker's Landing** for the "fall off the bone" ribs, live music and draft brews. **The Old Garage Wood Fired Pizza** uses local ingredients and has a homemade pizza sauce that rivals that of the Italians. **Walkerton Sushi** is Bruce County's first sushi restaurant, serving sashimi, maki rolls and bento boxes. The award-winning butter tarts from **Harley's Pub & Perk** in Mildmay have perfect crumbly pastry and oozing pecan, coconut or raisin fillings that will literally run down your arm.

Stay

After a long day fishing or walking the Saugeen River Trail, **Best Western Plus Walkerton East Ridge Hotel** is the best place to unwind, soak in the hot tub and float in the pool. **Westwind Woods Bed & Breakfast** is a newly built log and timber frame home on a 5th generation family farm offering gentle views of meadow and woodlands for rest and renewal. The beautifully restored **Chepstow Inn** offers a fabulous stay in rural Bruce County.



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Saugeen River Trail
44°07'42.6"N 81°08'27.1"W

DON'T MISS

SAUGEEN RIVER TRAIL
519-881-0625
430 Durham Street E.
brockton.ca

VICTORIA JUBILEE HALL
519-881-2826
111 Jackson Street
vjhall.on.ca

**WALKERTON KINSMEN
SPLASH PAD**
519-881-0625
Centennial Park

**LOBIES PARK AND
CAMPGROUND**
519-881-0625
brockton.ca



Paisley and Area

Artisans on the River

Paisley's arts scene provides fantastic unique heritage, shopping opportunities and local culinary delights.

The quaint decor and lights make it as picturesque as a Christmas card.

Outdoor adventure and local festivals are another highlight of this inland area, complete with grand rivers, historic buildings, bridges and forest trails to explore.



▶ Left to right: hiking at a trestle bridge or river dam, natural soaps from Elora Soap Company, picturesque Legion building



Do

 For a unique camping experience, gear up at **Cowan Canoe & Kayak** and paddle to the **Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area**, just north of Paisley. New in 2016 is an entire area designated for the horse camping enthusiast and offers 15 kilometres of challenging riding trails for day rides. The **Bruce County Rail Trail** is an 80 kilometre multiuse trail that circles the charming town, with two refurbished trestle bridges giving trekkers panoramic views of Paisley's rivers.

Shop

 Visit Paisley's artistic, riverside community for homemade, natural soaps, pottery and unique finds at **Elora Soap Company**. Looking for a rainy day activity? Visit **Past Time Goldmine** for all of your board game and play time needs. Well worth a visit is **Nature's Mill Works**, located in Paisley's historic flour mill. Local artisans showcase their work here, including paintings, crafts, children's books, and more.

Eat

 Save your appetite and reserve your table at **Marty's Bar & Grill** for huge, fresh plates of ribs, chicken, seafood, and more. **Big Dipper Bakery Café** offers artisan breads, old fashioned baking, homemade chocolates and gourmet dine-in lunch options. Enjoy the riverside patio at **Back Eddie's** for scrumptious breakfast or lunch. Food here is made using local ingredients, plus the fair trade, organic coffee is roasted on site. Stroll into the **Paisley Farmer's Market** for fresh finds every Saturday morning during the summer.

Stay

 The **Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area** is located just outside of Paisley's north side. It features rolling hills and spacious campsites right by the Saugeen River, with river access. Sleep in tents or bunks surrounded by 250 acres of sugar maples and trails. **Gar-Ham Hall** is a charming Victorian-era home surrounded by lovely gardens, within walking distance of downtown Paisley.



FUN FACT

Paisley is home to one of the last Historic Hose Towers in Ontario, used for drying fire hoses.

DON'T MISS

SAUGEEN BLUFFS CONSERVATION AREA
519-353-7206
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TREASURE CHEST MUSEUM
519-353-7176
407 Queen Street

HERITAGE WALK
519-363-3039
explorethebruce.com/paisley

NATURE'S MILL WORKS
519-353-4017
4575 Bruce Road 1
naturesmillworks.com

Mountain Bike the Bruce

80 kilometres - countless curves

Jumps, bumps and the whoops that erupt with every thump - it's all in a day's ride through your choice of four mountain bike trails over 80 kilometres. Our blend of rocks, roots and turns comes wrapped in majestic forests, natural undulations and a whole lot of amazing. And to top it off, great food and comfy chairs for tall tales are only a short drive away.

Start pedaling...

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The freedom felt when it all comes together, when the wind rushes by you as you totally pin the trail in a perfect line, your passion for the sport ignites even more.

It's why you ride. The sport of "mountain biking" means so much: it's the freeriders and the backcountry explorers. It's dirt jumpers in skinny jeans. It's fat bikers pedaling on snow in winter. It includes the family of four going for a leisurely pedal on beginner-rated singletrack trail.

Bruce County is well-known for its ecological diversity and our mountain biking trails are no different. We have four trail properties with a combined

80 kilometres of trail to choose from and each property is distinctively unique; from the rocky Bruce Peninsula to the deciduous valleys of southern Bruce County. You can find an array of open and flowing to tight and technical trail concepts that include alternate lines for the more skilled riders. We even have chariot trails! Better yet, our trails are free to use.

All trails have a variety of amenities. Our benches and picnic tables are the perfect place to rest up between rides and washrooms are available seasonally from May to November. Our trails are maintained weekly and have signage throughout helping you match your skills to the level of difficulty found on the property. Be sure to remember your helmet.



▶ Trail maps at every intersection give you sense of direction and help to plan your ride



The Mighty Saugeen River

30,000 steelheads - one lure

Regardless of your point of entry on Bruce County's picturesque Saugeen River, you'll find 102 kilometres of easy paddling, tree-lined shores and cliffs, and some of the best fishing in South Western Ontario. Forget the manic white water - we're all about smooth strokes and perfect casts. Just touch the water with your lure and see what emerges. We're always downstream...

explorethebruce.com/saugeen



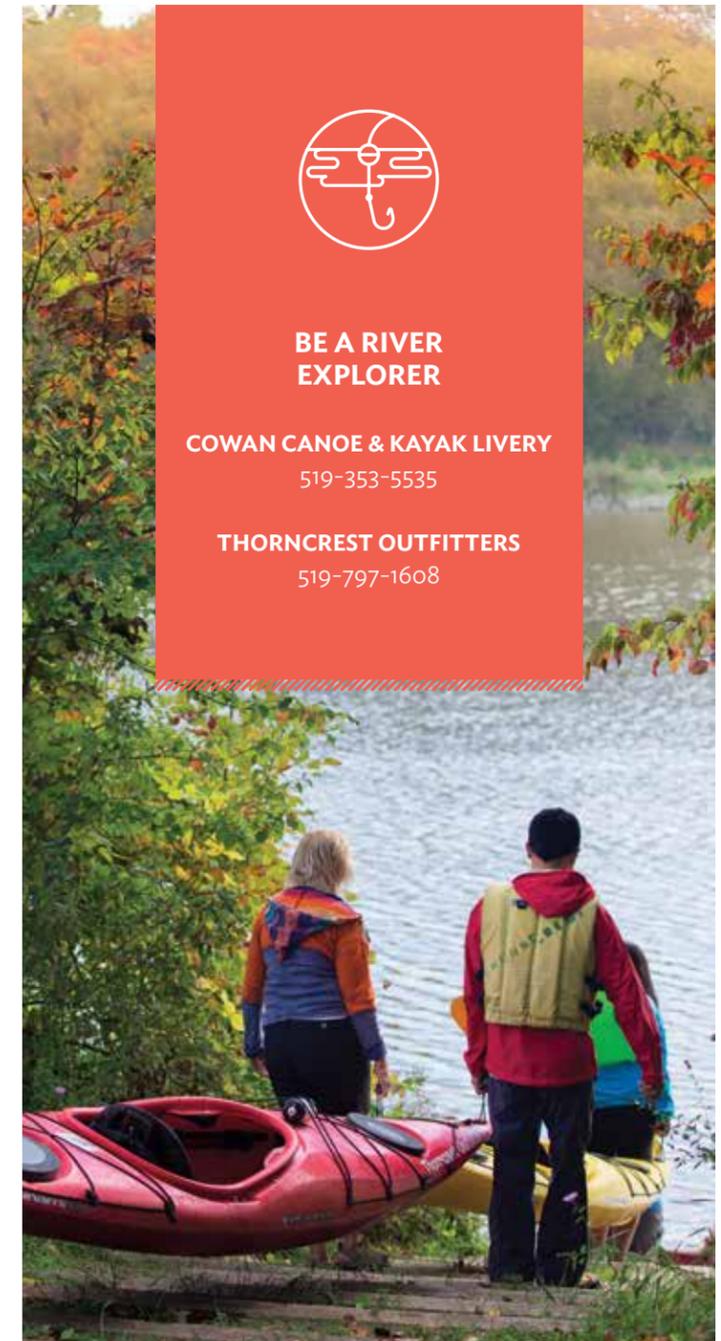
▶ Paddling in the fall is the best way to see the autumn colours in Bruce County. Fly fishing is the locals' favourite method.



When it comes to a canoe trip, many think of the rigorous routes, whitewater and rapids and portaging for kilometres at a time.

But the Saugeen River offers a canoe trip that is simple; where it can be an easy afternoon on the water. The most complicated part of canoe tripping on the river is the shuttle back to your vehicle. Thankfully, local outfitters make this easy for you. They've got shuttles going throughout the day from put-in and take-out spots all along the river and can get you back to your car for a minimal fee. Don't forget a life jacket, safety gear, hats, sunscreen and a picnic lunch!

The Saugeen River is home to the one of the largest runs of migratory Rainbow Trout/Steelhead in the province of Ontario. It's safe to say that Bruce County boasts some of the best steelhead fishing anywhere in Southern Ontario, if not the Great Lakes. The characteristics and biology of the Saugeen River teamed with Ontario Steelheaders efforts has created this crown jewel of Ontario fishing. Through an intensive local stocking program and ideal river conditions that encourage wild born fish, the annual run of trout is estimated to be over 30,000 fish. Pack some dry clothes, a good pair of waders and your favourite trout gear and head out to get "hooked".



Festivals and Events

JANUARY

Sauble Beach Winterfest

FEBRUARY

Warton Willie Festival
Port Elgin Rotary Winterama

MARCH

Purple Valley Maple Syrup Festival
Saugeen Bluffs Maple Syrup Festival, Paisley

APRIL

Midwestern Ontario Rotary Music Festival, Walkerton

MAY

Huron Fringe Birding Festival, MacGregor Park

JUNE

Bruce Peninsula Orchid Festival
Rotary Huron Shore Run, Southampton
Paisley Blues Festival
MS Chi-Cheemaun Festival, Tobermory

JULY

Bruce Power Beach Party
Kincardine Scottish Festival & Highland Games
Lake Huron Children's Festival, Port Elgin
Lighthouse Blues Festival, Kincardine
Southampton Marine Heritage Festival

AUGUST

Sauble Beach Sandfest
Saugeen First Nation Pow Wow
Cape Croker Pow Wow
Subaru Bruce Peninsula Multisport Race, Warton

Walkerton Busker's Festival
Bruce Peninsula Artists Studio Tour
Kincardine Marine Heritage Festival
Bruce County Heritage Farm Show, Paisley

Lucknow Music in the Fields

SEPTEMBER

Canadian Big Band Celebration, Port Elgin
Doors Open, Walkerton and South Bruce Peninsula
Tobermory Trail Race Weekend

OCTOBER

Port Elgin Pumpkinfest

NOVEMBER

Remembrance Day Ceremonies, County-Wide

DECEMBER

Seasonal Events, County-Wide



For more festivals and information, please go to

www.explorethebruce.com

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to catch the latest events.

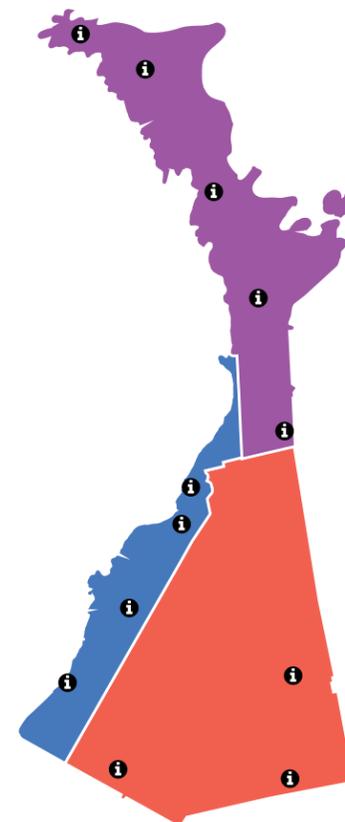


Be an explorer.

Two hours northwest of Toronto, yet in a world of its own, the Bruce is part wonderland, part fun house, where nothing is ordinary, much is unbeatable, and all is very welcoming.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

Find one on your route!



Peninsula

Tobermory Info Centre
519-596-2452

Ferndale Info Centre
519-793-5474

Warton Info Centre
519-534-3111

Bruce Peninsula National Park Visitor Centre
519-596-2233

Springmount Info Centre Plus MS Chi-Cheemaun
1-800-265-3163

Lakeshore

Southampton Visitor Information
519-797-2215

Port Elgin Visitor Information Centre
519-832-2332

Kincardine Info Centre
519-396-2731

Bruce Power Visitors' Centre
1-866-748-4787

Interior

Lucknow Info Centre
519-528-3002

Walkerton BIA Office
519-881-3413

Mildmay Info Centre
519-367-3545





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