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## **Beach Bums**

With 65 kilometres of sandy beach shoreline from Bayfield to Lambton Shores' southernmost point, Lake Huron's shoreline has called to generations of families seeking the ideal beach vacation. Cottagers, vacation-seekers and residents agree — It Starts At The Beach... And Ends Where You Want!

#### **TOP 5 BEACHES**

#### **BAYFIELD BEACH**



Located beside the marina and a short seven-minute walk to picturesque Main Street, Bayfield's

beach has **Blue Flag** status. The beach has driveup access, limited parking, public washrooms, public phone and fully equipped life-saving station. Stroll the pier at sunset. Enjoy stunning lake views from the scenic lookout in Pioneer Park (top of the bluff). The shipwreck of the "Linda Hindman" steamboat is visible south of the main beach.

#### **GRAND BEND BEACH**



The largest beach in the area, this family-friendly spot boasts a children's accessible splash pad and

Interactive accessible playground found beside The Beach House, which offers public washrooms, change rooms, outdoor showers, and elevator access to the observation deck. Enjoy a stroll along the boardwalk to the gazebo and pier.

An accessible beach mat from the boardwalk to the shoreline gives wheelchair access to the water. When open, free lifejackets and amphibious wheelchair lending programs are available at the Information Booth (in the Beach House).

Lifeguards on duty mid-June to Labour Day, Monday to Thursday noon to 6pm and Friday through Sundays and holiday Mondays 11am to 7pm.

Food kiosks, ice cream, restaurants and stores are a short 5-minute walk from the beach.

#### For Your Safety

Barbequing, open fires and cooking, glass items, alcohol, smoking and vaping, and tents, sun shelters, and canopies of all sizes are not allowed on the beach. Use single-pole sun umbrellas of an 8 foot (2.4m) maximum diameter, positioned to not block the lifeguards' view. Dogs are restricted to parking lot and concreted areas only. No dogs allowed on the beach from May 1 to September 30. Leashed dogs can be on the north beach (north of the blue and white condo building) from 6am to 8am and 8pm to 11pm.

#### **IPPERWASH BEACH**

The Ipperwash Beach area includes private and public beach access. Public beach access points are 6396 West Parkway Drive, 6476 West Parkway Drive (seasonal washrooms), 6490 West Parkway Drive, and 6602 East Parkway Drive. Most other areas of the beach are private. Free parking is available in the Ministry of Natural Resources labelled lots. No lifeguards or overnight parking. Dogs must be leashed. Please leave the beach the way you found it; take your garbage home. Dune areas are environmentally sensitive. Keep to established pathways, no climbing or digging in the dunes and please do not use them as an outdoor toilet.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Paid parking offsets the costs of maintaining Blue Flag beach status and many of the Grand Bend Beach amenities including: Lifeguards, Daily Beach Cleaning, Washrooms, Water Quality Testing and the Beach Patrol staff.





#### PINERY PROVINCIAL PARK

Pinery has nine day-use beaches, two of which are dog friendly. Enjoy day visits, camping and 10 kilometres of sandy beach and dunes. Two all-terrain wheelchairs are available for loan to provide accessibility to the beach and there are accessible ramps to the beach (call Park Visitor Centre, 519-243-1521).

#### PORT BLAKE BEACH & DAY PARK

At the north end of Grand Bend (Highway 21 and Dashwood Road), Port Blake offers a quieter stretch of sand with a bluff-top grassed picnic area with BBQs. Dogs are allowed on the beach and must be leashed with messes cleaned up. The park offers a picnic pavilion, washrooms, change rooms, playground equipment, BBQs and picnic tables. Open daily 9am to 9pm. Capacity limits are in effect. No cash accepted; debit only. The entrance fee is \$5 per person or \$12 per carload.

Beaches At A Glance	Paid Parking/Entry Fee	Free Parking	Lifeguards	Washrooms	Playground/Baseball Facility	Splash Pad	Picnic Tables	Dog Friendly	Public Phone	Scenic Lookout	Accessible	Concession Stand	Accessible Baordwalk	Volleyball Courts	Elevator
Bayfield Main Beach 33 Long Hill Rd. & Hwy 21		•		•				•	•		•				
Grand Bend Main Beach	•		•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Ipperwash Beach		•		•				•							
Pinery Provincial Park <sup>1</sup>	•			•			•	•	•	•			•		
Port Blake Conservation Area Hwy 21 & County Road 83	•			•	•		•	•							
Houston Heights Beach <sup>2</sup> 33717 Pavilion Rd. & Hwy 21		•		•	•		•	•		•					
Howard Street Beach South of Bayfield Main Beach		•								•					

<sup>1</sup>Pinery Provincial Park: Beach 8 - Barrier free boardwalk; Beach 1 & 2 - Dogfriendly; Beach 3 - Public Phone; two all-terrain wheelchairs available. Rentals - bike, canoe, kayak, paddle-boat, ski and snowshoe. <sup>2</sup>Houston Heights Beach: Access via staircase.

#### **FLAG SYSTEM**

Swim hazard flags are posted on the lifeguard chairs. No flags are posted when lifeguards are not present.

**GREEN FLAG** – Good conditions, no unusual hazards. Lifeguard on duty.

**YELLOW FLAG** – Caution. Moderate hazard. Rough water and strong current and/or strong offshore wind. Lifeguard on duty.

**RED FLAG** – Danger, high hazard. Extreme wave action and/ or currents and/or E.coli count over 100/100 ml of beach water. Swimming not recommended. Lifeguard on duty.

**RED & YELLOW FLAG** – Limit of supervised swimming area. Swim between flags.

**NO FLAG** – No lifeguard on duty.



#### **BEACH WATER QUALITY INFOLINES**

Lambton County (Grand Bend and south): 519-383-3816

Huron County (Port Blake and north): 1-888-221-2135, hpph.ca





## The Shoreline is Yours for just \$10 a ride!

#### **ESCAPE TO THE BEACH**

Safe, convenient, and affordable for the whole family, catch a Huron Shores Area Transit bus from London or Sarnia and treat yourself to a day at the beach.

For just \$10 per ride (children 12 years and under ride free with an adult), Ipperwash, Pinery Park, Grand Bend, and Bayfield beaches are within your reach.

No need to rush through traffic and scramble for parking, plus each bus has a carrier for two bicycles.

On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, transfer to the Route 3 bus to visit the quaint downtown of the village of Bayfield or the beach boardwalk of Goderich.

## CAR FREE & CAREFREE

Travelling from London, catch our bus at **London Transit Stop #705** on Fanshawe Park Road East, just east of Richmond Street.

Travelling from Sarnia, catch our bus at Lambton Mall.

Both routes end at Sobeys Plaza in Grand Bend.

#### EXTRA BUSES FROM LONDON TO GRAND BEND ON SUMMER WEEKENDS



For more information about routes and schedules, visit  $HuronShoresAreaTransit.ca \mid 1\text{-}888\text{-}465\text{-}0783$ 



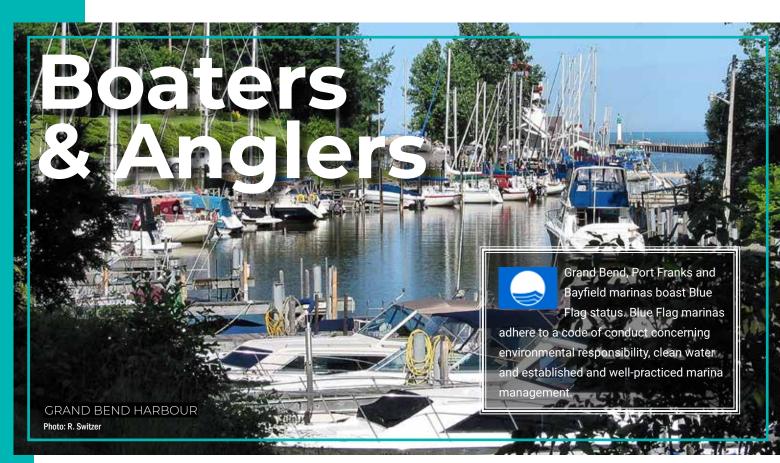
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## GRAND BEND & PORT FRANKS FEES

One-day launch pass: \$25 per launch Seasonal launch pass: \$375

#### **Seasonal Dockage**

Serviced over 24 ft., \$81.40/ft. + tax Serviced min. charge \$1,953 + tax Unserviced \$1,440 + tax

#### **Transient Dockage**

Serviced: \$2.30 per foot/day Unserviced: \$1.90 per foot/day

## Additional Dockage at Grand Bend Harbour

"Love Docks" Seasonal Dockage (serviced over 24 ft.): \$68/ft. + tax

"Love Docks" Seasonal Dockage (serviced min. charge): \$1,730 + tax

Seasonal Dockage for Personal Water Craft: \$800 + tax

#### **YACHT CLUBS**

Bayfield Yacht Club bayfieldyachtclub.com 647-667-9056

Grand Bend Yacht Club gbyc.ca, 519-238-6676

Port Franks Yacht Club portfranksyachtclub.ca 519-333-8673

## BOAT RENTALS & FISHING CHARTERS

Local outfitters offer boat cruises on the lake including **Blue Line Fishing Charters** (519-318-1102), **Copper Blues Fishing Charters** (519-331-4144), **Grand Bend Fishing Charters** (519-852-3410), **Maitland Valley Fishing Charters** (519-319-3931), **Port Franks Charters** (519-521-8785), **Sail Huron** (519-878-4141), and **Xtreme Water Sports** (519-238-5816 / 519-319-4864). Pricing varies by the amount of time out on the lake, the size of your group, and the boat.

#### **PRIVATE MARINAS**

**Bayfield River Cottage Colony & Marina** 19 Fisherman's Wharf Rd., Bayfield **bayfieldrivercottages.ca** 

#### **Harbour Lights Marina**

27 Chart House Hill, Bayfield harbourlightsmarina.on.ca 519-565-5150

#### R&R Marina

519-565-2632

9346 Lake Rd., Kettle Point 519-786-5604

#### Seven Winds Marina

10009 Superior St., Port Franks www.sevenwinds.ca 1-888-770-1009





Municipal Marinas/Habours	Operational	Coordinates	Channel Depth	Dock Depth	VHF Channel	Seasonal Slips	Transient Slips	Gas & Diesel	Washrooms & Showers	Pump Out	Electrical	WiFi	Public Boat Launch	Laundry Facilities	Amenities	lce	Visa, M/C, Debit & Cash
Grand Bend 91 River Road May – Oct., 519-238-2000 / Oct. – May, 519-243-1400 Press 3, grandbendmarina@lambtonshores.ca	April - Oct. 8am-8pm daily	43°18'83″N 81°46'09"W	6ft	6ft	68	30	35	•	•	•	30 & 50 AMP	•	•	•	Picnic Area, Oil, Marine Toilet Paper & AquaKem For Sale	•	•
<b>Port Franks</b> 7574 Biddulph St. May - Oct., 519-243-2354 / Oct May, 519-243-1400 Press 3, works@lambtonshores.ca	April - Oct.	43°14'75"N 81°55'59"W	4-10ft	3-4ft	68	70	0	•	•	•	-	•	•	-	Pavilion, Picnic Area, Volleyball Court	•	•
<b>Bayfield</b> 33 Long Hill Rd. May – Oct., 519-565-2233 bayfieldmarina@tcc.on.ca	May - Oct.	43°34'53″N 81°42'16"W	8-10ft	9ft	68	60	20	•	•	•	20, 30 & 50 AMP	•	•	-	Public Phone, Shuttle, Picnic Area, Canoe & Kayak Rentals	•	-

Fishing Lake Huron, you'll have the opportunity to fish for King Salmon, Coho Salmon, Rainbow Trout, Lake Trout and Walleye on fully-equipped vessels using top-notch fishing tackle and electronics. According to local fisherfolk, trolling with downriggers and dipsy divers will yield the best catch on the lake.

#### **FISH A QUIET RIVER**

#### FLY FITTERS, Goderich

Offers guided fly fishing, spey fishing and sport fishing adventures on the Maitland River, Bayfield River and Saugeen River and along the shore of Lake Huron. flyfitters.ca

#### **AUSABLE RIVER CUT, Port Franks**

Offers a diverse warm-water fish habitat, including Channel Catfish, Walleye and Smallmouth Bass. There are also migratory runs of Rainbow Trout and Chinook Salmon.

#### **BANNOCKBURN CONSERVATION AREA, Brucefield**

Runs of Blue Gill, Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Chub, Dace, Darter, Rainbow Trout, Salmon, Smallmouth Bass and Sunfish. Access at 76249 Bannockburn Line, northeast of Varna between Brucefield and Bayfield.

#### **OLD AUSABLE CHANNEL, Pinery Park**

Supports a warm-water fish community. It is home to nearly 50 common species, including many kinds of Minnows, Sunfish, Catfish, Perch and some top predators like Northern Pike and Bass. The Channel is also home to three species at risk - Pugnose Shiner, Lake Chubsucker and Grass Pickerel - please help protect them and do not remove them from the river. Boat motors are not allowed on the Channel at any time and there is a ban on baitfish use.

#### **MORRISON DAM CONSERVATION AREA, Exeter**

Area boasts a 30-acre lake, which is a popular spot for family fishing. Access at 71108 Morrison Line, Exeter.

#### PARKHILL CREEK, Grand Bend

Has a similar fish habitat to the Ausable Cut, with lake-resident Yellow Perch present at the pier at times.

#### PARKHILL RESERVOIR. Parkhill

Located in the Parkhill Conservation Area. Populations of White Crappie and Largemouth Bass. Take County Road 81 to Hwy 7, turn onto Centre Road. Brochure available on abca.on.ca.

#### SAFE BOATING

Visit <u>tc.canada.ca</u> to learn more about regulations, safety and requirements for boating. Get your boating license by visitng <u>safeboatingcourse.ca</u> or <u>boaterexam.com/canada</u> to take the exam.



#### **FISHING LICENCE (CARD & TAG)**

Before fishing in Ontario, it is important to read and understand the applicable sections of the Ontario Sport Fishing Regulations Summary (<a href="https://ontario.ca/document/ontario-fishing-regulations-summary">ontario.ca/document/ontario-fishing-regulations-summary</a>). Learn the catch limits and season

dates and do your part to help conserve Ontario's waterways.

#### **CANADIAN TIRE:**

100 Thames Rd. E., Exeter, 519-235-0160 84 Union St., Forest, 519-786-2121

#### **RONA HARDWARE:**

57 Ontario St. S., Grand Bend, 519-238-5500

#### SERVICE ONTARIO (ontario.ca):

388 Main St. S., Exeter, 519-235-4578; 93 Main St. S. Forest, 519-786-2929

COLD WATER FISHING		eam dents	Migratory Spring-Fal		
WATERWAY NAME	Brook Trout	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Chinook Salmon	
Teeswater River Watershed:					
Belmore Creek	•				
Lake Huron Watershed:					
Naftel's Creek	•	•	•	•	
Kintail Creek	•		•		
Nine Mile River Watershed:					
Erber Creek	•				
Nine Mile River – below Lucknow	•	•	•	•	
Nine Mile - above Lucknow	•	•			
St. Helen's Creek	•	•	•	•	
Anderson Creek	•		•	•	
V: 1 C I	•		•	•	
Kinloss Creek			•		
Henry's Creek			_		

Maitland River Watershed:				
Maitland R below Auburn			•	•
Maitland R Auburn to Wingham			•	•
Sharpe's Creek	•			
Holmesville Creek	•	•	•	•
Blyth Brook	•	•	•	•
Lawlor Drain	•			
Higginbottom Creek	•		•	•
St. Augustine Creek	•	•	•	•
Belgrave Creek	•	•	•	•
Morris Dump Creek	•			
Sunshine Creek	•		•	
Bluevale Creek	•			
Salem Creek	•			
Wroxeter Creek	•			
Blind Lake Creek	•			
Blind Lake Creek				

Bayfield Watershed:				
Trick's Creek	•	•	•	•
Middleton's Creek			•	•
Hellgrammite Creek	 •		•	•
Perdues Creek	 •		•	
Nott's Creek			•	•
Brand's Creek			•	•

Ausable River Watershed:			
Ausable River		•	•

#### **ONTARIO FAMILY FISHING**

Ontario Family Fishing events are province-wide opportunities for Canadian residents to fish Ontario waters without the need for a fishing version outdoors card. There are four event weeks during the year that are licence-free:

- Family Fishing Weekend (February 18-20, 2023)
- Mother's Day Weekend (May 13 & 14, 2023)
- Father's Day Weekend (June 17 & 18, 2023)
- Family Fishing Week (July 1-9, 2023)

**Note:** During these family fishing weeks, Ontario fishing regulations, fees and limits still apply. At all other times of the year, Canadian residents aged 18 to 64 years must buy a valid fishing licence to fish in Ontario legally, over 65 no licence is required. **ontariofamilyfishing.com** 

#### **MOTORIZED BOATS & CATCH-AND-RELEASE**

Motorized boats are not allowed on the Old Ausable Channel or the Parkhill Reservoir. Catch-and-release is encouraged and anglers should always return any species at risk to the waters of any watercourse.

#### **REPORT A POACHER**

If you see any fishing violations, please contact a local Conservation Officer at 519-482-3333.

WARM WATER FISHING	ern	Smallmouth Bass	ڃ	Vellow Perch
WATERWAY NAME	Northern Pike	Small Bass	Panfish	Vellov
Lake Huron Watershed:				
Eighteen Mile River		•		
Maitland River Watershed:				
Maitland R below Auburn	•	•	•	
Maitland R Auburn to Wingham	•	•	•	
Maitland R. – above Wingham	•	•	•	
South Maitland River		•	•	
Middle Maitland River		•	•	
Little Maitland River		•	•	
Bayfield River Watershed:				
Bayfield R above Trick's Creek	•	•	•	
Bayfield R below Trick's Creek		•	•	
Bannockburn River	•	•	•	
Ausable River Watershed:				
Ausable River - to area edge		•		
Ausable River - Centralia to headwaters			•	
Black Creek			•	
Parkhill Creek			•	
North Thames River Watershed:				
Fish Creek		•	•	
Inland Lakes:				
Lakelet Let		•	•	•
Morrison Dam		•	•	
Lake Wawanosh			•	



#### **Grand Bend Sport Parachuting Center**

Since 1982, the centre has operated as the only skydiving facility in Southwest Ontario. Qualified professional instructors assist beginners to advanced skydivers with freefalling. Whether you're a freefalling expert or this is your first jump, there's something for everyone at the parachuting centre. Instructors recognize a first jump can be frightening, so they offer new skydivers a freefall skydive with two instructors assisting until the parachute is activated, which is when the beginner steers the parachute with instructions via radio. skydivegrandbend.com,

1-800-363-5867.

#### **Great Lakes Helicopter**

Enjoy spectacular views of the Lake Huron shoreline and marvel at the pattern created by the area's agricultural crops. Combine a scenic return trip from Grand Bend's launch pad with dinner at Cowbell Brewing Co. in Blyth, Eddington's of Exeter or Langdon Hall in Cambridge. Call ahead to

www.glheli.ca, 519-650-4542.

#### **Papple Aviation**

Enjoy a unique experience with a scenic flight from their grass farm runway near Seaforth or a scenic flight from Goderich Airport. Get a bird's-eye-view of the lakeshore, beautiful countryside, and picturesque towns - or even your own home or cottage. Details, prices, and online booking available on the website: pappleaviation.ca or text/phone 519-319-4224 or 226-378-9268.

#### **Grand Bend Parasail**

View the beach from 1000 feet up. Several qualified instructors and operators provide instruction to all participants, no matter their experience level. Deals can be had! Take advantage of early bird flights from 9am to 11am daily, sunset loads where you can enjoy one of Canada's best sunset destinations from a bird's-eyeview above the beach, and group rates and specials for groups of eight or more people. grandbendparasail.com, 519-525-3596.



Are you looking to rent kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, and dinghies? You can rent canoes, corcls (double-hulled, extremely buoyant, polyethylene boats), stand-up paddleboards, and single and double kayaks for use in the Pinery Provincial Park (519-243-2220) from the park store. In Bayfield, head to the Marina Office (519-565-2233) beside the public washrooms to rent a canoe or kayak. In Grand Bend. River Adventures Grand Bend (519-868-RAGB) rents electric and gas-powered inflatable dinghies, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks, and



**Great Lakes Helicopter** 

# EXPERIENCES \$70 per person

## SIGHTSEEING PACKAGES



Fly along the shores of Lake Huron West to the Pinery Park. See the beautiful Blue Flag Beach at Grand Bend and the remarkable Oak Savannah Forest of the Pinery Provincial Park,



Travel from Grand Bend to the Cowbell Farm by helicopter every Wednesday to Sunday taking in bountiful agricultural area, dotted with small towns and village along the way.



Take a scenic flight across the Huron County landscape, along Lake Huron, to the beautiful town of Exeter, where you will enjoy a Farm to Table, 3 course gourmet meal at Eddington's of Exeter.

## BAYFIELD

Enjoy a great view of everything Grand Bend has to offer then fly past the main beach north along the shoreline to Bayfield. Enjoy the crystal blue waters and the cliffs along the Lake Huron shore line.



For a local tour or an all-day adventure, you'll fly from Grand Bend to Bayfield, Blyth, Blue Mountain, the Niagara Region or the 1000 Islands of Price Edward County.

## \*V\*I\*P\*

Travelling? Want to skip the traffic?

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Private sightseeing flights available year 'round! Gift certificates available for both sightseeing and introductory flights.

#### 34043 Gore Rd., Grand Bend

At the corner of Hwy. #21 & Hwy. 83 across from the water supply station. 3 minutes North of Grand Bend.

#### **GET ACTIVE**

tandem kayaks by the hour. They also offer multiple, week-long, half-day camps for kids to learn about open water safety, navigating waterways using a variety of self-powered vessels (kayaks, canoes, paddleboards), and how to tie marine knots. Adult lessons include kayaking and paddleboarding. They even host a glowin-the-dark group kayak along Parkhill Creek in Grand Bend. Westcoast Beach Store (416-836-8706) on Main Street West offers daily stand-up paddleboard rentals and lessons. In Goderich, rent single and tandem kayaks and stand-up paddleboards by the hour or up to two days from 360 Bikes 'N Boards 519-524-7171.

#### Sail Huron

Chris Thatcher and Lorraine Foster have 30 years of combined sailing experience and are members and instructors of the Canadian Power & Sail Squadron. Join them for a sail out of Bayfield on "Stir Crazy", a 34-foot Beneteau sailboat. Chris and Lorraine can host your group for a 3-hour sail during which you can relax

on the deck, enjoy a lake dip, or watch the sunset. They also provide nonaccredited sailing instruction on boat and sail handling. Custom sail packages are available. **sailhuron.com**, 519-878-4141 or 519-868-4507.

#### **Xtreme Watersports**

Why not whip around on the waves in a seadoo, launch into the lake off a 20-foot water trampoline, try out a tube or water ski? Experience the latest adrenaline-rousing water thrill called flyboarding, which lets you ride water pressure to dive and jump out of the water. Or relax with their exclusive jet boat charter service, so you and up to eight friends can sit back and enjoy a lake cruise. Add tubing, wake boarding, water skiing or kneeboarding to your cruise for extra fun. xtremewatersports.ca, 519-319-4864.

#### **Splash Water Sports**

Offers seadoo, jet-ski and pontoon boat rentals, as well as flyboard, jetpack and jetovator rides with experienced instructors to help you out. Or take a bowrider boat charter for a simple cruise on the lake and add tubing, wakeboarding and waterskiing action.

splashseadoos.com, 519-671-4865.

#### HORSE RIDING

A great family activity or just a way to relax, horse riding can include trail rides, horse-drawn wagon rides and more structured skill development.

#### Home on the Range Frontier Town

Located in Londesborough, Home on the Range offers 100 acres of trails throughout some of the area's most spectacular scenery. **frontiertown.ca**, 519-523-9478.

#### **Grace Farms Horseback Riding**

In Brucefield, Grace Farms offers year-round Western and English-style riding lessons to riders of all ages and skill levels. Day and week camps for kids are available. **gracefarms.ca**, 519-233-3165.

#### **Clinton Raceway**

Maybe you would rather place a bet on a horse rather than your buttocks! Head







MAY LONG WEEKEND TO SEPTEMBER LONG WEEKEND



JUNE 15th - SEPT 28th 7:30 PM START



#### **GET ACTIVE**

to Clinton Raceway for an exciting day of harness racing. The facility offers families a picnic area, swimming pool, and slots. The 2023 racing season highlights are the \$50,000 Kin Pace, Annual Driver's Challenge, and multiple Ontario Sires Stakes Grassroots events. **clintonraceway.com**, Slots: 519-482-7540. Race Office: 519-482-5270.

#### **Shoreline Stables**

Located in Thedford, Shoreline Stables is not just a friendly boarding facility or place to learn to ride, they offer team building events, birthday parties and trail rides. **shoresidestables.com**, 226-678-1471.

#### **CYCLING**

#### **G.B Bikes**

Located in downtown Grand Bend, G.B Bikes is a master at rebuilding modern and legacy bikes. Visit them for bike repairs, tune-ups or to purchase your own new wheels.

www.gbbikeshop.com, 519-494-0304.

#### **Pinery Provincial Park**

Offers a safe, family-friendly 10km loop for family cycling. Rent mountain bikes, coaster bikes, tandems and classic bikes, including kids bikes, trailers and strollers, by the hour, day or week. The bike rental is open daily 9am to 9pm and is located beside the park store. <a href="mailto:ontarioparks.com/park/pinery">ontarioparks.com/park/pinery</a>, 519-243-2220.

#### 360 Bikes 'N Boards

Located in Goderich, 360 Bikes 'N Boards rent bikes by the hour, day or longer. Available styles include hybrid bikes suitable for road or trail riding, tandem and fat bikes. They also provide complete bike care and repairs. No need to call ahead, just leave your bike with their Certified Professional Bicycle Mechanic on

Gerry Bezaire
Proprietor

G.B

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Description of GB Bikes gbbikeshop.com

staff and they will call you when it's ready, usually within a day. **360bikesnboards.com**, 519-524-7171.

#### **BOARDING**

Ramp it up! Zurich is home to Ontario's largest indoor skatepark. All In Action Sports & Skatepark (519-236-7203, allinactionsports.com), a 40,000-square -foot indoor skatepark facility, is not just for the Tony Hawks of this world, it provides opportunity and inspiration for kids and adults. Kids week-long day camps in July and August give young riders a chance to work with some of the pros that compete in advanced competitions. Equipment rentals available - bring your own helmet, guards, and pads.

#### **MOTOR SPORT**

#### **Grand Bend Motorplex**

Home to Ontario's largest drag race events and popular race series, Grand Bend Motorplex is one of Canada's major motorsport facilities. It welcomes 60,000 fans of heart-pumping action annually. This multi-purpose motorsports facility boasts a quarter-mile dragstrip, a quarter-mile, high-banked paved oval track, and a multi-circuit road course for cars, bikes, and go-karts. The facility has ample parking, unobstructed seating, a rough camping area, paved roads throughout the





#### **GET ACTIVE**

pit area, washrooms with showers, and a licensed trackside food and beverage court. Events include the Ontario Nostalgia Drag Racing (ONDR) Series, Stratford Spectacular, Windsor Weekend, Sportsmen Nationals, Thunder by the Beach, Berlin Klassik Euro Car Show, and IHRA Canadian Nationals, the largest and longest-running national event in Canada. grandbendmotorplex.ca, 519-238-7223.

#### **Grand Bend Speedway**

Located in the Grand Bend Motorplex complex, the Grand Bend Speedway includes a drag strip and road course track for racing enthusiasts. The quarter-mile tri-oval track boasts a 10-degree banking corner, making it the fastest and trickiest track for its size. Considered a "driver's track", it was formerly dubbed "the Bull Ring" by promoters, staff, and racers. The front straightaway behind the start-finish line features a 400-foot long natural amphitheatre hill capable of seating 4,000 spectators, and the track has an additional 684-seat grandstand. Check out the Grand Bend Ribfest here and events on The Landshark Stage. A new thrill is the Around the Bend Driving Experience: drive a race car or do a ride-along in a 2-seater! Races are on Saturday nights. grandbendspeedway.ca, 519-369-6969.

#### **GTA Exotic Cars**

Ever wanted to take a Ferrari or Lamborghini or other exotic car for a drive? The GTA Exotic Cars track experience program lets drivers select their dream car and take it for a spin. Choose from more than 18 exotic and super cars. Hopeful drivers must be at least 17 years old with a valid driving licence. Instruction is provided, all cars are automatic and paddle-shift and instructors accompany drivers. Motorplex hosts two track days (July 22 & 23, 2023), which normally sell out. So plan your visit and book early. gtaexotics.ca, 905-815-1300.

#### **Racer 5 Motorcycle Training School**

This motorcycle training program is offered weekends and with their level 1-3 stages running seamlessly, they can enhance a rider's skills from one day to the next. Whether you're looking to build your street skills or interested in more advanced racing abilities, Racer 5 can get you there. In 2023, the Introductory Program runs May 19-21, June 2-4, July 14-16; the Endurance Series takes place September 16-17. Location: Grand Bend Motorplex. racer5.ca, 416-225-5000.

#### **BOWLING**

Looking to take it easy after an action-packed day or seeking rainy-day activities? Hit the lanes at Town & Country Bowling Lanes in Zurich. Family-friendly 5-pin bowling can include glow-in-the-dark fun! **tcbowlinglanes.ca**, 519-236-4923.

#### **GYMS & YOGA LOCATIONS**

Maintain your fitness routine away from home at one of the area's gyms.

#### Birch Bark Trailer Park (Grand Bend):

Passes and memberships available to non-park visitors.

birchbarkcamping.com, 519-238-8256.

#### **Grand Bend Gym** (Grand Bend):

4am to 10pm daily, secure carded entry, passes and memberships, 6,200 square foot gym facility. **grandbendgym.com**, 519-238-6093.

#### Jolt Fitness (Centralia):

Offers personal training services, fitness classes, yoga and open gym hours in renovated 2,000-sq-ft facility.

joltfitness.ca, 519-614-4594.

#### My Fit Room (Forest):

From low level and circuit training to Sweat & Sculpt and Boot Camp. **mvfitroomstudio.com**.

#### South Huron Fitness (Exeter):

24-hour, 4,000 square foot gym facility; passes and memberships, **southhuronfitness.com**, 519-235-4555.

#### YMCA Fitness Centre vmcaswo.ca

**Forest:** Inside the Shores Recreation Centre. Adult and student priced day passes available. 519-786-9622.

**Goderich:** Inside the Maitland Recreation Centre.

519-524-2125, 190 Suncoast Dr. E.

**Parkhill:** Inside the North Middlesex Arena & Fitness Centre. 519-524-2125, 225 McLeod St.





Habitats ranging from Carolinian Forest to sand dunes and shorelines, offers opportunities to engage in bird watching throughout the year. Popular spots include Pinery Provincial Park, Grand Bend Rotary Trail, Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area, Old Ausable River Bed, Karner Blue Sanctuary, Lake Smith, Lambton County Heritage Forest, Kettle Point, Ipperwash and the Grand Bend Lagoon Area.

#### **RETURN OF THE SWANS**

In March, upwards of 15,000 Tundra Swans return to their favourite resting grounds – the Thedford Bog – located east of Lambton Heritage Museum just south of Grand Bend. The Museum offers a pop-up exhibit about the swans throughout March. Exact dates when the swans return is entirely up to Mother Nature.

Tundra Swans winter in Chesapeake Bay, Maryland, returning via a 3,000-kilometre flight to their summer breeding grounds in Canada's Arctic every spring. They stop to rest and feed on remnants of last year's crops. Much honking, squawking, and small-group v-formation flying can be witnessed on the still-flooded farmland.

Bring binoculars to view the swans from Greenway Road. The best viewing time is in the morning. Swan updates and news: **ReturnOfTheSwans.com** or call 519-243-2600 to check on the swans' arrival status.

#### 350+ SPECIES OF BIRDS

Lambton County is located on the northwestern edge of the Carolinian Life Zone (Eastern Deciduous Forest biome) that extends from Georgia and the Carolinas west to the Mississippi River. The climatic conditions support large colonies of waterbirds in mild winters and numerous nesting landbirds in summer. The county is part of the Mississippi Flyway over which migrating northern nesting birds pass in Spring and Fall. This offers sightings of species usually found elsewhere in North America the rest of the year. Fall or Spring bring migratory bird populations which include Common and Red-throated Loons, numerous Raptors, Snowy Owls and the Tundra Swans.

Summer provides opportunity to observe Scarlet Tanagers, Baltimore Orioles, Cerulean Warblers, Pine Grosbeaks, Bohemian Waxwings, Great Blue Herons and over 200 other species of birds. In the winter, Horned Larks, Downy Woodpeckers, Blue Jays, Chickadees, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, American Goldfinch, Red and White-winged Crossbills and Red-tailed Hawks are common. Bald Eagles can be spotted along the shoreline from Port Franks to Grand Bend and water areas provide observation of a great diversity of waterfowl in all seasons.

#### **Handy Websites**

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority abca.on.ca

Lambton Wildlife Blog lambtonwildlife.com

Lambton Shores Nature Trailblazers Isntblazers.com

Ontario Field Ornithologists ofo.ca

pinerypark.on.ca/what-lives-in-pinery

St. Clair Region Conservation Authority <a href="mailto:scrca.on.ca">scrca.on.ca</a>



The area is blessed with many gems of nature, being located on the northern fringes of the Carolinian Life Zone. This zone represents less than one percent of Canada's landmass, and is home to the largest diversity of fauna and flora species in the country, as well as the highest number of species at risk.

The landscape features miles of sandy beaches along the shores of Lake Huron, bare and forested dune lands, fresh-water coastal wetlands, rare Oak Savanna, steep and forested ravines in river and creek valleys, remnant prairies of tall grass and wildflowers, spherical concretions or Kettles in black shale beds, and brachiopod and trilobite fossils from the Devonian Period.

#### **LAMBTON SHORES TRAILS**

The pullout map in this guide features hiking route maps and trail features. Lambton Shores Nature Trails/LSNT (Isntblazers.com) is a volunteer organization dedicated to the development, upgrade and maintenance of trails in Lambton Shores in partnership with landowners, residents, the municipality, sponsors and donors. Other than Pinery

Park (pinerypark.on.ca/trails), Rock Glen Conversation Area (abca.on.ca) and Esli Dodge Conservation area (scra.on.ca), the following information is courtesy of LSNT.

## AUSABLE RIVER CUT CONSERVATION AREA, Northville

Developed hiking trail through 32 kilometres of forested acres in the Carolinian Zone.

Access at 9984 Northville Crescent, off Highway 21 by the Ausable Cut Bridge.

Offers a challenging two-kilometre looped trail over a high sand dune. Easy short cuts available. Trailhead sign.

#### ESLI DODGE CONSERVATION AREA, Forest

Twenty-acre conservation area (part of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority) with an artificial lake (no swimming). Access at 88 Main Street.

Portable washrooms May to October.
Playground, picnic area, tennis courts, paved walking/cycling paths, gazebo.
The island in the lake acts as a stage for theatrical and musical performances during the summer and the hillside opposite seats 6,000 people. Home to Forest's Canada Day Celebrations.

Photo: A. Rasim

#### **FOREST TRAIL SYSTEM, Forest**

Access from Rotary Civic Square.
Asphalted 2.8-kilometre walkway leads south to Esli Dodge Conservation Area.
The trails along the Old Railway Track and around lagoons west of Forest offer a 4.5-kilometre return trip over flat lands.

#### **GRAND BEND ROTARY NATURE TRAIL, Grand Bend**

Asphalted 9-kilometre walking and cycling trail alongside Highway 21 from Grand Bend to the Pinery Provincial Park entrance.

#### JOANY'S WOODS TRAIL, Sylvan

367 acres in the Ausable River Valley offers a challenging 4.8-kilometre trail and an easy 3.2-kilometre trail through mixed Carolinian and Great Lakes Hardwood swamp forest, and a 2.2-kilometre trail along the river. Two access points: (1) Drive east on Elginfield Road from Sylvan, turn right onto Vernon Road; (2) Drive north from Sylvan on Sylvan Road, turn left onto Elliot Road and right onto Boot Hill Road, watch for signage. Trailhead and On-trail signs; trail guide available.

#### **LAMBTON COUNTY HERITAGE FOREST.** Port Franks

Hiking and mountain-biking trails in 570-acre Oak Savannah and Carolinian forest. Access from Port Franks Community Centre, 9997 Port Franks Road. Offers three trails: 3.1-kilometre, 5.2-kilometre and 6.6-kilometre. Trailhead and On-Trail signs.

#### L-LAKE MANAGEMENT AREA, Port Franks

69-acre area offers gentle 1.5-kilometre trail through cedar wetlands and mixed Carolinian forest. Access at 7101 Outer Drive. Trailhead sign.

#### PINERY PROVINCIAL PARK, Grand Bend

6,300 acres of Oak Savanna, Carolinian woodlands and Freshwater Coastal Dune ecosystem. Home to endangered plants, animals and insects. Extensive nature trails and 13-kilometre asphalted, close-loop bike path. Bike and helmet rentals (mountain, coaster, tandem, kids, child trailers and helmets). Wheelchair accessible trails and two beachfriendly wheelchairs available for use. Cross-country ski and snowshoe rentals available.

#### **ROCK GLEN CONSERVATION AREA, Arkona**

Home of Lambton County's ONLY WATERFALL. Plunge your hand in the water and grab some pebbles — it's likely you'll find a brachiopod, crinoid or gastropod fossil! Stairs, boardwalks and bridge allow visitors to explore the glen's steep sides and 10.7-metre-high waterfall. Scenic lookouts, picnic area, BBQs, pavilions, museum, washrooms and two playgrounds. Drive north of Arkona on Arkona Road (County Rd. 79); turn right on Rock Glen Road, and look for signage.

#### WOODLAND HERITAGE TRAIL, Grand Bend

1-kilometre looped trail through Oak Savanna. Point Of Interest panels explain the area's natural history and a Storybook Trail completes the experience. Access from Lambton Heritage Museum on Highway 21.





#### **ROCK GLEN CONSERVATION AREA**

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8680 Rock Glen Road

- ARKONA ONTARIO CANADA
   Museum Falls Trails Fossil viewing
- Picnic pavilions Book weddings, reunions abca.ca 1-888-286-2610

HOME OF ROCK GLEN FALLS

16th Annual Pinery Fall Classic Run/Walk Sunday October 15, 2023 pineryfallclassic.ca

#### **BLUEWATER TRAILS**

The following information is courtesy of the Bayfield River Valley Trails Association (bayfieldtrails.com), the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (abca.on.ca) and Friends of Hullet Marsh (hullettmarsh.com).

## BANNOCKBURN CONSERVATION AREA, Brucefield

Year-round, 62-acre conservation area with wet meadows, eastern white cedar forest, deciduous forest, old-field and mixed scrub and marsh. Main trail leads from the parking. The first 500 metres consists of accessible boardwalks over river and creek; balance of trails feature hilly terrain with few stairs or boardwalks. Access at 76249 Bannockburn Line, between Brucefield and Bayfield.

#### **HERITAGE TRAIL, Bayfield**

Follow Pioneer footsteps through Bayfield on an easy 2-kilometre stroll along tree-lined streets, passing heritage buildings.

#### MAVIS TRAIL. Varna

Four-season 2.5-kilometre challenging looped trail to Bayfield River and back.
Access from Stanley Recreation Complex, 38572 Mill Rd., Varna.

#### RIVER FLATS TRAIL, Bayfield

4.75-acre riverside property purchased with donations from the community, now owned and protected by the Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy on behalf of Bayfield. Woodland setting. Ruins of gristmill visible near bridge.

#### SAWMILL TRAIL, Bayfield

Access the 1.67-kilometre woodland and riverside trail from Highway 21, turn east onto Old River Road, then right onto Sawmill Road, watch for signage. Varied terrain changes from flood plain to coniferous forest and hillsides.

#### **TAYLOR TRAIL, Varna**

This 1-kilometre looped trail features a variety of landscapes. Joggers, fitness enthusiasts and pet owners will appreciate the flat terrain and the scents of pine and colourful meadow grasses. A peaceful and tranquil stroll. Access from Stanley Recreation Complex, 38572 Mill Rd., Varna.

#### **WOODLAND TRAIL**, Bayfield

Medium difficulty, 5-kilometre trail meanders along village roads, dips into woods and follows old gravel pit and lumber roads and deer paths. Closed for hunting during designated hunting seasons. Access at David Street and Hill Terrace.

### HULLETT PROVINCIAL WILDLIFE AREA. Clinton

5,420 acres along the South Maitland River and located on the paths of two major waterfowl flyways (Atlantic & Mississippi). Seven trails from 0.4 kilometres to 4.6 kilometres, featuring grassland, wetland and wooded terrain. Activities include hiking, horseback riding, seasonal hunting, canoeing, snowmobiling, and geocaching. Multiple parking lots and access points. Refer to hullettmarsh.com for hiking map and information.

#### **SOUTH HURON TRAILS**

## MORRISON DAM, MACNAUGHTON PARK & SOUTH HURON TRAIL, Exeter

10-kilometre round-trip hiking trail from the Morrison Dam westwards along the Ausable River to Exeter's MacNaughton Park. Hiking, cross-country skiing, birding and wildlife watching and fishing. Picnic areas and washrooms. Access from Exeter's Main Street by the river or drive east of Exeter on County Road 83, turn south on Morrison Line, and watch for signage. abca.on.ca





#### SAVANNA STROLLERS WALKING CLUB

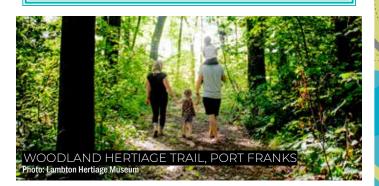
Every Wednesday at 9:15am, walkers meet at the south side of Lambton Heritage Museum, where participants are led in a short warm up and stretching routine before carpooling to the trailhead. Fast walkers are welcome to do the trail two or three times to get their steps in. <a href="mailto:pinerypark.on.ca/walking-club/">pinerypark.on.ca/walking-club/</a>

#### **BAYFIELD POLE-WALKING**

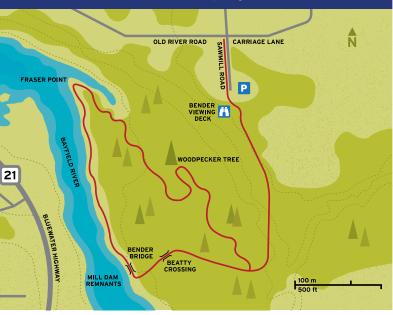
Men's, women's and all-comers' pole-walking sessions occur four times per week year round. Participants meet at 13 Main Street, Bayfield. Group leaders can provide lessons in use of regular or activator poles. @bayfield.pole.walking, bayfieldactivities.info

#### TRAIL ETIQUETTE

- Stay on trails and follow "blazes" (marks show turns and endpoints)
- Don't litter
- Keep dogs on leash
- · Follow trail uses and activities
- Take only photographs, leave only footprints.



#### Sawmill Trail, Bayfield



# Mavis Trail, Varna Mavis Trail Taylor trail P 3

#### River Flats Trail, Bayfield





What could be more enjoyable than a little outdoor fun and exercise, spending time with friends and family amidst nature on a beautiful golf course. Bring your clubs to the lake! There are fourteen golf courses within a 5 to 20-minute drive from the beach.

Golf can be good for your health and your heart. Walking an average course for a round of golf can chalk up five to seven kilometres. If you walk 18 holes three to five times a week, you'll get an optimal amount of endurance exercise for your heart and improve muscle tone and endurance.

## ARKONA FAIRWAYS GOLF CLUB\*\*

8562 Townsend Line, Arkona 519-828-3211, arkonafairways.com

The maturity of this course provides irresistible natural beauty. Lush, mature tree-lined fairways and fast, well-manicured greens are just a taste of what golfers can expect. Don't miss out on Mulligans Bar & Grill. This eat-in or take-out on-site restaurant will have you returning to Arkona for more than just golf!

## BLUEWATER GOLF COURSE AND CAMPGROUND\*

77416 Bluewater Hwy., Bayfield 519-482-7197.

#### bluewatergolfandcamp.ca

This 9-hole course dates to the 1920s. A target-style course, it presents the golfer with shot variety on each round. There is not much forgiveness for shots that veer too far offline. As such, few golfers escape without using all their clubs. Good control over all aspects of your game is needed to score well. Bluewater's multiple tee system allows its nine holes to be played almost 400 yards longer on the second nine (6,122 yards total). The most dramatic difference occurs on the 9th hole, which transforms from a 395-yard par four to a 473-yard par five.

#### **EXETER GOLF CLUB\*\***

40374 Kirkton Rd., Centralia 519-235-1517, golfnorth.ca/Exeter

In 1961, when this golf course was established, golfers could play all day for a dollar! This gently rolling, well-treed, 9-hole golf course supplies challenges from its strategically placed bunkers. Finish off your round at The Barn, the on-site restaurant, pub, and popular wedding venue that's just the right mix of rustic and modern.

#### **FOREST GOLF CLUB & INN\*\***

102 Main St. S., Forest 1-800-265-0214, golfnorth.ca/forest

A resort-style, walkable 27-hole course (18-hole and 9-hole courses) with many par 3 holes complemented by some longer holes to keep your driver from getting rusty. New in 2021, Disc golf was added. Part of the GolfNorth family of courses, Darrell Bankes and Innova Disc Golf designed a course for the public to play in a golf course setting. Resort amenities include an on-site restaurant,

pub, indoor pool, sauna, hot tub, and meeting and event rooms.

golfnorth.ca/forest, 1-800-265-0214

## GODERICH SUNSET GOLF CLUB\*

33937 Golf Course Rd., Goderich 519-524-8047, <u>sunsetgolfclub.com</u>

Offers two courses: a Baby Boomer par 3 course of 9 holes of fun for everyone and an 18-hole course for challenge and excitement. The Boomer course is designed for short game practice, beginners, families, parties and seniors. Golf holes range from 86 to 213 yards in length, taking only a couple of hours to play. The 18-hole course is designed to test golfers' skill levels with strategically placed sand traps, narrow tree-lined fairways, and water holes.

#### **INDIAN HILLS GOLF CLUB\***

6991 Lakeshore Rd., Lambton Shores 519-786-5505, indianhillsgolf.ca

This Ross Axford designed 18-hole championship layout is one of southwestern Ontario's truly scenic courses. This par 71, 6,539-yard course, assigned a Golf Ontario slope rating of 133 (standard playing difficulty is 113),

requires careful shot consideration. Enjoy the challenge of water hazards and sand traps against a picturesque backdrop. The course was rated "best southwestern Ontario golf course" by the London Free Press (2003).

Golf balls are like eggs. They're white, sold by the dozen, and you have to buy more a week later.



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A Glance	Туре	Holes	Yardage	Par	<b>Driving Range</b>	Putting Green	Power Carts	Pull Carts	Clubs	Shop	CPGA Pro on Staff Lessons Available	Teaching Pro	Golf School
Arkona Fairways	Public	18	5.453	68		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Bluewater Golf Course	Public	9	6,122	-		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Exeter Golf Club	Public	9	-		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Forest Golf Club & Inn	Public	18	4,612	66		•	•	•	•	•	•		
Goderich Sunset Golf Club	Public	18	5,900	70	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Indian Hills golf Club	Public	18	6,539	71	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Ironwood Golf Club	Public	18	6,179	71		•	•	•	•	•	•		
Oakwood Resort & Golf Club	Public/Resort	9	2,000	29	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•
Sand Hills Golf Resort	Public	18	5,356	71		•	•	•	•	•	•		
Sawmill Creek Golf Resort & Spa	Semi-Private/Resort	18	6,445	71	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Seaforth Golf Club	Semi-Private	18	6,276	71	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	
White Squirrel Golf Club	Semi-Public	18	5,939	71	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Widder Station Golf & Country Club	Public	18	6,271	72	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Woodland Links	Public	18	6,671	72	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	

#### **IRONWOOD GOLF CLUB\*\***

70969 Morrison Line, Exeter

519-235-1521, golfnorth.ca/ironwood

Golfers of every skill level will experience challenges on this 18-hole 6,165-yard course, which first opened in 1965. The course offers four sets of tees for different skill levels. Well-groomed fairways and greens keep Ironwood difficult yet friendly. Consistently rated one of the best courses in the London region.

#### **OAKWOOD RESORT**

70671 Bluewater Hwy., Grand Bend 519-238-2324, <u>oakwoodresort.ca</u>

A perfect balance for avid golfers, families or conference attendees.

The 'Oakwood 9' – a family-friendly 9-hole, par 29, golf course is perfect for a relaxed, quick round, and a great way to introduce golf to new golfers. This course is a fun round for smaller groups, and of course for regular golfers who have come to enjoy golfing at Oakwood Resort for many years.

#### **SANDHILLS GOLF CLUB\*\***

9767 Port Franks Rd., Thedford 519-243-1800, golfnorth.ca/sandhills

Modest in length, this course is perfect for the novice golfer and offers the ideal layout to sharpen the short game. Even advanced golfers playing from the back tees will be tested. Longer hitters will need to hit well-executed shots, as several shorter par 4 holes are reachable but peppered with interconnected water hazards ready to drown your ball! There are also no flat, straight-to-the-hole putts. Relax in the Old Western-style clubhouse after a game or practice on the putting and chipping green.

## SAWMILL CREEK GOLF RESORT & SPA

3790 Lakeshore Rd, Camlachie 519-899-4653, <u>facebook.com/</u> sawmillcreekgolf

This course is a par 71 "links-style" 6,445-yard championship layout featuring lots of undulation and bent grass on

tees, fairways and greens with little to no trees. An original Rene Muylaert design, refreshed with touches by Doug Carrick on several holes, the course offers playability and challenge to all levels of golfers from 4 tee locations.

#### **SEAFORTH GOLF CLUB**

42990 Front Rd., 1-A Doig Dr., Seaforth 519-522-0985, <u>seaforthgolf.com</u>

This 18-hole, par 71 course on 100 unspoiled acres was re-designed in 2005 by Canadian Golf Hall of Fame member, Dan Halldorson. A mature course with entertaining stories behind each personalized hole, the course promises golfing pleasure and fun to all who come to play. Amenities include a complete practice facility with a full-length driving range, two practice putting greens, one short game chipping green, and a 90-yard pitching area so players can hone every aspect of their game.

- \* Tee-On Network course (tee-on.com)
- \*\* GolfNorth course (golfnorth.ca)



#### WHITE SQUIRREL GOLF CLUB\*

#### 72538 Bluewater Hwy., St. Joseph

#### 519-236-4030, whitesquirrelgolfclub.com

Beginners to Pros, this course suits all levels. Challenging yet walking-friendly, White Squirrel is known as having the best greens in the Bluewater Area. For the last few years, the owners have invested heavily in revamping all the bunkers and upgrading to better quality sand found at high-end courses. Features a Pro Shop. The bar and restaurant have been extensively renovated and boast the largest patio in the region; great spots to have lunch or dinner before or after your game.

#### WIDDER STATION GOLF, GRILL & TAPHOUSE

#### 8395 Decker Rd., Thedford

#### 519-296-4653, widderstation.com

This scenic 18-hole, 72 par, 6,271-yard championship golf course winds through rolling terrain and offers a variety of interesting holes for even the most experienced golfer. The fun layout provides great hole variety and challenge, and fast greens will take the break out of putts. Several holes are blind,



dog-leg shots with chances to drown some golf balls. Strategic shot-making is critical on a few holes. Enjoy Widder's "Train Wreck" beer in the Taphouse or newly-built event space dubbed "Widder Flats".

#### WOODLANDS LINKS GOLF COURSE

#### 37858 Huron Rd. (Hwy. 8), Clinton

#### 519-482-7144, woodlandslinks.com

An Audubon and championship links-style course, Woodlands offers lush landscapes and wooded areas. No two holes play alike, offering a challenge for beginner and avid golfers. Water hazards, strategically placed sand and grass bunkers, and natural roughs will challenge. The 8,000-square foot clubhouse was built from the original post and beam barn dating back 175 years. It's accented by rusticated fieldstone architecture, surrounded by rock gardens and flanking oudoor patios, and offers excellent views overlooking the course.

## MINI PUTT LOCATIONS GOLD COAST MINI PUTT

#### 75526 Bluewater Hwy., Bayfield, 519-565-9154

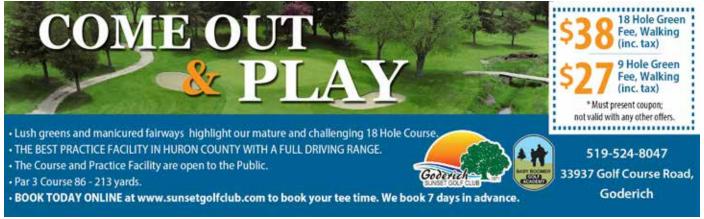
Golfers of all ages will enjoy this 18-hole mini-putt. The outdoor course offers a fun and unique experience for everyone!

#### **GRAND BEND MINI GOLF**

#### 72 Main Street West, Grand Bend, 519-317-2781 grandbendminigolf.com

Explore Grand Bend's historic past while taking your shot at a hole-in-one.







## "TRULY ELECTRIC"

by Pat Morden

## There are many opportunities to experience the jolt of live theatre.

At Huron Country Playhouse (Grand Bend) and other local theatres, theatregoing is as relaxed, comfortable, and accessible as a day at the beach. Alex Mustakas, Artistic Director and CEO of Drayton Entertainment, puts it this way: "What you see on the stage is the icing on the cake. Going to the theatre in Grand Bend is a whole experience - the beach, the shopping, the dining, the sunsets, and some of the best theatre in North America!"

Huron Country Playhouse, operated by Drayton Entertainment, has been part of the Grand Bend community for an amazing 50 years. Starting in a converted barn surrounded by farmers' fields, the theatre was renovated ten years ago to create a modern lobby and new smaller venue, but keep the classic barn feel. The lush grounds are well positioned to enjoy the shoreline's famous sunsets during intermission.

HCP is well known for its Broadway musicals featuring top performers from across Canada. The theatre produces everything from giddy comedies to classic dramas. A key focus for Mustakas is keeping ticket prices accessible. "We pride ourselves not only on the artistic experience, but also on value for money."

Less than an hour south of HCP is the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia, the town where Ontario's short-lived oil boom started. The theatre is housed in Victoria Hall, a flamboyant late nineteenth century building that burned down in 1989 and was faithfully rebuilt. The Playhouse features a summer season of concerts, musical reviews, and plays. Artistic Directors David Hogan and David Rogers attract world-class artists to the quaint little town.

Development Coordinator Callandra Dendia says it's the focus on customer experience that sets Victoria Playhouse apart. "We really roll out the red carpet for our patrons in every possible way," she says. "We build personal relationships with our audiences. David Hogan has been known to walk people to their cars after a show!"

Forty-five minutes north from Grand Bend, there is yet another unique theatrical experience on offer. The **Blyth Festival** produces new Canadian plays at historic Blyth Memorial Community

Hall, originally built to honour the fallen of World War One. Says Artistic Director Gil Garrett, "Our mission is to give voice to the region and the country. We are constantly working with playwrights and directors and actors to tell stories of the moment we are living."

Blyth, Petrolia, and HCP are welcoming spaces that anyone with a taste for entertainment and social commentary can enjoy. Says Garrett: "You don't go to Blyth in your three-piece suit with your pocket square. If you show up in jeans shorts and a T-shirt, you won't stick out. The only thing we want audiences to bring is an open heart."

#### LIVE THEATRES

#### Blyth Festival, Blyth

1-877-862-5984, blythfestival.com

#### Goderich Little Theatre / The Livery, Goderich

519-524-6262, thelivery.ca

**Huron Country Playhouse, Grand Bend** (Main Stage & Playhouse II) 1-855-372-9866, <u>draytonentertainment.com</u>

#### Stratford Festival, Stratford

1-800-567-1600, stratfordfestival.ca

#### Victoria Playhouse, Petrolia

1-800-717-7694, thevpp.ca

#### **MOVIE THEATRES**

#### **Kineto Theatre, Forest**

24 King Street West, 519-786-2303, kineto.ca

In operation since 1917, Kineto is open four days a week, year-round and is one of the world's oldest movie theatres.

#### Starlite Drive-In, Grand Bend

36752 Crediton Rd., 519-238-8344, **starlitedriveintheatre.com** What could be more fun than watching a movie under the stars? The 2023 season opens May 5 with Guardians of the Galaxy.

#### The Park Theatre, Goderich

30 The Square, 1-800-265-3438

#### movielinks.ca/park-theatre-goderich

Two screens playing current movies.

#### The Livery Film Fest, Goderich

#### thelivery.ca/film-series

The Livery runs a film series between September and April of national and international films in partnership with the Toronto Film Festival and Film Circuit Board. Screenings at The Park Theatre, 7pm (rush seats available at 6:45pm).







# 2023 Season

#### **MAINSTAGE**

Beautiful: The Carole King Musical

June 15 To July 1

**Kinky Boots** 

July 12 To July 29

Rock of Ages

Aug 9 To Sept 3

#### **SOUTH HURON STAGE**

Wizard of Oz: The Panto

June 7 To June 25

The Crooner

July 5 To July 22

The New Canadian Curling Club

The New Canadian Curling Club

Aug 3 To Aug 20

huroncountryplayhouse.com (519) 238-6000



# CAPTURING LIGHT IN GLASS – THE PASSION OF GRAND BEND ARTIST ANNE THORNTON by Judy Johnson

Southwestern Ontario's lake shoreline borders fields of wheat, corn, and soybeans dotted with historic towns and villages scattered under a big sky, enticing many artists to call this place home and a place of inspiration.

It's also home to Paint Ontario, Ontario's foremost juried, original art competition, show, and sale. Discover artist workshops, studios, and galleries. A chance to meet and chat with artists who use various media and explore their works through their websites may inspire you to take home original pieces of art.

Introducing Anne Thornton, artist in glass. That is Anne with an "e"; that "e" could stand for experimentation, exploration, enthusiasm – many of the same qualities shared by the Prince Edward Island

fictional Anne of Green Gables.

Putting a label on Anne Thornton as a glass artist is like describing her current medium of choice as art composed of silica, limestone, and sodium carbonate. While the term is technically accurate, it fails to capture the ripples of creativity that involve pushing the limits of glass artistry. Anne captures light in glass creations, whether wall art, jewellery, or fused glass vessels.

#### **AWAKENING CREATIVITY**

As youngsters, Anne's parents kept both her and her sister happily engaged with crayons and paper when travelling in the car or waiting for a meal in a restaurant. This early pleasure of creating was perhaps the beginning of discovering how colour and shape could combine to give solid form to visual ideas.

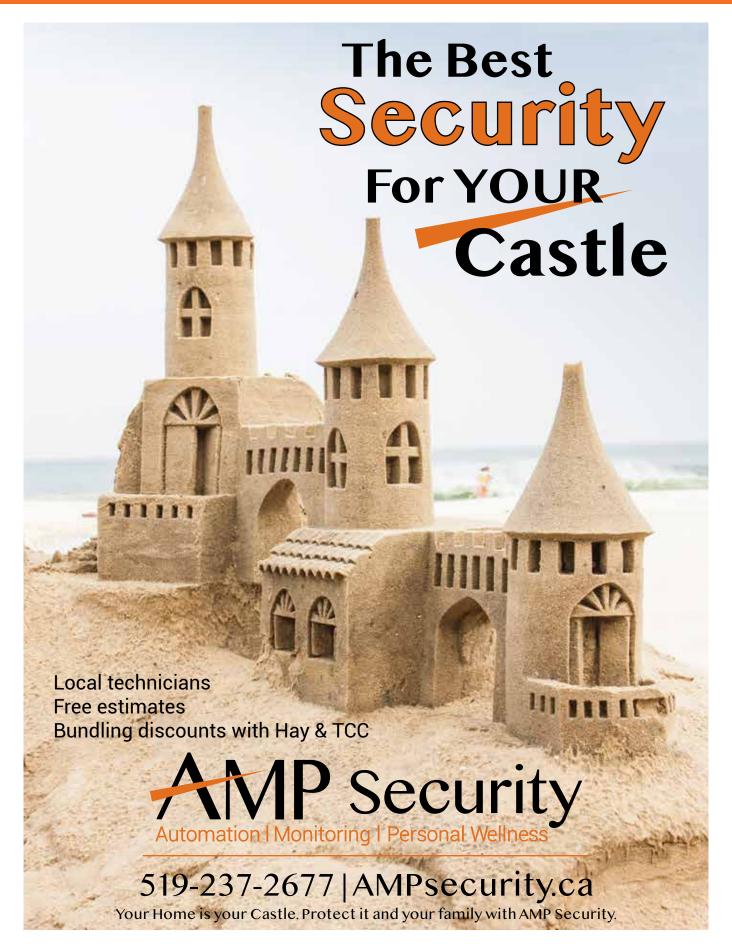
It was later in life that art became Anne's

primary focus. Her earlier career was in corporate communications. She explains, "I moved back to Canada from the U.K. in 2005 and decided I would leave the 9-5 behind and pursue my interest in glass."

#### **ARTISTIC & GLASS FUSION**

Not unlike her techniques of fusing metal and wood with glass and producing glass fusion using extreme heat to create liquid-looking objects, Anne Thornton is a product of the fusion of diverse cultural experiences and exposure to masterpieces of various countries and artistic genres. The result is eclectic and constantly evolving.

Along life's journey Anne spent several years living in the United Kingdom and in Japan. Visiting galleries in



#### **ARTS & CULTURE**

the U.K. informed her foundation for artistic expression, and with the great masterpieces of European painting and sculpture just across the English Channel, she absorbed how the Flemish and Dutch masters captured light in their works. She fell in love with Bruges in Belgium, the old Flanders town where every turn of a canal or cobblestone street led to new discoveries of soft light contrasting with the hard stone buildings.

Venice called and Anne answered, making trips to the Italian gem where the old section is essentially a time capsule. Famous glassworks are mere minutes away on the island of Murano. Masterworks by the Italian greats including Michelangelo, Da Vinci, Botticelli, and Tintoretto provided inspiration.

Japan introduced a different sensibility and approach to Anne. The two-dimensional, "flat" quality of paintings and glass panels were foundational for Japanese artists. Artistic works were imbued with symbolism and meaning. Nature scenes were not just landscapes, but portraits of the sacred world. Colourful koi were symbols of good fortune and strength during adversity.

#### **CORE BELIEFS**

Anne muses, "We are part of the natural world and staying connected with it helps me feel grounded in a world where so much man-made strife takes its toll on our mental and emotional wellbeing. I live surrounded by oaks and pine and all the wildlife that inhabits the forest. Each spring I am entrusted with fawns to babysit while mom spends the day elsewhere... delightful! Capturing some element of the wonder of nature is hard for me to resist. I am drawn to landscapes that reveal the permanence and strength of the natural world despite the lifecycles that pass within it...rocky shorelines, age-worn mountain ranges and expansive prairies."





#### **MEDIA EVOLUTION**

Challenges and experimentation fuel Anne's creativity. "I am happiest when learning something I don't know, making something exist that is only a vague concept in my mind. Working with the unique, finicky medium of glass is a balancing act of chemistry, physics, and artistry. My rewards are surprising and delightful reactions, interactions, textures, and light-play."

Starting with a stained-glass course using traditional copper foil and lead methods of assembly gave way to learning about glass fusing. Sheet glass, *frit* (tiny pieces of glass the size of sand or pebbles) and powdered glass are kiln-fired to melt them together. They become very fluid and can be draped over molds to take on shapes.

Anne took a week-long course of *pâte de verre* (a paste of finely-crushed glass mixed with a binding material) to broaden the types, textures, and forms of glass she created. "I am now creating pieces that combine glass with *shou sugi ban* (wood treated by flame) and metals like copper, brass, aluminum, and steel that I've given a chemical or flame patina."

Master glaziers centuries ago used enamels and stains fired onto glass for the stained-glass panels used in cathedrals and churches. Anne is now experimenting with those methods to produce glass art with contemporary design, content and colour palettes.

#### **MODERN INFLUENCERS**

Anne is inspired by artists who explore new horizons with their media. Favourites these days are works by painter Kent Monkman, the Cree artist, fiber artist Bisa Butler's quilt portraits, Elmira artist Liana Russwurm's nuanced men's and women's portraits and "the work of the extremely talented glass artist with her own definitive style, Judith Schaechter. And I love the Group of Seven's work."

#### WHERE TO SEE ANNE'S ART

Anne has been part of the Grand Bend Studio Tour for many years, taking a hiatus in 2022 to create new techniques. She intends to return, getting insight into how and why her works appeal to others, how they interpret it. This is where many of her commissions are sourced, art works from bespoke glass panels and wall art to jewellery.

She was also part of the Sunset Arts Gallery on River Road in Grand Bend but took a break in 2022 because she simply did not have enough unsold works to show!

Her website is a good place to see examples of her work. All those works are sold, but they give potential clients a sense of the kind of art she creates.

Anne shares that "the commission process can vary. Some allow me complete artistic license – to create

whatever I think will fit a particular space in their home. Other times there is more back-and-forth, taking photos of the space where the glass will live, determining client style and colour preferences and budget."

#### **RAMPANT CREATIVITY**

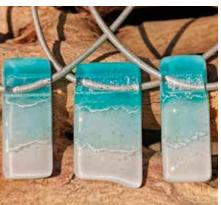
When not working with glass, Anne reports "dabbling in so many media – drawing, painting (watercolour, oil, and encaustic), photography, sculpting, printmaking, quilling, sewing, knitting, quilting, embroidery, and washi (Japanese method hand-made paper) making."

Anne with an "e" – extraordinary!

## **Handy Websites**

www.annethornton.ca grandbendstudiotour.com www.sunsetarts.info











## GALLERIES / WORKING STUDIOS

Art By 3

7710 Clayton St., Port Franks **artby3.com**, 519-243-3321

**Beanstalk Art Gallery & Studio** 

111 King St., Hensall

beanstalkgallery.ca, 289-946-1430

**Richman Gallery** 

30 Alberta St., Grand Bend, 519-238-6213

D. Culbard Fine Arts Studio

30 Ontario St. S., Grand Bend 519-238-0021

**Main Street Gallery** 

4 Main St. N., Bayfield, 519-565-2048 facebook.com/ MainStreetGalleryBayfield

**Marten Arts Gallery** 

17A Main St. N., Bayfield facebook.com/MartenArtsGallery

519-565-2222

**Patina Studios** 

12B Main St. N., Bayfield patinastudios.ca, 519-955-6517

Skwirl Gallery/The Gallery House

16 The Square, Bayfield **skwirl.ca**, 548-388-1101

**Sunset Arts** 

63 River Rd., Grand Bend sunsetarts.info, 519-238-6914

**Treehaus Canada Studio** 

Grand Bend, <u>treehauscanada.ca</u> 226-678-5118

LOCAL ARTISTS ONLINE

**Paintings / Sketches** 

Josy Britton, josybritton.com

Ann Fullerton, annfullerton.com

Jeffery "Red Dog" George, reddogartstudio.com

readogartstadio.co

Mark McLean,

markswatercolours.com

Bill Nieuwland, theartistbill.com

Barbara Helen Pickett,

wowbybarbara.com

Fran Roelands, franroelands.com

R. Jean Taylor,

rjtaylorart.squarespace.com

Jeff Vola, jeffvola.com

**Photography** 

Janette Baillie,

janettebailliephotography.com

David Bannister.

davidbannister.zenfolio.com

**Wood Turning** 

Ron Ferris, Sloping Pine Woodworking, **slopingpine.ca** 

David Hudgel,

davidhudgelwoodturningand design.weebly.com

**Other Media** 

George & Brenda Couckuyt, facebook.com/stylensilver

Anne Thornton, annethornton.ca

## EXPLORE YOUR INNER ARTIST

Check websites for details, dates and times of drop-in and scheduled art classes for all ages and levels.

Art By 3 Studio, Port Franks

artby3.com, 519-243-3321 Variety of one-day art workshops, including encaustic hot wax, photo encaustic, glass jewellery, stained glass drip, fused glass and garden art.

Bayfield Art Centre, Bayfield

bayfieldarts.ca, 24 Main St. N., Bayfield

**Grand Bend Art Centre, Grand Bend** 

**gbartcentre.com**, 519-238-1155 Scheduled and drop-in art classes, seminars and workshops for all ages including summer camps for kids.

Port Franks Camera Club, Port Franks portfrankscameraclub.com

Treehaus Canada Studio, Grand Bend treehauscanada.ca, 226-678-5118

Offers fused glass workshops to everyone 10-years and up.

The following locations host group creative and art events. Check websites for details, dates and times.

Oakwood Resort, Grand Bend oakwoodresort.ca, 519-238-2324

Pinedale Motor Inn, Grand Bend pinedale.on.ca, 519-238-2231

White Squirrel Golf Club, St. Joseph whitesquirrelgolfclub.com, 519-236-4030

## GODERICH CELTIC ROOTS FESTIVAL

Goderich is home to a world-class event – Goderich Celtic Roots Festival a celebration of Celtic music, craft, art, and culture, August 11-13, 2023.

From its modest beginnings in 1993, the festival has grown into a multi-faceted event. Featuring five stages, more than 60 hours of live music, an

Artisan Village, and food and beverage vendors, this three-day outdoor Festival has earned stellar status reviews that include kudos like "one of the world's best Celtic events", "unmatched", "reputation is legendary".

Celtic College and Celtic Kids Camp, August 7-11, 2023 lead up to the Friday night Showcase performance at the Festival. Celtic College is a four-day immersive event; performing artists and musicians teach many types of Celtic music, dance, and craft arts. The Celtic Kids Camp for ages 4-12 runs the same four days. Three streams of different age groups take classes in various instruments, such as harp, fiddle, tin whistles, guitar, and drums. Artistic Director & GM, Cheryl Prashker loves to share about alumni of some of these close to 30-year opportunities – kids who started out there have become professional, touring musicians. One student who started by taking the Sound Course when he was 12 is now working professionally in theatre sound.

Montreal born, and McGill educated in percussion, Cheryl leads with her passion for performing solo and playing with other musicians who love making music as much as she does. Logging multi music miles in a career with different music genres and bands, she continues to tour with her band, RUNA, adding to her music passport of tours in Russia, Canada, the U.S., and Europe. She is admired as a superb drummer/percussionist.

Fans of the Goderich Celtic Roots Festival are fascinated by the Festival's logos. Since the very first year, Goderich-based artist Linda Wiebe has created the designs. Her aim is to make art with the intent to enliven and inspire. In the most recent decade, her designs rotate through the four elements, echoing the Festival's original name: Earth Air Fire Water Celtic Roots Festival.

2023 is a water year, reflected by the Festival's choice of the frog, her 31st design. Looking closely at the intricate designs, you will find something of each of the four elements represented, as well as iconic Celtic artifact designs like Celtic knotwork and the spiral - visual messaging that everything is interconnected. Check out the Artisan Village for a variety of items displaying the colourful logos.







#### SUMMER SUNSET SOUNDS, GRAND BEND

Features original Canadian music in a variety of genres, including rock, folk, celtic, jazz and blues. Performers take the stage at 7pm Sundays or holiday Mondays. 519-238-1472, <a href="mailto:summersunsetsounds.ca">summersunsetsounds.ca</a>, @grandbendsunsetconcertseries.

#### FAMILIAR FAVOURITES, GRAND BEND

Well-loved cover songs performed by area musicians every other Wednesday evening in July and August.

facebook.com/wed.familiarfavourites

#### CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS, GRAND BEND

Enjoy live music from the Rotary Stage on Grand Bend's Main Beach, followed by fireworks at 10pm. Free event with donations solicited. Always held July 1 (rain date July 2). <a href="mailto:canadadaygrandbend.ca">canadadaygrandbend.ca</a>

#### FALL INTO MUSIC AT GRAND BEND PLACE

Jazz and folk to Mediterranean and Celtic music in new concert hall at Grand Bend United Church, **grandbendplace.ca** 

#### JAM SESSIONS, OPEN MICS

FB @itstartsatthebeach

#### **GRAND BEND**

The Lake Hound thelakehound.ca (@thelakehound)

Midori Sushi midorigrandbend.squarespace.com (@midorisushigrandbend)

Oakwood Resort oakwoodresort.ca (@OakwoodResort)

Pinery Market pinerymarket.com (@pinerymarketgrandbend)

The White Squirrel Golf Club

whitesquirrelgolfclub.com (@whitesquirrelgolfclub)

#### BAYFIELD

Bayfield's charming town hall (<u>bayfieldtownhall.com</u>) is the venue for many a concert and performance. Check concert dates on Facebook (@BayfieldTownHall) and on their website <u>thebayfieldconcertseries.com</u> (@bayfieldconcertseries). Tickets through <u>ticketscene.ca</u>.

#### **EXETER**

One of the area's finest restaurants now combines food with music on the patio during summer months. Check Eddington's website for events and dates, **eddingtons.ca** (@Eddingtonsofexeter)





# KETTLE & STONY POINT POWWOW by Judy Johnson

The second weekend in July is an opportunity to share in something truly outstanding - a celebration of Indigenous people's cultural heritage at the Kettle & Stony Point Powwow. The 51st Annual Competition Powwow will take place July 8 and 9, 2023 at 9226 Lake Road (kettlepoint.org/powwow/).

The powwow is a combination of many things: a social event for all ages, a spiritual and sacred occasion, a celebration of heritage, culture, and pride in one's roots.

Organizers work extremely hard throughout the entire year to make the powwow happen. They bring together dancers from Canada and the U.S., and vendors, drummers, singers, volunteers, sponsors – managing countless details. More than 2,500 people attend the powwow.

The Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation welcome people from every background and all ages, from babes-inarms to elders, to enjoy this celebration.

Booths beckon with goods for sale - art,

jewellery, clothing, crafts, beadwork and more. There are food and beverage stands – some featuring fresh Lake Huron fish and native flatbread strawberry shortcake.

On both the Saturday and Sunday of the powwow people arrive early to be in time for the impressive Grand Entry which is the official opening. You might get a seat, but best to bring a lawn chair or blanket. The spectacular procession is moving, as veterans, flag bearers and dancers enter the grassy arena from the East, walking in the direction of the sun. The elaborate, intricately designed regalia of the dancers is highly individual and holds deep meaning for a dancer.

Among the women's dances is the Fancy Shawl dance, a whirl of colours and creative designs suggesting butterfly wings; it is danced by young women moving into womanhood. Elaborate regalia with an eagle feather circle bustle is a feature of the men's Traditional Dance. The eagle is the messenger to the Creator, flying highest of all birds and carrying prayers up into the sky. The men's Fancy Dress Dance is very athletic and requires

endurance by young men who wear heavy regalia on a hot summer day. The Jingle Dress dance, a healing dance, is an Ojibwe tradition. Regalia is highly individual and holds deep meaning for a dancer.

The beat of the sacred drum and the sound of the singers accompany the dancers as they perform.

At the end of the day, everyone knows they have been a part of something incredibly special. We say *Miigwech*! Thank you for giving all the opportunity to learn and share in this unforgettable celebration.

# POWWOW ETIQUETTE

Be courteous; ask dancers for permission to take photos. Follow announcements on when to stand, when to be silent, when to remove hats, etc. Do not refer to a dancer's attire as a costume; it is regalia - imbued with great spiritual and personal significance. No drugs or alcohol allowed. Dress modestly.

# **ARTS & CULTURE**



# NOSTALGIA FOR NARCISSE: ST. JOSEPH'S GRAND VISIONARY!

by Lauren Ihrig

A three-story hotel, bustling sawmill, pipe organ factory and winery were but a taste of the hub and hype, which characterized Narcisse Cantin's dream for the planned town of St. Joseph at the turn of the nineteenth century.

If this epic figure in Huron County's local history were to boast a twenty-first century 'C.V.' it might include such highlights as a bilingual salesman, farmer, promoter of industry, businessman, patent holder for an "instant crockery mender" and liquid furniture polish, amateur boxer, transportation planner and founder of The Great Lakes and Atlantic Canal and Power Company - to name but a few!

For Cantin, the development of St.
Joseph at the site of the former Village
of Lakeview (Johnson's Mills) was
intrinsically tied to his desire for the
construction of a deep water canal
system - one that would connect Lake
Huron to Lake Erie from St. Joseph to Port
Stanley, and, in turn, the Great Lakes to the
Atlantic Ocean.

Cantin was an enterprising man. His experience in his French-Canadian family's ship-building traditions, along with his knowledge of farming, equipped him

with the drive and enthusiasm to take on the cattle trading market in the late 1880s. Cantin's adventures included 7 years spent in Buffalo with his wife, Josephine, before returning home in 1896 with a treasure trove of experience, business acumen and enthusiasm for the canal project.

At over 6-feet tall and 240 lbs, Cantin was as strong in physical stature as he was resilient in his quest for a deep-sea connection and transportation network between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic. He was as creative in promoting St. Joseph as he was charismatic in advocating for his community over the next 44 years of his life.

Despite Cantin's best efforts, his dream of transforming St. Joseph into a hub of commercial and industrial activity was never fully realized. The arrival of the First World War and rededication of energies to the war effort, along with competing interests for hydro-electric power, most notably from the Beauharnois Light, Heat, and Power Company ahead of the 1930 election (and ensuing scandal!), were but two of the challenging tides Narcisse was forced to navigate.

Although Cantin's aims fell short, due in large part to circumstances beyond his control, his legacy helped set the stage for the rich and robust character of the Lake Huron shoreline in the present day.

NARCISSE & JOSEPHINE

Visionary, inventor, entrepreneur and family man are but some of the accolades for the "wizard of St. Joseph" - a man limited to an elementary education but whose life experiences and ingenious spirit led him to be remembered as "The Father of the St. Lawrence Seaway"...and the subject of an award-winning play in 2011!

For more on Narcisse Cantin (1870-1940) and the story of St. Joseph, see Joseph L. Wooden's "A Drum to Beat Upon," and visit stjosephmuseum.ca. A commemorative plaque to Narcisse is located in St. Joseph on the west side of Highway 21 at Road 84. The story of Narcisse was the subject of a play by Paul Ciufo staged by local actors and community members in 2011. The production received the Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming!



August 11-13, 2023 www.wosta.ca

FEATURING









Show located at the Forest Fair Grounds 45 Jefferson St, Forest ON N0N 1J0

# MUSEUMS AND ARCHIVES

# **Arkona Lions Museum & Information Centre**

8680 Rock Glen Rd., Arkona April-October: 519-828-3071; November-March: 519-235-2610

# **Forest Lambton Museum**

8 Main St. N., Forest

forestlambtonmuseum.ca, 519-786-3239

# **Huron County Museum**

110 North Street, Goderich

huroncountymuseum.ca, 519-524-2686

# **Lambton Heritage Museum**

10035 Museum Rd., Grand Bend

lambtonmuseums.ca, 519-243-2600

# Lucan Area Heritage & Donnelly Museum

171 Main St., Lucan

donnellymuseum.com, 519-227-0756

# **School on Wheels Museum**

76 Victoria Terrace, Clinton

centralhuron.com/schoolcar, 519-482-3997

# St. Joseph Museum & Archives

72981 Bluewater Highway

stjosephmuseum.ca, 519-236-7707

# LAMBTON HERITAGE MUSEUM



www.heritagemuseum.ca

519-243-2600

10035 Museum Road

**Grand Bend** 

- New feature exhibits rotate throughout the year. Check our website to see what's on!
- Trek the Woodland Heritage Trail
- Explore five historic buildings including the schoolhouse and blacksmith shop (seasonal)
- Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy our pavilion
- Visit our website for special programming







# **HURON WAVES MUSIC FESTIVAL**

# May 2023 <u>huronwavesmusicfestival.ca</u>

Annual event showcases professional Canadian and international artists. Venues throughout the region (Grand Bend, Exeter, and more). @HuronWavesMusicFestival1

# **SUMMER SUNSET SOUNDS**

# July & August Sundays or holiday Mondays

# summersunsetsounds.ca

Free concerts at Rotary Community Stage on Grand Bend's main beach feature opening and headliner performances of Canadian musicians like The Mud Men, Rant Maggie Rant, Stacey Kay. Donations welcome. Bring your own chairs.

@grandbendsunsetconcertseries

# **CANADA DAY**

# July 1, 2023 canadadaygrandbend.ca

Grand Bend's Main Beach hosts one of the largest Canada Day celebrations on Lake Huron's shoreline. Live music at 8pm; fireworks at 10pm. FREE event, donations welcome.

# @grandbendfireworks

# **KETTLE & STONY POINT POWWOW**

# July 8 & 9, 2023 kettlepoint.org/powwow

The Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation invite EVERYONE to enjoy a North American cultural gem – the PowWow. Enjoy traditional dance competitions (jingle dress, fancy shawl, grass and more), drumming, traditional foods and crafts, and regalia.

# MOPAR CANADIAN NATIONALS

# August 4-6, 2023 grandbendmotorplex.ca

Canada's biggest drag race! The MOPAR Nationals host 350 racing

teams competing in multiple vehicle classes. Don't miss Top Fuel Dragsters, Nitro Funnies, Nitro Harleys, Pro Mods, the Jet Truck and more. @grandbendmotorplex

# **GODERICH CELTIC ROOTS FESTIVAL**

# August 11-13, 2023 celticfestival.ca

The 31st annual event celebrating Celtic music, craft, art, and culture has 5 stages, more than 60 hours of live music, Artisan Village, food and beverage vendors. International performers and stellar status reviews - a world-class festival. Bring your own chairs. facebook.com/goderichceltic

# **EXETER RAM RODEO**

# August 12 & 13, 2023 exeterrodeo.ca

Witness the challenges experienced by competitors in bareback and saddle bronc riding, bull riding, barrel racing, etc. Open all weekend - chat with competitors, see behind the scenes and grab autographs. @RAMRodeoTour

# **ZURICH BEAN FESTIVAL**

# August 25-27, 2023 beanfest.ca

Wrenchbenders Cruise Night takes place on Friday with live entertainment on stage starting at 7pm and fireworks at dusk. Saturday sees Zurich's downtown morph into festival ground-zero with vendors, midway rides, and entertainers. This festival features one of the largest car show and shine events in Ontario. Dig into home-cooked baked beans and pork chops.

# LAMBTON FALL COLOUR & CRAFT FESTIVAL

# October 14 & 15, 2023 lambtonmuseums.ca

Artisan show and sale of Canadian-made, non-manufactured products ranging from food items to home and garden décor, jewellery, clothing and gift items, 50+ vendors!

# **ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

SAVANNA STROLLERS PINERY WALKING CLUB Wednesdays Year-Round, 9:15am Lambton Heritage Museum pinerypark.on.ca/walking-club 519-243-1713

**BAYFIELD URBAN POLE WALKERS** Meet at Hive in Bayfield Tuesdays, Wednesdays,

Thursdays & Sundays, 9am-10am Facebook.com/bayfield.pole.walking

# **MARCH**

**RETURN OF THE TUNDRA SWANS** March 2023, Thedford Bog (behind Lambton Heritage Museum), Grand Bend Most swans are seen at the beginning of the month, with their numbers tailing off from mid to end of March.

stjohnsbtl.com • 519-235-2565

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

March 1, 2022, 6pm St. John's-by-the-Lake, Grand Bend returnoftheswans.com • 519-243-2600 heritage.museum@county-lambton.on.ca

# **APRIL**

**BAYFIELD LIONS HOME & GARDEN SHOW** April 22-23, 2023, Bayfield Arena & Community Centre, Bayfield bayfieldlions.ca · 519-565-2894 bayfieldlions@gmail.com

**MORRISON DAM FISHING DERBY** May 6, 2023, 8am-Noon Morrison Dam Reservoir, Exeter abca.on.ca • 1-888-286-2610

**SOAR MOTORCYCLE ROAD RACE** 

May 13-14 and May 26-28, 2023 Grand Bend Raceway, Grand Bend soaracing.ca · 519-238-7223 · info@soaracing.ca

**BEER & FOOD FESTIVAL** 

May 13, 2023, 2-9pm Bayfield Arena Community Centre, Bayfield facebook.com/bayfieldbeerandfood

**BAYFIELD FARMERS' MARKET** 

Clan Gregor Square, Bayfield Market day is every second Wednesday until May when it switches back to Friday 3pm-5pm. bayfieldfarmersmarket.com

**BAYFIELD LIONS BREAKFAST** May 21, 2022, 8am to Noon Bayfield Arena, Bayfield bayfieldlions.ca · villageofbayfield.com 519-565-5170

**LAMBTON SHORES FARMERS' MARKET GRAND BEND** 

Wednesdays, May 24 - October 4, 2023, 8am-1pm, Lambton Heritage Museum, Grand Bend

Lambtonshoresmarkets.com • 226-520-0144

**LAMBTON FILM & FOOD FESTIVAL** May 25-28, 2023, Kineto Theatre, Forest Kineto.ca

**GRAND BEND VILLAGE FARMERS' MARKET** 

Wednesdays, 8am-1pm St. John's-by-the-Lake, Grand Bend Every second Wednesday until May when it switches back to Wednesdays 8am-1pm.

FB @GBVFM · Grandbendvillagefm.com

**EXETER FARMERS' MARKET** 

Thursdays, May 25 - October 5, 2023, 3pm-7pm, MacNaughton Park, Exeter Series of 6 market days at the Exeter Parkette.

@exeterfarmersmarket • info@exeterbia.com

**LAMBTON SHORES FARMERS' MARKET, FOREST** 

Thursdays, May 25 - October 12, 2023, 4pm-8pm, Jefferson St. & Main St., Forest

Lambtonshoresmarkets.com lambtonshoresmarket@gmail.com

**SPRING LADIES NIGHT** 

May 27, 2022, Main St., Exeter Ladies enjoy VIP treatment, prizes, special offers, extended hours, treats and more!

experienceexeter.ca • 226-423-3028

# **JUNE**

**CLINTON SPRING FAIR** June 2 & 3, 2023, REACH, 168 Beech St., Clinton clintonspringfair.com 519-482-7925 · clintonfair@tcc.on.ca

ALICE MUNRO FESTIVAL OF THE SHORT STORY June 2-4, 2023

Wingham, Blyth, Goderich & Bayfield

alicemunrofestival.ca

**GRAND BEND BEACHFEST** 

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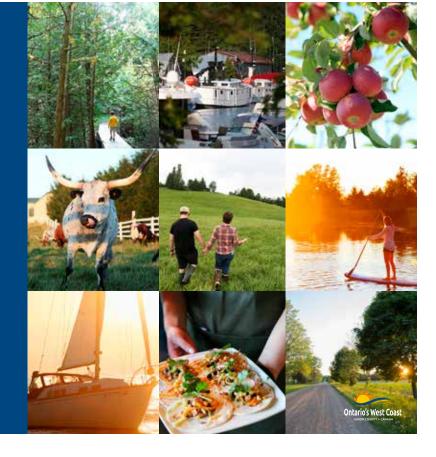
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by Emily Baillie & Susan Mills

# LAKE HURON'S SHORELINE SIPPING ROUTE

Some said it could not be done, that Ontario is too far north to grow grapes for wine. The reality? Ontario's wine regions share the same latitude as Tuscany and Oregon. It's all about the angle of the sun as it touches the earth and kisses the grapes. Learn more about Ontario's wine regions at winecountryontario.ca.

In recent years, an impressive wave of craft breweries, cideries and wineries have taken root. Visit the following liquid libation creators by car (take a designated driver), small group tour or limousine and, in some cases, by helicopter!

# **BREWERIES**

# **Bad Apple Brewing Company** (St. Joseph)

A renovated century barn taproom and sunny orchard beer garden are the

perfect spots to savour delicious craft beer and cider blends. Family-owned and operated, Bad Apple is open yearround. Try Hessenland Inn's Helles Beer or a Swinging Squirrel, a Bad Apple and White Squirrel Golf Club collaboration. badapplebrewingco.com

# **Bayfield Brewing Co.** (Bayfield)

Family-owned and operated, brewmaster Ryan Keys has created a welcoming brewpub that serves a full pub menu next door to the brewery, sipping room, and retail space. Eight brews are currently available. **bayfieldbrewingco.com**.

# **Cowbell Brewing Co.** (Blyth)

Take a self-guided tour of the stateof-the-art brewing facility. Enjoy a meal in the spacious restaurant, on the patio, or in their beer garden. Purchase Cowbell beer, hard seltzers, and ciders. cowbellbrewing.com

# **River Road Brewing & Hops** (Bayfield)

Husband-and-wife-team Dave and Nikki Andrew purchased an apple orchard property and reimagined it as Bayfield's first farm-based brewery, dedicated to small-batch brews with homegrown ingredients. riverroadbrewing.com.

# Square Brew Co. (Goderich)

The first and only brewery in Goderich, Square Brew pays homage to the town's centre known as the "Square". Try the Hop Major IPA or the Square One Pilsner. squarebrewco.com

# Stone House Brewing (Varna)

Huron County's first brewery. created its Classic Stone House Pilsner. German-trained brewmaster and owner Mike Corrie uses only the best SAAZ noble hops in his brews, specializing in four styles of lagers. All Stone House beers are brewed using water from a 250-foot-deep on-site well. stonehousebrewing.ca









# **Stonepicker Brewing Company** (Lambton Shores)

Joe and Mary Donkers say their farm brewery "all started with a bucket used for picking stones, an old turkey burner, water, hops, yeast, and malt." This unpretentious brewery does two things incredibly well, create community and brew great beer. Tongue-in-cheek labels will keep you sipping.

# stonepickerbrewing.com

# **Torched Brewing Company** (Grand Bend)

Jason and Michelle Wilband and two generations of the Boogemans family – Mark and Laura and Nick and Kaitlyn invite you to discover Grand Bend's first craft brewery's beer, ciders and wines. Sip and sample indoors or on the patio.

# torchedbrewing.com

# Widder Station Brewing Co. (Thedford)

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# **CIDERIES**

# **Shale Ridge Estate Winery & Cidery** (Thedford)

Dedicated to sustainable practices and a passion for cider and wine, the owners of Shale Ridge, Alicia and Garren, come from great farming stock. The success of their handcrafted hard ciders led to the launch of a wine line. Enjoy a welcoming farm-to-glass experience and learn how the shale ridge terroir produces exceptional apples and grapes.

# shaleridgeestatewinery.com

# **Twin Pines Orchards & Cider House** (Thedford)

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# twinpinesorchards.com

# **WINERIES**

# **Alton Farms Estate Winery** (Lambton Shores)

At Lambton County's first winery, Marc and Anne Alton offer up to 18 different wines through sustainable practices in vineyard and winery. This genuine orchard-to-glass operation produces more than Test your wine IQ with a blind tasting, stroll groomed nature trails or relax on the patio. altonfarmsestatewinery.com.

# SHORELINE SIPPERS

# **Bayfield Berry Farm** (Bayfield)

Operating its family berry farm for more than 20 years, the Bayerlein family launched a collection of fruit wines, hard ciders, wine coolers, and schnapps. All the fruit is grown, processed, and bottled on the farm, **bayfieldberryfarm.on.ca**.

# **Cornerfield Wine Company** (Bayfield)

The Durand's vineyards sit on farmland that has been cultivated for more than 175 years, creating a unique terroir. Tour the scenic vineyards and learn about their small-batch wines. Meet the family owner/operators and discover what creates the special qualities of the wine produced here.

# cornerfieldwineco.com

# **Dark Horse Estate Winery** (Grand Bend)

Stunning modern architecture and show-stopping views characterize this impressive 85-acre winery and vineyard. Ashley Horlor and her husband Craig, with winemaker Marc Pistor, handle day-to-day operations of this

estate winery. Combined, three wine collections offer 22 wines (red and white). darkhorseestatewinery.com

# **Maelstrom Winery** (Seaforth)

The Landsborough family takes pride in having the first winery in Huron County. The combination of the farm's terroir that includes natural springs



and their artisanal approach to fine winemaking results in flavourful and rich wines. Join the owners to learn about the farm's history during their tours and sippings. Winner of seven Finger Lakes International Wine awards. maelstromwinery.ca.

# Schatz Winery (St. Joseph)

Two generations of the Ihrig family laid the foundation for Hessenland Inn. Their family term of endearment - Schatz (sweetheart) - became the name of their boutique winery. White, red, rosé and sparkling wines offer a nod to the family's roots. hessenlandinn.scvr.co/menu/ wine-menu

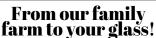
# 2nd Streetlight Estate Winery (Clinton)

Husband-and-wife-team Sahadev Banerjee and Shannon Natuik, along with winemaker Steve Byfield, produce six wines - whites, reds, and a rosé. Enjoy full-flavoured vintages on the large deck overlooking a, pastoral setting.

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# GPS - GLOBAL PALATE SENSATIONS TO LOCALLY LUSCIOUS FOODS

by Judy Johnson

Set your GPS coordinates to locate surefire taste sensations on culinary quests for the discerning palate.

Target the Lake Huron Shores area – extraordinary foods and beverages are yours to discover. Gastro gems from the Lake and the fertile farmland that stretches inland are prepared with care, creativity, and flair. Update your palate passport by taking your taste buds on a world tour to sample international cuisine.

Leave with memories, a photo or two, and share your quest coups by leaving a review on TripAdvisor, a "like" on Facebook or a food image with tag on Instagram. Tell friends and family about your culinary adventures for that all-important, quite-literal, word-of-mouth!

# **GO GLOBAL**

Enjoy authentic foods you have discovered in your travels to far-flung

destinations or try, for the very first time, other fabulous world-class foods, right here on Lake Huron shores.

**MEXICAN** snacks, meals and drinks are on the menu at **La Playita** (Grand Bend). Choose vegetarian, chicken, beef, or pork tacos. Select from a variety of burritos, nachos, or carnitas and finish with ohso-sweet churros. Specialty margaritas and sweet agave tequila are favourite drinks here.

JAPANESE dishes at Midori Sushi (Grand Bend) are feasts for the eyes as well as the taste buds. Miso soup is a traditional staple. An eclectic selection of maki and specialty rolls with names like Mount Fuji (crab and cream cheese with spicy toppings) and Hipster (sweet potato tempura, avocado and mango) entice. Customize your choices - spicy, crunchy, deep-fried, roe addition and various house sauces.

Bobby's Tandoori House (Bayfield). Dishes from a tandoor, the ancient clay oven that is a smoker, bbq, griddle, and convection oven, produce aromatically spiced entrees and naan that originated in various areas in India. Curries, tikka, and chole (chickpea) dishes, as well as the popular Butter Chicken are options. Not to be missed is a thick, thirst-quenching Mango Lassi, made with yogurt and spices, a traditional Punjabi specialty that

INDIAN fusion delights await you at

**The Curry Corner** (Exeter) offers authentic vegetarian and meat choices. Chicken Tikka Masala (pieces of chicken marinated in yogurt and spices), piping hot samosas with chutney, biryani (spiced rice) with vegetables, chicken or goat, and

is possibly the ancestor of modern-day

smoothies.











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# **TASTE EXPLORERS**

an array of curries are among options here. For dessert, savour Rasmalai, cheesy morsels in silky, thickened, sweet milk and exotic spices, served chilled.

**BRITISH** fare is a staple at **Paddington's Pub** (Grand Bend). Think Prime Rib with Yorkshire Pudding, mashed potatoes, gravy and vegetables or Shepherd's Pie, a layered dish with ground beef, creamed corn, mashed potatoes, and cheddar. Try a Pub Club sandwich, English-Style Fish & Chips or Liverpool Liver & Onions. The set menu and specials also feature foods of other countries.

GERMAN specialties await at The Muse by Hessenland (Hwy. 21, Zurich). Family roots in the Hesse area of Germany influence authentic German cuisine at this second-generation establishment. Pork Schnitzel and Beef Rouladen are popular choices enjoyed with spätzle (traditional small egg noodles), red cabbage and sauerkraut. Kick back at White Squirrel Restaurant (Hwy. 21, Zurich) with a Pretzel Platter – soft warm pretzels with beer mustard and beer cheese sauce. Perhaps pair it with Swinging Squirrel, a light and easy-drinking lager, the result of a collaboration with nearby Bad Apple Brewing Company.

**THAI** dishes are on the menu at **Exeter Thai Cuisine** (Exeter). This authentic experience is created by Thai immigrants to Canada. Popular menu items include types of Pad Thai (rice noodles prepared Thai-style), each offering seven different options from beef to tofu or seafood. Cashew Nuts Stir-Fry is another fave, among its ingredients are oranges, cashew nuts, broccoli, and sweet peppers in a Thai cashew sauce.

**ITALIAN** food is a perennial favourite, for good reason. **Pizza Delight** (Grand Bend) offers not only pizza but also other dishes including panzerotti, lasagna, spaghetti with meatballs and





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Chicken Alfredo. **Grog's Pub & Grill** (Port Franks) serves Chicken or Shrimp Alfredo, veggie pasta, pizza wraps and pizza; check out Pasta night. At **Godfathers Pizza** (Forest, Exeter, Clinton) choices include gluten-free and cauliflower crust pizzas, panzerotti, strips and Italianinspired pepperoni, salami, or pizza subs.

**FRENCH** cuisine is a fine dining option at **Eddington's of Exeter** (Exeter). Enjoying starters of French Onion Soup or a Baked

Brie Plate, mains of Duck Confit or Filet Mignon Demi-Glacé, and a decadent finish of Crème Brulé, followed by leisurely sipping a Grand Marnier liqueur, are bound to enhance your *joie de vivre*!

**GREEK** specialties please diners at **The Growling Gator** (Grand Bend). Try Spanakotyropitta Rolls (spinach and feta cheese in phyllo pastry). Opt for a Nisyrian Salad (from the island of Nisyros) made with plum tomatoes, roasted red peppers,

feta cheese, cucumber, and Kalamata olives with a side of warm pita, or a Greek Village or traditional Greek Salad.

**CANADIAN, EH?** Menu choices in the area often feature iconic Canadian ingredients, like maple syrup, peameal bacon, Alberta beef, fiddleheads, B.C. or Atlantic Canada salmon, P.E.I. mussels, artisan cheeses and international award-winning Canadian craft beers, ciders, and wines, including ice wines.











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Among choices at **Hobo Piez** (Grand Bend) are poutine and Montreal smoked meat sandwiches. **BeaverTails** (Grand Bend) serves up a variety of these iconic pastries including one with maple-flavoured spread and maple sugar topping, and another with apple pie topping. Poutine with Quebec curd is another yummy 'O Canada' option here.

**Let's not even imagine a Canada without butter tarts!** History notes it was in 1900 in Barrie the first recipe was printed for these little flaky pastries with a gooey, sweet filling - key ingredients are brown sugar, eggs, butter and often, corn syrup.

# **VISIT**

Visit these websites for more information on tasty destinations:

<u>itstartsatthebeach.ca</u> shorelinetogo.ca



**Create your own "Butter Tart Trail" in this part of Ontario** – there are that many sweet tooth possibilities here. Opt for the purist version, or tarts with additions of pecans, walnuts, coconut, or raisins.

A generational family business, Jerry
Rader's Homestyle Catering & Market
(Zurich) is noted for home-style takeout meals and old-fashioned-recipe pies
and sweets, including decadent butter
tarts. Oma's famous butter tarts are
uber-popular dine-in and take-out treats
(one or two for the road?) at Grog's Pub
& Grill (Port Franks). Bayfield Berry Farm
(Bayfield) is known to afficionados as







# **TASTE EXPLORERS**

"The Butter Tart Farm" ask for Marlene's World-Famous Butter Tarts. Area bakeries like **The White Squirrel** (Exeter) and **Bartliff's** (Clinton) also tempt taste buds with delicious treats.

# **FABULOUS FINS & MORE**

One of the perks in the Lake Huron Shores region is the abundance of fresh lake fish nearby, as well as having shellfish, other seafoods and ocean fish on menus and in markets.

MacPherson's Restaurant (Port Franks) is a favorite for locals and visitors alike with fresh lake fish options including perch and pickerel.

Choose dine-in or take-out meals at **Out of the Blue Seafood Market** (Bayfield) or take-home-to-cook, fresh-from-the-boat yellow perch, white perch, and pickerel. A wealth of other fresh and frozen options from near and far await discovery here including Atlantic lobster, scallops, oysters, P.E.I. mussels, and in-house smoked fish.

An in-season Mussels Night at **Grog's Pub & Grill** (Port Franks) is popular, as are fresh perch and pickerel menu items.

**William's Fish & Chips** (Exeter) is well known for its take-out fish & chips. Choices include haddock, halibut, and cod, paired with hand-cut fries and cole slaw, and wrapped in brown paper.

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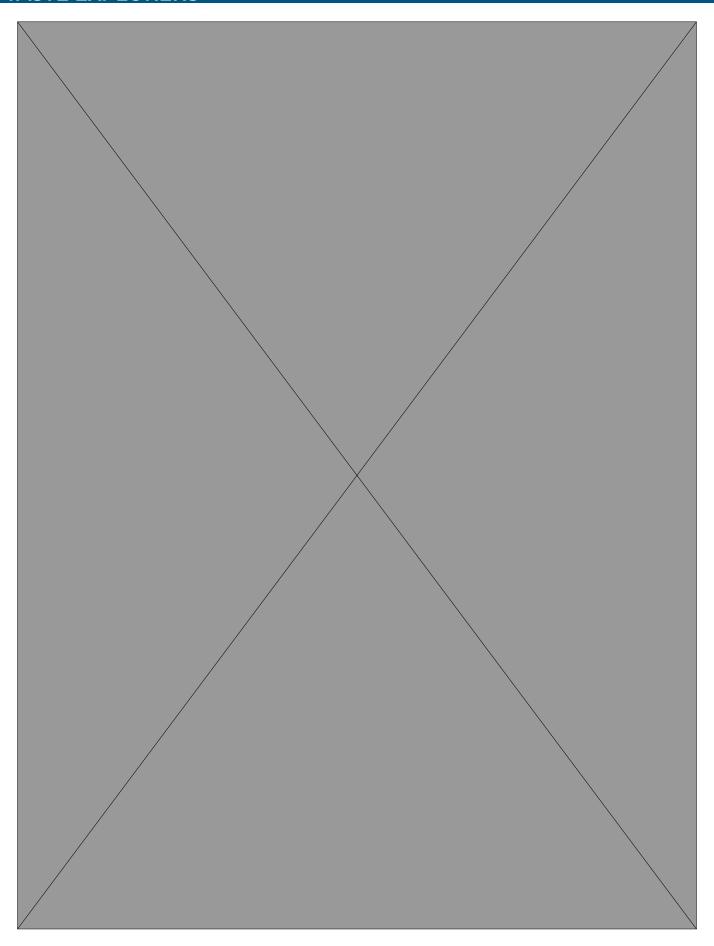




















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# **DELICIOUSLY LOCAL**

It's no surprise that in one of the top agricultural areas of the country, local ingredients from vegetables and fruits to meat and poultry are restaurant menu features as well as popular choices for meals prepared at home.

Choose from a varied menu at **Widder Station Grill & Tap House** (Thedford).

Enjoy local beef as burgers, brisket tacos or brisket on a bun, perhaps to savour with the house lager, Train Wreck, from Widder Station Brewery Co. Lots of local craft beers, ciders, and wines are available here.

Hayter's Farm (Dashwood) is a multigenerational turkey farm. Select from an array of fresh and frozen turkey options including whole turkey, roasts, scaloppini, breast steaks, sausage, kabobs, and burgers - classic, garlic, cranberry & spinach, and onion & parsley.





Their own farm-raised chickens, apples from their orchard and fresh local pork and beef processed at their own facility in Dashwood are available at **Zehr's Country Market** (Hwy. 21, Bayfield), along with in-store baked breads, pies, tarts, and other sweets.

Williamson Farms Country Store (Forest) has deep roots in agriculture with the family farms dating from 1905. Their own corn-finished beef and maple syrup are customer faves here. They produce about 1,400 litres of maple syrup a year from six miles of pipeline in their own maple bush. The store is stocked floor to ceiling with oils and vinegars, cheeses, and other gourmet delights, plus an extensive selection of items for gifting and treating yourself.

**The Whole Pig** (Dashwood) raises their own pork and offers a variety of cuts and products. Choose boneless or bone-in chops - smoked or not, roasts including











Black Forest style, ground pork, ham steak, several flavours of sausage, dry-cured and peameal bacon, porkerettes, and ribs. Already-cooked pulled pork is a crowd pleaser.

Honey-lovers make a beeline to **Ferguson's Apiaries** (Hensall). This legacy family apiary will delight with its 100% unpasteurized honey, from mild Clover to stronger Buckwheat, with various varieties in between. Select creamed or liquid honey, flavoured or plain honey butter, spreads and sauces. Bees wax candles and bee pollen products are made on the premises. Beekeepers shop here for genetically tested, pure Buckfast bees breeding stock, including Queens.

"An apple a day" is the start of an old saying touting the benefits of this very Canadian, healthy treat. The McIntosh is called the national apple of Canada; in 1811 John McIntosh found a young tree on his farm near Morrisburg Ontario. Its grafted seedlings spread this delicious red fruit far and wide. Find McIntosh apples, along with more than a dozen other varieties, at Crunican's Orchards (Hwy. 4 near Elginfield). With more than a century of apple growing in the genes, the family grows a range of cooking and eating apples harvested at various times, from Ginger Gold that ripens in late summer to Russet that matures in late October. Find Ambrosia, Cortland, Empire, Gravenstein, Gala, Honeycrisp, and other apples here, as well as an eclectic selection of local and further afield made-in-Ontario products.











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# **STORIED HISTORIES**

# **Dreamz Inn (Goderich)**

The bright, colour-blocked exterior of the Dreamz Inn hints at the unique ambiance that awaits quests.

Attention to the smallest detail is obvious. As you enter the lobby a life-size, mirrored mosaic figure invites attention, as does the original art and bespoke furnishings.

Meticulous planning coupled with a clear vision of the owners, brothers
Himansu and Devankumar Shah, has resulted in a contemporary designer hotel with a relaxed, intimate vibe.
Their grandmother instilled the guiding principle of welcoming guests of all ages and backgrounds - hosting families, businesspeople, individual and group special occasion getaways and celebrations with the same respectful hospitality.

Rooms are individually decorated with custom furnishings, art to inspire, and top-shelf details. Select a jacuzzi or fireplace suite, enjoy a jetted hydro spa shower in a bathroom outfitted with granite countertops, and cozy up in



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# **Oakwood Resort (Grand Bend)**

This Grand Bend landmark is entering its second century of Lake Huron hospitality. Buildings began construction in 1919; Oakwood was incorporated in 1922.

From the beginning, Oakwood Resort has been a family business. It began with the Clayton Walker family, then London's



Ivey family, and in 1981 David & Valerie Scatcherd purchased it. Today, their two sons and a daughter work at the resort.

Accommodation includes cottages — one the Honeymoon Suite Cottage — to standard rooms. Spacious Oak Lodge Jacuzzi Suites and Pine Lodge Fireplace Suites have a separate living room and bedroom. Deluxe rooms are in the Cedar Lodge, Oak Lodge, Pine Lodge and Longhouse and the Main Lodge has cozy standard rooms. Room décor features cedar or pine accents.

Dave's Pub & Grill is the place for a view over the Golf Course while having a beverage, meal, or snack on the patio or by the fireplace. Live music evenings are a plus. The Oak Dining Room, with wood beams and stone fireplace, is one of the original buildings, now space for special events.

Enjoy the private beach, indoor pool, and sauna, 9 holes of golf, and a fresh-Lake-Huron-air stroll around the grounds.







# The Albion Hotel (Bayfield)

Guests of The Albion Hotel might feel they are stepping back in time, even though mod cons are part of today's experience. Georgian Colonial architecture and an impressive two-tiered front porch grace the country inn. The antiques throughout the hotel add to the ambiance.

By the 1890s people came to bustling Bayfield from Michigan and other points near and far in the U.S. and Canada.

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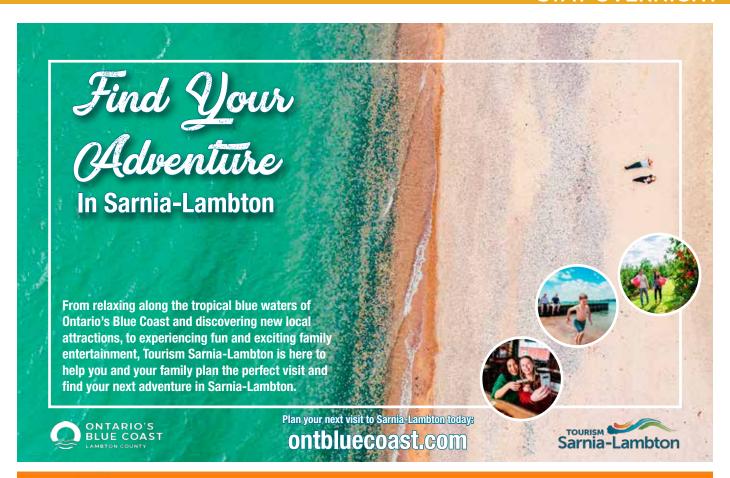
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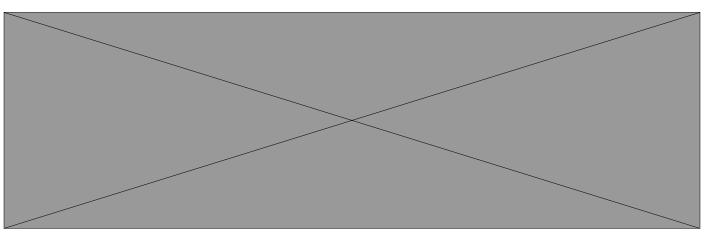
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Owners Leigh and Jeff Graham offer an extensive dining room and pub menu ranging from fine dining choices to casual pub fare and craft beers. The original cherrywood bar and "touch of England" wood tables and benches set the stage. Two patios invite you to enjoy meals and libations al fresco.

Some think there is an unseen, non-paying hotel guest, Harvey Elliot, the 21-year-old son of The Albion Hotel owner in the 1890s. A drunken dispute with his cool-headed younger brother ended tragically with Harvey's death by gunshot. Has Harvey never left the hotel – still turning on bar taps and barroom lights in the night?

# Ipperwash Beach Club (Ipperwash, Lambton Shores)

Grace and Jim Dekker welcome guests to the Ipperwash Beach Club. Operating as the Ipperwash Hotel since the 1920s, this historic property had a complete renovation to bring it to today's modern charm. From the moment you see the porch-lined façade you feel this is a community treasure.

Accommodation is on the second floor in two modern suites, both with full kitchens with stainless steel appliances. One has three bedrooms and living room, the other has one bedroom and a pull-out sofa in the living room. Long decks on both floors look out to Lake Huron.

Enjoy fun times on the water with daily rentals of paddle boards, sit-on and traditional kayaks.

Choose from a varied menu of meals, drinks, snacks, and signature desserts served in the bright and airy restaurant and bar that features gleaming wood accents and vintage photos. Savour an ice cream cone and watch the sunset.

The original 1920s two-building hotel had a large dining room and about 20 rooms. Guests were locals and visitors from

near and far, including the U.S. Many a romance blossomed at the soda fountain. Across the road was the Ipperwash Casino, a dance hall hosting popular bands that played at Lake Huron summer resorts. A fire started by a band member's cigarette destroyed it in 1968.





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# **RETAIL DELIGHTS**

by Judy Johnson

If shopping is your therapy, you are in for a wealth of feel-good opportunities. New names on village and town streets blend with time-honoured favourites to provide a broad range of products, brands and services. Most stores are family-owned and operated, which means superb customer service rooted in a wealth of knowledge. Enjoy warm welcomes on relaxing and fun shopping excursions far removed from malls, chain stores and big-box outlets. Chart your course! Begin! Exhale! Say aah!

# NEW TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

A new edition to Bayfield's quaint downtown is **Déjà Vu**, which offers a curated mix of high-end consignment clothing, accessories and fine estate jewellery. Owner Micheline Notte remarks that "only one percent of textile waste is actually recycled", and with a love and appreciation for estate jewellery and the

skills used to design and create fashion, it was an easy decision to establish a business that supports lowering our carbon footprint. Book a private appointment with a knowledgeable professional for an estate jewellery consultation or to trade unused gold or silver for cash in a secure environment.

With its aim of elevating outdoor leisure experiences, Cottage Culture (Hensall) is the newest division of Iceculture. Inspiration for this venture came from the effects of Covid-19 on the Canadian lifestyle, with a newfound comfort in staying at home. Backyards and patios gained importance, and Iceculture realized their international partnerships offered a new opportunity. Source high-quality, stylish, unique-character Scandinavian-designed outdoor furniture, outdoor kitchens, Canadian-made fire pits, sofas, sectionals, dining tables and accessories. Delivery and on-site assembly are available.

Original, representative oil and acrylic paintings set the scene at **Beanstalk Art** 

Gallery & Studio (Hensall). Artist Robert Johnson's realism giclée-on-paper, hand-signed prints feature buildings and places; they are offered in various sizes and prices. Robert's favourite subjects are historical or visually interesting buildings (such as the Flatiron Gooderham Building in Toronto), wildlife, nature and animals. Art commissions are accepted. Check out lessons and paint nights in the gallery's ample, airy space.

Merchant 6 Home Interiors + Kitchen Market (Exeter) arrives on-trend and will reinvigorate your nesting instincts. The Home Interiors side of things focuses on items that make relaxing home spaces like down-filled pillows, oversized sofas,

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cotton pouffes, jute rugs and pendant lighting, furniture and accessories au naturel. The Kitchen Market offers products to enjoy while cooking and dining, sharing space with 2GO fridge and freezer food items from smoothies, juice and ice cream to frozen meats.

### **CELEBRATE THE SEASONS**

Westland Greenhouses (Grand Bend) is a four-season delight. Year-round, find a great selection of unique merchandise for home and outdoors to gift yourself or others. Gardening enthusiasts are in plant heaven here with a vast selection. If DIY displays aren't your thing, opt for ready-to-impress flowering window boxes, urns, containers and more. Check out workshops, and don't forget to feed the bunnies.

Change up your décor and more at the GreenBucks Seasonal Store on Lakeshore Road south of Grand Bend, the addition to

the family-owned-and-operated, yearround GreenBucks Dollar Discount Store (Grand Bend). Owners Matt and Julie DeJong have a well-earned reputation for being the go-to store for seasonal décor. Going a step further, in 2021, they built a 4000 square foot building and filled it with Christmas-themed products from bedding and kitchenware to Christmas decorations. From March to August, products transition to spring and summer-themed décor, reverting to Christmas in October. Plenty to inspire and desire. Watch their Facebook page for announcements.

For more than 40 years, the Steckle family at Huron Ridge Greenhouses (Zurich) has grown the plants they sell. Using local plants accustomed to native soils and conditions can improve amateur gardeners' success rate. In spring, the greenhouses burst with colourful plants to enhance indoor and outdoor spaces. Thumb not so green? A yearly

membership offers seasonal, four-timesa-year outdoor planters professionally designed and filled. Or watch helpful, timely how-to videos on their Facebook page. Cap off the year at the indoor Poinsettia Festival, a spectacular display of Christmas lights and candlelight that has delighted visitors for more than two decades.

Make a statement with local, wellbuilt, quality items from The Iron Barn (Grand Bend). Enhance and enchant in summer with garden art like sunflowers or dragonflies and enjoy evenings with a custom-designed fire pit. Steel pumpkins, fir trees and pine cones set a seasonal scene. Indoor art, signage and custom designs personalize your spaces.

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6 acres of greenhouses, retail space, and two wholesale agri-businesses employing 22 year-round, full-time staff. The VanAdrichem children inherited their parents' passion with all but one working the business, alongside spouses and cousins.

Grow your green thumb at a workshop designed by Anita and daughter-in-law Jocelyn in which seasonal porch planters and wreaths are just the beginning. Or, take one of Anita's hosted tours through the acres of colourful anthuriums and other plants, followed by a

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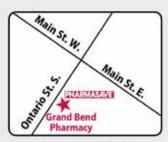
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VIA Dealer Ratings 2022 gave HMP three top awards for 2021: #1 Dealer of the Year Buick Ontario, #1 Customer Satisfaction Award in Ontario, and #1 Dealer of the Year GMC Ontario. VIA Dealer Ratings are based on customer evaluations. Emphasis was noted for a dealership operating in an industry challenged by shortages in inventory as well as increased vehicle prices.

Hamather family members are ongoing supporters of the South Huron Hospital Foundation's residential hospice that opened in 2018 in Exeter. It is named Jessica's House in honour of 22-year-old Jessica Hamather, who sadly lost her young and promising life to a rare form of cancer in 2015.

Bob Hamather received a richly deserved Lifetime Business Achievement Award/South Huron Business and Community Excellence Awards in 2019. He shares that this is one of the key highlights of his life.

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In 1963 Prosper & Cyrilla Vanbruaene purchased a 2-bay automotive shop business with a restaurant and two gas pumps. The restaurant was closed later, and a third bay was added in the shop. The gas pumps were removed in 1994, giving Prosper's Garage today's appearance.

It was serendipity when Wendy, their daughter, met an apprentice mechanic at the Grand Bend Roller Rink. Wendy and Mark's interest in wheels went beyond roller skating and cars – they became a couple and then business partners and co-owners of Prosper's Garage.

Prosper and Cyrilla remained active in the business, maintaining an "all-handson-deck work ethic" that ensured their success throughout their lives. Mark and Wendy's daughter Ashley works in the business; her goal is to continue the family legacy.

### **GRAND BEND**

**Prosper's Garage** (519-238-2451)

### **FOREST**

**Canadian Tire** (519-786-2121) **Cory's Carz Repair** (519-786-5990) **Roy's Auto Body** (519-786-4646)

### **EXETER**

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### **NORTHVILLE & PORT FRANKS**

Northville Auto (519-243-3888) Rawlings Ausable Bridge (519-243-2112) Don River's Auto Service (519-243-3750)

### **TOWING SERVICES**

Brock's Towing (519-228-6700) Clark's Towing (519-296-4773) K & K Towing (519-227-0500) Potter's Towing (519-786-8566)

Bayfield Car Wash, 95 Main St. S.

### **CAR WASHES**

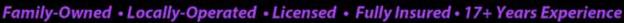
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# SPAS, SALONS & GOOD VIBES

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meditation, dōTERRA AromaTouch, craniosacral therapy, and acupuncture. You can also have a no-radiation bone density scan here on an EchoS device that is mobile.

Good Vibrations Neurofeedback (519-639-8453, Thedford) offers an advanced neuro-technology designed to train the brain to function at peak performance levels. Time-tested, and non-invasive, neurofeedback can benefit sleep, focus, memory, stress issues like headaches, and more.



### **CUTS, COLOURS & MORE**

Check out **Bayfield Village Clippers** (519-565-2887). In Forest, look for 4 Rest Beauty Bar (519-328-2366), Pretty Pampered Salon (226-520-1119), Studio 45 (519-719-6472), Rogers Barber Shop (519-786-4666), and Strands Hair Trends (226-520-0114). Heading to Grand Bend, you'll find Hair Bend'rs (519-238-8822), Hair Hunters (519-238-1099) and Salon 8180 (519-238-8180). Exeter's downtown offers lots of hair salon choice and nail bars including **Eclipse Hair Styling** (519-235-1880), First Choice Haircutters (519-235-3580), HM Nail Spa (226-423-2172), L Studio & **Co.** (519-235-3555), **Mane Event Unisex** Hairstyling (519-235-0421), NVus Salon (226-735-1976), **To DYE For Hair Design** (519-615-2394). Not to be overlooked, Hensall boasts Hair By Joyce (519-280-7424) and Melz Cutz (519-719-5745).

### **LAUNDROMATS**

### **EXETER**

**Exeter Cleaning Centre**, 342 Main St. S. **Exeter Laundromat**, 156 Main St. N.

### **FOREST**

iPM Living Laundromat, 5 James St. N.

### **GRAND BEND**

**Angie's Laundromat**, 48 Ontario St. N. **Best's Laundromat**, 345 Ontario St. S.

### **HENSALL**

Coin Laundry, 98 King St.

### **PORT FRANKS**

Northville Laundromat.

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### **HELP FOR FURRY FRIENDS**

Vacationing with your pet means you might need a vet, groomer, daycare or pet-sitting service. These services can be hard to find unless you know where to look. Look no further:

### **EXETER**

**Exeter Animal Hospital** (519-235-2662) **Thames Road Veterinary Clinic** (519-235-0001)

**The Pampered Pooch** (519-235-6191)

### **LAMBTON SHORES**

**Bayfield Veterinary Services** (519-565-2760)

**Dogs With Style Grooming** (548-888-5372)

Forest Veterinary Clinic (519-786-2306)

**Grand Bend Veterinary Service** (519-238-5005)

**Lakeshore Dawg Spaw** (519-518-7417)

**Lakeshore Pet Care** (226-239-4841)

Masfrankc Canine Retreat (519-296-3392)

### **DASHWOOD**

**Tails Wag Inn** (519 237 9247)

### **BLUEWATER**

**Barks of Bayfield** 519-565-4106)

**Bayfield Boarding Kennel** (519-565-2046)

South Huron Veterinary Clinic (519-236-4301)

### **PARKHILL**

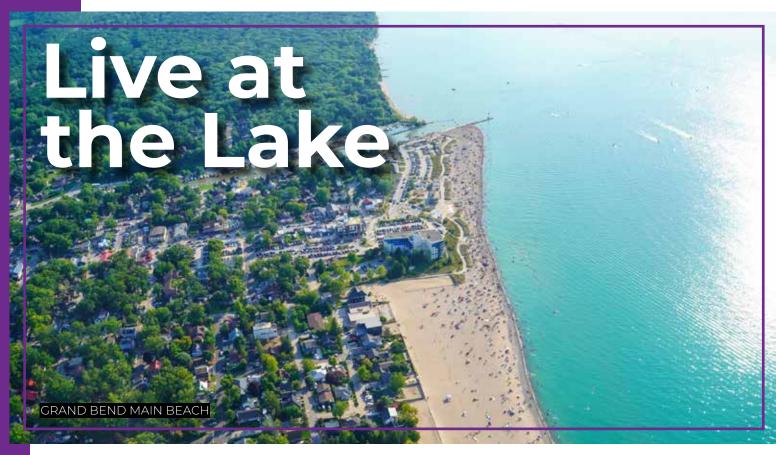
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### MAKE THIS LAKE YOUR HAPPY PLACE

Living at the lake is an amazing lifestyle. It is not just a home location. Connect with the community and everything small-town-living has to offer.

Retail hub towns of Bayfield, Forest, Grand Bend and Exeter have new home developments. This trend stems from Boomers, Zoomers and even X-Gens buying pre- and retirement properties.

### THE OBVIOUS BENEFITS

You will never run out of things to do! The lake provides endless opportunities to have fun and be active. Consider beaching, swimming, kayaking, sailing, fishing, boating, windsurfing, and paddleboarding – just to name a few!

You could lower your blood pressure. There are studies that support the claim that seeing and being in nature contributes to lower stress levels.

You will see wildlife, like Tundra swans, eagles, geese, seagulls, wild turkeys, deer, coyotes and many other wild creatures.

### FRESH & FARM-GATE FOODS

This area of Ontario is the most agriculturally productive in the province. Area farmers' market vendors are genuine food producers, happy to tell you about their growing methods or production processes. Check out the Taste Explorers section starting on page 48 and the Shoreline Sippers starting on page 43.

### MAKING CONNECTIONS

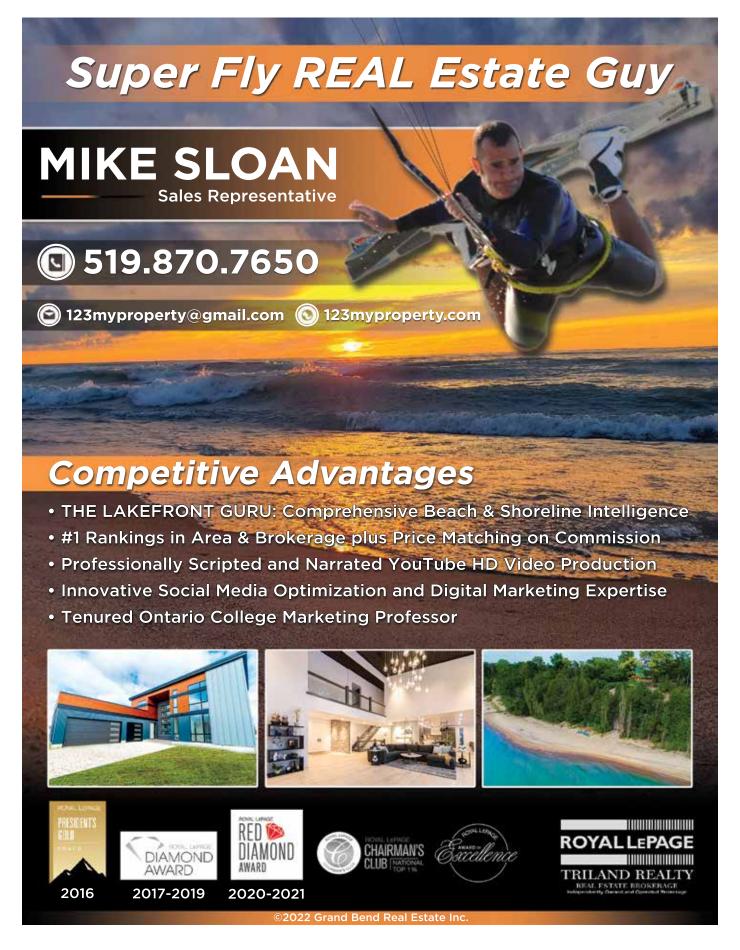
Find Rotary, Lions and Optimists in each municipality and the Kiwanis Club in Forest. The Kiwanis Club looks after the Kineto Theatre, one of the world's oldest film theatres. There are Royal Canadian Legion Halls in Exeter, Forest, Grand Bend, Hensall, Parkhill, and Thedford. Many special interest clubs provide opportunities for fun, fitness, education, and personal development.

Here's a brief listing: Partners in Learning (partnersinlearning.ca), Probus (probus.org), Grand Bend Art Centre

(gbartcentre.com), Port Franks
Camera Club (portfrankscameraclub.
com), Bayfield Historical
Society (bayfieldhistorical.
ca), Forest Historical Society
(forestlambtonmuseum.ca), Savanna
Strollers (pinerypark.on.ca/walkingclub), Bayfield Pole Walkers (@
bayfield.pole.walking), Grand Bend
Area Horticultural Society (gbhort.
blogspot.com), Lambton Nature Trail
Blazers (Isntblazers.com), Port Franks
Garden Club (facebook.com/groups/
portfranksgardenclub/). You can be
as busy and involved as you would like.

### **Royal Canadian Legion Halls:**

Exeter - Branch 167 (519-235-2962)
Forest - Branch 176 (519-786-5357)
Grand Bend - Br. 498 (519-238-2120)
Hensall - Branch 468 (519-262-2948)
Parkhill - Branch 341 (519-294-6261)
Thedford - Branch 278 (519-296-4939)



### **BUSINESS HUBS**

Business hubs like Grand Bend, Forest, Exeter, Bayfield and Parkhill provide a broad product and service mix where residents can walk to their downtown cores. Healthcare, legal, banking, real estate professionals, retail, automotive, home furnishings and building centres are found throughout the area.

# SCHOOLS, COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Public and Catholic school boards
(Lambton Kent District School Board,
Ikdsb.net; Bluewater District School
Board, bwdsb.on.ca; Huron-Perth
Catholic District School Board,
huronperthcatholic.ca) provide
nursery, junior, intermediate and high
school education. Western Ontario
(London,) University of Guelph (Clinton),
Fanshawe College locations (Clinton,
Goderich, London, Simcoe, St. Thomas,
Tillsonburg and Woodstock) and Lambton
College locations (Sarnia & Petrolia) just
an hour's drive away or less.

### **LIBRARIES**

Libraries are located in Arkona, Bayfield, Exeter, Forest, Grand Bend, Hensall, Port Franks, Thedford and Zurich.

### GOVERNMENT SERVICES & AGENCIES

Post offices are located in Bayfield, Clinton, Exeter, Dashwood, Forest, Grand Bend, Hensall, Parkhill, Thedford, and Zurich. Visit **canadapost.ca** for more info.

Community centres are scattered throughout the area's towns out of which run various recreational programs; check municipal websites:

### **Municipality of Bluewater**

(Bayfield, Hensall, St. Joseph, Zurich), 519-236-4351,

### municipalityofbluewater.ca

### **Municipality of Lambton Shores**

(Arkona, Forest, Grand Bend, Ipperwash, Northville, Port Franks, Thedford), 1-866-943-1400,

lambtonshores.ca

### **Municipality of North Middlesex**

(Ailsa Craig, Parkhill), 519-294-6244, northmiddlesex.on.ca

### **Municipality of South Huron**

(Centralia, Crediton, Dashwood, Exeter, Huron Park, Kirkton, Mount Carmel, Shipka), 1-888-204-0747,

### southhuron.ca

### YOUR DREAM HOME

Whether you're looking for a cottage or permanent residence, resale or new home, the area offers a choice of residence styles and locations - lakefront, riverfront, forest, farm or downtown small town.

There are a variety of ownership options owning, renting or leasing, so it's a good idea to visit a number of communities and determine the right ownership style for you.

Active adult lifestyle communities, include **Grand Cove Estates** (ricedevelopmentcorp.ca/grand-cove) in Grand Bend, **Northville Estates** in Port Franks (519-243-2500),



**River Meadows** in Exeter (519-297-3130). Bayfield Mews in Bayfield (519-565-4542), Townsend Meadows in Forest (519-786-3420) and Meneset on the Lake (519-524-3282) and The Bluffs at Huron in Goderich (519-955-6780).

There are also year-round and seasonal communities offering land lease homes or cottages, some adult lifestyle and others for families. Many resorts or campgrounds offer a combination of seasonal trailer sites and park model

manufactured homes. These can be yearround or seasonal locations.

### RETIREMENT RESIDENCES

If it's time for a retirement residence or assisted or long-term care living, either for yourself or a parent, then consider residences such as Exeter Villa (519-235-1581), Country Manor Retirement Home in Thedford (519-296-4949), Forest View Villa Apartments in Forest (519-333-2751), Queensway Retirement Home

in Hensall (519-262-2830). Bluewater **Rest Home & Apartments** in Zurich (519-236-4373). The Ontario health care system's Community Care Access Centre in Huron and Lambton help coordinate local services to accommodate retirees remaining in their own homes. One **Care** (877-502-8277) offers programs for older adults and those with special needs to support independent living and community involvement.

### TRANSPORTATION

Huron Shores Area Transit serves towns. villages and hamlets in the municipalities of Lambton Shores, Bluewater, Kettle & Stony Point First Nation, North Middlesex and South Huron.

Bus fares are affordable and depend on a passenger's starting point and destination. For more info visit,

huronshoresareatransit.ca

### TAXI SERVICES

**Bluewater Taxi** (519-235-3335)

**Clinton Taxi** (519-482-7433)

**Grace Taxi** (519-317-8294; 226-423-2047)

**Huron Taxi** (519-482-1100)

**Star Taxi** (519-238-7827; 519-235-2255)

**South Huron Taxi** (519-235-3335)

**That Girl Taxi** (519-238-1080)

### AGENCY OPERATED

**One Care Support** (1-844-482-7800)

**EasyRide** (1-877-500-9875)

**Lambton Elderly Outreach** 

(1-800-265-0203)

### **PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES LAMBTON SHORES**

**Grand Bend Area** 

**Community Health Centre** 

69 Main St. E., Grand Bend, 519-238-2362

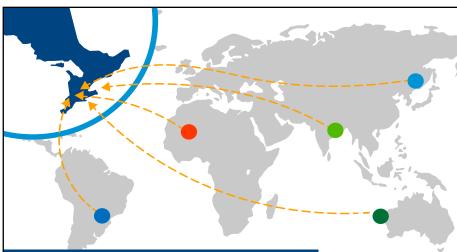
**North Lambton** 

**Community Health Centre** 

3-59 King St. W., Forest, 519-786-4545

### **SOUTH HURON**

**South Huron Medical Centre** 23 Huron Street West, Exeter, 519-235-3343



## New to Huron County?

There are many government-funded services available to assist people new to Canada including:

### **YMCA Settlement Services**

Personalized support to connect with local programs and services, along with filling out government forms

### Centre for Employment & Learning

English as an additional language classes and employment support

### **Huron County Library**

Access to computers, books and other learning materials

### **Huron County Immigration Partnership**

Information about settling in Huron County

More information available at: www.HuronCounty.ca/immigration-partnership







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### **South Huron Hospital**

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**Bluewater Area Family Health Team** 

6 Goshen St S, Zurich, 519-236-4314

### **Hensall Health Centre**

122 King St., Hensall, 519-262-3140

### **Lighthouse Medical Centre**

2 Bayfield Main St. S., Bayfield, 519-565-4141

### **WORSHIP**

### **ARKONA**

**Arkona Baptist Church** (519-828-3062) **Elim Bible Chapel** (519-828-3076)

### **DASHWOOD**

**Zion Lutheran Church** (519-237-3548)

### **EXETER**

Bethel Reformed Church (519-235-1435)

**Christian Reformed Church** (519-235-2990)

Exeter Bible Fellowship (519-235-3501)

**Exeter Pentecostal Tabernacle** (519-235-2991)

**Exeter United Church** (519-235-0860)

**Precious Blood Church** (519-235-4546)

**Trivitt Memorial Church** (519-235-2565)

**Vitalpoint Church** (519-299-1344)

### **FOREST**

**Anglican Parish of North Lambton** (519-786-2634)

**Echoes of Faith Pentecostal Church** (519-786-2808)

**Forest Baptist Church** (519-786-3480)

**Forest Gospel Hall** (519-786-2600)

**Forest United Church** (519-786-2514)

**Jehovah Witness Kingdom** (519-786-6200)

Lakeshore Gospel Hall (519-786-4040)

St. Christopher's Roman Catholic Church (519-786-5243)

St. James Presbyterian Church (519-786-4522)



### **GRAND BEND**

Baha'i Community of Lambton Shores (519-238-8092)

**Grand Bend Church of God** (519-238-2142)

**Huron Shores United Church** (519-238-2402)

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic** (519-238-8556)

St. John's By-The-Lake Anglican Church (519-235-2565)

### **HENSALL**

**Hensall United Church** (519-262-2935)

### **IPPERWASH**

Ravenswood United Church (519-786-5682)

### **THEDFORD**

**Bethel Pentecostal Church** (519-296-4468)

**Knox Presbyterian Church** (519-296-4910)

**Pinery Baptist Church** (519-243-2144)

Thedford-Sylvan United Church (519-296-5657)

### **ZURICH / ST. JOSEPH**

St. Boniface Catholic Church (1-877-450-6414)

**St. Peter's Catholic Church** (1-877-450-6414)

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church** (519-236-4697)

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519-238-2001 info@itstartsatthebeach.ca

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Monday - Friday, 8am to 4pm

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### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

- Medical / Fire / Police: 911
- · Ontario Provincial Police: 1-800-310-1122

### **PARKING**

Parking is free, except in Grand Bend during peak summer months. Overnight street parking is not allowed from 2am to 6am year round. Seasonal Parking Passes are \$150 (valid April 15-November 1); overnight parking passes are \$10 per night. Seasonal and overnight parking with pass is available only in the Huron Street, Mid-Town, Ontario Street and Municipal Drive parking lots.

Parking fees help pay for lifeguards, daily beach cleaning, washrooms, water quality testing and more!

**Parking Inquiries:** 519-243-1400

& 519-238-5246

### WITH YOUR PHONE

Download a handy parking app for your phone to pay for parking with just a tap, get an alert when there's 15 minutes of time left and top up your time from anywhere.

lambtonshores.ca/parking

### **PARKING NOTES**

- Drivers with an "Accessible Parking" Permit" or "Disabled Person Parking Permit" may park on Main Street West for FREE. Ensure permit is visible!
- Pay parking infraction tickets online at lambtonshores.ca/parking or at any of the three Lambton Shores Municipal offices.
- Buy overnight passes using the parking app, parking machines and at the Grand Bend Municipal Office.
- Download parking map and brochure from lambtonshores.ca/parking

### **HURON SHORES AREA PUBLIC TRANSIT**

Huron Shores Area Transit provides bus service to Ailsa Craig, Bayfield, Dashwood, Exeter, Forest, Grand Bend, Kettle & Stony Point First Nation and Parkhill and from the region to and from London and Sarnia. For routes and rates, visit

huronshoresareatransit.ca

Bluewater Taxi, 519-565-2700 **Clinton Taxi**, 519-482-7433 Grace Taxi, 519-317-8294 Huron Taxi, 519-482-1100 Star Taxi, 519-238-7827 **South Huron Taxi**. 519-235-3335 That Girl Taxi. 519-238-1080

### **HOSPITALS / CLINICS**

### Hospitals:

South Huron Hospital - ER. 24 Huron St. W., Exeter, 519-235-2700

Clinton Public Hospital - ER, 98 Shipley St., Clinton, 519-482-3440

Alexandra Marine & General Hospital ER, Goderich, 519-524-8323

### Walk-In Clinics:

**Grand Bend & Area Community** Health Centre, 69 Main St. E., Grand Bend 519-238-2362 Saturday 9am-11:30am only.

### MD Connected Walk-in Clinic,

Forest, 1-877-406-9362, Wednesday - Saturday 10am-2pm.

### **South Huron Medical Centre**

23 Huron St. W., Exeter 519-235-3343 Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays 10:45 am-1:45pm Closed Christmas Day.

Any medical question can be made to Telehealth 866-797-0000.

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Clinton: Circle K (Esso), 89 Albert St. Shell. 238 Albert St.

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Forest: Esso, 73 Main St. S. (Forest)

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Hensall: Shell, 80 London Rd. (Hwy. 4)

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Al's Gas & Variety, 9401 W. Ipperwash Rd. Gas & Convenience, 7119 Lakeshore Rd.

### Port Franks / Northville:

GoCo, 8565 Lakeshore Rd. MacPherson's, 8512 Lakeshore Rd.

St. Joseph: Mobil, Hwy. 21 & CR84

Thedford: GoCo, 78 Main St. Zurich: Petro Line, 29 Main St.

### **PARKING AREAS & LOTS**

	Per Hour	Daily Max.	Hours	Overnight (w/ \$10 Pass)	Overnight (w/ Seasonal Pass)	Boat Trailer & Large Vehicle
Main St. W. / 5724*	\$2	2 hours	Holidays & Wknds: 10am-6pm Weekdays: Noon-5pm FREE before or after hours	No	No	
River Rd. / 5730*	\$2	2 hours	8am - 4pm	No	No	Boat Trailer in appropriate spots
King St. / 5722*	\$3	\$15	6am - 3am			
Mid-Town / 5723*	\$5	\$25	6am - 3am			
Huron St. / 5729*	\$5	\$25	6am - 3am**			
Main Beach / 5720*	\$5	\$25	6am - 11pm**	No	No	
North Beach / 5721*	\$5	\$25	6am - 11pm**	No	No	
Gill Rd. / 5727*	FREE	FREE	6am - 11pm	No	No	
Municipal Dr. / 5728*	FREE	FREE to 3am	6am - 3am			Boat Trailer & RV
Ontario St. S. / 5726*	FREE	FREE	6am - 11pm			Boat Trailer Only

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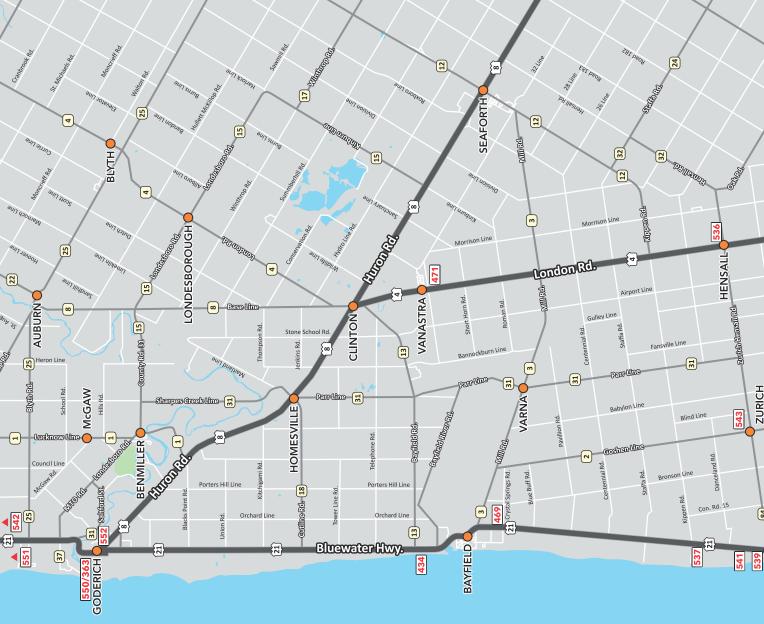
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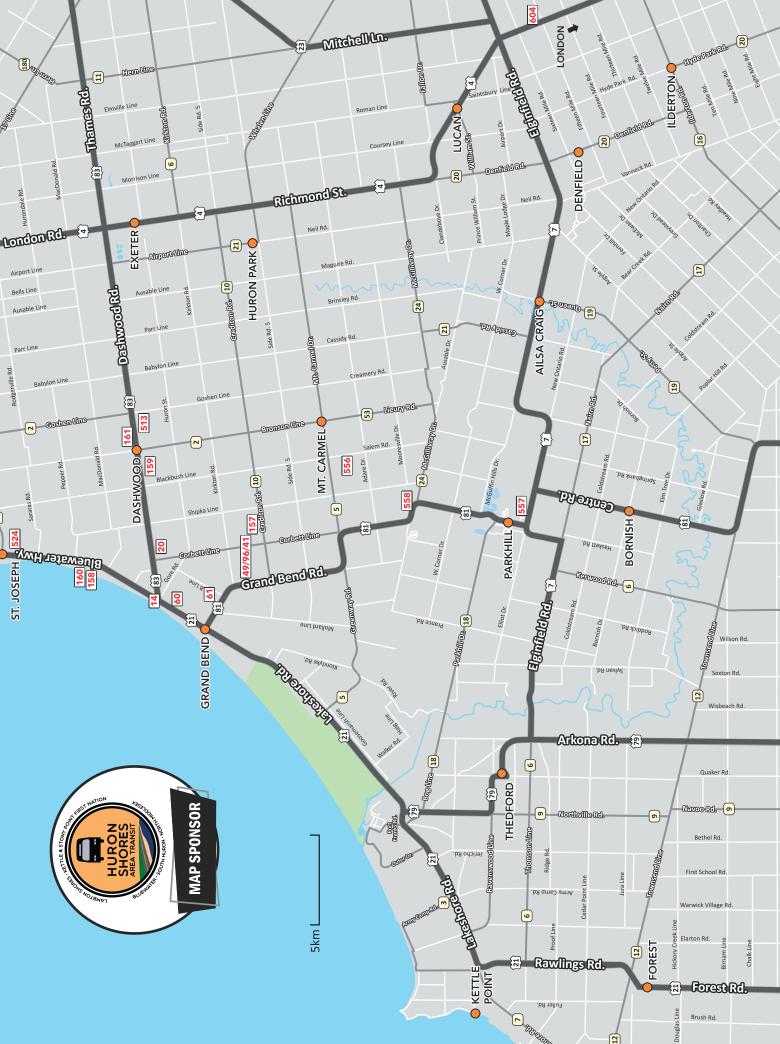
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