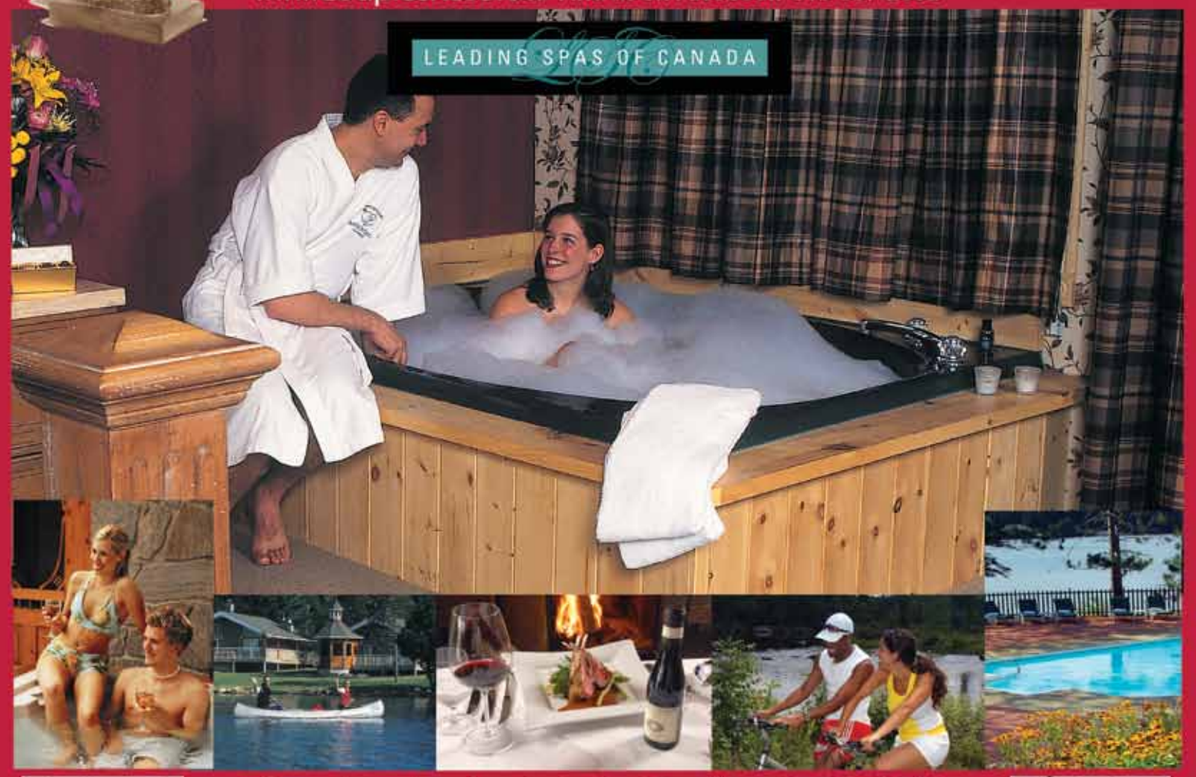

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See her story on page 58.



Kate Pocock is a Toronto-based writer who specializes in family travel. In fact, she's been travelling with her three kids, as well as nine nieces and nephews, for more than 30 years across three continents. Despite this, some of her favourite family travelling memories have been made right here on the beaches of Lake Huron and other great lakes in Ontario.
See her stories on pages 40 and 48.



No stranger to canoes, fly rods, float planes and hiking boots, **James Smedley** brings an enthusiasm to his work that has earned him more than 40 national and international awards for writing and photography. James has a soft spot for the hidden beaches and coves along the rugged coast of Lake Superior's north shore. See his story on page 30.



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Two-time winner of Ontario Tourism's award for best travel journalism, Toronto writer **Betty Zyvatkauskas** is happiest exploring her own backyard. One of her guilty pleasures is sneaking off to a Saturday matinee with a bag of popcorn at The Fox, a legendary repertory cinema in Toronto's Beaches neighbourhood. See her stories on pages 24 and 52.

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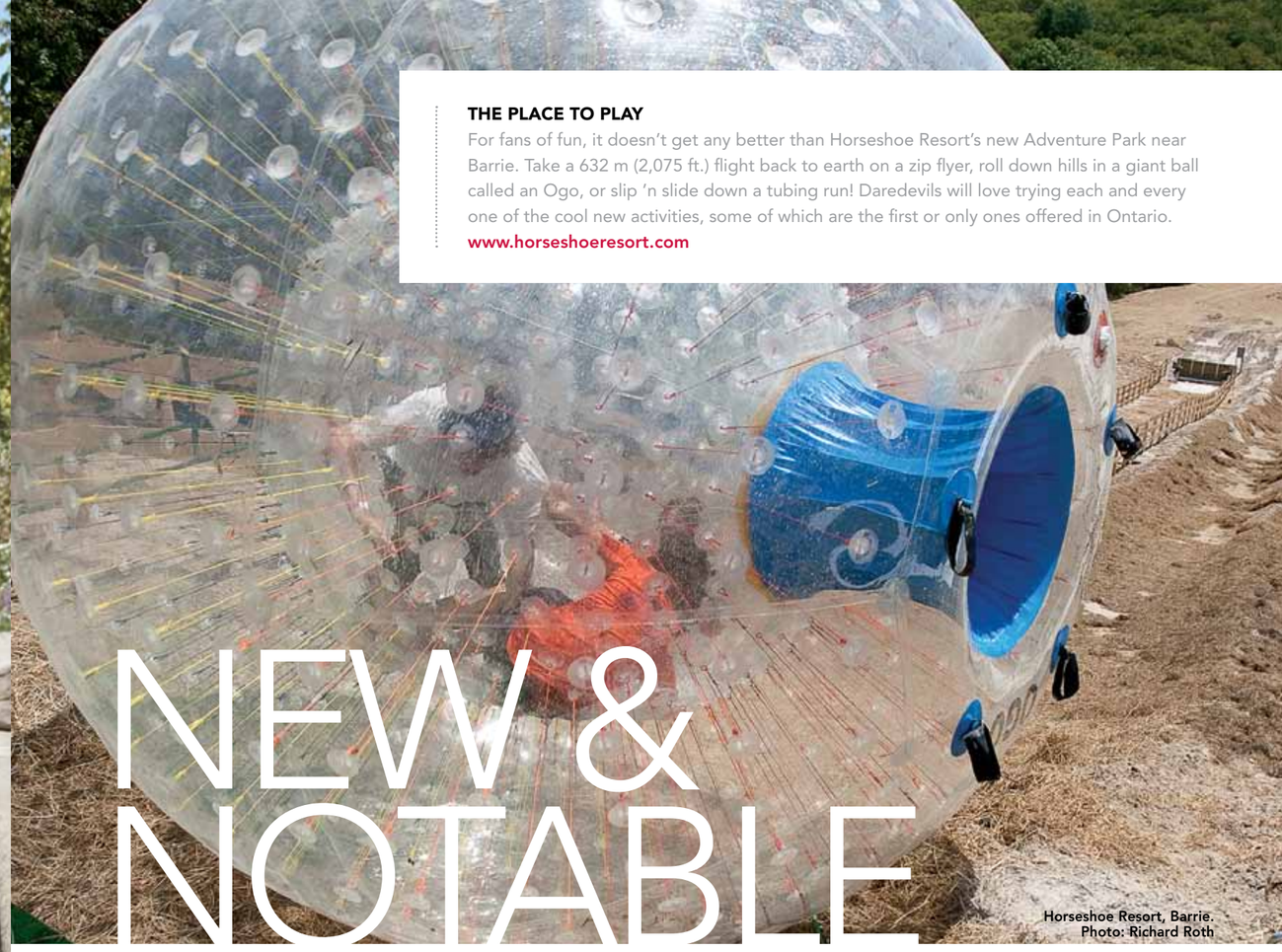
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NEW & NOTABLE

Horseshoe Resort, Barrie. Photo: Richard Roth

THE PLACE TO PLAY

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www.horseshoeresort.com

WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE

Explore Earth's most precious resource at the Royal Ontario Museum's latest exhibit, *Water: The Exhibition*. This immersive experience features cool interactive displays and live animals like frogs, snakes and fish. Watch for the maple leaf symbol throughout the exhibit to see special Canadian content, like Canadian deep sea corals, endangered species and local water projects. Until September 5.
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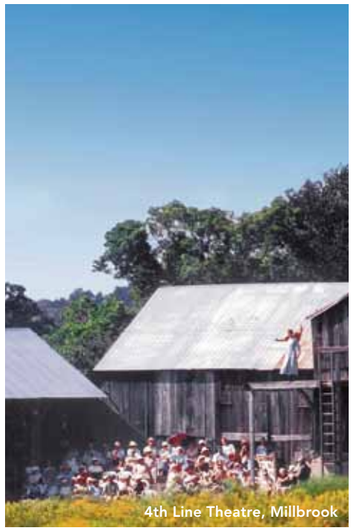
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www.trumptoronto.ca

SPIRIT OF THE LAND
Feel instantly welcomed at the Washow Lodge near Moose Factory. This Aboriginal experience blends the culture and heritage of the Moose Cree people with a world-class wilderness lodge. Stay in the beautiful main log cabin on Hannah Bay – built to be as energy-efficient as possible – and explore the human connection with the land through Cree traditions and activities.
www.washow.ca


Washow Lodge, Moose Factory. Photo: Patrice Halley.


4th Line Theatre, Millbrook

APPLAUD OUTDOORS
The quintessentially Canadian theatre company, 4th Line Theatre in Millbrook, celebrates its 20th anniversary season this summer. The theatre showcases plays that are written by and about Canadians, performed in a picturesque outdoor location. This year, the play that started it all, *The Cavan Blazers*, graces the stage (August 2–27). First produced in 1992, it explores the explosive conflicts between Irish Catholic and Protestant settlers in 1854.
www.4thlinetheatre.on.ca



State of the ARCHITECTURE

A stately Prime Minister's villa, a livery stable turned restaurant, Canada's First Capital building and a historic train station are only a small sampling of the stunning and well preserved architecture in Kingston. Take a 50 minute Tour Trolley ride and see one of Canada's oldest cities portrayed in a variety of design styles!





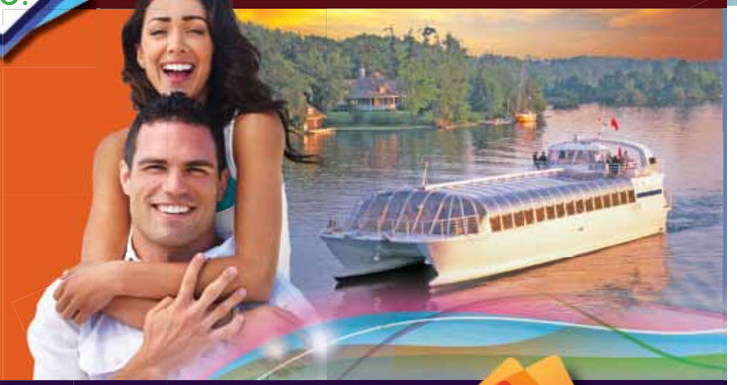
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Calypso Theme Waterpark, Limoges

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www.calypsopark.com

A SWEET ESCAPE

In Grey County, you'll find lots of apple orchards – making it the perfect location for the Apple Pie Trail. It's also the only region in Ontario to grow a tasty new type of antioxidant-packed apple, the Red Prince. Check for the Apple Pie Trail certification when buying apples, baked goods and restaurant items to ensure they're from the best locally grown fruit available.

www.applepietrail.ca



Doors Open Kingston, Shoal Tower

BEHIND THE SCENES

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of Doors Open Ontario, cities and towns all over the province are opening heritage buildings and sites to the public from April to October. And it's absolutely free! Check the dates online to find an event near you.

www.doorsopenontario.on.ca

NEW & NOTABLE

CHANNEL YOUR INNER CHAUTAUQUA
Muskoka Chautauqua is back! Almost 80 years after disbanding, this vibrant, arts-based community has been resurrected and its goals haven't changed: to provide a place where the arts merge with the natural beauty of Muskoka. Here you can renew your spirit, relax your mind and feed your imagination. In a beautiful setting far removed from the day-to-day bustle, visitors enjoy art workshops, reading circles, archival movies, music recitals – even wine, beer and culinary tasting. To learn more and get into the spirit, go online to check out the Chautauqua Reading Circle's 2011 booklist.
www.muskokachautauqua.ca


Verandah learning at the Epworth Inn, 1925


Muskoka

Ontario Then and New

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Cinesphere at Ontario Place, Toronto

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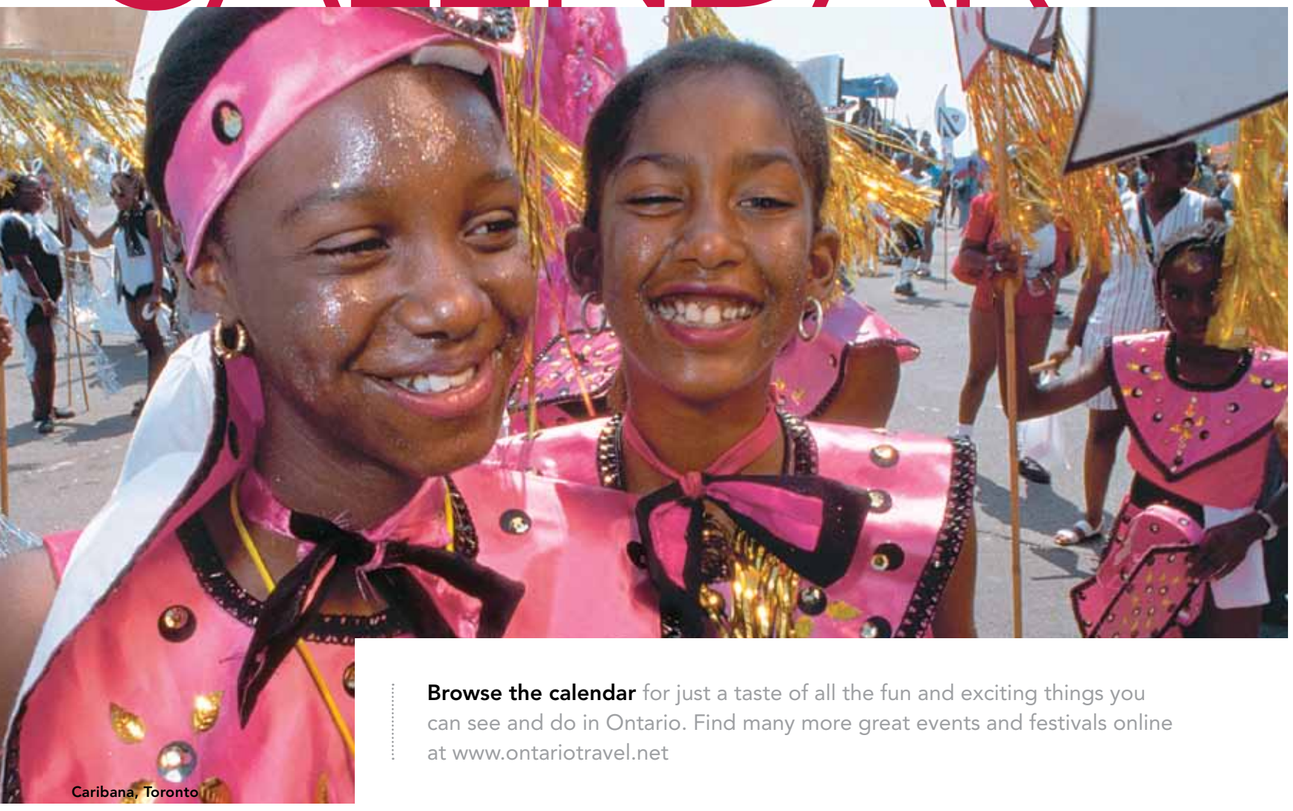


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CALENDAR



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MAY

MAY 28
Terroir Wine Festival
Picton

Sip wines from more than 20 vineyards, paired with gourmet food samples from the region.

www.thecountywines.com

MAY 28 & 29
Long Sault Regatta
Long Sault

See the spray, feel the speed – watch hydroplanes race on the St. Lawrence River as you cheer from a sandy beach.

www.stlawrenceparks.com

MAY 29
Thunder Bay Kite Festival
Thunder Bay

Enjoy watching colourful kites tumble and swoop through the sky, and learn a few flying tricks from the experts!

www.thunderbay.ca

JUNE



Luminato, Toronto

JUNE 1–5
2011 Ottawa International Children's Festival
Ottawa

This performing arts festival is dedicated to entertaining young audiences through dance, storytelling and activities.

www.ottawachildrensfestival.ca

JUNE 3–5
Carassauga Festival of Cultures
Mississauga

Experience the cultures of more than 60 countries in three days – all you need is a festival passport!

www.carassauga.com

JUNE 3–5
Dundas International Buskerfest
Dundas

Delight the whole family when pavement performers and buskers perform spectacular feats.

www.downtowndundas.ca

JUNE 3–5
Pickering Ribfest
Pickering

Take your pick of some of the best ribbers around and have a lip-smacking good time.

www.pickeringribfest.com

JUNE 10–12
Guelph and District Multicultural Festival
Guelph

Young and old alike love this festival dedicated to culture, community, family and fun. Enjoy lots of food, activities and live music.

www.gdmf.ca

JUNE 10–19
Luminato – Toronto Festival of Arts & Creativity
Toronto

Experience the arts like never before when this festival for all things creative takes over Toronto.

www.luminato.com

JUNE 10-12, 17–19, 24–26
Carrousel of the Nations
Windsor

On weekends in June, celebrate cultural diversity with dances, food and music from all around the world.

www.carrouselofnations.ca

JUNE 17 & 18
Markham Village Music Festival
Markham

Listen to sweet sounds of music at this outdoor festival – live entertainment, plus kids' activities will keep everyone happy!

www.markham-festival.org

JUNE 18
Dragon Boat Festival
Parry Sound

Brightly painted boats aren't the only draw to this annual race – families love the parades, dances and tasty treats too!

www.dragonboatfestival.org

JUNE 18
Flower City Parade
Brampton

See why Brampton really is Canada's Flower City! Watch marching bands, clowns and floats in this huge floral parade.

www.brampton.ca

JUNE 18–26
Niagara New Vintage Festival
St. Catharines

Toast great vintages at this festival for Niagara's finest – enjoy winery tours, culinary pairings and sample the region's best wines.

www.newvintagefestival.com

JUNE 24–26
Geraldton Walleye Classic
Geraldton

Reel in your small fry and head to this angling derby – kids will love fishing in the Junior Walleye Classic!

www.geraldtonwalleyeclassic.ca

JUNE 25 & 26
Canadian International Military Tattoo
Hamilton

This ancient military tradition honours Canada's rich cultural heritage with a wide array of performances.

www.canadianmilitarytattoo.ca

JUNE 25 & 26
Kaleidoscope Children's Festival
Minnett

Join clowns, buskers and artists for a fun festival designed to spark kids' imaginations.

www.kaleidoscopeartsined.ca

JUNE 25 – AUGUST 31
Little Lake Musicfest
Peterborough

Listen up and enjoy the 25th season of live entertainment in the heart of the city – still absolutely free!

www.festivaloflights.ca

JUNE 30 – JULY 3
Friendship Festival
Fort Erie

Celebrate the friendship between Canada and the U.S. at this festival marking both nations' birthdays – with fireworks, a Kidz Zone and free entertainment.

www.friendshipfestival.com

JULY


Ottawa

JULY 1
Canada Day Celebrations
Ottawa

Join thousands – including newlywed royals Kate and William – in wishing Canada a happy 144th birthday in the Capital Region. There'll be lots of live performances and fireworks to do it right.

www.canadascapital.gc.ca

JULY 1 & 2
Strawberry Festival
Whitchurch-Stouffville

Taste the excitement at this 27th annual sweet event with over 150 artisans and crafters – and a bounty of beautiful berries.

www.strawberryfestival.ca

JULY 1–3
Cobourg Waterfront Festival
Cobourg

Bring your family and be part of the fun: parades, live entertainment and a fireworks spectacle are just the beginning.

www.waterfrontfestival.ca

JULY 7–10
Fort William Historical Park: The Great Rendezvous
Thunder Bay

Join in a huge re-enactment at the world's largest reconstructed fur trade post – watch battles, try artisan skills and feast on traditional foods.

www.fwhp.ca

JULY 7–10, 15–17
Rogers Bayfest
Sarnia

Families love live music festivals – hit the rock weekend first, then it's country music the next.

www.sarniabayfest.com

JULY 8–10
Honda Indy Toronto
Toronto

See your favourite pro drivers race through Toronto's streets at the 25th anniversary of this racing event.

www.hondaindytoronto.com

JULY 14–16
Rotaryfest: The Sault Summer Festival
Sault Ste. Marie

Tons of fun awaits families at this 88-years-young summer fest, including a parade, Playzone, water floor and car show.

www.rotaryfest.com

JULY 14 – AUGUST 12
Scotiabank Caribana
Toronto

Feel the heat of the streets and the rhythm of steel drums at the largest Caribbean festival in North America. Join the fun at the big parade (July 30)!

www.caribanafestival.com

JULY 15–17
Canal Railway & Chocolate Festival
Smiths Falls

Eat your fill at chocolate contests and have a ball at this fun-packed festival – featuring live music, juggling, magic, parades and more!

www.canalrailwayfest.com

JULY 21–24
Lumberjack Heritage Festival
Kapuskasing

Little loggers love playing in the kid zone, watching professional lumberjacks compete, and dancing to live musical performances.

www.kaplumberjack.com/main.html

JULY 21–24
Collingwood Elvis Festival
Collingwood

This annual tribute to the King of Rock features live music, retro fun and pompadour hairstyles.

www.collingwoodelvisfestival.com

JULY 22–24
Norseman Floatplane Festival
Red Lake

Climb aboard a float plane or ride the Norseman Express – kids will be flying high at this fest.

www.norsemanfestival.on.ca

JULY 28–31
48th Annual Rockhound Gemboree
Bancroft

Pan for gold and swap gems at this annual festival in Canada's mineral capital.

www.bancroft-ontario.com

JULY 29 – AUGUST 1
Nipigon Annual Blueberry Blast
Nipigon

Pick a pail of delicious blueberries and join the berry fun activities, like the teddy bear picnic, petting zoo and crafts.

www.nipigon.net

JULY 31 – AUGUST 13
Kincardine Summer Music Festival
Kincardine

This festival shares music with all – not only will you see student and professional performances, but you can learn how to play an instrument at the fair!

www.ksmf.ca

WEDNESDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST
Fort Henry: Sunset Ceremonies
Kingston

Excitement will rise as the Fort Regiment performs drills and gun salutes while the military music builds – and ends in an explosion of colourful fireworks!

www.forthenry.com

AUGUST


Fergus

AUGUST 3–7
Canadian Open Old Time Fiddle Championship
Shelburne

Break out your dancing shoes and get ready for some fun fiddling, celebrated with parades, competitions and pancake breakfasts.

www.shelburnefiddlecontest.on.ca

AUGUST 4–6
Pembroke Waterfront Festival
Pembroke

Featuring local talent, food and artwork, this festival brings out the best the community has to offer.

www.pembrokefestivals.com

AUGUST 5–7
Goderich Celtic Roots Festival
Goderich

Break out your dancing shoes and enjoy Celtic folk music from a huge lineup of international and Canadian acts.

www.celticfestival.ca

AUGUST 5–7
Alliston Potato Festival
Alliston

Buds of spuds, take note – this festival has a parade, midway, ATV mud bog, entertainers and more.

www.allistonpotatofestival.com

AUGUST 12–14
Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games
Fergus

Put on your plaid and head out for a highland fling like no other – dancing, storytelling, sword fighting and bagpipe heritage information are just the beginning.

www.fergusscottishfestival.com

AUGUST 12–14
International Busker Festival
St. Catharines

The first of its kind in Niagara, this buskerfest will feature stunts and entertainment from international and local street performers alike.

www.lyndesfarnetheatreprojects.com

AUGUST 18–21
Havelock Jamboree
Havelock

Round up your little ones and pitch a tent at Canada's largest live country music and camping festival.

www.havelockjamboree.com

AUGUST 18–21
Vankleek Hill Agricultural Fair
Vankleek Hill

Have lots of fun at one of the oldest agricultural fairs in Ontario, with events like the demolition derby and the fair parade. Don't forget to check out the antique tractors!

www.vankleekhillfair.ca

AUGUST 19 – SEPTEMBER 5
Canadian National Exhibition
Toronto

A mainstay of the summer scene, this 132-year-old event has it all: cool rides, live entertainment, vendors and a huge variety of food.

www.theex.com

AUGUST 20
Bracebridge Highland Games
Bracebridge

Witness feats of strength at the highland and bagpipe competitions, then dance a highland fling.

www.bracebridgehighlandgames.com

AUGUST 20
Pawlooza: London's Festival for Dogs
London

Bring your four-legged friends to this dog-crazy festival – you can get advice on dog tricks, visit a pet psychic and much more!

www.pawlooza.com

AUGUST 25–28
Scotiabank Toronto Buskerfest
Toronto

One of the largest of its kind in North America, this wacky fest brings together hundreds of performers from around the globe.

www.torontobuskerfest.com

AUGUST 25–28
Tecumseh Corn Festival
Tecumseh

The whole family will have a great time at this festival featuring live entertainment, fun activities and of course, hot buttery corn.

www.tecumseh.ca

AUGUST 26–28
Winona Peach Festival
Winona

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www.winonapeach.com

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www.kawarthafest.ca

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Festival de la Curd, St. Albert.
Photo: Sylvain Marier.

Franco families love St. Albert's Festival de la Curd, and with good reason. There's plenty of activities for everyone: bouncy castles, a gigantic corn maze, face painting and entertainers keep the kids happy, while live bands and a tasting market treat the senses of young and old alike. August 17–21.
www.curdfestival.com

JOIE DE VIVRE

Franco music lovers, rejoice! This year, the 12th Festival de la St. Jean plays host to iconic musical acts Cano and Offenbach. History tidbit: this folk festival is based on traditional Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day celebrations held across Quebec. The Quebecois who settled this region brought the tradition with them, and now Kapuskasing's St. Jean festival is the largest in Ontario! June 23–25.
www.stjeankap.com

Right in the heart of Ottawa, the Festival Franco-Ontarien sets the stage for one weekend of rocking fun. Enjoy francophone musicians playing live music, and join in the huge street parade, filled with extravagant costumes and dancing. June 16–18.
www.ffo.ca

The Franco-Fête is Toronto's largest social and cultural gathering of the francophone community. Listen to musicians from a variety of genres, attend cooking demonstrations, play games with your kids and more – all conveniently located on the shores of Lake Ontario at the Harbourfront Centre. June 24–26.
www.franco-fete.ca

Sudbury's biggest summer event, the Northern Lights Festival Boréal, returns to its home in the newly renovated Bell Park with a bang – this is the 40th anniversary! The three-day festival is a celebration of this vibrant community, representing the city's bilingual, Aboriginal and multicultural roots through music, art, workshops and activities. July 8–10.
www.nlfbsudbury.com

Celebrate Franco culture in Sudbury at Les Jeux de la Francophonie Canadienne (The Canadian francophone Games). One of the largest national gatherings of Canada's francophone youth, this event encourages teens between 13 and 18 to develop skills in the arts, sports and leadership. July 20–24.
www.jeuxfc.ca

Did you know? There is a Franco-Ontario flag, featuring a fleur-de-lis and a trillium on a green and white background. Introduced in 1975, it's a symbol of the rich heritage and harmony of the Ontario French-speaking community and is still proudly used at many francophone events.



Festival Franco-Ontarien, Ottawa. Photo: Sylvain Marier.

Visitors rave about our landscapes.

Many draw their own conclusions.





It's true – we're known for our shimmering lakes, Canadian Shield granite and majestic forests, but Muskoka is also a vibrant cultural hub.

There's something about Muskoka's natural beauty that seems to bring out the artistic side in people. Beginning with the Chautauquas of the early 20th century, this special place has long been a mecca for those who create and appreciate art. Today, writers, actors, musicians and artists of all ilks make up the fabric of this thriving artistic community. Come visit Muskoka and discover how arts and culture is in our nature.

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STARS ALIGN HERE

by Betty Zyvatkauskas

AAACTION!

Varied streetscapes, soundstages and a vast talent pool make Toronto a hot production venue. They've also turned T.O. into a lot of other places.

Torontonians have become accustomed to seeing the surreal. Head downtown on a summer evening and you're almost certain to stumble upon grips, gaffers and line producers preparing for a location shoot. One balmy evening, I saw piles of 'snow' lining an alley for a simulated winter shoot. Vintage cars and retro-looking Christmas lights suggested time travel into an earlier era. It was a glimpse of movie magic that's increasingly common in the city sometimes dubbed 'Hollywood North'.

When is Toronto not Toronto? When it's doubling for New York, Baltimore, Boston or some fantasy world in one of 1,130 location filming projects shot here in 2009. *Total Recall*, scheduled to begin production in May, sees Colin Farrell struggling to recover memories in a futuristic city. Major film shoots have turned The Bay's flagship store on Queen St. into Madison Square Gardens for the 2005 *Cinderella Man*, and seen Toronto and Hamilton neighbourhoods double for 1960s Baltimore in the 2007 hit *Hairspray*. *Chicago*, winner of six Oscars in 2003 including best picture, was almost entirely shot in Toronto, notably at the Danforth Music Hall, the Elgin Theatre and the Distillery Historic District – a popular location due to its extensive 19th-century industrial buildings.

On the set of *Flashpoint* – photo courtesy of Avamar Entertainment/Pink Sky Entertainment.

REAL BUTTER ON THE POPCORN
With so much movie-making going on, it's no wonder Toronto hosts more than 50 film fests. The largest of these is the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), now in its 36th year and running September 8–18, 2011. TIFF screens hundreds of Oscar-worthy hits and international treasures, stirring the city into a frenzy of star-spotting and gala gossip.

But with the opening of the TIFF Bell Lightbox in 2010, cinephiles no longer need to wait until September to indulge their movie mania. The new headquarters for the Toronto International Film Festival is a five-storey entertainment palace for those who appreciate sophisticated cinema and all the creature comforts of a well-designed venue. Museum-quality special exhibits like the recent Tim Burton show from The Museum of Modern Art inspire and entertain film buffs.

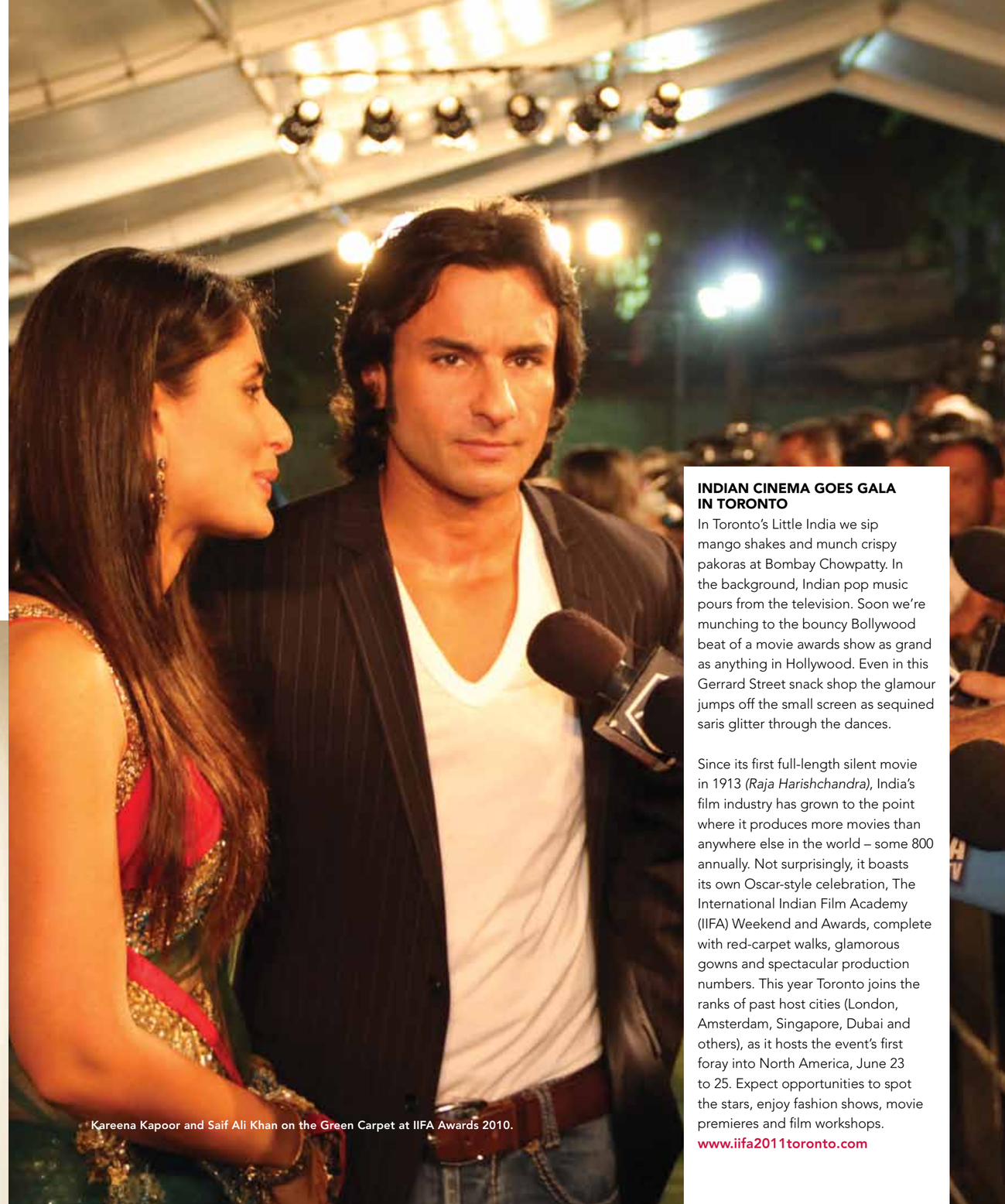
On a typical day I can watch two or three films that probably wouldn't make it to a commercial theatre – artistically and cinematically important movies more likely to be screened at international film festivals, as well as genre classics. Five theatres ranging in size from 80 to 520 seats offer the ultimate in movie-watching comfort, with steeply raked seating so it doesn't matter who sits in front of me – or what kind of hat he is wearing. And the comfort is amazing. These chairs are the same as the ones you'll find in the Palais du Cinema in Cannes.

Whether my movie-watching enjoyment requires a bag of popcorn or a large latté, the snack bar and bistro have it covered. Best of all, the real butter on the popcorn is free. Prices compare to regular first-run movie admissions, but the ambience is definitely upscale. Enjoy before-the-movie brunch at Oliver & Bonacini's Luma or drinks at the King Street canteen after the show. This everything-under-one-roof film festival building has become my favourite one-stop date destination.
www.tiff.net/tiffbelllightbox

Not just another pretty place to make a movie. Toronto offers a first-rate film fest experience year-round at the new TIFF Bell Lightbox.



TIFF Bell Lightbox, Toronto



Kareena Kapoor and Saif Ali Khan on the Green Carpet at IIFA Awards 2010.

INDIAN CINEMA GOES GALA IN TORONTO
In Toronto's Little India we sip mango shakes and munch crispy pakoras at Bombay Chowpatty. In the background, Indian pop music pours from the television. Soon we're munching to the bouncy Bollywood beat of a movie awards show as grand as anything in Hollywood. Even in this Gerrard Street snack shop the glamour jumps off the small screen as sequined saris glitter through the dances.

Since its first full-length silent movie in 1913 *(Raja Harishchandra)*, India's film industry has grown to the point where it produces more movies than anywhere else in the world – some 800 annually. Not surprisingly, it boasts its own Oscar-style celebration, The International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Weekend and Awards, complete with red-carpet walks, glamorous gowns and spectacular production numbers. This year Toronto joins the ranks of past host cities (London, Amsterdam, Singapore, Dubai and others), as it hosts the event's first foray into North America, June 23 to 25. Expect opportunities to spot the stars, enjoy fashion shows, movie premieres and film workshops.
www.iifa2011toronto.com



RMS *Segwun*, Muskoka

BETWEEN TAKES: STAR-WORTHY VACATION HANGOUTS
Where: Muskoka, particularly lakes Muskoka, Joseph and Rosseau
Who: Hollywood stars and hockey players including Martin Short, Bill Murray, Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell, Tom Hanks, Steven Spielberg, Robert Lantos and Eric Lindros.
Why: Dubbed 'Malibu north' for the number of movie stars who either own summer houses or visit them, Muskoka's pristine lakes and Canadian Shield scenery come with great golf and luxurious amenities.
Best star spotting: The town of Port Carling
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www.discovermuskoka.ca
www.segwun.com



Casa Loma, Toronto

SPOT THE ONTARIO LANDMARKS
Where did the X-Men hone their hero skills in the first *X-Men* film?
(Casa Loma)

Which Toronto school doubled for MIT in *Good Will Hunting*?
(University of Toronto)

In *Resident Evil: Apocalypse*, where was Mila Jovovich climbing when the zombies approached?
(Toronto City Hall)

In 2008's *The Incredible Hulk*, which Hamilton-area waterfall does the Hulk wake up beside?
(Webster's Falls)



TIFF, Toronto

FILM FESTS: ALWAYS IN SEASON

WORLDWIDE SHORT FILM FESTIVAL, TORONTO – MAY 31 – JUNE 5
One of only three Canadian festivals accredited by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, this Canadian Film Centre event screens 250 shorts from more than 80 countries.
www.worldwideshortfilmfest.com

NORTH BY NORTHEAST MUSIC FESTIVAL AND CONFERENCE, TORONTO – JUNE 13–19
Watch lots of indie documentaries and cool concert flicks at NXNE Film.
www.nxne.com

CINÉFEST SUDBURY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, SUDBURY – SEPTEMBER 17–25
Sudbury plays host to Canada's fourth-largest film fest. Last year more than 30,000 people attended Cinéfest Sudbury International Film Festival.
www.cinefest.com

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL ANIMATION FESTIVAL, OTTAWA – SEPTEMBER 21–25
Filmmakers and fans have mingled at North America's largest animation celebration since 1976.
www.animationfestival.ca

BAY STREET FILM FESTIVAL, THUNDER BAY – SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 2
See socially relevant movies from around the world at the Finnish Labour Temple, home to the famed Hoito Restaurant.
www.baystreetfilmfestival.ca

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THINGS TO DO

MY SUMMER

SOAKING IN ONTARIO'S NATURAL BEAUTIES

by James Smedley

Paddling toward the southern tip of McColl Island in Lake Superior's Slate Islands Provincial Park. Photo: James Smedley.

Come summertime, my family and friends enjoy one of the largest playgrounds on earth.

LAKE SUPERIOR

There's no better way to experience Ontario's natural beauty than to simply dive right in. So that's what I do. Prompted by my girls, Lillian 12 and Islay 14, I spring from the warm brown granite, arcing headfirst into crystal-clear water. My core temperature plunges, delivering a refreshingly sharp reminder that I'm now immersed in the icy waters of Lake Superior.

But looking around it appears we're on an inland lake. Looming headlands, jagged points and narrow passages cleverly conceal the fact that we are 12 kilometres (7 mi.) offshore in Lake Superior's Slate Islands Provincial Park. The labyrinth of wilderness islands and islets, with their campsites, sandy beaches and animal trails, holds promise of endless exploration by foot and by water.

We're only here a few days, long enough to pluck tasty lake trout from the cold waters, paddle within the maze of islands and spot several of the island's woodland caribou. They swim across the bays and stroll along beaches. One of these bold characters even walks right through our campsite early one morning.

Although experienced sea kayakers regularly paddle here from the mainland to circumnavigate the Slates – we were dropped off by a water taxi out of Terrace Bay. Weather permitting, it'll be back to pick us up in a few days but for now we'll stay hidden in Superior's hidden lake.

KILLARNEY
As we crest the boulder-strewn granite ridge I can't help thinking of food. "That's going to be one good sandwich," I say as I tilt back my water bottle and look out over a shimmering landscape of white mountains dappled with wooded sapphire lakes.

The 2 km (1.25 mi.) hike is easy to begin with but its end is punctuated by an abrupt climb over a cascade of giant tumbled boulders. For my wife Francine and I, reaching the top of the Killarney Ridge has furnished more than a hearty appetite; we now enjoy a vantage point where knobs of white quartzite gleam like snow-capped peaks above gnarled jack pine.

It's not hard to understand why artists like Canada's Group of Seven were drawn to the La Cloche Mountains. "I bet A.Y. Jackson sat right about here to paint," I say sinking onto a flat slab of warm quartz. Francine settles in beside me and opens the lunch pack for a sunbathed dining experience with a view surpassing any restaurant in the province.

OUIMET CANYON
"Dad," says Islay, a little embarrassed as I test the wooden guard rail before peering down to the canyon floor. "Just making sure," I say, "Don't want to fall down there, might freeze to death." This does not even prompt a response from my girls who've just read that the 100-metre-deep (328-ft.), 150-metre-wide (492-ft.) canyon holds a microclimate where Arctic plants left from the last ice age still grow.

"Do you see the skinny guy?" I ask, scanning the jagged edges of the 2 km (1.25 mi.) gorge east of Thunder Bay. "Oh yeah, he is skinny," says Lillian, pointing to the angular pillar of rock teetering near the sheer canyon wall. "That's Omett," says Islay, "turned to stone after messing with the Great Spirit Nanabijou."

"Let's get a closer look" I say, and the girls race along the cusp of the ancient canyon toward the next lookout.



Killarney Provincial Park



North shore of Rice Lake. Photo: James Smedley.

RICE LAKE
My buddy Gord casts a huge orange rubber minnow towards a sloping shoreline and retrieves it quickly through weed-strewn waters. I'm wondering what sort of fish would hit such a large offering when Gord leans back hard on his rod. After considerable surface splashing, our guide Joe slides a net under a long and powerful fish. "Wow, that's one healthy looking muskie," I say snapping photos as Gord poses with the toothy creature before sliding her back into Rice Lake.

Joe delivers us to cottage-lined shorelines and lonely islands where we pluck smallmouth and largemouth bass – and even walleye – from weed beds and under docks. After a day on the water Joe drops us off at the dock in front of our cabin.

Gord jumps in the hot tub while I take a hike up the cleared hills behind the resort for a commanding view of the rolling pastoral landscape surrounding Rice Lake. With the sun retreating toward the wooded shoreline we slip on blazers and walk to the dining room. The special today is locally raised lamb. The choice is easy.

Want to find out more about an outdoor adventure? Explore your options for experiencing Ontario's Great Outdoors at **www.ontariotravel.net/outdoors** – you'll find outfitters, getaway packages, places to stay and more. For more about fishing in Ontario, find celebrity angling tips, events and resources at **www.gofishinontario.com**

KIDS RAVE

ABOUT THESE FAMILY FAVES

Time to pause the game controllers and get the kids out to play. Splash away at water parks where gravity and water have a mash-up. Let them explore their imaginations in an enchanted forest. Experience the wild and the wacky at arcades and attractions, or go wild on an animal safari.

CANADA'S WONDERLAND, VAUGHAN

Thrill seekers of all ages love Canada's largest theme park. The little ones can hang out in KidZville or ride the Taxi Jam, designed as a toddler's first coaster. On wilder rides like Behemoth® and the new WindSeeker, which stretches up 91 m (301 ft.) high, teens can test their fear factor. Plus everyone will love cooling off at Splash Works, an 8-hectare (20-acre) water park.
www.canadaswonderland.com

Canada's Wonderland, Vaughan

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LONG POINT ECO-ADVENTURES, TURKEY POINT
For a completely different adrenalin rush, take a 2.5-hour canopy tour – high above the forest floor – that includes eight zip lines, two suspension skybridges and a 12 m (40 ft.) rappel. The tour is led by two experienced and informative guides. Ages 8 and up.
www.lpfun.ca

Long Point Eco-Adventures, Turkey Point

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STORYBOOK GARDENS, LONDON
Enter through the castle where a make-believe world fires up your child's imagination. Kids will enjoy fun rides, entertainment and face painting, plus Slippery's splash area for cooling down. A kid fave is the Enchanted Forest, a safe place for animals who are injured and can't survive in the wild.
www.storybook.london.ca

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CALYPSO THEME WATERPARK, LIMOGES
Just one year old, Canada's largest themed water park is set to make a bigger spash this summer by opening the highest free-standing waterslide tower in North America! For the younger set who love getting wet, there's Pirate's Aquaplay and Zoo Lagoon.
www.calypsopark.com



Ontario Place, Toronto

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ONTARIO PLACE, TORONTO
Toronto's playground by the lake celebrates 40 years of family fun with rides, arcades and cool attractions like the new IMAX® 3D Theatre. Everyone can chill out at Froster™ Soak City,® Toronto's only downtown water park. A Toronto Star Play All Day Pass® gives unlimited access to most rides and attractions.
www.ontarioplace.com



Whirlpool Aerocar, Niagara Falls

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WASAGA BEACH
The longest freshwater beach in the world, Wasaga is sandcastle heaven for the little ones! Shallow waters and sandbars make it kid-friendly too. Picnic tables and change facilities cater to families. Bigger kids will like the nearby Wasaga 500 Go-Karts.
www.wasagabeach.com

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NIAGARA FALLS
The city they named after a natural wonder could also be called one of the wonders of family fun. Check out the mighty falls, and then head to Fallsview Indoor Waterpark – the largest hotel and indoor water park complex of its kind in North America. Enjoy the attractions of Clifton Hill, walk or cycle along the Niagara Parkway and visit thousands of airy butterflies at the Butterfly Conservatory. Finally, curl up all cozy in a 'wolf den' at Great Wolf Lodge.
www.niagarafallstourism.com
www.niagaraparks.com

Every elementary school-aged student is entitled to a **Fun Pass**, featuring special money-saving discounts at many of Ontario's great attractions. Your Pass should be sent home from school with your child in late June. If your child does not receive a Fun Pass booklet, check your school board's website to find out how to obtain a copy.

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TORONTO ZOO
It gets pretty wild here…with more than 5,000 animals on 287 hectares (709 acres), what else would you expect! Kid favourites include the polar bears and Arctic wolves at the Tundra Trek exhibit. Don't miss *Sharks at Stingray Bay – A Touching Experience*, a special event where you can safely interact with sharks and stingrays!
www.torontozoo.com



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AFRICAN LION SAFARI, CAMBRIDGE
Get up close (but not too personal!) with lions, zebras, baboons and giraffes as you drive through this wild game reserve where the animals roam freely. Shows like the Elephant Round-Up will thrill the kids; then they can monkey around at the Jungle Playground.
www.lionsafari.com

African Lion Safari, Cambridge

BEACHING IT

WITH THE KIDS – FROM TOTS TO TEENS!

by Kate Pocock

When it comes to picking a waterlogged play space in Ontario, it becomes a game of superlatives. Will we take our kids to splash on the longest freshwater beach in the world, swim in the world's largest freshwater lake or play beach tag along the shorelines of some 250,000 lakes? No matter what beach you choose for family fun this summer, it's definitely water, water everywhere! Here are some of our top beach choices for family fun.

GREAT FOR SAND BETWEEN THE TOES

If your kids love running barefoot, head to Sandbanks Provincial Park on Lake Ontario. They'll gladly cast off their sandals to run through dunes that drift up to 25 m (82 ft.) high, or jump into the gentle waves at West Lake. The baymouth sandbars here are among the largest in the world.
www.ontarioparks.com

Sandbanks Provincial Park, Picton



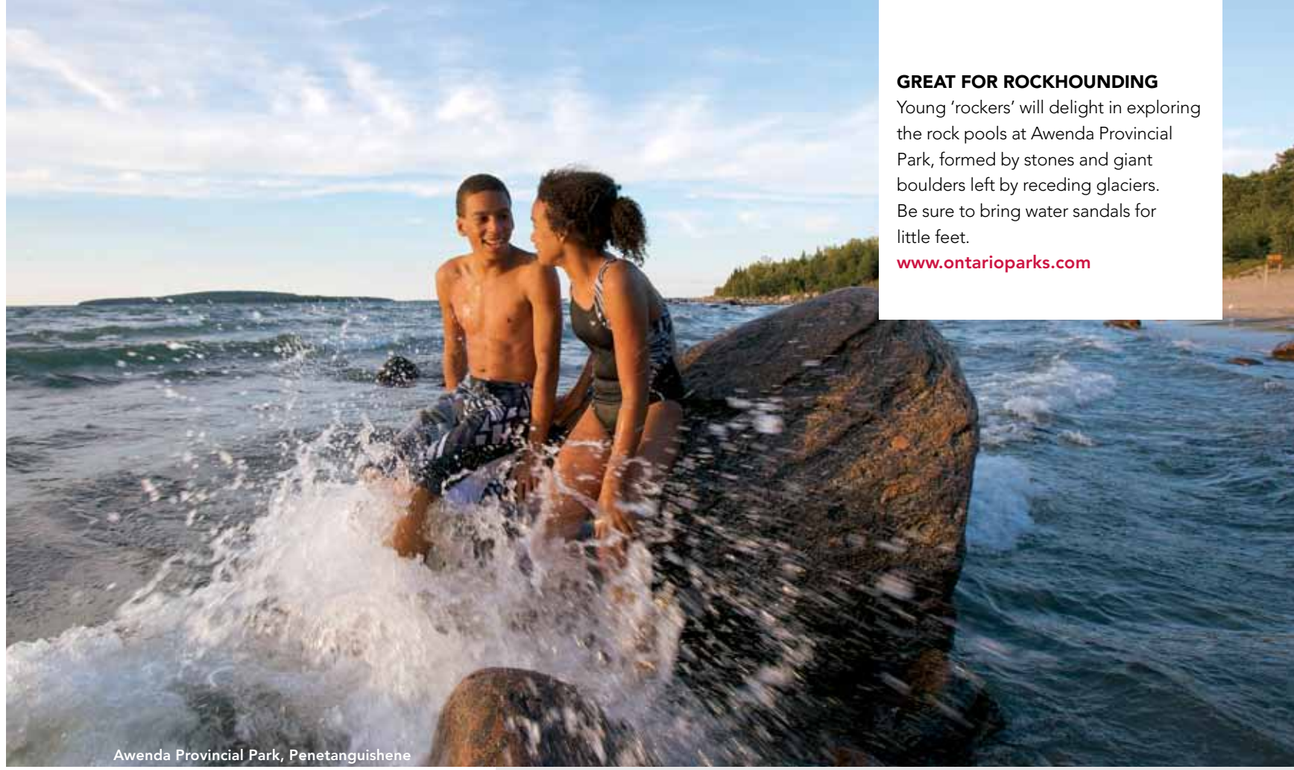
Sauble Beach

GREAT FOR TOTS
In Saugeen Shores the short, scenic drive between Port Elgin and Southampton offers stunning views – but it's the shallow waters and wide sandbars at either end that delight young waders and their parents. The swings on the Southampton beach and the miniature train trip along the shore in Port Elgin are a big hit with the tots too. Parents love the stroller-friendly boardwalks and easy snacks at beachside concessions.
www.saugeenshores.ca

GREAT FOR WILDERNESS CAMPING
Lake Superior's Pukaskwa National Park, where Aboriginal people once held vision quests on the cobblestone beaches, offers camping near the water, driftwood for pint-size collectors, hiking trails and possible caribou sightings. For scenic waterside wilderness – pitch your tent at Hattie Cove Campground or Halfway Lake. Visit nearby Marathon for supplies.
www.pc.gc.ca

GREAT FOR NATURE
At the Pinery Provincial Park, oodles of soft white sand and turquoise-coloured waters – as well as naturalist programs for ages six to 17 – make this Lake Huron shoreline a family standout. When junior rangers have had enough sun and surf, hike trails through the rare Oak Savanna, rent a bike to cycle the paths, or a canoe to paddle the Old Ausable Channel.
www.ontarioparks.com

GREAT FOR FLYING A KITE
Singing Sands Beach is named after the sound you hear as Lake Huron's strong westerly wind whistles through the sand here – perfect for flying a kite. Part of the Bruce Peninsula National Park, this sandy beach is also terrific for shallow swims, picnics and boardwalk hikes to see orchids.
www.pc.gc.ca



Awenda Provincial Park, Penetanguishene

GREAT FOR ROCKHOUNDING
Young 'rockers' will delight in exploring the rock pools at Awenda Provincial Park, formed by stones and giant boulders left by receding glaciers. Be sure to bring water sandals for little feet.
www.ontarioparks.com

GREAT FOR FISHING
Manitoulin, the world's largest freshwater island, boasts Northern Ontario's longest sand beach, Providence Bay, a beautiful crescent-shaped strand on Lake Huron. Rent a boat at the marina to cast for chinook salmon or rainbow trout. A play-ground on the beach will keep kids happy while mom or dad cooks a fish dinner on a campground stove nearby.
www.manitoulintourism.com

GREAT FOR LUXURY CAMPING
After a day of beaching it at MacGregor Point or Pancake Bay provincial parks, bed down in a cozy canvas-covered yurt mounted on a wooden floor. These eight-sided structures come equipped with beds and bunks that sleep up to six, and include electric heat (reserve ahead).
www.ontarioparks.com

And when it comes to beaching it – don't forget Ontario's conservation areas, more than 250 natural areas owned by provincial conservation authorities. Many have wonderful strips of sand, plus excellent family events and nature programs. Visit Norfolk Conservation Area on Lake Erie, Willow Lake Conservation Area on Lake Simcoe or Ken Reid Conservation Area on Sturgeon Lake. At Heart Lake Conservation Area, you can play in the waters by the sandy beach or get wet with more than 30 water features at the Wild Wetland Splash Pad. For more on conservation areas and amenities, visit
www.ontarioconservationareas.ca

GREAT FOR ACTIVITY
After your kids plunge into the cool waters of Georgian Bay and splash along the world's longest freshwater beach at Wasaga Beach, run off more steam by exploring some 30 km (18.6 mi.) of trails. Family programs set off Tuesday mornings (July 5 – August 23) from the Trail Centre. Eco-youngsters will love it – Wasaga was the first provincial park in Canada to be awarded the environmental Blue Flag for its shoreline.
www.ontarioparks.com

RESORT TO FUN

For vacations that offer all fun and no fuss, check out one of Ontario's family-friendly resorts. You'll find everything you need – unique activities, cool events, scenic spots, spas, golf courses, food, new friends and more. A resort getaway offers every family member the R&R they're looking for.

MUSKOKA GOES MODERN

Contemporary luxury meets classic resort on Lake Rosseau at Red Leaves. The Rosseau, Canada's first JW Marriott resort and spa, offers all of the activities that families love, paired with first-class amenities and service. Try new outdoor activities like snorkelling and astronomy, or sign up the kids for one of the adventure-packed day camps. Perfect your swing at the award-winning The Rock golf course and relax at the Spa Rosseau.
www.redleavesmuskoka.com

Red Leaves, Muskoka

ESCAPE TO THE ESCARPMENT

For four-season adventure, head to Blue Mountain Resort. There's the indoor/outdoor Plunge! Aquatic Centre for splash-happy kids (and hot tubs for parents), a scenic gondola to admire the view, and a bustling village packed with excellent shopping, restaurants and events. Plus they've just opened the Ridge Runner, Ontario's first mountain roller coaster – you control the speed as you zigzag down the mountain's forested glades.

www.bluemountain.ca



Delawana Inn Spa & Conference Resort, Honey Harbour

PLAY ALL DAY

Delawana Inn Spa & Conference Resort in Honey Harbour is just the spot for active families. Hit the ropes on the Adventure Course with rock climbing, a high wire and a tangle of vines to climb on. Learn a new skill like sailing or knee boarding. Build sandcastles on each of its seven beaches. See the nightly comedy, magic and music performances. Or rent a boat and reel in a big one in Georgian Bay.

www.delawana.com

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Plunge! Aquatic Centre, Blue Mountain



Upper Canada Village, Morrisburg

TIME-TRIPPING

by Kate Pocock

AT ONTARIO'S FORTS AND SETTLEMENTS

So we've swooped down roller coasters at every opportunity, swooshed up tall structures for awesomely high views and clicked onto every high-tech, interactive device at various science centres. Time to take a breather from this fast-paced world, go back to a simpler time – long before the Internet – and unearth some time-tripping fun. History comes alive as our kids march like 19th-century soldiers, learn in a one-room schoolhouse and hear thundering gun salutes at a fort.

UPPER CANADA VILLAGE, MORRISBURG

Why Visit: This 1860s village bustles with friendly costumed 'citizens' who enthusiastically interact with visitors. With 28 historic buildings and homes on site, it's like great-great-great-grandfather's town on a busy day.

Time Travel Fun: After arriving by horse-drawn wagon, try on a hoop dress, do sums on a chalkboard in the one-room schoolhouse or watch the blacksmith shoeing a horse. Then hop aboard the Moccasin, an 1860s scaled replica locomotive, for a chug along the St. Lawrence River.

Events: Join the celebration of the village's 50th anniversary with special activities, entertainment and anniversary cake (June 25); a wandering minstrel troupe entertains with wacky humour (June 25 – September 5); the annual antique car show attracts hundreds of vintage vehicles (August 14).

What's New: New Discovery Centre for Upper Canada Village and Crysler Heritage Park with kid-friendly exhibits on early peoples and the War of 1812.
www.uppercanadavillage.com

Become a British soldier for a day at Fort Henry in a red coat and a plumed hat. Have you ever fired a cannon before?

FORT HENRY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA, KINGSTON

Why Visit: This bustling 1837 British fortification site is part of what was recently designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Time Travel Fun: March with soldiers, sit for lessons in an 1867 classroom with a strict schoolmaster; meet David, the white Saanen goat mascot, a fort tradition since 1842.

Events: Don't miss the daily 3 p.m. Garrison Parade or the thrilling 7:30 p.m. Sunset Ceremonies spectacle that features mock battles, military music, thundering gun salutes and fireworks (Wednesdays, June 29 – August 31).

What's New: Eat 1860s-style in the Bonnycastle Lunch and Tea Room where soldier servants bring the dishes. Because of 1860s traditions between 'Officers' and servants, children are *not* allowed to say "please" or "thank you!"
www.forthenry.com

Fort Henry, Kingston

DISCOVERY HARBOUR, PENETANGUISHENE

Why Visit: At this reconstructed 19th-century British naval base, kids can banter with shipwrights and sailors, and visit replica naval vessels.

Time Travel Fun: Play croquet, help repair a boat or learn to cook like a sailor. In true Royal Navy fashion, board the H.M.S. *Tecumseth* warship to swab the deck, learn a sailor's knot (or two) and write with a quill pen.

Event: Métis Day Bo'jou Neejee (which means 'Hello Friend' in Métis) is a lively festival offering music, crafts and treats for all ages (August 6).

What's New: *The Wizard of Oz* stage show brings Dorothy and Toto to the King's Wharf Theatre (June 7 – July 2).

What's Nearby: Visit Sainte-Marie among the Hurons in Midland, a reconstructed 1639 French Jesuit mission for the Huron-Wendat people, staffed with kid-friendly guides.
www.discoveryharbour.on.ca
www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca

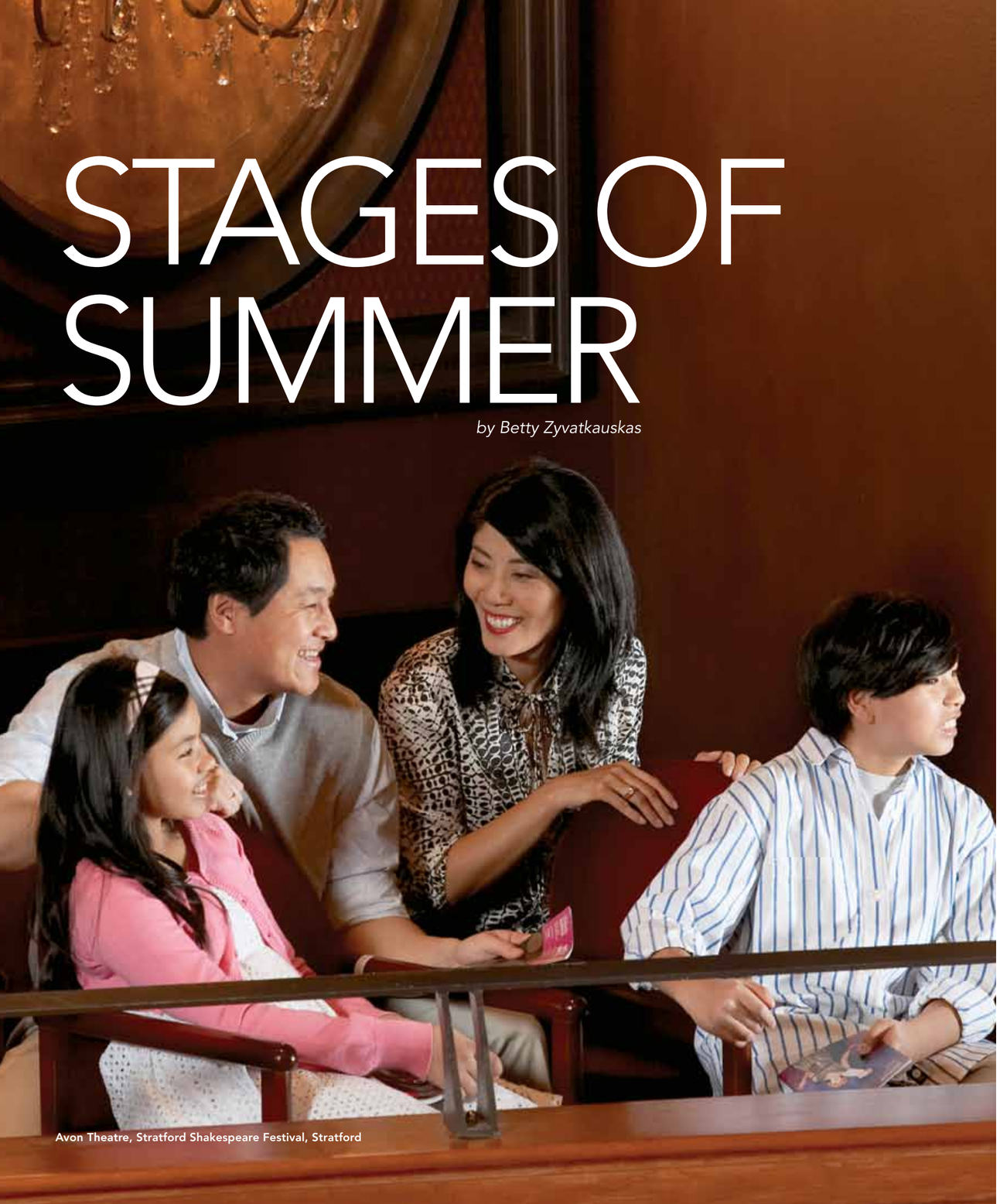
Discovery Harbour, Penetanguishene

BE READY FOR THE WAR OF 1812 BICENTENNIAL CEREMONIES

Kids will definitely play a role in next year's 200th anniversary ceremonies to commemorate the War of 1812. Some may re-create 'battles' between the British forces and the American invaders. Others will take part in authentic re-enactments, like tent camps and military demonstrations. Whether they are spectators or participants dressed in bonnets and britches, your kids will be part of a fascinating living history – an experience guaranteed to get them talking about democracy, war and peace.

STAGES OF SUMMER

by Betty Zyvatkauskas



Avon Theatre, Stratford Shakespeare Festival, Stratford

STRATFORD AS YOU LIKE IT!
During those magical weeks (July 18 to August 21) when Stratford Summer Music overlaps the Stratford Shakespeare Festival, you have to hustle to fit it all in. We start riverside, eating sandwiches while listening to lunchtime concerts on the MusicBarge. From there it's a short parkland stroll to a *Twelfth Night* matinee at the Festival Theatre. There's just time for a pub snack before tapping our toes to *Camelot*. Our theatre blitz ends with a late supper and cabaret performance at the Church restaurant, a favourite Summer Music venue, where Stratford actors appear both onstage and off.

In this historic town where theatres, parks, restaurants, shops, inns and B&Bs lie within walking distance of each other, the challenge is easily met. Better yet, we can do it all again the next day with new shows – and maybe even squeeze in a costume warehouse tour.
www.stratfordfestival.ca
www.stratfordsummermusic.ca

OUR FAIR NIAGARA
I want memorable theatre, my fiancé prefers a gourmet day of wine tasting. Niagara-on-the-Lake's Shaw Festival gives us the best of both worlds.

We punctuate an easy drive through wine country with lunch on a winery patio overlooking the vineyards. A hawk circles over the Niagara Escarpment while we sip chardonnay and munch on grilled quails. There's time to stretch our legs on a stroll down Niagara-on-the-Lake's historic Queen Street before we take our seats for Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady*.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary this summer, the Shaw Festival has grown from a four-weekend experiment to a virtuoso exploration of provocative early 20th-century theatre. Niagara-on-the-Lake also boasts a range of fine inns, elegant hotels and comfy B&Bs – something we both appreciate.
www.shawfest.com



My Fair Lady **based on 'Pygmalion' by Bernard Shaw. Adaptation and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner. Music by Frederick Loewe. Photo of Deborah Hay by Sugino Studies. The Shaw Festival, Niagara-on-the-Lake.**

PLAY DATE
The great scenery isn't all outdoors this summer. Some two-dozen theatre festivals set their stages for summer magic across Ontario.
www.summertheatre.ca

T.O. TIX
When in Toronto, lovers of theatre and other performing arts can pick up discounted tickets to a wide variety of shows on the day or week of the performance.
www.totix.ca

Millcroft Inn, Alton

LOCAL FOOD

BOUNTY HUNTING

by Margaret Swaine

Ontario is ripe with great produce and the best of our chefs use this bounty in their kitchens. In every corner of the province I've found delicious local foods. I've tramped through the fields of Soiled Reputation near Stratford, snacking on their crisp peppery arugula and purchasing a stash of greens to take home. When in Prince Edward County I always stop at Vickie's Veggies roadside stand to load up on her unique heirloom vegetables. If I see Cookstown Greens organic produce noted on a menu I'm sure to order that dish. I've gone into Ontario's forests with foragers and plucked wild leeks, gathered watercress and picked morels. You too can tour farms, pick-your-own, forage in our woods, or you can dine at one of the province's great restaurants that focus on local, sustainable food.

DIGEST THIS

Among the best restaurants in the province for locavores are the Five-Diamond-awarded Langdon Hall Dining Room in Cambridge, The Millcroft Inn in Alton and Treadwell Farm to Table Cuisine in Port Dalhousie. "Cooking with fresh vegetables and fruit is fun, tasty and very healthy," remarks Chef Jill St. Amour of the Millcroft Inn. "Knowing who your product and suppliers are is of the utmost importance to me and the Millcroft." Chef Stephen Treadwell of Treadwell Farm to Table Cuisine says, "We have farms seven minutes from the restaurant. It's all here... my farmers come through my back door." Then he adds, "I'm not going to buy stuff from Chile or other places. If it's out of season I won't put it on the menu." At Langdon Hall, Chef Jonathan Gushue



Langdon Hall, Cambridge

explains they grow beets, carrots, parsley, leeks, Jerusalem artichokes and more on their own property. He gets access to more than 160 Ontario farmers and producers through 100 Mile Market, a food sourcing and distribution company.

A FOREST OF FOOD

As a child I fondly remember picking wild blueberries at the cottage and hiking through the woods with my grandfather in search of morels, chanterelles and boletus edulis (porcini or ceps). From our restauranteurs I've learned there's an even greater abundance of edible treats in our forests and fields. "We do our own foraging," says Chef Gushue. "Wild herbs, berries, maple syrup, ginger. Spring and early summer is best for lamb's quarters, hogweed, sorrel, watercress and dandelion. It's really quite simple where we are. I've got people who know where everything grows. We have wild morels right by the staff entrance." Millcroft's Chef St. Amour declares, "Our property is so vast we have vegetables that grow wild – asparagus, fiddleheads, mushrooms and crab apples. We have a local forager that works with all the farmers to bring us the best."

YUMMY ON THE PLATE

Our chefs know so many great suppliers and ingredients from Ontario I had to press them to name a favourite. For Chef St. Amour it was Greenfield Greens, which she says are so versatile she does everything with them. "Blueberries," states Chef Gushue. "We dehydrate them so we can have them all year round. We serve them with whitefish caviar, mustard seed dressing and brioche crumble." Chef Treadwell says his favourite is smoked bacon from Cumbrae Farms, which he uses in a lot of dishes. "I also love the hundreds of different varieties of heirloom tomatoes grown by Linda Crago from Tree and Twig," he adds.

FREE ROAMING AND FINE DINING

Some farmers go an extra mile for their charges beyond free range and organic. For about 10 years I had a property just north of Thornbury adjacent to a bison farm called Grandview. I loved watching those large beasts cavort about the fields, especially in the winter when a blanket of snow would decorate their woolly brown backs. And I have to admit I equally liked buying their organic fat-free juicy red meat from the farm. Now Grandview has switched to raising cattle which graze on fields of specially grown grass, rye, clover and flax, plus a special ration of apples that gives the beef a delicious sweetness.

A special menu item for Chef Treadwell – whose restaurant is near the Niagara wineries – is vineyard-raised lambs. "At Featherstone Winery they graze lambs on their property. Every year I take a dozen. I do lamb head-to-toe on the menu." He says Featherstone was the first winery to use sheep to keep grass and weeds between the rows of vines in check, but now Tawse and Southbrook wineries also have their own eco-friendly animal lawn mowers.

EAT ON THE FLY

Georgian Bay Airways flies about a thousand people a year to Henry's Fish Restaurant on Frying Pan Island from Parry Sound, Toronto and private cottages in the Muskokas. The rest come by water taxi out of Georgian Bay Marina, as this rustic restaurant has no road access. The fish and chips are so renowned that a busy day can see up to 800 customers. The price for the flight includes a generous plate of Henry's battered pickerel with baked beans, cole slaw and fries. It's hard to know what's more exciting: the gorgeous views of the world's largest freshwater archipelago Georgian Bay (known as the 30,000 Islands), the fish fresh from the waters or the possibility of sighting Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell or Jimmy Buffett.

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Roasted Heirloom Beet Salad with Monforte Chevre and Local Hazelnuts, Treadwell Farm to Table Cuisine

THE WOW FACTOR

PUT THESE SIGNATURE HOLES ON YOUR HIT LIST

by Anita Draycott

You won't likely forget the spectacular signature holes of these four stellar courses scattered throughout the province. And I think you'll agree that the dining suggestions for the 19th hole are deliciously above par too.

Cobble Beach Golf Resort, Owen Sound. Photo: Clive Barber

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COBBLE BEACH'S 17TH, OWEN SOUND

The Cobble Beach Golf Resort has won awards from golf magazines in Canada and the U.S. for its seaside links and ten-room Nantucket-style Inn. A series of golf clinics caters to juniors, adults and corporate groups.

Once you've perfected your swing you'll be ready to tackle architect Doug Carrick's rugged masterpiece that meanders around the shoreline and bluffs of Georgian Bay, with water views from every fairway. Beyond the green at the par 3 signature 17th, Cobble Beach's iconic lighthouse (actually a water pumping station) pays tribute to this area, which was used as a survey point back in the early 1800s by the British admiralty.

The 19th Hole – At Cobble's Sweetwater Restaurant, chef Tim Johnston's menu highlights regional products, such as an elk scallopini with cranberry glaze. You must save room for his signature rum raisin butter tart. Don't worry about calories; there's a fitness centre downstairs.
www.cobblebeach.com

Nearby, visit Owen Sound's Tom Thomson Art Gallery and you'll see why playing Cobble Beach feels like stepping into a Group of Seven painting.
www.owensoundtourism.com



Legends on the Niagara, Niagara Falls

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NUMBER FOUR AT LEGENDS ON THE NIAGARA BATTLEFIELD COURSE, NIAGARA FALLS

You'll get great golf – and a history lesson – at the Legends on the Niagara complex, where two of Canada's top golf architects were hired to create 18-hole masterpieces. Thomas McBroom designed Ussher's Creek, a classic parkland course, while Douglas Carrick takes credit for Battlefield, which has more of a links feel. With a sprawling lake bordering the ninth and 18th fairways, and zillions (92 to be exact!) of treacherous bunkers, Carrick's 'combat zone' requires every weapon in your bag. A plaque on the fourth hole commemorates the participants of the Battle of Chippawa where the Americans defeated British forces in 1814. You can also take a swing on Chippawa, a nine-hole executive course, perfect for a short and sweet round with the kids. Lessons for juniors and families are offered at Legends' Golf Academy.
www.niagaraparksgolf.com

The 19th Hole – The Sterling Inn & Spa in Niagara Falls offers complimentary breakfast in bed as one of its many enticements. Sterling's AG Inspired Cuisine restaurant serves dishes inspired by the growers and producers of the region. Highlights include maple cured and smoked salmon 'candy,' Cabernet braised lamb shank and apple/caramel crumble.
www.sterlingniagara.com

While you're in the neighbourhood, stop at some of the award-winning wineries and take in live theatre at the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake.
www.niagaraonthelake.com

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THE 14TH AT UPPER CANADA, MORRISBURG

They call it The Monster. The crowning jewel of the Upper Canada Golf Course, run by the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, is undoubtedly the 14th hole, a challenging 547-yard, par 5 beauty. You had better hit it straight off the tees here because there's a stretch of trees all along the right side of the fairway, while Aultsville Creek guards the left all the way to the green. Your second shot is crucial to determining your fate, as there's a tree to be avoided 200 yards from the smallest green on the course. *Fodor's Golf Digest's Best Places to Play* gives Upper Canada a four-star rating for value in Eastern Ontario.

The 19th Hole – Take a step back into the 19th-century at nearby Upper Canada Village. After the costumed interpretive guides have shown you how they spin wool, forge horseshoes, grind wheat into flour and various other chores, you might think that golf seems rather easy by comparison. Head to Willard's Hotel for fare typical of the period, such as fricasseed chicken with mushrooms or Victorian-style afternoon tea.
www.uppercanadagolf.com



Taboo Resort Golf & Spa, Gravenhurst. Photo: Anita Draycott.

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TABOO'S SEVENTH, GRAVENHURST

Designer Ron Garl's 7,340-yard track at Taboo takes golfers through wetlands, Canadian Shield outcroppings and a forest of birch, pine and balsam. You won't forget the signature seventh hole, a long par 3 chiselled out of two walls of striated pink and grey granite. Miss this one and your Titleist behaves like it's ricocheting through a pinball machine!

The 19th Hole – This may be cottage country but Taboo's refined cuisine attracts city slickers all the way from Toronto. They come to experience Chef Ivan Loubier's 'surprise and have faith' culinary evenings in the 18-seat Elements Culinary Theatre. Taking into consideration patrons' likes, dislikes and dietary restrictions, the chef whips up six-course tasting menus that will have you raving and craving for a return engagement.
www.tabooresort.com

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TIPS FOR THE TOP-NOTCH HOST
With a little preparation, you'll enjoy the company of friends and family, and your guests will enjoy your thoughtful efforts.

- Do some planning before your guests arrive. Send them the link to www.ontariotravel.net, and chat via Skype or email about some things you'd like to do.

- Visit an Ontario Travel Information Centre where you or your guests can speak to a travel counsellor. They'll suggest great trip ideas and places to visit, plus you can pick up a free road map of Ontario, brochures and event information. Please see the map on page 96 to find your local centre.

- Stack a few magazines or guidebooks about Ontario on your guests' bedside tables so they can get travel ideas. Make sure your guests have access to a computer to plan excursions.

- Suggest some apps to download that will help your guests. Urbanspoon or Yelp are great for finding dining spots, or use a currency converter app when shopping. Using foursquare and Facebook, they can check-in to the cool places they visit, so friends can follow their trip.

- Be prepared when heading out for the day: if you'll be outdoors, bring hats, sunscreen, bug spray and bottled water. When taking a road trip, brings snacks and DVDs or car games for the kids.

- Share your photos on Facebook as you go, so friends can see what a great time you're having. Join the Ontario Travel Facebook page to share your memories about all the fun you'll be having touring Ontario!

HOST A GETAWAY

This summer, be a tour guide in your home province – invite friends and family for a visit! Not only will you have lots of quality time together, but you'll get to share your favourite Ontario spots and make memories in new ones too.


Ottawa

ONTARIO PLACES WE ALL LOVE TO VISIT
- Algonquin Provincial Park
- Canada's Wonderland, Vaughan
- CN Tower, Toronto
- Niagara Falls
- Niagara-on-the-Lake
- The Parliament Buildings, Ottawa
- Toronto Eaton Centre
- Wasaga Beach



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REGIONS

Wawa

Ontario's regions offer something for everyone. Feel the rich history at forts and heritage sites around the province. Find outdoor adventures down trails, whitewater rapids or calm rivers. Discover arts and culture worth applauding on stage and in galleries. Whatever your interest, Ontario's got your destination.

66 | SOUTHWEST ONTARIO
Trace the Underground Railroad route through historic sites. Find wildlife and wineries at Canada's southernmost point.

68 | NIAGARA FALLS AND WINE COUNTRY
See the iconic Falls and have fun at family amusement parks and heritage sites. Tour a vineyard and stay overnight in charming towns.

70 | HAMILTON, HALTON AND BRANT
Walk through floral gardens and scenic trails along the Niagara Escarpment. Discover the heritage of Aboriginal peoples and early settlers.

72 | HURON, PERTH, WATERLOO AND WELLINGTON
Toast good times over local cuisine. Watch legendary performances on stage. Enjoy family-friendly attractions.

74 | GREATER TORONTO AREA
Browse galleries and shopping centres. Enjoy cultural festivals and foods from all over the world.

76 | YORK, DURHAM AND THE HILLS OF HEADWATERS
Golf on more than 70 courses. Get lost in a corn maze. Take a train ride through scenic hills and small towns.

78 | BRUCE PENINSULA, SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY AND LAKE SIMCOE
Swim at sandy beaches or take a boat ride featuring underwater treasures. Head out for adventure on suspension bridges and trails.

80 | KAWARTHA AND NORTHUMBERLAND
Experience the past with Aboriginal craftsmanship and pioneer villages. Navigate engineered waterways and watch winged migrations.

82 | SOUTH EASTERN ONTARIO
Sip on wines along the Taste Trail. Sightsee along the St. Lawrence River and the 1000 Islands.

84 | OTTAWA AND COUNTRYSIDE
Explore museums and historic sites in the Capital Region. Tour the Rideau Canal by bike, boat or foot. Speak in both of Canada's official languages.

86 | HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS TO THE OTTAWA VALLEY
Raft on challenging whitewater rapids. See the handiwork of artisans inspired by the Canadian Shield.

88 | MUSKOKA, PARRY SOUND AND ALGONQUIN PARK
Relax at a resort in Ontario's cottage country. Paddle down thousands of waterways. Admire the works of artists and artisans. Golf on championship greens.

90 | NORTHERN ONTARIO
Mine for gold and gemstones. Swim alongside polar bears. See the rugged wilderness up close when you kayak, canoe or fish.



LEGEND

- Southwest Ontario
- Niagara Falls and Wine Country
- Hamilton, Halton and Brant
- Huron, Perth, Waterloo and Wellington
- Greater Toronto Area
- York, Durham and The Hills of Headwaters
- Bruce Peninsula, Southern Georgian Bay and Lake Simcoe
- Kawartha and Northumberland
- South Eastern Ontario
- Ottawa and Countryside
- Haliburton Highlands to the Ottawa Valley
- Muskoka, Parry Sound and Algonquin Park
- Northern Ontario

Looking for more information? Head to an Ontario Travel Information Centre (OTIC) to find travel counsellors, brochures, free road maps and more. You can find a list of OTICs on page 96.

Point Pelee National Park

SOUTHWEST ONTARIO

Ontario's southernmost region has history, fun and nature all in one place. Explore the great outdoors in Carolinian forests, marshlands and wide-open fields. Follow the Underground Railroad through historic sites. Family-friendly parks and museums are a treat for kids. Journey to the most southerly point in Canada.



Find where this region is in Ontario – page 65.

MORE IDEAS

Bluesfest International London, July 15–17

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Colasanti's Tropical Gardens, Ruthven

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Leaping Deere Legends Adventure Farm and Market, Ingersoll

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London Regional Children's Museum

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Long Point Eco-Adventures, Turkey Point

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North American Black Historical Museum, Amherstburg

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Port Stanley Festival Theatre

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Rondeau Provincial Park, Morpeth

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Skunk's Misery Natural Area, along Thames River

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ONTARIO'S SOUTH COAST

Visit the farm fields and estate buildings of the historic Thompson family at Ruthven Park National Historic Site in Cayuga. Camp at sites throughout the Grand River Conservation Authority and enjoy fishing, canoeing and swimming. See dragsters at Toronto Motorsports Park in Cayuga. Find fresh produce at farmers' markets in Hagersville and Dunnville. Soak up some sunshine on Port Dover's beach, then applaud a comedy at the Lighthouse Festival Theatre.

CHATHAM-KENT

Explore the history of the Underground Railroad at Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic Site in Dresden. Visit Buxton National Historic Site and Museum to see original structures built by freed slaves. Applaud a show at the Chatham Capitol Theatre. See hot rods and cool cars at the RM Classic Car Exhibit in Blenheim.

WINDSOR, ESSEX, PELEE ISLAND

View works by local, regional and national artists at the Art Gallery of Windsor. Roll the dice and enjoy live entertainment at Caesars Windsor casino. Rent a bike at Canada's southernmost mainland point, Point Pelee, and ride the ferry to explore Pelee Island – it's home to vineyards, historic churches and migrating birds.

SARNIA-LAMBTON

Enjoy live theatre in a picturesque country setting at the Huron Country Playhouse in Grand Bend. In August, witness feats of athleticism at the Ontario ParaSport Summer Games in Sarnia. At Stones 'N Bones Museum in Sarnia, you'll see gemstones, seashells and dinosaur fossils. Dig deeply into the history of oil at the Oil Museum of Canada in Oil Springs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY/ OXFORD COUNTY

Visit Ska-Nah-Doht Village and Museum in Longwoods Road Conservation Area and discover what an Aboriginal village would have looked like 1,000 years ago. On a guided Historic Walk of Woodstock, stroll past stately homes and heritage public buildings. View hand-painted ceilings and ornate mantles from the 1880s at Annandale House in Tillsonburg.

LONDON

Enter a fairy tale come to life at Storybook Gardens. At Fanshawe Pioneer Village, spend a day in the 19th-century with costumed interpreters and daily demonstrations. See how beer is brewed on a Labatt Brewery Tour. Enjoy concerts and live performances at the John Labatt Centre.



Port Dover, Norfolk County. Photo: Jeff Speed

NIAGARA FALLS AND WINE COUNTRY

Niagara Falls is a wonder to look at – but the falls are just the beginning. Walk along greenbelt paths and visit battlefields where history was made. Meet the vintners of Ontario's fine wines. Stay overnight in welcoming inns and B&Bs.

NIAGARA REGION

Walk behind the cascading water on a Journey Behind the Falls. Feel the water's spray on the Maid of the Mist or on a thrilling Whirlpool Jet Boat. Stay where you play at great hotels and resorts – like Great Wolf Lodge, where huge indoor and outdoor water parks are exclusively for guests. Enjoy the exciting oddities and attractions on Clifton Hill. At Marineland, you'll meet friendly orcas, dolphins and belugas.

Follow the Niagara River upstream along the Niagara Parkway, featuring recreation trails, historic sites, attractions and gardens. At Old Fort Erie, watch battle re-enactments of the War of 1812. Visit historic Queenston Heights Park to view beautiful gardens and monuments.

Watch huge tankers pass through the locks of the Welland Canal. Visit picturesque Niagara-on-the-Lake and do a self-guided historic walking tour. See the works of George Bernard Shaw and his contemporaries performed onstage at the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Golf on many different courses, including one of North America's oldest – the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club.

WINE COUNTRY

Sample some of the best wines Ontario has to offer at more than 60 local wineries on the Niagara Wine Route. Sip Ontario's only certified organic wines at Frogpond Farm. Stretch with Yoga in the Vineyard – a session of outdoor yoga followed by a sampling of Château de Charmes' wines.

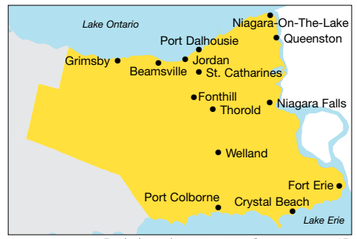
Treat your body to a wine-based spa wrap at White Oaks Conference Resort and Spa. Learn to cook with local ingredients at The Good Earth Food & Wine Co. in Beamsville. Rent a bike and take a winery tour. Complete your visit with a stay in a charming B&B or vintage inn.



Great Wolf Lodge, Niagara Falls



Vineland Estates



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MORE IDEAS

Bird Kingdom, Niagara Falls

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Butterfly Conservatory, Niagara Falls

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Casino Niagara

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Floral Clock, Queenston

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Fort George National Historic Site of Canada, Niagara-on-the-Lake

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Laura Secord Homestead, Queenston

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The Port Dalhousie Carousel

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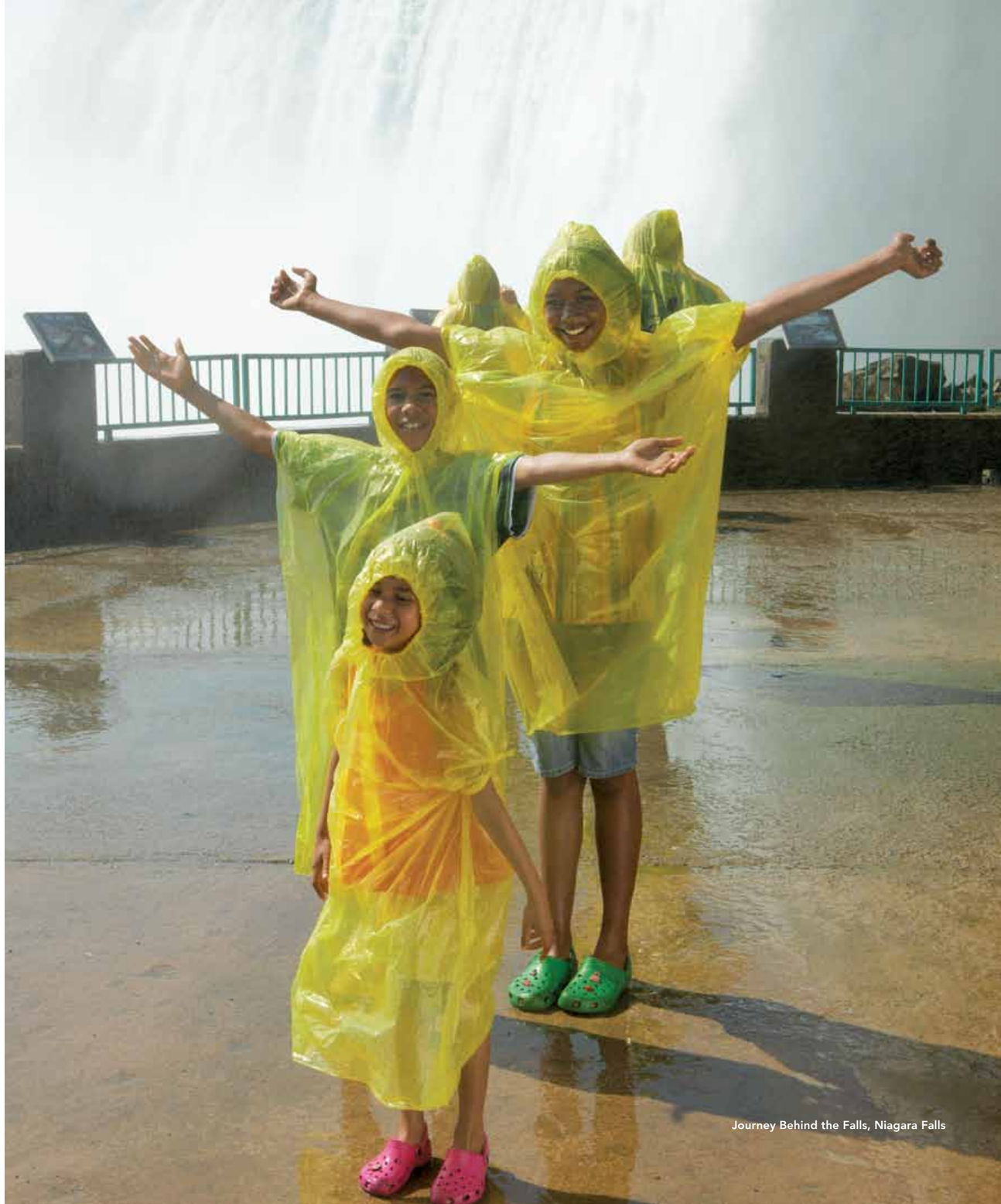
St. Catharines Museum

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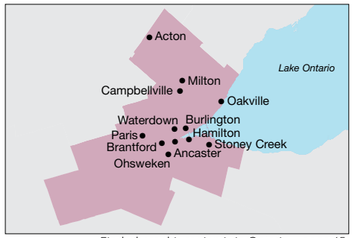
Journey Behind the Falls, Niagara Falls



African Lion Safari, Cambridge

HAMILTON, HALTON AND BRANT

This region to the west of Lake Ontario has much to offer, including the scenic Niagara Escarpment (a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve). Find natural beauty in conservation areas and provincial parks. Art galleries and historic homes have charms of their own. Feel the power of history at heritage sites and museums.



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MORE IDEAS

African Lion Safari, Cambridge

Bell Homestead National Historic Site, Brantford

Halton County Radial Railway, Milton

Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area, Milton

Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts, Brantford

Westfield Heritage Village, Rockton

Wild Waterworks, Hamilton

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HAMILTON
Admire more than 9,500 works of historical and contemporary art at the Art Gallery of Hamilton. Your imagination will soar in a jet fighter cockpit at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. Don't miss the Hamilton Air Show in June, featuring more than 40 vintage aircraft. Take a tour of Dundurn Castle, the grand country home of one of Canada's first premiers. Hike the trails along the Niagara Escarpment and stop for a picnic lunch by a waterfall. Browse Locke St. for an eclectic mix of restaurants, boutiques and antiques.

HALTON
Visit an 1890s farmhouse, let the kids loose in a children's playbarn or cool off in the pool at Bronte Creek Provincial Park in Oakville. At the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington/Hamilton, browse gardens filled with blooms or visit during one of their annual floral festivals. Watch for birds in the wildlife-rich Mountsberg Wildlife Centre and Conservation Area in Campbellville. Take your pick of fresh produce and flowers at the weekly Milton Farmers' Market.

BRANT
Learn about Aboriginal history and culture at the Woodland Cultural Centre in Brantford. Join the fun of a traditional Aboriginal festival at the Grand River Champion of Champions Pow Wow in July. Visit Chiefswood National Historic Site in Ohsweken, the home of the first acclaimed female native poet, Emily Pauline Johnson. View historic cobblestone houses and browse the shops of Paris, one of Ontario's prettiest towns.



Royal Botanical Gardens, Burlington/Hamilton



Brantford

HURON, PERTH, WATERLOO AND WELLINGTON

The shores of Lake Huron offer up history, fun and nature. Discover wonders from the natural world, like exotic animals and deep gorges. Find communities dedicated to keeping traditions alive. Savour locally grown cuisine.

HURON COUNTY – ONTARIO'S WEST COAST
Pitch a tent and then watch the sunset from the shores of Lake Huron. Applaud a stage show at the Blyth Festival or at one of many historic playhouses. Take a hike along the Maitland Trail and explore Ontario's West Coast.

PERTH COUNTY
See historic limestone architecture in St. Marys, or hit a home run at the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Pick up a Perth Arts Connect map in Shakespeare and discover local galleries, theatres, museums and more.

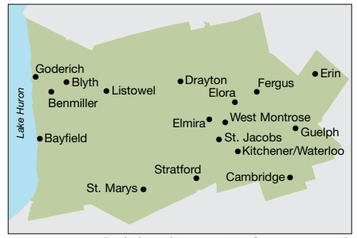
STRATFORD
Laugh at the antics of *Twelfth Night* at the Stratford Shakespeare Festival. On the Chocolate Trail, sample handmade chocolates and truffles. Browse antiques and art galleries down charming streets. Savour local cuisine at the Stratford Chefs School and meet growers of gourmet vegetables on an Epicurean Trek.

WATERLOO REGION
Visit the animal kingdom at African Lion Safari in Cambridge, or be surrounded by floating butterflies at the Cambridge Butterfly Conservatory. Let your little monkeys loose at Bingemans FunworX and Big Splash Waterpark in Kitchener, or slip 'n slide at Chicopee Tube Park.

ST. JACOBS COUNTRY
Browse hundreds of vendors at one of Canada's largest year-round farmers' markets. In the Village of St. Jacobs, find artisan crafts, gourmet chocolatiers, artists' studios and boutiques. Discover the heritage of this region's settlers at The Mennonite Story Visitor Centre.

ELORA-FERGUS
Take a refreshing dip in the Elora Quarry, Canada's largest outdoor swimming pool. Tube down the Grand River under 22 m (72 ft.) high cliffs in the Elora Gorge Conservation Area. Dance a jig at the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games in August. Hear the soaring voices of choirs at the Elora Festival through July.


Bayfield



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MORE IDEAS

Elora Cataract Trailway

Elora Centre for the Arts

Guelph Civic Museum & Children's Museum

Heritage Shopping District, Goderich

TD Kitchener Blues Festival, August 4–7

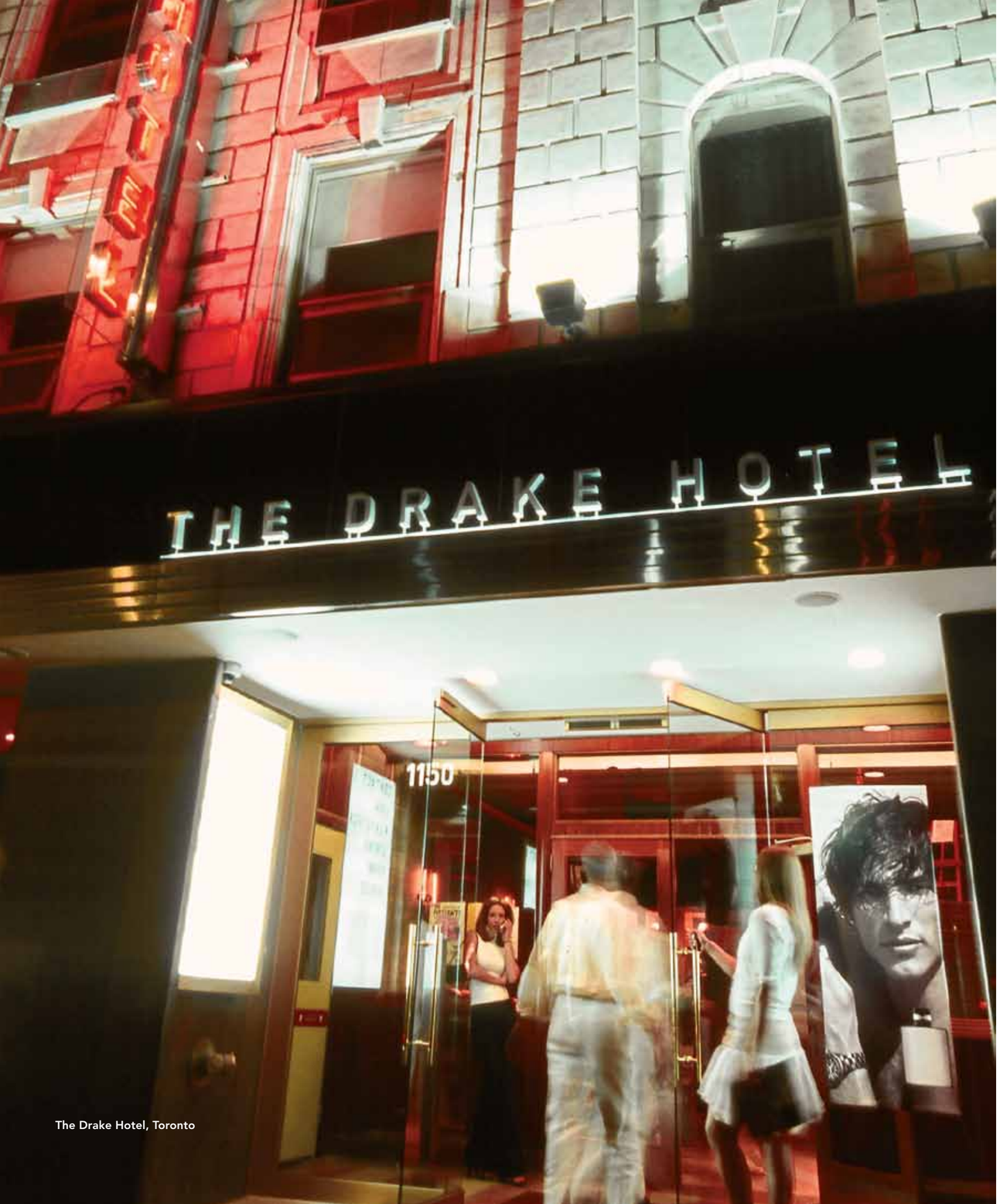
The Culinary Studio, Kitchener

THEMUSEUM, Kitchener

West Montrose Covered Bridge

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The Drake Hotel, Toronto

GREATER TORONTO AREA

First established more than 200 years ago, Ontario's most cosmopolitan area celebrates its cultural diversity with style. See classic and contemporary masterpieces at museums, galleries and historic buildings around the city. Enjoy the arts at every turn, and foods and festivals from all over the world.



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MORE IDEAS

Bata Shoe Museum, Toronto

Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto

Centreville, Toronto Islands

Harbourfront Centre, Toronto

Jack Darling Park, Mississauga

Ontario Science Centre, Toronto

Pride Toronto, June 24 – July 3

St. Lawrence Market, Toronto

TIFF Bell Lightbox, Toronto

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TORONTO
Ponder great works of art at the redesigned Art Gallery of Ontario. Explore the importance of water at the Royal Ontario Museum's new special exhibit. At the Toronto Zoo, ride the new Conservation Carousel to learn about endangered animals. Score great buys at the Toronto Eaton Centre and be wowed by the bright lights and concerts held at Yonge-Dundas Square.

Tour the gardens of historic Casa Loma. Dine on cuisine from all over the world in neighbourhoods like Chinatown, Little Italy and Little India. See the temple domes of Toronto's BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir. In July, join hundreds of dancers in the streets at the Caribana parade. Enjoy the view from the top of the CN Tower, Toronto's most iconic landmark.

MISSISSAUGA
Stroll along the Waterfront Trail through 22 waterfront parks and beaches. Visit charming Port Credit, Mississauga's Village on the Lake. Go-kart, rock-climb and play hundreds of arcade games at Playdium. At the Art Gallery of Mississauga, find Canadian works of art and outdoor sculptures. Shop until you drop at Square One, one of Ontario's largest shopping malls.

BRAMPTON
Explore Canada's Flower City on self-guided garden tours. Pack a picnic and soak up the sun at Heart Lake Conservation Area. Enjoy a midsummer's evening at Shakespeare in the Square, and give *Cabaret* a standing ovation at The Rose Theatre. At Claireville Ranch, hit the dusty trails on horseback. Cool off on Wild Water Kingdom's water slides.


Heart Lake Conservation Area, Brampton


Toronto

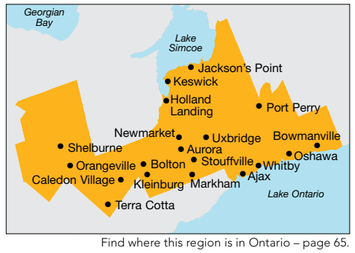
YORK, DURHAM AND THE HILLS OF HEADWATERS

This region is at the centre of it all – exciting attractions, scenic countryside and historic sites. Taste the freshest fruits and veggies at farmers' markets, orchards and roadside stalls. Perfect your swing on one of the many golf courses. Ride roller coasters or visit zoos with your kids.

YORK REGION
View the artwork of Canadian masters and traditional Aboriginal pieces at Kleinburg's McMichael Canadian Art Collection. At Canada's Wonderland in Vaughan, spend a day riding roller coasters and water slides. Hit the greens on more than 70 golf courses in the area, including Markham's Angus Glen and Copper Creek in Kleinburg. Shop along charming village streets of historic Main Street Unionville.

DURHAM REGION
Explore scenic waterfront and parkland by foot or by bike along Durham's Waterfront Trail. Visit Parkwood National Historic Site in Oshawa and tour the lush gardens and buildings of a 1920s-era mansion. Shop in restored Victorian buildings in downtown Port Perry. Sip the famed apple wines from Archibald Orchards and Estate Winery, or meet animal stars at Bowmanville Zoo – many have appeared in movies and TV shows!

THE HILLS OF HEADWATERS
See the rolling hills on horseback in one of the province's highest concentrations of horse breeders, stables and shows. Bring your family to Downey's Farm in Caledon to explore the Corn Maze Adventure. Ride the scenic rails of the Credit Valley Explorer in Orangeville. Take your pick of locally produced gourmet foods, meats and cheeses at Broadway Farm's Market in Snelgrove. Wind your way through the friendly towns and villages of Caledon, including Terra Cotta and Inglewood.



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MORE IDEAS

Caledon Trailway

Kortright Centre for Conservation, Woodbridge

Markham Theatre

Rawhide Adventures, Shelburne

Sibbald Point Provincial Park, Sutton West

Stouffville Country Market

York-Durham Heritage Railway, Uxbridge

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Parkwood Estate, Oshawa


McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Kleinburg


Caledon

Scenic Caves, Collingwood

BRUCE PENINSULA, SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY AND LAKE SIMCOE

Welcome to nature's playground, where there are waters to navigate and trails to be explored. Find unique underwater treasures and historic sites. Walk forested paths and spot wildlife. Play in the sun at family-friendly locales.



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MORE IDEAS

Awenda Provincial Park, Penetanguishene

Billy Bishop Heritage Museum, Owen Sound

Discovery Harbour, Penetanguishene

Eugenia Falls

Flowerpot Island, Tobermory

Kincardine Lighthouse

Leacock Museum National Historic Site, Orillia

Tom Thomson Art Gallery, Owen Sound

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BRUCE PENINSULA

Take a ride from Tobermory to Manitoulin Island aboard the MS *Chi-Cheemaun*. In Bruce Peninsula National Park, cool off in the clear turquoise water of the Grotto, a swimming hole with underwater caves. Spot shipwrecks on a glass-bottomed boat tour in Fathom Five National Marine Park – or try snorkelling to get a closer look!

Walk across a suspension bridge high above a forested valley at Scenic Caves Nature Adventures in Collingwood. Stay at Blue Mountain Resort for family fun, events, shopping and restaurants. Take a dip at Wasaga Beach, the world's longest freshwater beach. Hike the trails of the Bruce Trail along the Niagara Escarpment – stay at a B&B along the way. At Sauble Falls Provincial Park near Wiarton, feel refreshed by the sight of cascading waterfalls.

SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY

At Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre in Midland, get closer to nature on a wildlife hike or canoe through the marsh. Enjoy the views of Georgian Bay on a cruise of the 30,000 Islands. Explore how Aboriginal and early settler cultures came together at Saint-Marie among the Hurons in Midland. Don't miss the Murals of Midland depicting the area's history – one of which is the biggest outdoor mural in North America!

LAKE SIMCOE

In late July, browse fine arts and crafts made by local artists at Barrie's annual Kempenfest. Reel in a huge catch on Lake Simcoe. Bring Lady Luck to Casino Rama and catch a live performance. Enjoy music outdoors at Orillia's Mariposa Folk Festival in July.


Flower Pot Island, Tobermory


Leacock Museum
National Historic Site, Orillia

KAWARTHA AND NORTHUMBERLAND

There's so much history and culture to see and experience in this scenic region. Enjoy the arts in open-air theatres. Look up and see winged migrations or climb down cool caves. Let the past meet the present at pioneer villages and historic sites.

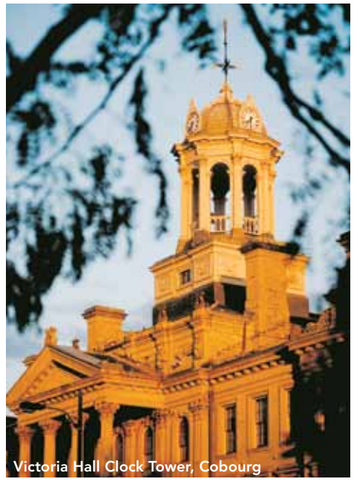
PETERBOROUGH AND THE KAWARTHAS
See the world's largest collection of canoes at the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough. Chat with the village carpenter or stay for tea at Lang Pioneer Village in Keene, a reconstructed 19th-century hamlet. See ancient Aboriginal carvings on marble rocks at Petroglyphs Provincial Park. At Warsaw Caves Conservation Area and Campground you can explore caves, trails and the beach by day, and then camp by night. Support traditional Aboriginal craftsmen at Whetung Ojibwa Centre, located on the Curve Lake Indian Reserve.

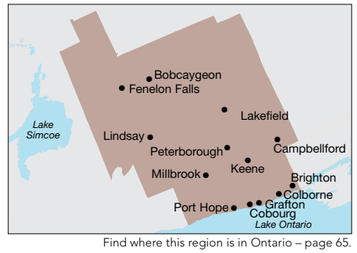
CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES
Witness the engineering feats of the Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site – the Kirkfield Lift Lock in Kawartha Lakes is the second-highest hydraulic lift lock in the world. At the Lakeview Arts Barn in Bobcaygeon, enjoy many different performing styles and shows. On Labour Day weekend, shop for original artwork at the annual Kawartha Arts Festival.


Lingham Lake, Kawarthas

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY
Listen to music in an open barn setting at the Westben Arts Festival Theatre in Campbellford. Port Hope's Cameco Capitol Arts Centre offers live theatre, concerts and film screenings. Enjoy relaxing body scrubs and massages at spas, inns and wellness studios dotted throughout the area.

Watch annual migrations of birds and butterflies at Presqu'ile Provincial Park. Pick your way along the Apple Route, stopping in at orchards, bakeries and markets. Browse Cobourg's charming shops for one-of-a-kind finds, then hit the beach just steps from downtown.


Victoria Hall Clock Tower, Cobourg



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MORE IDEAS

4th Line Theatre, Millbrook

Alderville Black Oak Savanna

Barnum House, Grafton

Ganaraska River

Kawartha Settlers Village, Bobcaygeon

Lock 21 – Peterborough Lift Lock

Rice Lake

Victoria Rail Trail

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Peterborough



Sandbanks Provincial Park, Picton

SOUTH EASTERN ONTARIO

This scenic and historic region stretches along the St. Lawrence River and the northeastern shores of Lake Ontario. Watch for wildlife in provincial parks or take a cruise throughout the 1000 Islands. Savour local flavours on the Taste Trail. Feel history come alive at forts and museums.



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MORE IDEAS

Bellevue House National Historic Site of Canada, Kingston

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Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve

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Lake on the Mountain Provincial Park, Picton

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Rideau Heritage Route

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The Empire Theatre and Centre for the Performing Arts, Belleville

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Thousand Islands Playhouse, Gananoque

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Upper Canada Playhouse, Morrisburg

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Wolfe Island

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BAY OF QUINTE

Learn about the history of Canada's military aviation in Trenton at the National Air Force Museum of Canada. In Belleville, get the family swinging on the greens at Bayview Golfing Centre. Cast a line into the Bay of Quinte, one of Ontario's best fishing spots – rent a boat or book a fully guided fishing expedition.

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY

Follow the Taste Trail to find local food and drink like artisan cheeses, award-winning wines and craft beers. Swim in the warm waters of Sandbanks Provincial Park in Picton. Visit more than 20 artisan studios and galleries along the Arts Trail. Bike along the Loyalist Parkway between Kingston and Trenton and explore archaeological and heritage sites.

ST. LAWRENCE/1000 ISLANDS

Watch exciting fireworks set to thundering gun salutes and military music at Fort Henry in Kingston. Enjoy dinner in Kingston and a show at The Grand Theatre. Take a 1000 Islands boat cruise from Gananoque or Ivy Lea to see grand homes and tiny islands. See at-risk species in their natural habitat at St Lawrence Islands National Park.

Paddle the St. Lawrence River to see the islands up close. View the beauty of the 1000 Islands from atop the Skydeck in Lansdowne. Visit Brockville's Fulford Place, a restored Edwardian mansion built at the turn of the century. Learn about forgotten communities at the Lost Villages Museum in Ault Park.



Thousand Islands Parkway



Huff Estates, Prince Edward County

OTTAWA AND COUNTRYSIDE

A trip to our nation's capital is filled with culture, historic sites, discovery and fun. See the great buildings of Parliament where history is made. Enjoy the rural life without leaving the city. In the countryside, family fun abounds outdoors in mazes and wave pools.

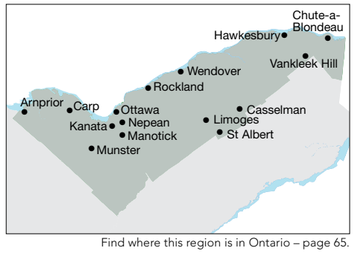
CITY OF OTTAWA

Hunt for treasures and enjoy fine dining at the ByWard Market, one of Canada's oldest and largest public markets. Admire classic and contemporary masters at the National Gallery of Canada. Explore the world from skies to seas in the redesigned Canadian Museum of Nature.

Walk or bike along the Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, or take a cruise to see the lock system in action. At the Canada Agriculture Museum, experience farm life in the heart of the city. Tour the Parliament Buildings and watch *Mosaika*, the outdoor sound and light show exploring Canada's history. Celebrate Canada Day in the nation's capital.

OTTAWA'S COUNTRYSIDE

Slip 'n slide on 40 hectares (100 acres) of wave pools, slides and lazy rivers at Calypso Theme Waterpark in Limoges. At the Diefenbunker in Carp, climb down into a Cold War-era bunker. Get lost in 11 different mazes at Saunders Farm in Munster. Experience some of the best whitewater rafting in Canada on the Ottawa River. Tour artists' studios and growers' farms in the United Counties of Prescott and Russell. Admire the Victorian-era houses of Vankleek Hill, the Gingerbread Capital of Ontario.



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MORE IDEAS

Canada Science and Technology Museum, Ottawa

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Canadian War Museum, Ottawa

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Changing The Guard, Ottawa

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Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest, July 5–17

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St. Albert Cheese Co-operative Inc.

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Papanack Zoo, Wendover

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RCMP Musical Ride, Ottawa

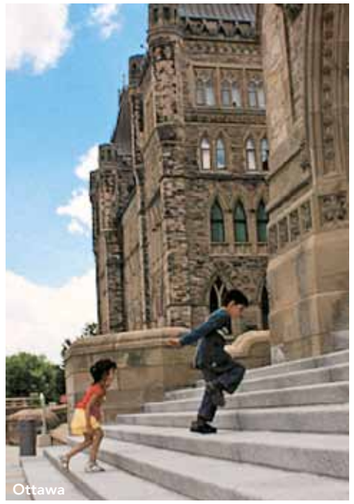
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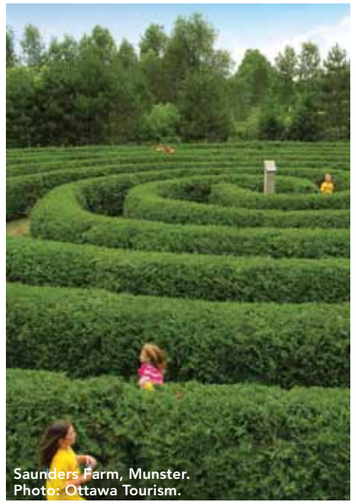
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Voyageur Provincial Park, Chute-a-Blondeau

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Ottawa



Saunders Farm, Munster.
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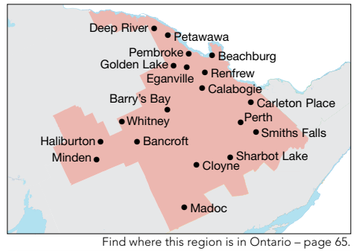
Parliament Hill, Ottawa



Ottawa River

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS TO THE OTTAWA VALLEY

Explore Haliburton's great outdoors. Navigate the Ottawa Valley's great waterways and legendary whitewater rapids. See towering hardwood forests and the rocky terrain of the Canadian Shield. Find talented artists on a studio tour.



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MORE IDEAS

Barron Canyon Hiking Trail, Petawawa

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Dorset Scenic Lookout Tower

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Foresters Falls

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Haliburton School of the Arts

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Hawk Lake Log Chute, Stanhope

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Pole Position Kartways, Minden

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Ritchie Falls, Lochlin

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UPPER OTTAWA VALLEY
Ride the rapids in the Ottawa Valley, known as the Whitewater Capital of Canada. Learn about Pembroke's history in more than 30 heritage murals. Spot ancient sea creature fossils deep underground in the Bonnechere Caves.

OTTAWA VALLEY SOUTH
Cycle along the Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In Lanark County, discover more about the inventor of basketball and a famous sculptor at the Mill of Kintail Museum and Conservation Area. Enjoy the scenic vistas and quaint small towns of Lanark County.

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS
Take a walk in the clouds on boardwalks suspended in the trees at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. Paddle a kayak down the rapids of the Gull River. At the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, enjoy sculptures by Canadian and international artists on a woodland walk.

NORTH HASTINGS
View the dense forests around Bancroft from 60 m (200 ft.) above ground at the Eagle's Nest. Browse gemstones and minerals at Bancroft's annual Rockhound Gemboree in July. Take a walk through Egan Chutes Nature Reserve, a wetland featuring three beautiful waterfalls.

COMFORT COUNTRY
Applaud a variety of shows at Stirling Festival Theatre. Learn about early 20th-century rural life at the Hastings County Museum of Agricultural Heritage in Stirling. Explore pioneer sites and nature trails around the O'Hara Mill Homestead and Conservation Area in Madoc.

ALGONQUIN NATION
Find authentic Aboriginal arts and crafts at the Algonquin Trading Post in Golden Lake. Dance to beating drums in Golden Lake at the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn Pow Wow in August.

LAND O' LAKES
Rent a canoe in Bon Echo Provincial Park in Cloyne and paddle across the deep blue lake. Visit artisan studios and galleries on the Inroads Studio Tour through Frontenac county.



Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve



Bon Echo Provincial Park

MUSKOKA, PARRY SOUND AND ALGONQUIN PARK

Welcome to cottage country, where Ontarians love to vacation. With more than 2,000 lakes and four major rivers, this region is perfect for cruising, camping and cooling off all summer long. Stay in one of many local resorts and perfect your golf swing or sit back and relax in a Muskoka chair.

MUSKOKA
Take the kids to Santa's Village in Bracebridge and visit Jolly Old St. Nick on vacation. Stay at a lakeside resort or housekeeping cottage and enjoy relaxing on the water. Hike around a cranberry bog in Bala. Hear the sweet sounds of music at the summer-long Muskoka Lakes Music Festival. Shop for antiques and unique items in local towns.

Take a cruise on the RMS *Segwun*, North America's oldest operating steamship. At the new Muskoka Wharf, discover Gravenhurst's history as a boat-building town and enjoy a stroll on the boardwalk. See historic watercraft at the Gravenhurst's Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show in July.

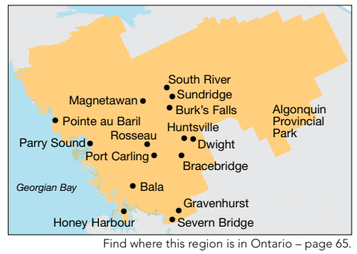
GEORGIAN BAY COUNTRY – PARRY SOUND
Hike or bike along Killbear Provincial Park's recreational trails and watch for red foxes, chipmunks and hawks. Cruise the 30,000 Islands and watch for wildlife. Do your best breaststroke in Six Mile Lake Provincial Park. Camp out and fish for your supper at Georgian Bay Islands National Park.



ALGONQUIN PROVINCIAL PARK
At the Algonquin Provincial Park Visitor Centre, learn about the history of the park and admire the scenery from the viewing deck. Visit a local outfitter or come prepared and camp in the park any way you choose – by tent, yurt, ranger cabin or RV. Paddle more than 2,100 km (1,305 mi.) of rivers and lakes to spot wildlife or just enjoy the view.

ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS
Hike the Trans Canada Trail, the world's longest network of recreational trails. Paddle a canoe down the mighty Magnetawan River. See powerful waterwalls at Oxtongue River-Ragged Falls Provincial Park. Pick up some fresh fruits and vegetables at the South River farmers' market. Find all your camping needs met by friendly local outfitters.


Muskoka



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MORE IDEAS

Algonquin Logging Museum, Algonquin Provincial Park

Arrowhead Provincial Park, Huntsville

Burk's Falls

Eaglecrest Aerial Park, Bracebridge

Echo Valley Observatory, Huntsville

Johnston's Cranberry Marsh, Bala

Muskoka Heritage Place, Huntsville

Muskoka Steamships, Gravenhurst

Muskoka Wildlife Centre, Severn Bridge

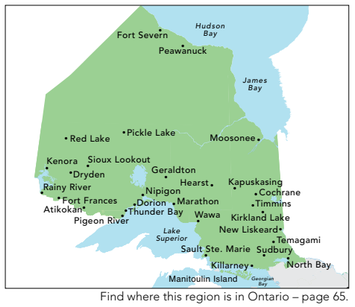
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Killbear Provincial Park, Parry Sound

Dorion

NORTHERN ONTARIO

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MORE IDEAS

Eagle Canyon Adventures, Dorion

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Fort William Historical Park, Thunder Bay

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Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park

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Killarney Provincial Park

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Lake of the Eagles Pow Wow, Dryden

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Lake of the Woods Museum, Kenora

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Quetico Provincial Park, Atikokan

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Shania Twain Centre, Timmins

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Summer in the Park, North Bay, July 29–31

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NORTHEAST
Ride the Bike Train to North Bay and explore the city by bicycle. Go on a sunset cruise of Lake Nipissing aboard the *Chief Commanda II*. Walk among pines over one hundred years old in the Temagami old-growth forest. See waterfalls and Canadian Shield rocks in Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater Provincial Park.

Ply the French River by canoe, just as fur traders once did. See the 30,000 Islands on a boat cruise or by float plane. In Sudbury, explore scientific and natural phenomena at Science North and Dynamic Earth. On Manitoulin Island, the world's largest freshwater island, you'll find Aboriginal Pow Wows and scenic vistas.

Take the Polar Bear Express north for a relaxing ride. Pan for gold at the Timmins Underground Gold Mine Tour. Swim alongside polar bears in Cochrane at the Polar Bear Habitat. Stay at Cedar Meadows Resort and see wildlife on a wilderness tour.

NORTH CENTRAL
Take the Agawa Canyon Tour Train north from Sault Ste. Marie to see towering trees and awe-inspiring rock formations.

In Sault Ste. Marie, explore the history of flight at the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre. Ride the fastest zipline in Ontario at Treetop Adventures in Goulais River. Camp in Pancake Bay Provincial Park and swim, fish or kayak the clear waters. Snap a family photo with the Wawa Goose, a 8.5 m (28 ft.) tall statue of a Canada Goose. Grab a map and tour the open road by motorcycle.

NORTHWEST
Mine for gemstones at the Amethyst Mine Panorama in Thunder Bay. Hike up a hill that looks like its namesake at Sleeping Giant Provincial Park. In Nipigon, hang from rock walls and learn how to climb. Paddle in the canoeing capital of Canada, Atikokan.

Visit Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung, the 'Place of the Long Rapids', and feel the spirituality of Aboriginal peoples. Fly in by float plane to Red Lake for a fly-fishing getaway. Near Kenora, rent everything you need to mountain bike or rock climb the Minaki Trail system, then relax in a sauna and sleep in a yurt. Enjoy viewing a sunset over peaceful lake waters.


Sleeping Giant Provincial Park, Thunder Bay

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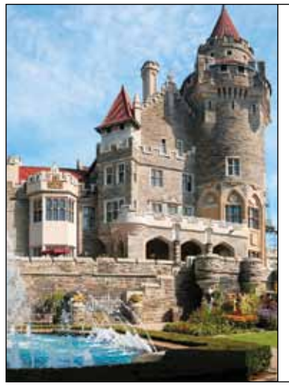


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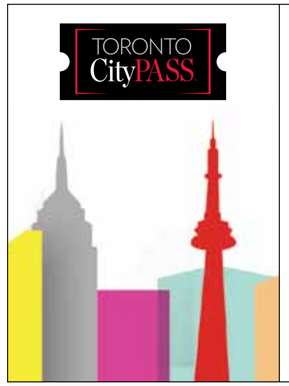


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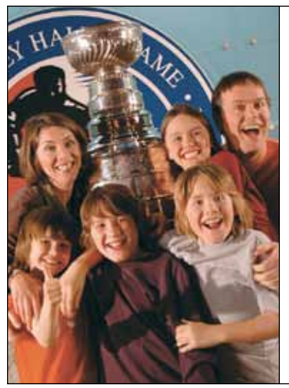
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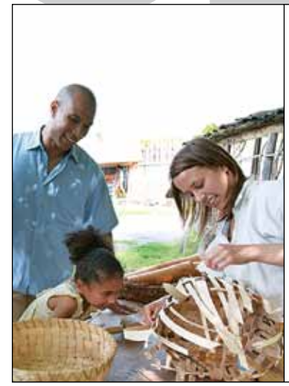
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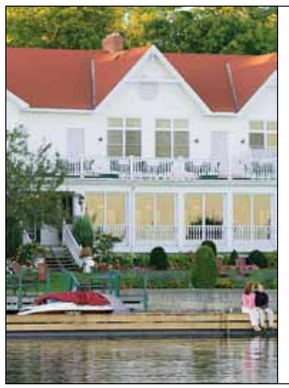


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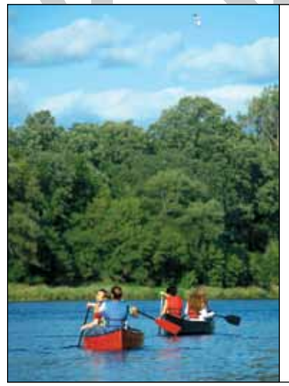
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