


An aerial photograph of a narrow river winding through a lush, dense green forest. The river is dark and calm, reflecting the surrounding foliage. Several kayakers are visible on the river, spaced out along its length. The kayakers are wearing colorful gear, and their kayaks are also brightly colored. The forest is thick with various types of trees, creating a vibrant green canopy. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic, highlighting the natural beauty of the area.

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Message from the President



As a proud resident of Norfolk County, I am delighted to present the 2025 edition of the Experience Norfolk County guide. This guide is a remarkable resource that captures the essence of our vibrant and picturesque community, providing a comprehensive directory of incredible attractions, events, and businesses that make Norfolk County such a special place.

Norfolk County offers an array of breathtaking experiences. From the pristine sandy beaches of Lake Erie, such as the beloved Port Dover beach, to the tranquil Port Rowan wetlands teeming with wildlife, our natural beauty is truly unparalleled. Outdoor enthusiasts can revel in boating, hiking, biking, and soaking up the spectacular landscapes that surround us.

Our region is equally renowned for its rich cultural and culinary scene. Norfolk's farm-to-table movement brings fresh, seasonal ingredients to our local dining establishments, while award-winning wineries, breweries, and distilleries showcase the finest flavors of the land. Festivals and

gatherings in Norfolk County highlight the lively spirit of the community, bringing people together to enjoy local flavors, entertainment, and live music that reflect the region's unique charm.

The arts and culture thrive here, with standout venues like the Lighthouse Festival Theatre in Port Dover and the Simcoe Little Theatre offering captivating performances and creative engagement. From art galleries and museums to heritage sites and festivals, Norfolk County is a flourishing hub for artistic expression and cultural celebration.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Mayor, Council, and the staff of Norfolk County for their generous support which has been instrumental in making this initiative possible.

Come explore Norfolk County, where natural beauty, cultural vibrancy, and unforgettable experiences come together to create the perfect destination for your next adventure!

Warm regards,
Renee VanKooten
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Journey through our award-winning farms and orchards, where hands-on experiences await from spring blossoms to fall harvest. Savor the farm-to-table flavors of our local cuisine, crafted by passionate chefs using ingredients picked at their peak. Our sun-drenched shores, from the lively Port Dover to the peaceful Long Point, offer perfect retreats after days spent exploring our agricultural bounty.

Extend your adventure with a stay at one of our charming accommodations, giving you time to fully experience our rural pathways, exciting outdoor escapes, and vibrant farmers' markets – all highlighting the best our region has to offer. Immerse yourself in our thriving arts scene, distinctive museums, and historic downtowns that tell the story of our local heritage. Each day in Norfolk County offers new discoveries, and an overnight stay gives you the chance to fully embrace all we have to offer.

More than simply a destination, you'll find Norfolk is a place to connect and grow. Come discover the richness of Ontario's Garden – where tradition meets innovation, and every season brings new delights!

Amy Martin, Mayor



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Made in Norfolk: The Industrial Heart of Ontario's Garden

Behind Norfolk County's picturesque agricultural and waterfront landscapes beats a robust industrial heart, where manufacturing innovation and craftsmanship combine to create a diverse economic ecosystem. From global-scale operations to specialized artisanal producers, Norfolk's manufacturing sector showcases the region's versatility beyond its farming identity.

Industry titans anchor the county's manufacturing presence, with companies like Titan Trailers crafting heavy-duty transportation solutions, Toyotetsu producing precision automotive parts, and Lake Erie Steel forging essential materials. Food manufacturing thrives at Unilever's production facility and Klassic Coconut's processing operations, while the Port Dover fishing industry continues its generations-old tradition of harvesting Lake Erie's bounty.

Other producers transform local ingredients into specialty products that showcase regional flavors—Uncle Bob's



Popping Corn packages perfectly crunchy kernels, Dennis' Horseradish delivers fiery condiments, and Green Cottage Kitchen crafts artisanal preserves. Norfolk BBQ, Alderbrook Farm and Apiary, Jenson Cheese, Country Home Candles, Picards, and Dalton White Farms are other notable examples.

These businesses showcase just a fraction of the county's diverse manufacturing industry. From industrial powerhouses to artisanal workshops, they also demonstrate Norfolk County's balanced economy—one that honors its agricultural heritage while embracing manufacturing innovation and excellence.

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with the same attention to detail and seasonal ingredients as their spirited counterparts.

Whether you're abstaining for a day or a lifetime, Norfolk County invites you to raise a glass and discover that the art of celebration needs no proof.



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Vineyard Views & Lakeside Dreams: Where to Stay

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Heritage homes transformed into elegant inns provide guests with personalized service and homemade breakfast featuring local produce. Wine enthusiasts can stay at vineyard accommodations, waking to views of rolling vines before sampling award-winning Norfolk wines.

For outdoor enthusiasts, offerings include camping, glamping, and rustic cabins – providing an authentic connection to Norfolk's natural splendor. Boutique hotels blend modern amenities with small-town charm, while family-friendly resorts offer activities for all ages.

Whether seeking romantic seclusion, family adventure, or a peaceful retreat, Norfolk County's accommodations embrace visitors with Canadian warmth while showcasing the farm-fresh bounty and natural beauty that has earned it the title of "Ontario's Garden."

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Ingredients

- 1 graham cracker split in half
- 3/4 oz. milk chocolate candy bar about 1/2 of a single serving 1.5 oz. bar
- 1 marshmallow

Instructions

1. Get your campfire going.
2. Place marshmallow on roasting stick.
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Port Dover Beach

If you're up to savour a footlong hotdog, perch burger, ice cream, spend an afternoon lounging on the beach, fishing from the pier or watching the commercial fishing tugs return with their catch, the Port Dover Beach is a great place to anchor for the day. This is the only wheelchair accessible beach in Norfolk.

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



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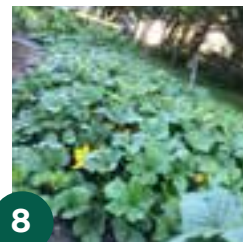
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asparagus shoots 5. Mature
corn stalks 6. Mature tobacco plants
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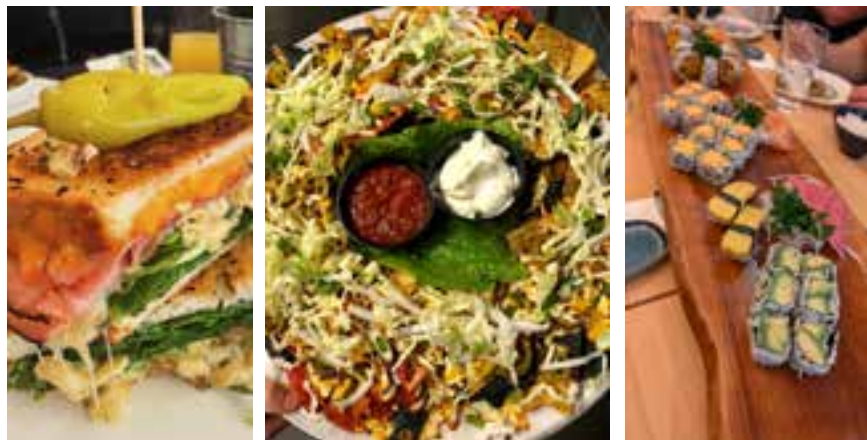
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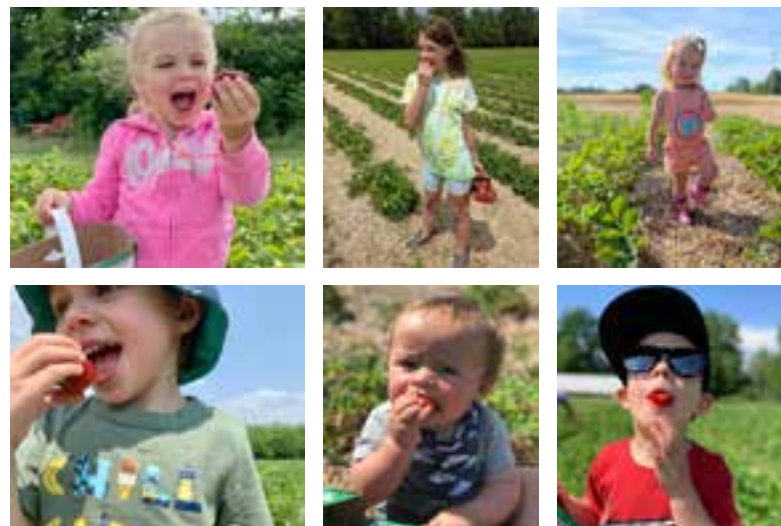
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Norfolk County's culinary scene defies expectations, blending international inspiration with hyperlocal ingredients to create a surprisingly diverse food landscape in the heart of Ontario's Garden. From roadside food trucks to elegant dining rooms, the region serves up a world of flavours while maintaining deep connections to its agricultural roots.

Innovative chefs transform Norfolk's just-harvested bounty into dishes spanning global cuisines—savor authentic Japanese sushi, vibrant Mexican taquerias, fragrant Jamaican jerk, and flavourful Filipino specialties. The county's culinary diversity reflects a commitment to both tradition and innovation, with each restaurant offering its unique interpretation of farm-to-table dining.

What unites these varied establishments

is their shared commitment to showcasing Norfolk's exceptional produce. Chefs build relationships with local farmers, designing menus around what's freshest and most flavourful each season. This collaborative approach ensures diners experience authentic global flavours enhanced by the distinct quality of locally-grown ingredients.

For food enthusiasts seeking both comfort and adventure, Norfolk offers beloved classics alongside bold international offerings. Casual lakeside eateries serve freshly-caught perch, while innovative establishments reimagine Norfolk's harvest with global flair.

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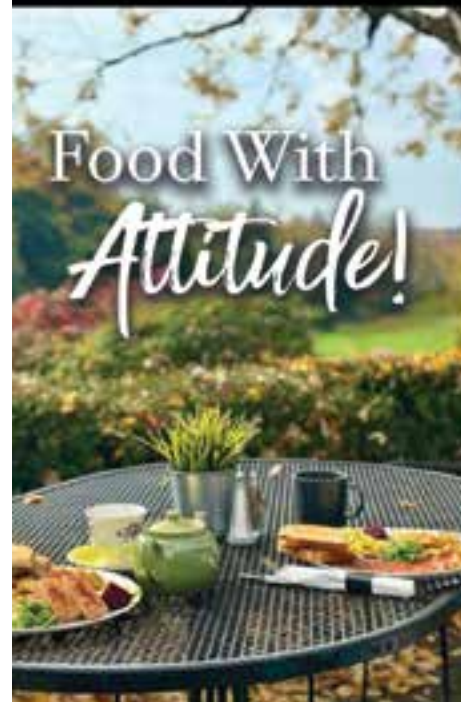
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Later in life, I realized that grilled asparagus tastes even better! It takes on a hint of smokiness that combines nicely with the sweet chlorophyll that asparagus offers in abundance. Here's how I gleefully prep and grill fresh Norfolk County asparagus;

1. Snap the bottom off each stalk by holding the very bottom with one hand and bending the bulk of



the stalk away until it snaps off. Dispose of the woody bottoms as they are too fibrous to eat.

2. Submerge the asparagus in water. Cool to tepid - it doesn't seem to matter too much about the temperature. Let it soak for just a minute, and give it a swish to rinse any sand out of the tips.
3. Spread the asparagus out on a paper- or dish-towel and let dry, at least mostly.

4. Pour a few tablespoons of olive oil on a plate, shake some salt and pepper onto the olive oil. I sometimes use garlic salt, and seasoning salt is a tasty variation, too.
5. Put a handful of spears at a time down onto the oil and roll them to coat, then transfer to another plate.
6. Place your spears on the pre-heated grill perpendicular to the bars to prevent losing too many spears by rolling through the slots. (To be honest, I just cook the asparagus at whatever temperature I want to cook any other foods at. It just takes a little longer if the grill is cooler)
7. After the spears turn a brighter green roll them all over and wait until the leafy tips get just a bit of char starting to appear. It should only be a couple of minutes. Roll again, wait for char again, and remove

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
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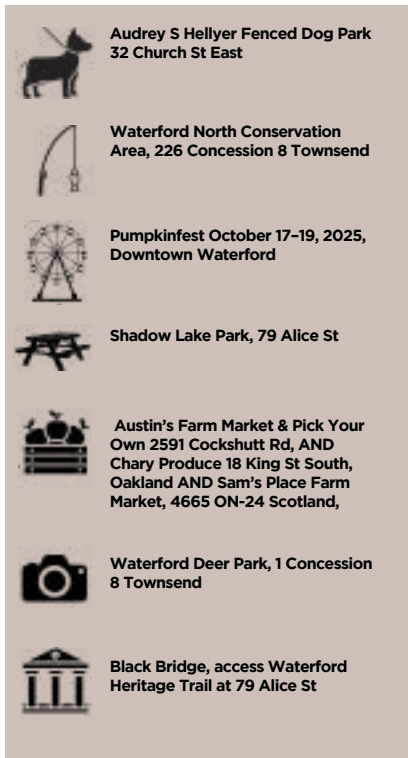
Welcome to Waterford!



Tucked in the heart of Norfolk County, Waterford is a charming town waiting to be explored along the scenic Trans Canada Trail. The historic Black Bridge offers stunning sunset views, while the surrounding trails wind through town and connect to nearby communities. Nature lovers will be captivated by the many ponds perfect for fishing, canoeing or kayaking.

Downtown Waterford is full of character, where antique and modern shops sit side by side. Enjoy a stroll through unique boutiques, indulge in treats from local eateries, and sip a brew at the town's microbrewery or grab a cuppa from Norfolk's only coffee roaster.

Families will love a visit with the local deer or checking out the skate park in summer, complete with jumps and ramps. Parents can relax or visit the museum nearby, which tells Waterford's story—



including the transformation of the old pickle factory.

For adventure seekers, geocaching offers a fun way to explore town. Art, music, and community events fill the Old Town Hall year-round, while beloved festivals like Dragon Boat races and Pumpkinfest keep the spirit alive.

No need to head north—Waterford has it all, minus the bears and long drive.



Homegrown



Take a Taste of Norfolk Home

Memories fade, but flavours linger. In Norfolk County, visitors can capture the essence of “Ontario’s Garden” through artisanal products crafted by passionate local producers. Each can of craft beer, jar of preserves, bottle of wine, or handcrafted treat tells the story of this bountiful region.

Norfolk’s specialty shops showcase the county’s agricultural heritage through carefully curated offerings. Discover small-batch preserves that transform summer berries into winter delights, or locally-produced honey capturing the distinctive floral notes of the region. Award-winning wineries bottle the unique terroir of Norfolk’s sandy soils, while craft breweries transform local ingredients into distinctive ales and lagers that reflect the county’s character.

Artisanal cheese makers, boutique bakeries, and specialty food purveyors offer edible souvenirs that embody Norfolk’s commitment to quality and tradition. Look for specialty lavender products, small-batch maple syrup, and expertly cured charcuterie—each representing the skilled craftsmanship of local food artisans.

Whether seeking gifts for loved ones or personal indulgences, Norfolk’s local shops provide authentic flavours that can’t be found elsewhere. Each purchase supports the dedicated producers who are the backbone of the region’s thriving food economy.

Download the Visit Norfolk app to discover hidden gems among the county’s specialty shops and bring a true taste of Ontario’s Garden home with you.



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From Field to Fork Norfolk's Fresh Market Experience



There's a particular joy in purchasing produce directly from the person who coaxed it from the soil. Throughout Norfolk County, this connection between grower and eater comes alive at vibrant farmers' markets and charming roadside stands that dot the rural landscape, offering an intimate glimpse into the agricultural heart of Ontario's Garden.

The Simcoe Farmers' Market buzzes with activity each Thursday as vendors arrange displays of just-harvested vegetables, fresh-baked goods, and artisanal products. Port Dover's Silver Lake Market operates year-round every Saturday, while

the seasonal Port Rowan Farmers' Market showcases the region's peak summer bounty each Friday afternoon from June through Thanksgiving.

What makes Norfolk's market experience special is the opportunity to engage directly with producers. Farmers eagerly share growing practices, cooking suggestions, and the stories behind their specialized crops, from heirloom tomato varieties to specialty garlic cultivars.

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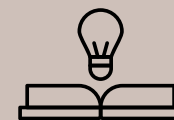
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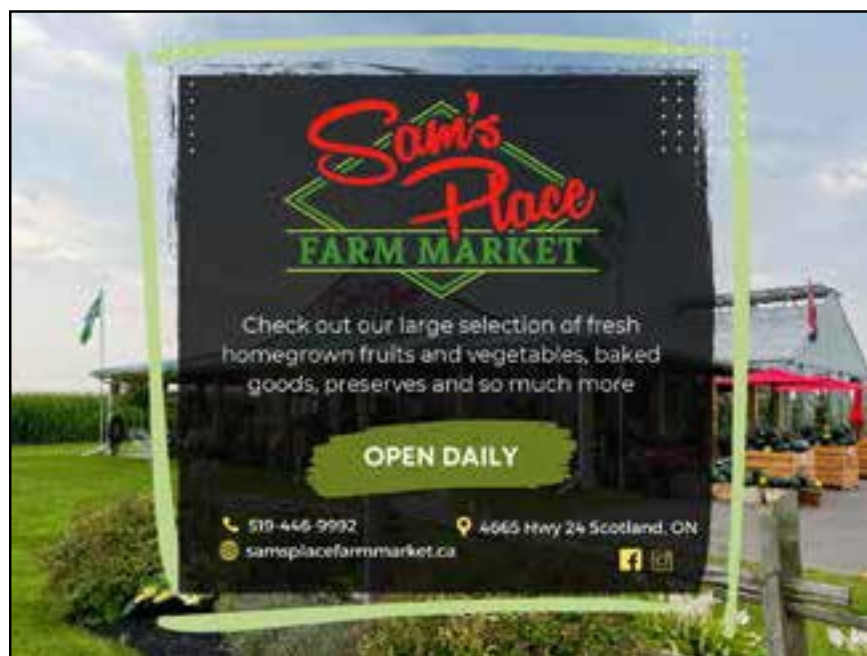


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Norfolk County is also the #1 Grower for Strawberries in Ontario.

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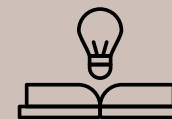
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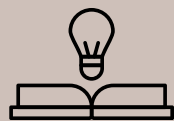
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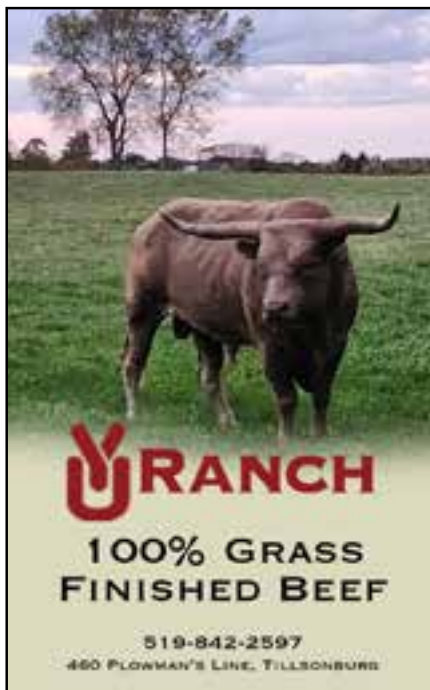


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One of Port Rowan's biggest draws is its close proximity to Long Point, a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve. It's a paradise for bird watchers, especially during migration seasons, and offers endless opportunities for hiking, boating, and kayaking. Nature lovers will feel right at home.

In town, you'll find quaint shops, cozy cafés, and local eateries serving up fresh Lake Erie perch and homemade treats. Take a leisurely walk along the marina, browse artisan goods, or simply enjoy the views – there's no rush here.



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Port Rowan's charm lies in its simplicity. Whether you're watching the sunset over the lake, chatting with locals, or exploring the surrounding countryside, you'll find that time just seems to slow down.

Perfect for a weekend trip or a peaceful stop on a Southern Ontario road trip, Port Rowan welcomes visitors with open arms and plenty of small-town warmth.

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Shopping enthusiasts can explore unique boutiques in the County's historic downtowns, offering handcrafted jewelry, fashion, and local art as perfect keepsakes.

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Simcoe Farmers' Market, 172 South Dr AND Lucky Lee's 1725 McDowell Rd East AND Four Seasons Farm Shop 691 Norfolk St South AND The Apple Place 99 Queensway East



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Art aficionados will love the Lynwood Arts Centre and Capitol Arts Market that can be visited year-round. There are also twice-yearly pottery sales and a Studio Tour to be held this year on June 21st and 22nd. Art aficionados who want to stay in their air-conditioned car can enjoy the Drive Thru Art Gallery, a collection of murals hung on downtown light posts featuring paintings submitted by local artists.

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The brewing scene pulses with similar innovation, often hidden in plain sight within repurposed heritage structures that tell stories of their own. Watch brewmasters work their magic with locally grown hops and grains, creating signature pours that capture Norfolk's essence in every glass.

What sets this region apart isn't just quality but authenticity – producers who cultivate their own ingredients, experiment fearlessly with flavor profiles, and

welcome visitors like family. Each tasting room offers not just samples but insights into a craft-focused community redefining what Ontario beverages can be.

Norfolk – An Emerging Wine Region

While you might think Ontario is too far north for growing grapes, Norfolk actually shares the same latitude with other wine regions including Tuscany. Ontario's angle to the sun allows us to soak up the sunshine needed to ripen classic grape varieties. The fluctuations in daily temperature over the course of the growing season create conditions critical to achieving a fine balance between acidity, alcohol and fruit expression making our wines more aromatic, lighter in body and higher in acidity than those from hotter areas.

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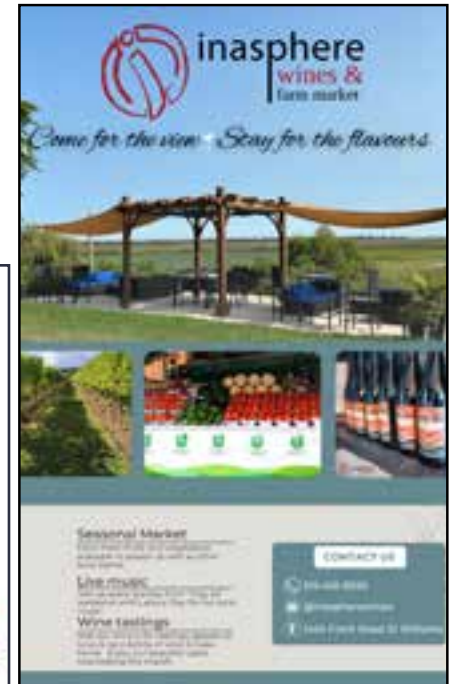


Norfolk County: Wineries & Breweries



Explore Norfolk County's vibrant craft beverage scene with Ride The Bine. Details at ridethebine.com

Several local wineries and breweries in Norfolk County utilize their own crops to produce beer and wine, showcasing the region's agricultural richness. This practice not only enhances the quality of their products but also supports local farming initiatives.





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Dog Days of Summer

Lindsay Kalliokoski and her golden doodle Luna at last year's Hounds of Erie Winery, Dog Days of Summer on doodle day.

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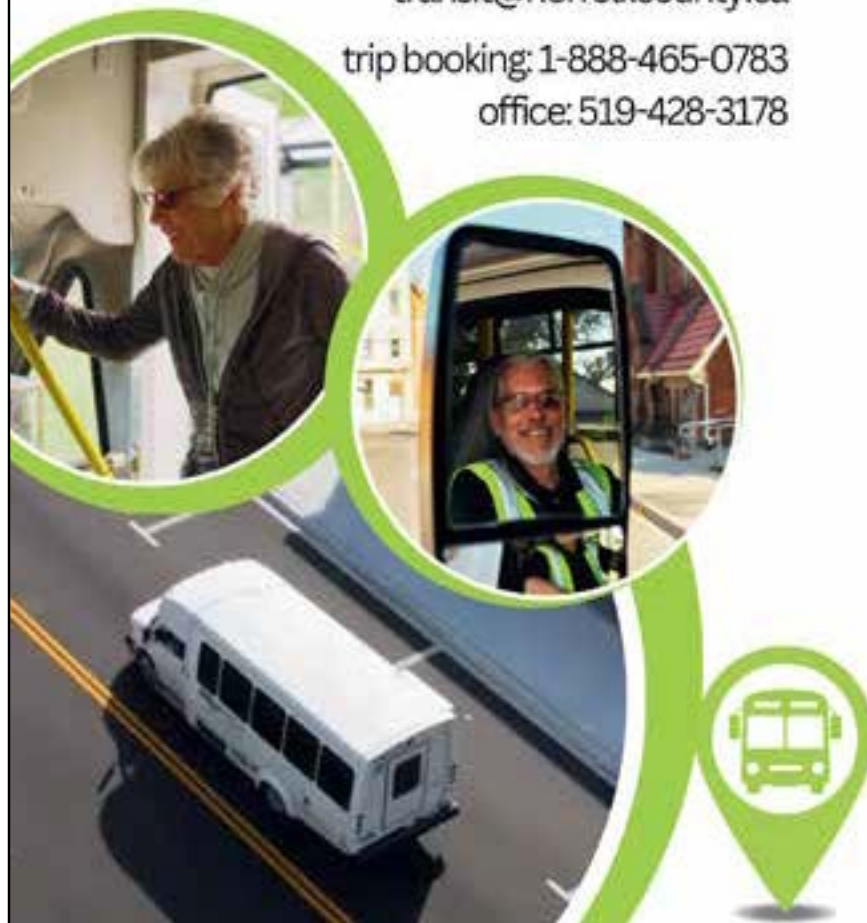
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What do you want to shop for? Downtown Simcoe is a go-to for thrifting, Port Dover for classy clothing, Waterford for antiques and Port Rowan for gifts and décor. If you want a

unique baby-friendly café and boutique, you'll need to stop in at Little Local in Delhi. Lovers of arts and crafts can find hand-made items at every festival, and high-end art at the Lynwood Arts Centre, the Lighthouse Festival Theatre Gallery, Waterford Old Town Hall and Capitol Arts Market. The Woodhouse Gallery and Cabin 519 in Port Dover offer a blend of fine art and fine crafts. And if you like to take your own photos, you came to the right place! Every corner of the county offers another beautiful setting.

Entertainment is easy to find; do you prefer theatre, rodeo or live music? You can take a country drive, stroll through a botanical garden or people-watch at the beach. Maybe you'd rather just slather on some sunscreen, settle down on the warm sand, and spend some time doing nothing at all.

Skate and Splash Parks



Skateparks

- Port Dover Skatepark
809 St. George Street
- Port Rowan Skatepark
34 Price Street
- Waterford Skate Park
159 Nichol Street



Splash Parks

- Delhi Splash Park
336 Talbot Road
- Simcoe Kinsmen Splash Park
281 Head Street North



Budget-Friendly Activities for Young Families

Build a Sandcastle

you can take some inexpensive snack containers to help you make bricks.

Throw Rocks in the Water

at the beach or the river, just pick up some pebbles and plunk them in. Toddlers love it!

Feed the Birds

grapes or seeds, but not bread, please!

Splash Pad

They're free in Simcoe and Delhi. Bring a lawn chair to chase the shade.

Story Time at a Norfolk Public Library branch

Bring a blankie or stuffy and pick a few books to read in the comfy chairs.

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County Fair Night Market

June 13 / Port Dover
Friday the 13th

June 14 / Simcoe • Norfolk
County Fairgrounds Festival

June 14 / Delhi
Delhi BIA Annual Ford Mustang
Car Show

June 22 / Waterford
Invasion of the Dragons Dragon
Boat Festival

July 1 / Port Dover
Canada Day Celebration

Norfolk Ag Society Monster
Trucks - Motocross Mayhem
Saturday, July 5th

July 18-20 / Simcoe
Norfolk Pro Rodeo

Concerts in the Vineyard at
Burning Kiln Winery. Nightly from
July 23 to July 27

August 1-4 / Simcoe
Simcoe Heritage Friendship
Festival

August 8-10 / Turkey Point
Summerfest

August 8-10 / South Coast Jazz
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August 15-17 / Port Dover
Summer Festival / Art in the Park

August 29-31 / Port Rowan
Bayfest

September 5-7 / Homegrown
Hideaway
Birdtown Jamboree

September 19-21 / Walsh
Donnybrook Fair

September 27 / Port Dover
Beerstock

October 7-13 / Simcoe • Norfolk
County Fair & Horse Show

October 17-19 / Waterford
Waterford Pumpkinfest

November 15 / Port Dover
Christmas Fest & Santa Parade

November 29-January 4 /
Simcoe • Simcoe Christmas
Panorama

November 28-29 / Simcoe
Norfolk County Fair Christmas
Night Market

December 6 / Delhi
Delhi Santa Claus Parade

December 13 / Waterford
Santa Claus Parade

Rainy Days are Library Days



Norfolk is known largely for outdoor activities, but what is there to do when it rains? Well, around here we know that rainy days are library days! The Norfolk County Public Library has branches in Delhi, Port Dover, Port Rowan, Simcoe and Waterford. All branches are open Tuesday through Saturday with later closing times on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Each branch has a children's area, reading suggestions, and comfortable seating in which to while away a gloomy afternoon, but libraries nowadays offer so much more than just books to educate and entertain you! From themed children's programming to communal puzzle tables to maker spaces, libraries offer hours of activities for everybody in the family, whether they are bookworms or not. Visit the nearest branch or check the website for the programming calendar. The main NCPL website covers all five branches and also offers a large digital library. Visit olc.ncpl.ca

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When the pioneers settled Ontario, towns were very small and there were a lot of them. The evolution of transport from horse and buggy to faster cars has led to the shrinking of the villages in rural Ontario. As it became easier to get around, efficiencies of scale led

to centralizing services and industry. What tends to be left these days is a cluster of houses on a crossroads, with a sign indicating a town name and a lower speed limit. These villages were complete with churches, schools, businesses, post offices and vital railroad stations. Here are some tiny pieces of the rich history of rural hamlets.



In 1868 some ambitious Americans decided to drill for oil in Lynedoch. They built large vats to contain the oil, but never found any. What they did find was sulphur springs, which were visited by the injured and ill for the healing properties.



Dog's Nest is the hamlet that won't die. Due to its unique name, Dog's Nest's signage was stolen time and again. The businesses eventually closed, and the widening of Highway 6 led to the removal of many of its houses. Over the course of the twentieth century, Dog's Nest essentially disappeared. In 2019 however, a local man, one of the remaining population of 7, decided to raise funds for a theft-proof sign. This was achieved with a large etched rock sign in 2023.



Vittoria was briefly the capital of the London District of Upper Canada from 1815 to 1825. The courthouse (which was complete with a jail and gallows) burned down in 1825 and the government decided it made sense to seat the London District in, well, London.



Originally named Knicksville, this village adapted the shortened version of its name that was developed by railroad conductors. This easy-going community didn't deserve the tornado that, in 1907, blew the chimney off every building in the village.



Rattlesnake Harbour was so named because of early sightings of rattlesnakes here, although nowadays, herpetologists will tell you it's only a habitat for Eastern Hognose snakes, which are thankfully, non-venomous!



In 1950 an armed robbery of the Imperial Bank in Langton ended in bloodshed. Two vigilantes chased the robber from the bank. The robber shot his pursuers before hiding in the woods. 500 men participated in a manhunt that lasted three days and eventually brought the robber to justice.



Thanks to "bog iron" deposits in the marshy areas around Turkey Point, a large forge was built to produce many kinds of household goods. A pottery was also located here, making Normandale the industrial centre of the region.



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The cheerful face of Scout, Norfolk County's beloved warbler mascot has been popping up at events in Norfolk for over a year now. Scout is best friends with Ace, the Norfolk County Fair Mascot. Ace was there to show Scout around when he made his debut at the fair in 2024. Scout is very shy, but if he feels encouraged, he just might break out dancing!

Scout always dresses his best when he attends Simcoe & District Chamber of Commerce events! He especially loves the Norfolk Home and Lifestyle Show, because he is a homebuilder himself!



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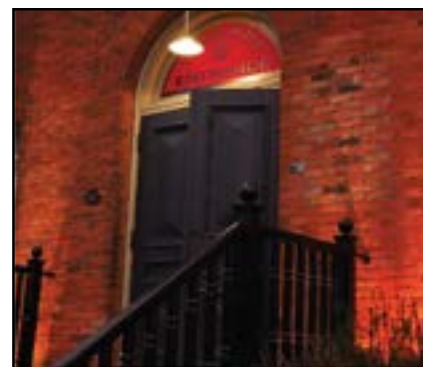
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- Delhi Mustang Roundup: Sat. June 14 10am-2pm
- 2025 John Picard Classic Car Show: Sun. July 6 9am-12pm
- Simcoe Friendship Festival: Sun. Aug. 3 8am-3pm
- Classic & Hops at Ramblin' Road: Sat. Aug. 30 9am-3pm



- Bayfest: Sun. Aug. 31 9am-1:30pm
- Donnybrook Fair: Sat. Sept. 20 9am-1:30pm
- Waterford Pumpkinfest Sun. Oct. 19 8am-4pm

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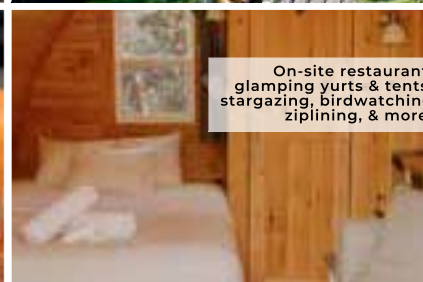
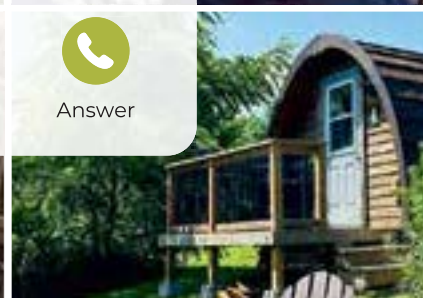
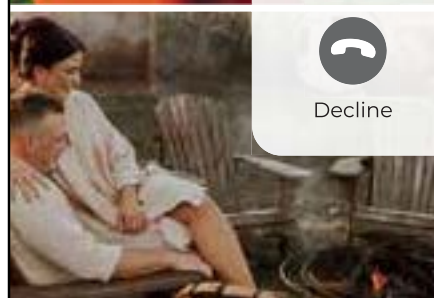
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