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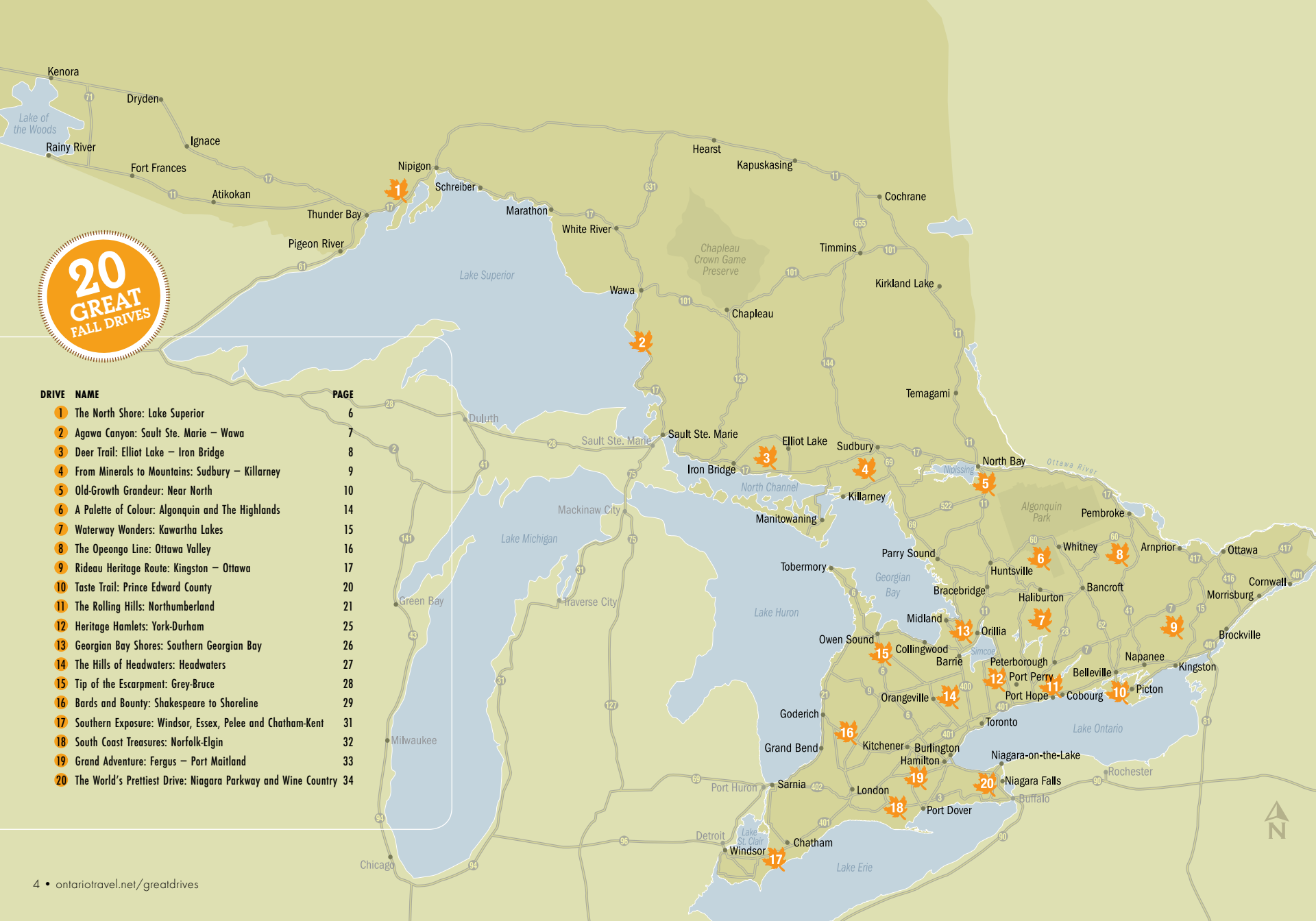
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ONTARIO SHOWS ITS TRUE COLOURS

Ontario is the premier destination for those wishing to see summer's lush greenery transformed into a mosaic of magnificent, rich shades of red, orange and yellow. It's also harvest time, the perfect time to hop into the car and take in the sights. But there is so much more to Ontario's fall season than meets the eye.

This guide will take you through 20 scenic touring routes, chosen for their spectacular fall colours, fascinating attractions and activities. Take a daylong train tour through the Agawa Canyon, enjoy a boat cruise of Millionaire's Row in Muskoka or hike among 1,000-year-old cedar trees once painted by the Group of Seven in Bon Echo Provincial Park. Indulge your inner gourmand and tour the wineries, cideries, cheese factories and chocolatiers of beautiful Prince Edward County. Bid farewell to the monarchs of Presqu'île Provincial Park as they begin their migration to Mexico. And take in Ontario's prized Greenbelt, making sure to stop and explore its many trails and parks.

Fall is all about reconnecting with the people who matter most, so set aside a weekend for fun with family and friends. Indulge in a luxurious getaway at a few of Ontario's many relaxing inns, resorts or B&Bs suggested along each route. Tour Ontario this fall and we're sure you'll agree: there's no place like this.

CONNECT

For more information on packages, route details, great scenic lookouts, the latest fall colour report and Regional Travel Information Centres, or to order Ontario's Official Road Map, visit ontariotravel.net/greatdrives

For hours and locations of Ontario Travel Information Centres, please visit ontariotravel.net or call **1-800-ONTARIO**.

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Scenic Lookouts



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THE NORTH SHORE

LAKE SUPERIOR (410 km/255 mi.) • The raw, rocky, northern coastline of Lake Superior, with its thundering waters and gnarled forests, has a history of drawing the compelled and the curious. Start your drive at the roaring Kakabeka Falls – the ‘Niagara of the North.’ Explore the region’s rugged canyons and waterfalls, cross Canada’s longest suspension footbridge and continue on a short drive to Thunder Bay to visit the site where Terry Fox ended his courageous Marathon of Hope. Then participate in the living history program at Fort William Historical Park, depicting the fur trade activities of the North West Company from 1803–1821.

ALONG THE WAY

Explore the Kam River Valley from \$120

Kaminsitiquia River Heritage Parkway

Explore a reconstructed fur trade post from 1815 and discover the pristine and historic Kam River.

Autumn Golf Getaway from \$142

City of Thunder Bay

Tee off at Thomas McBroom’s most northern course in Ontario.

Superior’s Falling Waters from \$255

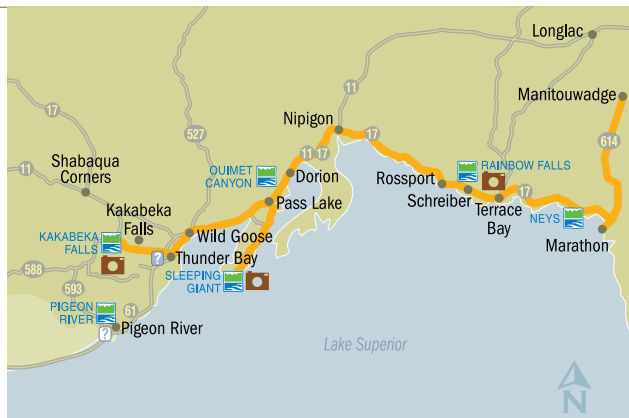
Lake Superior Visits

Discover the vivid fall colours of Superior’s autumn hues along lakeside trails and roaring waterfalls.

For travel information call North of Superior Tourism at **1-800-265-3951**.

TIP Standing on Canada’s longest suspension footbridge, in Dorion, is a great way to view the fall colours.

CLOCKWISE TOP - BOTTOM: Terrace Bay, Quimet Canyon, Eagle Canyon, Dorion

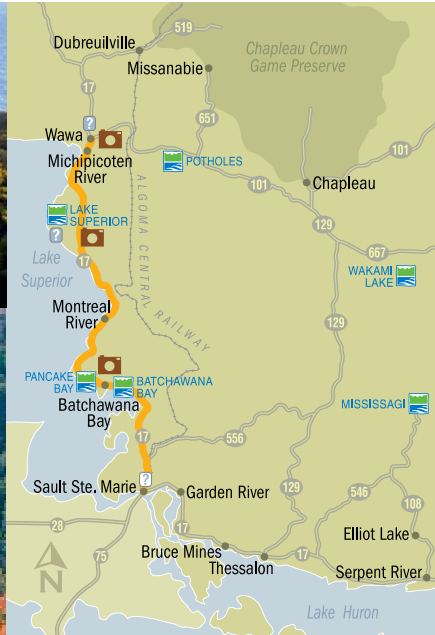


AGAWA CANYON

SAULT STE. MARIE – WAWA (225 km/140 mi.) • Between 1918 and 1923, Group of Seven members were so inspired by this rugged Algoma landscape that they painted here, gaining access to the wilderness via a rented railway boxcar that was shunted to choice painting locations. Today it continues to attract leaf peepers intrigued by the awesome granite rock and mixed forests of the Canadian Shield. The roadway hugs the scenic shoreline of Lake Superior. A day-long Agawa Canyon train tour provides unparalleled fall scenery and includes a trip to the very heart of the canyon. Seek out the Aboriginal pictographs at Agawa Rock.



CLOCKWISE TOP – BOTTOM: Sault Ste. Marie, Batchawana Bay, Agawa Canyon



ALONG THE WAY

Agawa Canyon Fall Colours from \$162

Agawa Canyon Tour Train

A day-long train tour into the rugged and beautiful Agawa Canyon to enjoy spectacular fall scenery.

Wawa WOW! from \$75

Kinniwabi Pines Motel and Cottages

Relax overlooking the beautiful Michipicoten River and discover our northern beauty.

The Power of the Lake – free

Lake Superior Visitor Centre

Discover the influence of the world's largest freshwater lake on the landscape, climate, flora, fauna and people who have travelled here.

For travel information call the Algoma Kinniwabi Travel Association at **1-800-263-2546** or Tourism Sault Ste. Marie at **1-800-461-6020**.

TIP Don't forget your camera! In fall, the red maple is a brilliant red counterpart to the sugar maple – it is smaller and has bright red stems.



DEER TRAIL

ELLIOT LAKE – IRON BRIDGE (152 km/95 mi.) • Join more than 2,000 art-loving travellers who come to Deer Trail each autumn and take a self-guided studio tour. Mingle with artists before adding a piece of Northern Ontario to your art collection. Interested in a breathtaking view? The Fire Lookout Tower, just 8 km (5 mi.) northeast of Elliot Lake, is 488 m (1,600 ft.) above sea level and offers a spectacular panorama. Check out fall colours and Lake Huron from the large observation deck. Or trek the Helenbar Lookout Trail (4.5 km/2.8 mi.) in Mississagi Provincial Park for excellent views of the surrounding mountains. For a different perspective of the leaves, canoe along the beautiful White River. *Motorcyclists love touring this route.*

ALONG THE WAY

Stay and Play Fall Colour Tour from \$99

Algo Inn

Enjoy breathtaking Canadian Shield vistas and the surrounding lakes as you tee off for great fall golf at Stone Ridge.

Elliot Lake Rocks! from \$47

Fireside Inn

Explore the north's mining and nuclear history and enjoy our scenic beauty.

Get Back to Nature from \$56

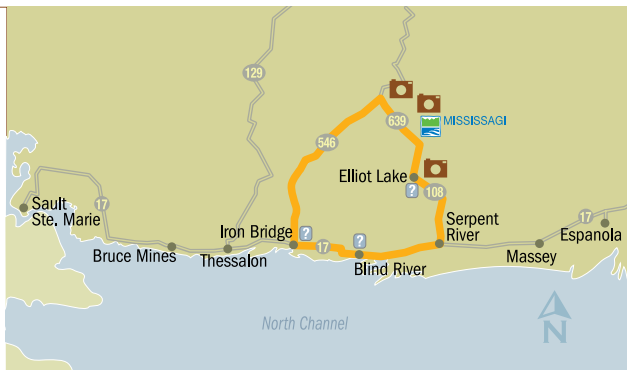
Dunlop Lake Lodge and Ontario Parks

Discover the undeveloped wilderness of Mississagi Provincial Park on foot or by canoe – spectacular vistas and old-growth hemlock.

For travel information call the Algoma Kinniwabi Travel Association at **1-800-263-2546** or Elliot Lake Tourism at **1-800-661-6192**.

TIP Bring your ATV! The Elliot Lake area has more than 300 km (186 mi.) of looped ATV trails.

CLOCKWISE TOP – BOTTOM: Elliot Lake; Helenbar Lookout; Elliot Lake

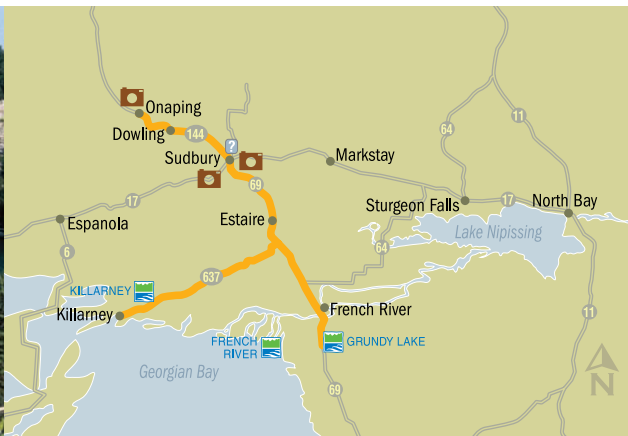


FROM MINERALS TO MOUNTAINS

SUDBURY – KILLARNEY (130 km/81 mi.) • The Sudbury Basin is believed to be the remnants of a 1.85-billion-year-old meteorite. Begin here with a cruise on Lake Ramsey then go underground for a tour at Dynamic Earth. Great fall colour viewing and hiking trails can be enjoyed at Onaping High Falls' A.Y. Jackson Lookout. Killarney Provincial Park is to the southwest – a spectacular wilderness with plenty of great hiking, paddling and camping opportunities. Hike to The Crack to see quartzite boulders – many as large as houses. And enjoy spectacular views down the historic French River from a new footbridge that is easily accessible from Highway 69.



CLOCKWISE TOP – BOTTOM: Killarney, Killarney



ALONG THE WAY

Cinéfest Sudbury Film Buff Weekend from \$450

Sudbury Tourism & Cinéfest

Select from more than 100 screenings at one of Canada's top five film festivals.

Sudbury Flight-Seeing Aerial Tours from \$50

Sudbury Aviation

View spectacular fall colours from the seat of a Beaver or Cessna bush plane.

The Afro-Caribbean Festival of Sudbury \$15

Le festival Afro-Caribéen de Sudbury

Enjoy the fantastic musical, visual and culinary talents of local and international artists.

For travel information call Sudbury Tourism at **1-877-304-8222**.

TIP Trembling aspen is one of the most common trees you'll see in Northern Ontario. Just look for bright yellow leaves and listen for the unmistakable rustle of its foliage.



OLD-GROWTH GRANDEUR

NEAR NORTH (311 km/193 mi.) • This route takes you through an unspoiled wilderness frequented by travellers worldwide, offering one of Ontario’s best fall colour viewing vantage points; the view from Caribou Mountain’s 30 m (100 ft.) Temagami Fire Tower is not to be missed. Ride the beautiful North Bay Heritage Carousel. Attend the Annual Cranberry Festival at the Sturgeon River House Museum, situated on an authentic Hudson’s Bay Company trading post site, for a taste of the harvest. Marvel at the spectacular colours of the maple canopy as you tour the Loring-Restoule area.

ALONG THE WAY

Dream Catcher Express from \$100

Ontario Northland

A captivating train excursion to enjoy the brilliant fall colours between North Bay and Temagami.

Autumn Romance from \$65

Wright Point Resort

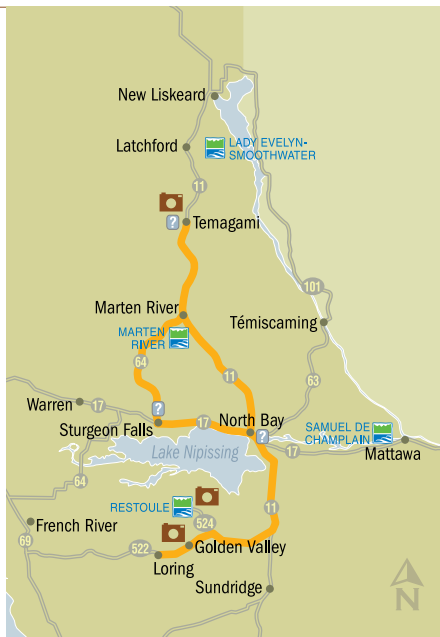
Find each other again in the serene setting that nature provides.

Nature’s Beauty at its Best – free

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Tour scenic countryside, bridges and historic drives under the colourful maple canopy of our region.

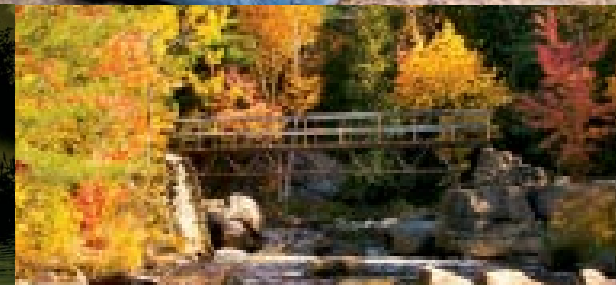
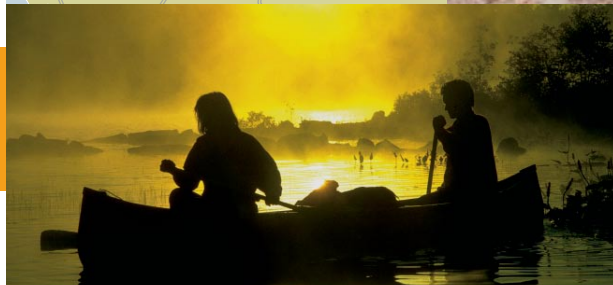
For travel information call Ontario’s Near North at **1-800-387-0516**.



CLOCKWISE TOP - BOTTOM: Temagami; Duchesnay Falls; North Bay



TIP This is a great route to see the largest old-growth forest stands in the province, where some trees are 300–400 years old.





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Imagine you and three friends playing golf amid the gorgeous fall colours of Blue Mountain.

Treat your foursome to two of Ontario's premier golf courses: Monterra Golf and The Raven Golf Club at Lora Bay. Your home base will be the stunning Westin Trillium House on Blue Mountain. Enjoy two nights' deluxe accommodation and after a day on the links, dazzle your palate with the delicious offerings of Oliver & Bonacini's café • grille.

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Prize Valued at \$4,700

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FALL STUDIO TOURS

Throughout the fall, professional artists and craftspeople welcome visitors to their studios where they create original works: paintings, fine jewellery, glass art, stained glass, sculpture, quilts, wood works, papier mâché and pottery. Plan a day trip or two. It's a great time to start your holiday shopping! Go online for more details and locations at ontariotravel.net/greatdrives

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September 1-3

Inroads Studio Tour,
Sharbot Lake
(613) 335-2073

September 8, 9

Northumberland Hills Studio Tour,
Northumberland County
(905) 342-3344

September 15, 16

Apsley Autumn Studio Tour
(705) 656-4560

Caledon East Studio Tour
(905) 857-1583

Uxbridge Studio Tour
(905) 852-5472

September 21-23

Prince Edward County
Studio & Gallery Tour, Picton
(613) 476-7572

September 22, 23

Bancroft & Area Autumn
Studio Tour
(613) 332-1542

Hills of Erin Studio Tour
(519) 220-0687

Kawartha Autumn Studio Tour,
Peterborough
(705) 743-9179

Norfolk Studio Tour, Simcoe
(519) 583-1101

September 22, 23, 29, 30

Elora-Fergus Studio Tour
(519) 846-8292

Headwaters Arts Festival
(519) 943-1149

Merrickville Artists' Guild
Studio Tour & Sale
(613) 269-2229

September 29, 30

Georgina Studio Tour & Sale
(905) 989-0972

Deer Trail Studio Tour,
Elliot Lake
(705) 848-8164

Dundas Studio Tour
(905) 628-6886

Madawaska Valley Autumn
Studio Tour, Wilno
(613) 756-1329

Muskoka Autumn Studio
Tour, Bracebridge
(705) 687-6521

Sudbury Studio Tour
(705) 675-2933

Tweed & Area Studio Tour
(613) 477-2039

**September 29, 30,
October 6, 7**
Haliburton County Studio Tour
(705) 489-3177

Victoria County Studio Tour,
Lindsay
(705) 887-9903

October 5-8
Images Thanksgiving Studio Tour,
Horseshoe Valley
(705) 835-6213

October 6, 7
Artists Around the Sound,
Owen Sound
(519) 372-1607

Studios of Brampton
(905) 874-2919

October 6-8
Perth Autumn Studio Tour
(613) 267-5237

October 12-14
Guelph Studio Tour
(519) 824-0974

Headwaters Studio Tour,
Orangeville
(519) 942-3283

October 13, 14
Richmond Hill Studio Tour
(905) 787-1441, ext. 222

Stouffville Studio Tour
(905) 642-1721

October 13-15
Rideau Lakes and Westport
Fall Colours Studio Tour
(613) 273-3530

November 3, 4
Rural Routes Studio Tour,
New Hamburg
(613) 269-2797





A PALETTE OF COLOUR

ALGONQUIN & THE HIGHLANDS (305 km/190 mi.) • Algonquin Provincial Park is Ontario’s oldest and best known, and has been welcoming visitors for more than 200 years. Fall colours along the Highway 60 corridor provide a panoramic palette and the Visitor Centre’s art gallery features regular shows depicting the region. See the landscape in a new way: learn painting and photography. Take a walk along the suspended canopy boardwalk that winds through the tree tops 20 m (66 ft.) above the forest floor in Haliburton Forest’s old-growth forest. The view from Dorset’s Scenic Lookout Tower is not to be missed, nor is Robinson’s General Store.

ALONG THE WAY

Geocaching Adventure from \$75

Ogopogo Resort

Combine the enjoyment of a fall drive and hike with high-tech treasure hunting using a hand-held GPS unit.

Haliburton Rocks! from \$415

Sunny Rock B&B and Yours Outdoors

Explore rich mineral deposits, unique geological features and rugged autumn landscapes amid our warm hospitality.

Peddle Your Art from \$297

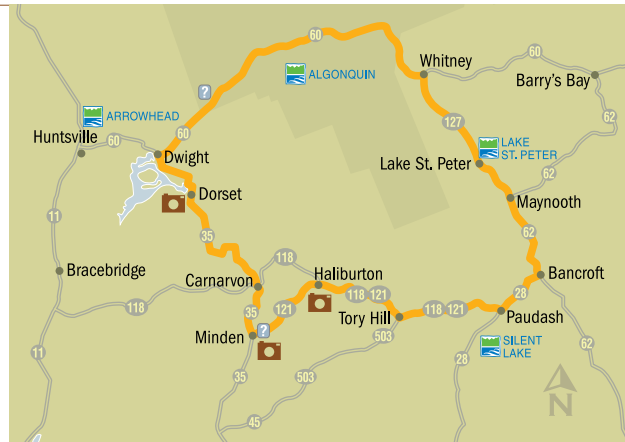
Bonnie View Inn and Yours Outdoors

Visit the studios of Haliburton County’s artists while enjoying the autumn colours of the Highlands from the comfort of your bike.

For travel information call Haliburton County at **1-800-461-7677**.

TIP Add some ‘life’ to your driving tour by passing through spooky ghost towns in the Bancroft area.

CLOCKWISE TOP – BOTTOM: Algonquin Provincial Park, Haliburton Forest, Algonquin Provincial Park



WATERWAY WONDERS



KAWARTHA LAKES (300 km/187 mi.) • The historic Trent-Severn Waterway meanders through Kawartha’s scenic countryside. Lock stations are great stopping places; stretch your legs and watch the passing boats. View more than 900 Aboriginal rock carvings on a beautiful marble rock face at Petroglyphs Provincial Park and follow a hiking trail through the surrounding forest. Great fall colour cycling is yours to enjoy along the Victoria Rail Trail or hike the Minden Wild Water Trail to admire the raw beauty of the Gull River’s whitewater rapids. Discover the rich history of the canoe at the Canadian Canoe Museum and enjoy freshly baked apple treats and mulled cider at Lang Pioneer Village’s Applefest in October.

CLOCKWISE TOP – BOTTOM: Lang Pioneer Village, Keene; Canadian Canoe Museum, Peterborough; Peterborough Liftlock



ALONG THE WAY

Heritage Haunts from \$110

Peterborough and the Kawarthas Tourism

Living history, historic dining, ghostly tales and visits to a lockmaster’s home are yours to enjoy in this adventure.

The Art of Autumn from \$140

Peterborough and the Kawarthas Tourism

Visit Whetung Crafts, the Art Gallery of Peterborough and relax during a sightseeing boat cruise.

Autumn Colours and Victorian Charms from \$100

City of Kawartha Lakes Tourism

Experience the world’s highest hydraulic liftlock, Canada’s smallest limestone jail and a Victorian inn.

Revisit Bobcaygeon’s Colonial Routes from \$90

City of Kawartha Lakes Tourism

Hike the Victoria Rail Trail, tour the shores of the Trent-Severn Waterway and browse a showcase of local history and art.

For travel information call Peterborough and The Kawarthas Tourism at **1-800-461-6424** or the City of Kawartha Lakes at **1-866-397-6673**.



TIP Take the back roads to view sugar maples; early settlers planted them for their beautiful gold colour.



THE OPEONGO LINE

OTTAWA VALLEY (205 km/128 mi.) • Explore the historic settlements and natural setting of the Ottawa Valley and you'll find beautiful artistry, seasonal agriculture and lush wilderness. Algonquin Provincial Park's Barron Canyon, a 100 m (328 ft.) deep canyon accessed by a 1.5 km (0.93 mi.) interpretive trail, gives you unforgettable panoramic views – some of the best in the park. Stroll atop Shrine Hill in Wilno, Canada's oldest Polish settlement, or ascend to Ontario's highest populated point, Foymount, for stunning views. The natural tapestry also sets the scene for fall studio tours, guided ATV excursions and some of the best hiking in the province.

ALONG THE WAY

Shopping With a View from \$145

Serendipity on the River

Combine the enjoyment of a fall drive with browsing for antiques, art, books and gifts.

Lakeside Adventure with a Fishy Twist from \$279

Opeongo Mountain Resort

Drop a line, take an ATV tour or enjoy autumn golf at its finest.

Hike the Barron Canyon – free

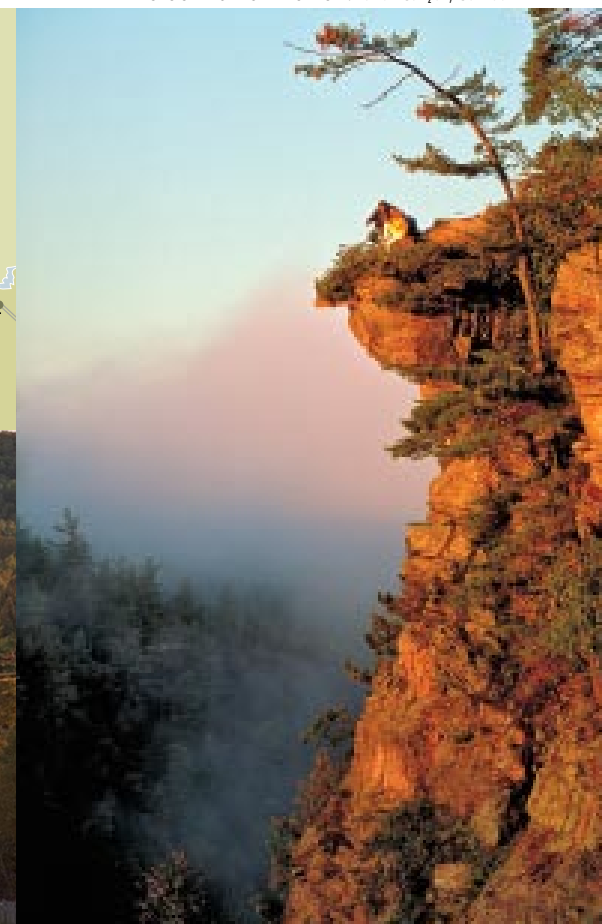
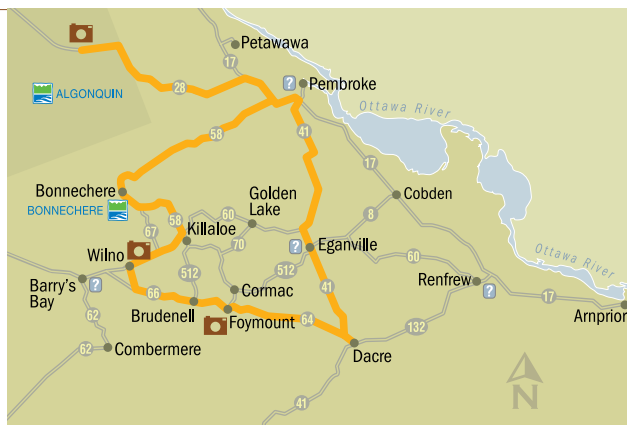
Algonquin Provincial Park

A short hike along to the top of the canyon overlooks this stunning ice-age gorge.

For travel information call Ottawa Valley Tourist Association at **1-800-757-6580**.

TIP Visit Pembroke on a Wednesday or Saturday through October, and pick up fresh produce and whimsical crafts from local vendors at the Farmers' Market.

CLOCKWISE TOP – BOTTOM: Barron Canyon, Cormac

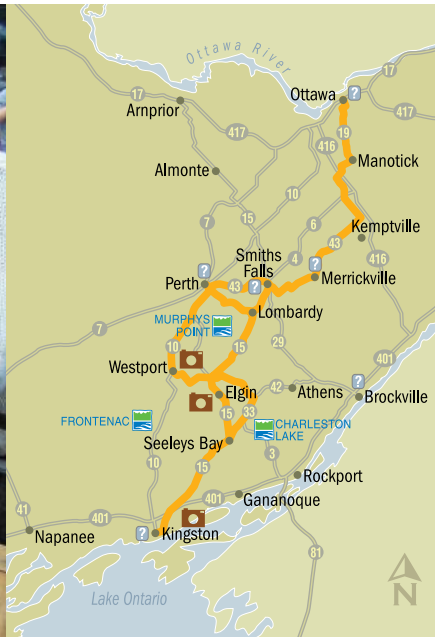


RIDEAU HERITAGE ROUTE



KINGSTON – OTTAWA (265 km/165 mi.) • The 202 km (126 mi.) Rideau Canal is an engineering masterpiece – beautiful lakes and rivers stretching from Kingston to Ottawa connected by man-made canals and locks. The locks are operated this year, its 175th anniversary, much as they were in 1832. Explore quaint villages and immerse yourself in historic limestone architecture. The 9 km (5.6 mi.) stretch of the Rideau Trail between Merrickville and Burritts Rapids follows the Rideau River and is an easy afternoon walk to stretch your legs and enjoy the rustle of leaves beneath your feet. Hear ghostly tales on a haunted walk in Ottawa and cycle the Capital Pathway.

CLOCKWISE TOP – BOTTOM: Kingston Market; Davis Lock; Rock Dunder, Morton



ALONG THE WAY

Colonel By Revisits the Rideau from \$275

Rideau Canal Boat Tours

Cruise the Canal between Chaffey's Locks and Jones Falls with Colonel By and enjoy the hospitality of two great inns.

Rideau Magic at the Great Cataract from \$120

Green Woods Inn

Mix and match an autumn experience to suit your style with history, a harbour cruise and culinary delights.

Smiths Falls Chocolate & Heritage Tour \$9

Rideau Heritage Route Tourism Association

Indulge your sweet tooth and your penchant for history with this wonderful 3-museum tour.

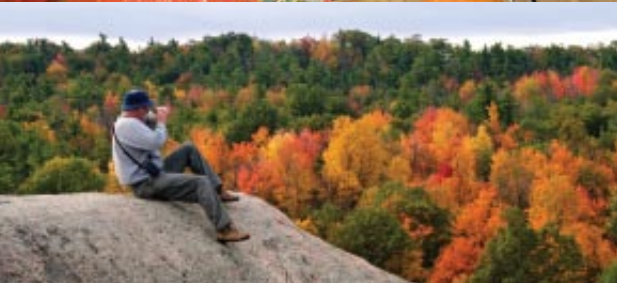
Walk with Nature – free

Ferguson Forest

Explore this 2.3 km (1.4 mi.) self-guided walking trail that interprets forestry in Eastern Ontario; enjoy a picnic along the way.

For travel information call Sam Jakes Inn at **1-800-567-4667 ext. 450**.

TIP The myriad long pointed leaves on a central stalk of staghorn sumac turn bright red in fall. This shrub is one of the first to grow in abandoned fields and its bark is very fuzzy – like a stag's antlers.



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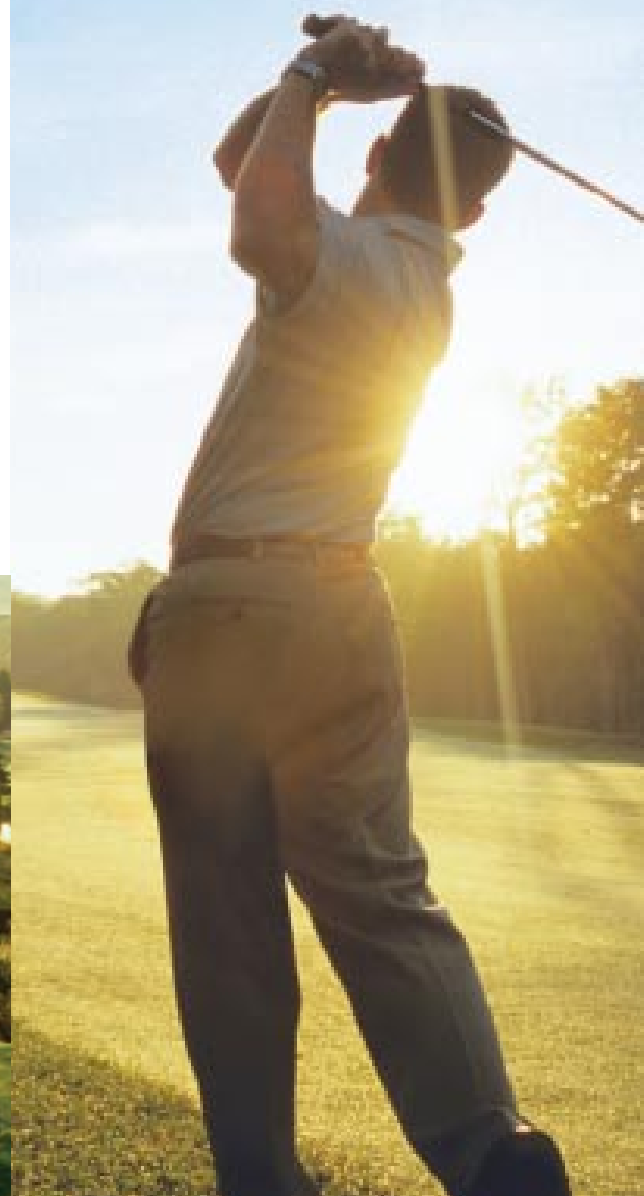
GETAWAY THIS SEASON

INDULGE WITH FRIENDS AT A SUMPTUOUS SPA

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TASTE TRAIL

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY (100 km/62 mi.) • “Rich and cheery” was how Samuel de Champlain described this island in 1615. Its ability to constantly re-invent itself has been demonstrated since then as its fortunes have rested variously on shipping, the barley trade, cheese factories and, most recently, picturesque wineries. This is a perfect place to celebrate the harvest. Sample your way through cideries, wineries, cheese factories and chocolatiers. From the fabled Lake on the Mountain you can catch a view of the Glenora Ferry to Kingston. A thriving artisan community lives here and their annual studio tour was proclaimed ‘one of the best in Ontario’ by *Canadian House and Home* magazine.

ALONG THE WAY

CLOCKWISE TOP – BOTTOM: Prince Edward County, Waupoos Orchard, Grange of Prince Edward

TASTE! A Celebration of Regional Cuisine

from **\$188**

Taste the County

Savour the experience of the County’s regional wine and food festival, TASTE!

Wine and Dine from **\$236**

Taste the County

Tour the Taste Trail, savour delicious regional cuisine and discover unique wineries, where history meets modern technology.

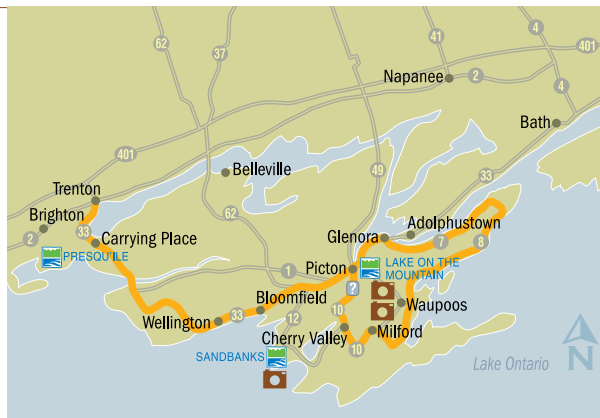
Arts & Culture from **\$170**

Taste the County

Enjoy an island rich in arts and culture amid the spectacular canopy of autumn.

For travel information call The Taste Trail at **1-866-846-6644**.

TIP On the outskirts of Picton, Macaulay Mountain Conservation Area’s diverse woodlands are abruptly broken by a steep escarpment. Hikers will find outstanding views of Picton Bay and the surrounding countryside here.

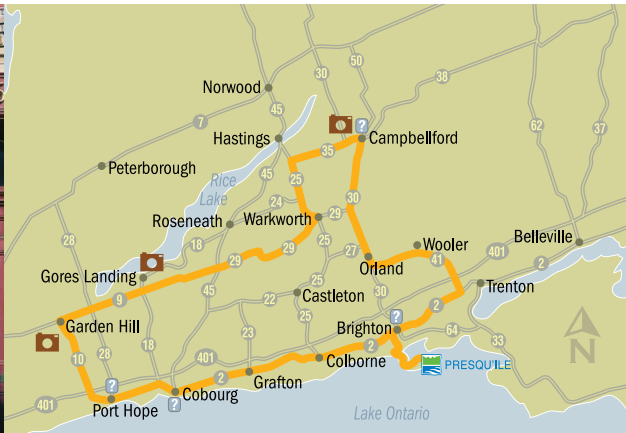


THE ROLLING HILLS



NORTHUMBERLAND (200 km/124 mi.) • Along Lake Ontario's north shore, explore communities once linked by a stagecoach route, now the Apple Route, with a wonderful variety of orchards and roadside fruit and vegetable stands. Rich farmlands to the north are part of Ontario's Greenbelt and offer over 20 hiking and cycling trails. On this scenic drive you pass through landscapes once travelled by Susanna Moodie and Catharine Parr Trail, two of Canada's most important 19th century writers. Specialty outlets like chocolate, cheese and candles offer shopping fun. Antique shops are yours to enjoy in historic Port Hope and Warkworth. Presqu'île Provincial Park is on a major migratory bird flyway and a staging point for Mexico-bound monarch butterflies.

CLOCKWISE TOP - BOTTOM: Port Hope; Northumberland Forest; Northumberland County



ALONG THE WAY

Hike It! Bike It! or Drive It! from \$115

Spaulding Guest House

Enjoy the comforts of a century home, a game farm tour to see bison and a colourful hike or cycle through Ferris Park.

Vintage Colours from \$25

Oak Heights Estate Winery

Sample vintages from the Oak Ridges Moraine and watch the winemakers in action.

Inkeeper's Delight from \$299

Ste. Anne's Spa

Be pampered at the spa nestled amid colourful hillsides, enjoying signature treatments, wellness and afternoon tea.

For travel information call Northumberland Tourism at **1-866-401-3278**.

TIP Since this region is home to a Canadian world-champion maple syrup producer in Warkworth, it is a given that the colours abound on maple trees that flourish throughout the interior. You get double the sweetness!

SAVOUR THE HARVEST

Fall harvest is the ideal time to enjoy Ontario's bounty at its freshest! Plan your own fall drive to discover local producers and shops that pride themselves in offering fresh and fabulous foods with a local flavour. Take time to explore with these suggestions from some of Ontario's top chefs:



CHEF ANDREW DYMOND

*The Prince of Wales Hotel,
Niagara-on-the-Lake*

- The finest local restaurants in Niagara use the specialized greens and baby vegetables of Wyndym Farm
- Italian cured sausages and prosciutto from Mario Pingue, a local salumeria who learned his trade in the family smokehouse in Abruzzi, Italy, are delicious
- Niagara Gold and Comfort Cream cheese from the Upper Canada Cheese Company in Jordan Station is made using fresh Guernsey milk with no additives or preservatives



CHEF RICHARD LALONDE

Delta Sherwood Inn, Muskoka

- You can pick your own veggies, including corn and pumpkins, at Brooklands Farm in Bracebridge
- Lavender, lilac, wild apple and cherry blossoms enhance the flavours in Poppa Jim's Honey. Pure and creamed wildflower honey, along with honeycomb, is available year round
- Muskoka Roastery Coffee, in Huntsville, has distinctively Canadian flavours ranging from sweet maple to earthy espresso. Whether they're brewed over a campfire in Algonquin Provincial Park or at home, each cup is delicious



CHEF MICHAEL SULLIVAN

The Merrill Inn, Prince Edward County

- For a wonderful selection of artisan breads and European-style pastries, drop into Pastry House on Picton's main street
- Windatt Farm has been growing sour cherries and rhubarb for almost 50 years. If you've had Slickers Rhubarb Ginger ice cream or Bean Counter cherry gelato, you've already sampled Windatt's fine fruit
- Every spring, asparagus lovers wait with bated breath for the 'Asparagus' sign at Greenridge Farms to appear



CHEF MARC LÉPINE

Courtyard Restaurant, Ottawa

- The Vanier Sugar Bush, near old city hall in Ottawa, is the only urban sugar bush in North America
- Elk Ranch in Kanata sells organic elk meat on-site and at the Ottawa Farmers' Market at Lansdowne Park on Sunday mornings from May through October
- Fresh organic lamb is available from Alpenblick Farm in Ashton, only 20 minutes from downtown Ottawa. While you're there, be sure to visit the animals



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HERITAGE HAMLETS



YORK-DURHAM (250 km/155 mi.) • The rolling hills of Ontario’s Greenbelt on Toronto’s eastern doorstep offer up scenic fall touring opportunities and farm-fresh gate products. Renowned for its devotion to Canadian art, the permanent collection at Kleinburg’s McMichael Gallery consists of almost 6,000 works by Tom Thomson, the Group of Seven and their contemporaries. Their grounds have long trails perfect for hikers, naturalists, walkers and mountain bikers. At Archibald Orchards, you can actually drive your car into the orchard to pick! Some of Canada’s best golf courses can be played in these hills. While away the day shopping and antique hunting in quaint Unionville, Kleinburg, Port Perry and Tyrone.

CLOCKWISE TOP - BOTTOM: Kleinburg; Markham; McMichael Gallery, Kleinburg



ALONG THE WAY

The Art of Robert Bateman from \$12

McMichael Canadian Art Collection

Discover the art of this renowned Canadian artist in the home of the Group of Seven.

Briars Fall Harvest from \$159

The Briars Resort & Spa

Explore this farm estate turned resort. Walk trails and savour fresh regional cuisine, including a selection of Briars’ gourmet products.

A Slice of Durham’s Countryside from \$150

Group of Seven Bed & Breakfasts

Local wine, pick-your-own apples, fresh cider donuts and terrific fall golf make for a tasty autumn escape.

For travel information call Durham Tourism at **1-800-413-0017** or York Region Tourism at **1-888-448-0000**.

TIP Spice bush is a medium-sized shrub that prefers damp areas such as river banks. Crush its yellow autumn leaf and enjoy the complementary lemony aroma.



GEORGIAN BAY SHORES

SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY (120 km/75 mi.) • Begin with a 30,000 Island boat cruise and marvel at the rocks, sculpted over time by wind and waves, lining the shores of Georgian Bay. Enjoy hiking and mountain biking at Beausoleil Island in Georgian Bay Islands National Park. Nearby, visit the recreated 17th century Jesuit mission at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons in Midland. Hop on a mountain bike at Hardwood Hills to admire the rolling pine and hardwood forest trails or challenge the treetop aerial courses at Arbraska; choose from suspended bridges, ladders, climbing nets, tarzan ropes and zip lines.

ALONG THE WAY

Fall Colour Cruise from \$139

Georgian Bay Tourism

Enjoy the waters and the spectacular views of southern Georgian Bay aboard the MS Georgian Queen.

Discover Georgian Bay from \$131

Georgian Bay Tourism

Explore Midland and the scenic coastal beauty of Georgian Bay by land and by boat.

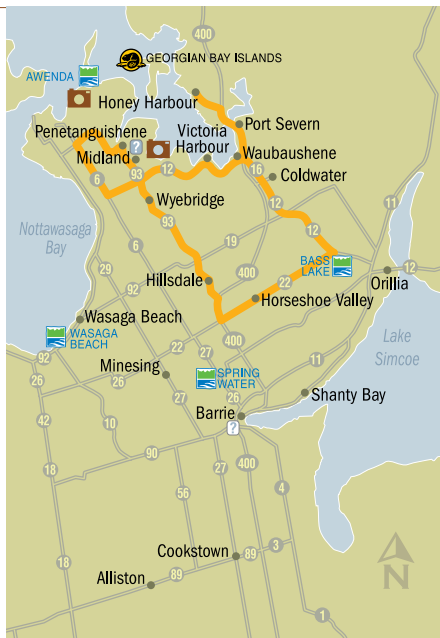
Land, Sea and Sky \$130

Georgian Bay Tourism

Paddle or kayak mystical Georgian Bay and hike or mountain bike at Beausoleil Island.

For travel information call Georgian Bay Tourism at **1-800-263-7745**.

CLOCKWISE TOP - BOTTOM: Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, Midland; Hardwood Hills, Barrie; Georgian Bay



TIP Ever thought of building your own canoe? Use white birch, known for its papery white bark, once used by Aboriginal canoe builders.

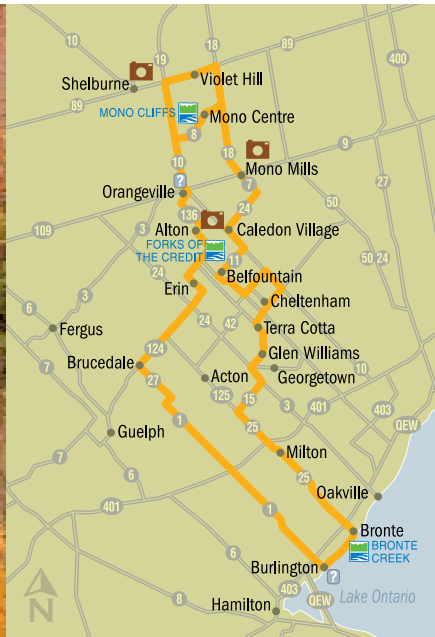


THE HILLS OF HEADWATERS



HEADWATERS (220 km/137 mi.) • Spectacular scenery and high-end boutiques make this a favourite destination for shoppers. Old mills are key features of this area, known for its fast-flowing streams and rushing rivers. Alton's 1881 knitting mill is now impeccably restored as the Millcroft Inn and the ruins of an abandoned power plant, with its dramatic waterfall, can be seen in Forks of the Credit Provincial Park. Williams Mill in Glen Williams is home to more than 30 artisans and studios. The Bruce Trail draws serious walkers, but many gentler paths offer great Niagara Escarpment scenery. Mono Cliffs' Cliff Top Trail has great lookouts and spectacular fall colours. Picnic in the Dufferin County Museum gardens and enjoy charming countryside views.

CLOCKWISE TOP - BOTTOM: Terra Cotta; Caledon; Millcroft Inn, Alton



ALONG THE WAY

Escape to the Hockley Valley from \$175

The Stream Bed & Breakfast

A relaxing fall getaway in beautiful Hockley Valley, complete with a hike on the Bruce Trail and a gourmet picnic.

Cruise the Fall Colours Getaway from \$175

The Millcroft Inn & Spa

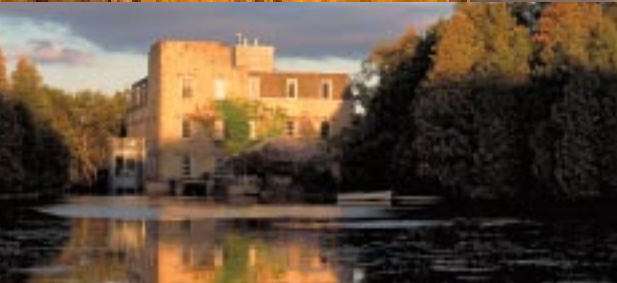
Explore Caledon's breathtaking hillsides, enjoying award-winning cuisine and a heritage inn stay.

Heritage District Dinner & Theatre from \$285

McKittrick House Inn Bed & Breakfast

Take in Orangeville's history on a self-guided walking tour and be entertained at Theatre Orangeville.

For travel information call The Hills of Headwaters Tourism at **1-866-881-8862**.



TIP The Hockley Hills between Mono Mills and Orangeville, near Glen Cross, are stunning for fall colour viewing – with scarlet and gold maples and brilliant red sumacs.



TIP OF THE ESCARPMENT

GREY-BRUCE (390 km/242 mi.) • A great place to start this tour is at the base of Kincardine’s historic lighthouse. From there, discover the diverse ecosystem of MacGregor Point Provincial Park, including rare plants and reptiles, and take a tour of local lighthouses. Try out the Mountain Biking Adventure Park trails north of Wiarton – it’s suitable for all skill levels. Heading east to Owen Sound and Thornbury, be sure to stop at fish ladders to watch thousands of salmon migrate to the headwaters. This is apple country – stop for delicious farm-fresh apples at roadside stands. Finish off your tour at Scenic Caves Nature Adventures in Collingwood, which has a spectacular treetop view down Blue Mountain and across Georgian Bay. *Motorcyclists love this route for touring.*

ALONG THE WAY

Let Loose on the Bruce from \$133

Bruce Peninsula Tours and Waterview on the Bay

Join Evan & Dave on one of five informative tours of the beautiful Bruce Peninsula.

Bruce County Tourism

Find all 13 hidden locations throughout Bruce County and you could win great prizes.

Blue Mountain Fall Colour Weekend from \$75

Blue Mountain Resort

Take a scenic ride up an open-air gondola for breathtaking escarpment views and focus on fun, food and relaxation.

Getaway to Grey Pocket Guide – free

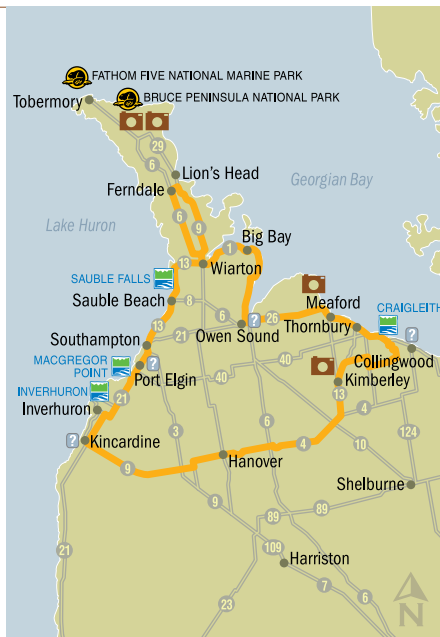
Grey County Tourism

Explore the scenic beauty of the Beaver Valley, the stunning Georgian Bay shoreline and the Saugeen River watershed.

For travel information call Grey County Tourism at **1-877-733-4739** or Bruce County Tourism at **1-800-268-3838**.

TIP From the lookout at Old Baldy Conservation Area near Kimberley, you can see most of the Beaver Valley and one of Ontario’s most spectacular displays of fall colours.

CLOCKWISE TOP – BOTTOM: Bruce County, Scenic Caves, Collingwood, Inglis Falls, Owen Sound

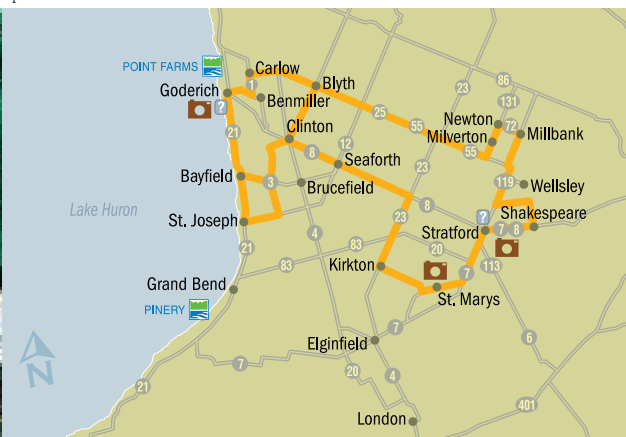


BARDS AND BOUNTY



SHAKESPEARE TO SHORELINE (240 km/149 mi.) • Small-town charm combined with an array of artisans, antiques and markets make this a great fall drive. Start in Stratford and enjoy world-class theatre. With more than 36 years of traditional candy making and more than 100 different confections, Rheo Thompson Candies is bound to delight. Follow the signs to Millbank, then north to Newton, home of the Ontario Corn Maze, a fabulous fall adventure. Pick up an historical walking tour booklet of Goderich at their visitor centre. Don't miss Bayfield for excellent shopping or pretty St. Marys' limestone architecture. Farm foodies will enjoy discoveries along the Huron Harvest Trail and Wellesley's annual Apple Butter and Cheese Festival in late September.

CLOCKWISE TOP - BOTTOM: Bayfield, Stratford, McCully's Hill Farm, St. Marys



ALONG THE WAY

The Hessen Package from \$229

Hessenland Country Inn

Experience old-world charm and hospitality along Lake Huron's spectacular shoreline.

Harvest Romance from \$150

The Red Pump Inn

A haven in the heart of beautiful Bayfield, this is the perfect place for autumn romance and harvest dining.

The Quintessential Stratford Experience from \$160

Mercer Hall Inn

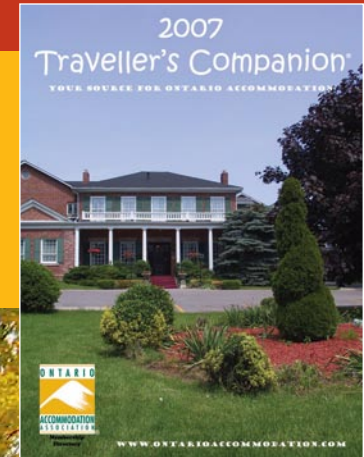
Delight in this getaway for two – shopping, theatre and sumptuous dining.

Please call Tourism Stratford at **1-800-561-7926** or Goderich Tourism at **1-800-280-7637** for more information.

TIP Hike high above the Maitland River on the Menesetung Bridge in Goderich for superb views out over the harbour and Lake Huron to the west and the River Valley to the east.

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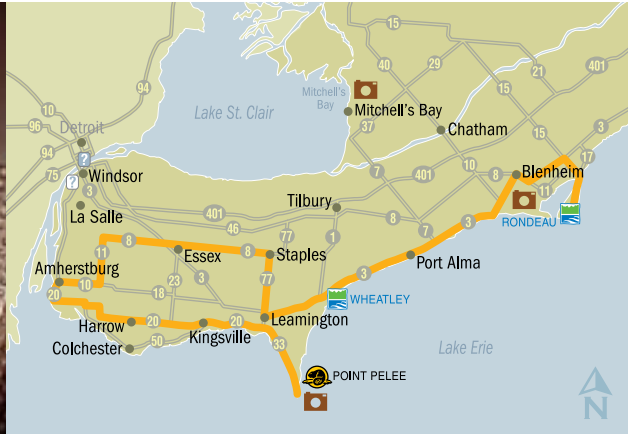
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SOUTHERN EXPOSURE



WINDSOR, ESSEX, PEELE & CHATHAM-KENT (215 km/133 mi.) • If you love shagbark hickory, tulip trees and oak savanna, then make your first stop Rondeau Provincial Park – a World Biosphere Reserve. Nearby, the tiny green oasis of Point Pelee National Park is internationally known for its stunning autumn monarch butterfly migration. This area is also home to several thriving wineries; harvest is the perfect time to enjoy their tours and tastings. Stop at Jones Popcorn just outside of Leamington to pick up fixings for your next movie night. Tucked away in every corner of Windsor are haunting tales of intrigue – a free self-guided tour booklet is available from the visitors’ centre.

CLOCKWISE TOP – BOTTOM: Pelee Island Winery, Kingsville; Point Pelee National Park; Leamington



ALONG THE WAY

Experience Chatham-Kent’s Colours from \$99

Retro Suites Hotel

Wine tasting, a picnic lunch and cozy accommodations await you.

Discover Our Roots from \$57

Comfort Inn

The Underground Railroad is still taking families on a remarkable journey; come learn the story.

Great Girls’ Getaway from \$85

Quality Suites Downtown

Grab your best friend and head to Windsor for indulging spa treatments, shopping, dining and exciting clubs.

Perfect Pelee Package from \$469

Pelee Days Inn

Discover three great south coast wineries as you tour the harvest landscape of Pelee.

Please call Chatham-Kent Tourism at **1-800-561-6125** or the Windsor, Essex & Pelee Island Visitors’ Bureau at **1-800-265-3633** for more information.

TIP The tulip tree’s distinctive leaf may have as many as six points and becomes a brilliant yellow in fall. Look for it in Southwestern Ontario.



SOUTH COAST TREASURES

NORFOLK-ELGIN (260 km/162 mi.) • Sparta’s rich Quaker history is evidenced in many of its restored buildings that date back to 1825; today it is dotted with antique and specialty gift shops, art galleries, and a lovely tearoom. Antique hunters will delight in the treasures found in Delhi, Port Rowan, Simcoe, Port Dover and Waterford. Waterford also puts on a colourful festival for all ages: Pumpkinfest, held each October. Stop by the Long Point Bird Observatory to do a little birding in the local woods and to watch bird banders at work. Pick your own apples and pumpkins, then find your way through the corn maze at Birch Farms, just north of Woodstock.

ALONG THE WAY

Come Home to the Fair from \$71

Comfort Inn Simcoe

Let the homespun quality of Norfolk’s County Fair or Waterford’s Pumpkinfest cast their magic spell.

Quaint Villages, Country Charm & Breathtaking Colour from \$75

The Gazebo House Bed and Breakfast

Visit Canada’s smallest jail, shop for antiques and local art and enjoy warm hospitality.

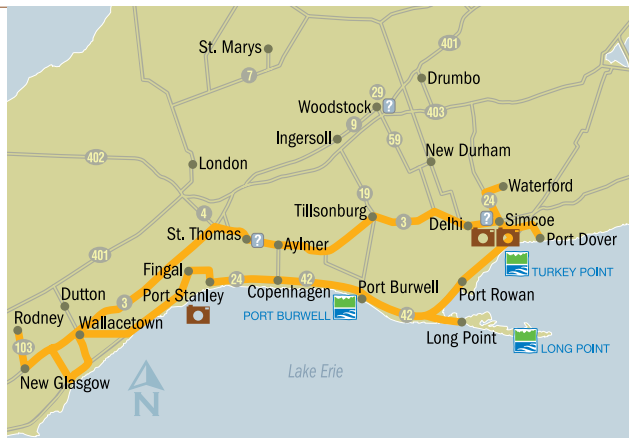
Fall Fairs, Fall Colours and a Taste of the County from \$55

Travelodge Simcoe

Explore the Lake Erie shoreline, farmers’ markets, festivals and back country touring.

Please call Norfolk Tourism at **1-800-699-9038** for more information.

TIP Backus Woods, just north of Port Rowan, is Canada’s largest Carolinian forest. Hike the interpretive trails and learn to identify many uncommon, southern hardwoods.



CLOCKWISE TOP - BOTTOM: Port Stanley, Port Dover, Southern Ontario

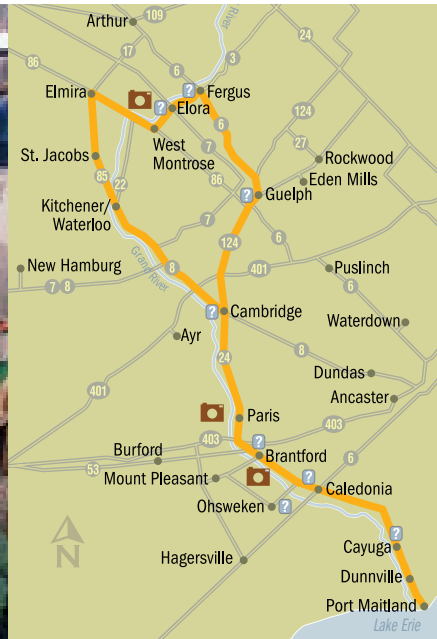


GRAND ADVENTURE



FERGUS – PORT MAITLAND (185 km/115 mi.) • One of the first waterways in Ontario to be designated a Canadian heritage river, the Grand River is rich in natural and cultural diversions. Explore the caves, cliffs and waterfalls of the Rockwood and Elora Gorge conservation areas for spectacular views, enjoy a relaxing paddle or try your hand at fly-fishing. Shoppers will love browsing in Fergus and Elora. Cambridge has an unusually rich architectural heritage of fine old homes, mills and public buildings. Hike or cycle their Heritage River Trail all the way to Brantford. Tour a Greek Revival mansion at Ruthven Park; the grounds are open daily for hiking, birdwatching and picnicking. The region's rolling farmland offers up a variety of fresh produce – stop at one of many roadside markets.

CLOCKWISE TOP – BOTTOM: St. Jacobs Farmers' Market; Grand Trunk Trail; Grand River



ALONG THE WAY

Gardens, Gateposts & Gourmet from \$190

Benjamin's Restaurant & Inn

Enjoy a taste of rural Ontario, from orchard stores to chocolatiers and the St. Jacobs Farmers' Market.

The Grand Art Getaway from \$180

The Breadalbane Inn

Splendid colours of fall make a spectacular backdrop to the 21st anniversary of the Elora and Fergus studio tour weekend.

For the Lovers Among Us from \$185

Gingerbread House Country Inn

Explore the grandeur of Ruthven, dine by candlelight and tour the scenic Grand River Parkway.

Please call the Grand River Conservation Authority at **1-866-900-4722** for more information.



TIP Be sure to stop at the Elora Gorge to view its rock ledges, caves, waterfalls and the 25 m (82 ft.) gorge.



THE WORLD'S PRETTIEST DRIVE

NIAGARA PARKWAY & WINE COUNTRY (200 km/124 mi.) • Referred to by Winston Churchill as “the prettiest Sunday afternoon drive in the world,” the Niagara River Parkway leaves little to be desired. Here, the rock faces of the Niagara Gorge and War of 1812 monuments meet lush orchards and vineyards. Many stops, including Jordan and Niagara-on-the-Lake, are rich in scenic views, shopping, golf and heritage. Fall is a great time to visit local wineries – go midweek so you can take your time. Ball’s Falls Conservation Area has great picnic spots; their Thanksgiving Festival brings together more than 140 artisans, living history demonstrations, and musicians beneath a fall canopy. Look for Canada’s largest maple tree, the Comfort Maple, just outside of Pelham, estimated to be more than 500 years old.

ALONG THE WAY

Taste the Season from \$125

Wineries of Niagara-on-the-Lake

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Niagara Wine Festival from \$80

Niagara Wine Festival

Toast the grape harvest and enjoy 10 days of celebrations along Niagara’s famous Wine Route.

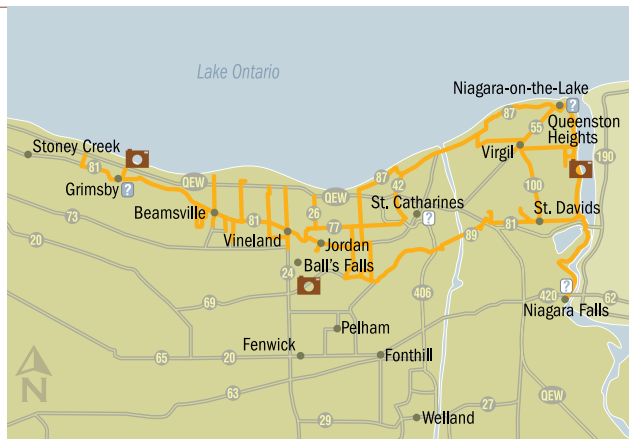
Ball’s Falls Thanksgiving Festival from \$75

Twenty Valley Tourism

Enjoy more than 140 artisans, live entertainment, heritage attractions and tours.

For travel information call the Niagara-on-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce at **1-888-619-5985**.

TIP The best vantage point in the Niagara Peninsula to observe the annual hawk migration, Beamer Memorial Conservation Area just south of Grimsby, has a panoramic view of the Niagara Escarpment and Lake Ontario.



CLOCKWISE TOP - BOTTOM: Niagara Parkway; Niagara; Vineland

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