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On the cover: Locking through at the Narrows. Photo by Margaret Brand



The Westport & Rideau Lakes Chamber of Commerce operates the Welcome Centre and public washrooms – in conjunction with the Village of Westport – on Spring St. in the village.

Welcome

The Rideau Valley Visitors' Guide for 2016-17 is published by The Review-Mirror in conjunction with the Westport and Rideau Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

We hope you enjoy it and refer to it all through the year as you enjoy all the Rideau region has to offer.

From festivals and events to museums and recreational opportunities,

the Rideau has something to offer year round.

For extensive information about the area, please visit the Westport Welcome Centre at 1 Spring Street in downtown Westport. The Westport centre houses public washrooms and showers.

Rideau Canal lock stations and several businesses in the area also have information on display.

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Entertaining and varied line-up for 10th annual

The 10th annual MUSICWestport will feature two stages and at least eight groups, in Westport Sat., Aug. 20.

The two stages are behind The Cove and at Soho's on Bedford Street.

The free afternoon of concerts, sponsored by the Westport Arts Council and local businesses, runs from Noon until 6:30 p.m.

The line-up includes a far-ranging selection of music from bluegrass to country to rock and roll.

It all starts off with a kick off party at The Cove Friday night with MonkeyJunk, an award-winning Blues/Rock band from Ottawa.

(www.monkeyjunkband.com), sponsored by Christine Jennings Bowes & Cocks Realty/My Dog Spa.

Saturday starts off with an amateur fiddle competition from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The line-up includes: Little Rideau Farm Maple Syrup Stage at Soho's Storage, 43 Bedford St. 9:30-11:30 Amateur Fiddle Competition

12:00-1:00 Turpin's Trail (East Coast/Folk, Kingston)

1:30-2:40 Bob Burtch Bluegrass Band (Bluegrass, Seeley's Bay)

3:00-4:10 Drumhand

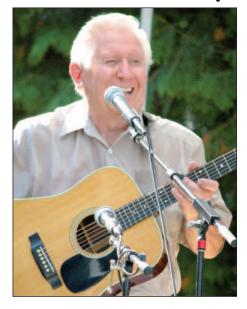
(World/Percussion/Folk-Jazz, Toronto) 4:30-6:00 Russell DeCarle Trio (Western Swing/Blues/Country, Peterborough)

Westport Village IDA Pharmacy Stage at The Cove, 2 Bedford St. www.coveinn.com

12:30-1:40 The Soots
Old-time/Bluegrass, Montreal
www.facebook.com/thesootsband
2:00-3:10 Tavis E. Triance & The
Natural Way (Psychedelic
Rock,Vancouver/Montreal)
www.thenaturalway.band
3:30-4:30 Krief (Indie Rock, Montreal)
www.krief.ca
5:00-6:30 Oh Susanna (Folk/Pop,
Toronto) www.ohsusanna.com

MONKEYJUNK

The 2008 birth of the Ottawa-based band MonkeyJunk came along just when music fans needed them the most. They brought an accessible and refreshing blend of swamp-rock roots and blues to the table and haven't



Bob Burtch brings his talented band back to MUSICwestport.

looked back. In the relatively short time they've been together, the members of MonkeyJunk have won a collective 20 Maple Blues Awards, two Canadian Independent Music Awards, a Blues Music Award (USA), and have been nominated twice for a JUNO Award. This power rock and roll trio consists of three of Ottawa's greats. Steve Marriner on vocals, guitar and more, lead guitarist Tony D and drummer Matt Sobb.

www.monkeyjunkband.com

TURPIN'S TRAIL

(Kingston/Perth Road /Amherst Island)

Turpin's Trail is a Kingston-based quintet consisting of Brian Flynn, Steve Kennedy, Jon McLurg, Chris Murphy and Noah St. Amand. With a closet-full of over a dozen instruments and a wealth of great original & traditional songs and tunes, Turpin's Trail brings together five veterans of Kingston's music scene.

Formerly Crooked Wood, Turpin's Trail has just released their first self-titled record in spring of 2016. www.turpinstrail.com

BOB BURTCH BLUEGRASS

The return of the great Bob Burtch and his amazing traditional 5-piece bluegrass band featuring members of some of North America's finest

Bluegrass bands. The band had record crowds when he performed at MUSICwestport 2011. He is a an absolute star and Canadian Legend of the mandolin, having been an integral part of local young Bluegrass stars, now international touring and recording sensations, The Abrams Brothers! The band features Bob Burtch on Mandolin and Guitar (The Abrams Brothers), Peter Deachman on Guitar and Mandolin (Blue Mule), Shawn Kellett on Fiddle (Top Shelf, Hard Ride), Bill Lansdell on Bass (Blue Mule) and Steve Smith on Dobro (Tommy Hunter).

DRUMHAND (Toronto)

Hands, sticks and mallets pound out old and new rhythms on weathered skins: global beats for dancing bodies and curious ears! The ensemble was founded by percussionists David Chan, Larry Graves and Steve Mancuso in 2008, combining the circuitous rhythms of West Africa, Cuba, India and Brazil with the jazz-imbued horn work of Marcus Ali and Rebecca Hennessy. Fusing the energy of New Orleans parade bands and the uplifting spirit of American Roots Music, DRUMHAND has released their fourth album of original and worldly sounds.

Marcus Al on Saxophones, Flutes, David Chan on Percussion, Larry Graves on Percussion, Rebecca Hennessy on Trumpet, Steve Mancuso on Percussion and all sing! www.reverbnation.com/ drumhandmusic

RUSSELL DECARLE TRIO

(Peterborough)

Held together by equal measures of heartbreak and hope, and featuring performances from some of Canada's most accomplished instrumentalists, Under the Big Big Sky plays like the soundtrack to a vintage film. A fluent mix of blues, jazz and R&B tinged western swing that pays homage to some of Russell deCarle's all-time favourite artists.

As lead vocalist and bassist of iconic Canadian country roots band Prairie Oyster, deCarle is no stranger to awards and accolades.

Once in 1994, for Prairie Oyster's first number one single 'Such A Lonely

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One', and then again in 2008 for 'One Way Track', his co-write with Canadian folk legend, Willie P. Bennett.

www.russelldecarle.com

THE SOOTS

(Montreal/London)

Like a band of wandering souls wandering the days of old in the Appalachian Mountains, this band of minstrels brings their high and lonesome sound with unbridled emotion.

Travelling bv foot through southern the Ontario countryside last summer, The Soots stopped at The Cove. Now based in Montreal, their foot stompin', free wheelin', possessed style of rhythm makin' bangs on banjos, guitars and whatever the troubadours inside can muster

www.facebook.com/the-sootsband

TAVIS E. TRIANCE & THE NATURAL WAY

(Vancouver/Montreal/Westport)

Tavis Triance founded Spoon River in 2008 with Westport's twin brother rhythm factory of Jeff and Seamus Cowan joined Jason Kent and Jeff Louch and formed Spoon River who opened for Ronnie Hawkins in Stratford, Ontario as a tribute to the memory of Richard Manuel.

Inspired by influences that range from Roky Eriksson to The Royal Trux, Link Wray to Dylan, T Rex and The Rolling Stones, Spoon River recorded their debut album Kingdom of the Burned in Montreal in 2009. Their 2014 follow up was The New Sun Ahhhhh Hotel

Currently, Triance is embarking on a solo album. With producer Brad Barr of

The Barr Brothers and featuring members of the original Spoon River, the album is due for release summer 2016.

www.thenaturalway.band

KRIEF (Montreal)

Since 2004, Patrick Krief has been an unmistakable force in the acclaimed Montreal indie band The Dears. He released his solo debut in August 2007. The EP Take it or Leave was comixed by former Dears bandmate Murray Lightburn.

For the self-produced, self-mixed Hundred Thousand Pieces though, Krief recorded around 15 guitar tracks for each song and played nearly all the instruments himself and he also composed the complex, melodically independent string, brass and choir arrangements.

www.krief.ca



Oh Susanna is a 3-time Juno Award Nominee and Canadian Folk Music Award Winner.

OH SUSANNA (Toronto)

Suzie Ungerleider began performing as Oh Susanna in the mid-1990s, crafting a persona that matched the timeless qualities of her music, sounds that drew from the deep well of early 20th Century folk, country and blues.

She recorded her internationally acclaimed debut album Johnstown with assistance from Bazil Donovan (Blue Rodeo),

Peter Moore (Cowboy Junkies) and Bob Egan (Wilco/Blue Rodeo).

The follow-up was Sleepy Little Sailor and then Short Stories.

She has since become a 3time Juno Award Nominee and Canadian Folk Music Award Winner.

In that respect, her newest offering Namedropper is vintage Oh Susanna.

www.ohsusanna.com

Welcome to the Rideau!





It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Rideau Lakes.

You will find the natural beauty of this area matched only by the hospitality of the residents.

Enjoy your visit, and come back soon!

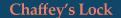
Senator Bob Runciman

(Ontario – Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes)



and take your next trip to

Vestport and Rideau La





Delta Elgin Forfar Newboro Portland Westport

Chaffey's Lock Every year more people find their way to our year-round paradise in the heart of the Rideau Lakes. Discover the pristine natural beauty of the Rideau Heritage Route. Rich in history, our area is the home of two UNESCO designations... World Heritage Site Rideau Canal and Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve.



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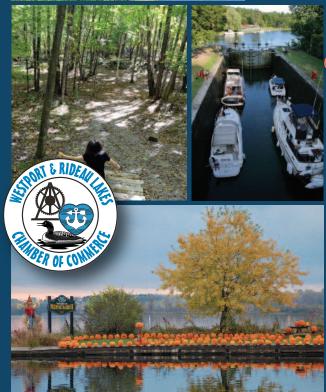
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Visitor Centre

While you're here, enjoy a warm welcome from the Visitors Centre in Westport. It is located at #3 Spring Street, (613) 273-2929. The Westport & Rideau Lakes Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Village of Westport, provide you with its many services.

Hours of operation info at www.therideaucalls.com.

More Visitor Kiosks located at:



- Hwy 15, Portland

- Main Street, Elgin

Become a member

& RIDEAU

Our Westport and Rideau Lakes Chamber of Commerce has a long and proud history of serving it's community. This history has been achieved with continuous work and recruitment. I've heard business

owners ask, "Why should I join the Chamber, what does it do for me?" This is a good question, the answer is "WE NEED YOU!"

We need your VOICE... ideas and opinions that tell the Chamber what you need as a business owner which will point us in the right direction.

We need your EXPERIENCE and SKILLS... Individually we are not all event planners, computer experts, marketing or advertising professionals, etc. When we join together, we gain all those skills. Working as a group, we can effectively promote our local businesses and our community as a whole.

Visit us online at:
TheRideauCalls.com
Westport & Rideau Lakes Chamber of Commerce

We need your SUPPORT...So far our diverse membership has provided us with the varied skills to run a successful Chamber of Commerce. We continue to form committees with ideas and plans

that turn into concrete decisions and progress. Our meetings reflect the size and diversity of our Rideau Lakes chamber area and how we can work together. Come out to the next meeting, get involved and help us represent YOU and your business.

In turn, we will show you how the Chamber is rapidly growing and how it plans to support all the businesses of Westport and the Rideau Lakes.

Please visit our website... www.therideaucalls.com.





Due to last year's smashing success when Art in the Barn introduced more artists set up in the Main Hall as well as in the Barn of the Fairgrounds, they plan to do the same again this year.

6th annual Art in the Barn July 9-10 in Lombardy

Art in the Barn is your chance to get an original work of art directly from the artists.

At the 6th annual Art in the Barn you can meet over 50 artists from the Rideau Lakes Artists' Association displaying an eclectic mix of original artwork, including water-colour, acrylic, oil, mixed media and batik paintings, and artisans showing pottery, quilting, stained glass and bird carvings. This exciting show will be held Lombardy the Agricultural Society Fairgrounds located miles south of Smiths Falls on Highway 15 at Kelly's Road on Friday, on July 8th from 5 to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

After last year's smashing success when Art in the Barn introduced more artists set up in the Main Hall as well as in the Barn of the Fairgrounds, it is continuing to provide two

fun and relaxed atmospheres to meet with the artists and talk to them about their wide diversity original artwork. Visitors will again have the opportunity to participate in the People's Choice Award which was so enthusiastically undertaken last year as well as taking part in the silent auction also featured in the Main Hall. "The Art in the Barn Show offers visitors an opportunity to take home something unique from their summer travels that they would not find in a store," said Christine Martin, Chair of the 2016 show."

A food vendor and picnic area will be available for visitors' comfort.

This unique venue has ample free parking and admission is also free. For more information about this and other shows of the Rideau Lakes Artists' Association visit www.rideaulakesartists.com.

Angling opportunities abound

With dozens of lakes across the region, fishing opportunities abound for everything from walleye to lake trout to bass and pike.

The Ministry of Natural Resources has launched a web tool that provides a range of information.

Fish ON-Line is a Google map-based interface that can be used to search for by fish species, water body or GPS coordinates.

To check it out go to www.ontario.ca/fishing.

Walleye season in Zone 18 runs from the second Saturday in May until March 1. The limits are four for a sport license and two for a conservation license. Only walleye between 15.7 and 19.7 inches can be kept.

Pike season runs from the second Saturday in May

until March 31. The limits are six for a sport license and two for a conservation license.

The Zone 18 bass season opens the third Saturday in June to Dec. 15. The limits are six for a sport license and two for a conservation license.

Trout season runs from the fourth Saturday in May until September 8. The limits are two for a sport license and one for a conservation license. Perch, crappie, sunfish and catfish are open year round.

Anglers must have a license except for Ontario residents under 18 or over 65. Visitors under 18 don't require a license but must be accompanied by someone with a license. Go to ontario.ca/fishing for more.

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24th annual Westport Antique Show and Sale

This year the Westport Antique Show continues in its 24th year of bringing antique and collectible dealers together from across Ontario and Quebec.

On June 4 and 5 more than 30 antique and collectible dealers will be displaying their wares at the Westport Community Centre.

Enthusiasts of the event are sure to discover something 'new' with the selection of dealers who will be attending the show.

The dealers will be bringing a fresh inventory including the finest antiques in glass, tools, china, pine furniture, pottery, crystal, silver, folk art, formal furniture, col-



Westport's Dale Lyons had one of his vintage carriages on display at last year's show.

lectibles, nostaglia and much more.

The event is also an opportunity for antique owners to get an appraisal of a family treasure.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. There is an admission charge.

Vendor spots are still available. Admission is \$6

and children under 12 and parking are free. Contact 613-791-2272 for more information.



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Delta Mill a National Historic Site

The jewel of the Village of Delta is The Old Stone Mill National Historic Site, an 1810 stone grist mill, which has been lovingly restored by the Delta Mill Society.

In 1963 the group purchased the mill from its last operator, Hastings Steele. Over the last fifteen years the society has restored the building through fundraising and grants.

When the mill began operating in 1810 it was a model of modern technology and of a design which allowed the mill to be operated with just one person.

In 2010 the mill society reached a long-held goal of installing milling equipment to demonstrate the mill's operation.

During the last four summers the society has milled and sold flour produced from locally-grown heritage Red Fife wheat.

This year's grinding days, at 1:00 p.m. are May 23, 24; June 4, 18 and 25; July 2, 23, 30; August 6, 20; September 3, October 1

Just steps away across the creek from the mill is the society's headquarters at the Old Town Hall where for many years they operated a museum interpreting some of the region's early industries.

A recent restoration of the hall with the addition of a modern kitchen and accessible entry and washrooms has allowed the society to use the hall for their own special events as well as for rentals.

The facilities are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week from

Victoria Day to Labor Day.

The mill is also open for special annual events the first of which is Doors Open May 28-29. On May 28, as well as tours there will be blacksmithing in the drive shed and a milling demonstration at 1:00. New this year is the Delta Shunpiker Road Tour on June 25 with lunches and routes to explore the countryside. Other annual events include: a fish fry on Saturday July 30, the Festival Harvest October 1 and November and December opening of the mill for 'Celebrate the Season' festival and in April for the Delta Maple Festival when the society holds a giant book sale. Admission to the sites is by donation.

More information can be found at www.deltamill.org.



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First annual motorcycle show Rideau Thunder

Plans coming together for the first annual Rideau Thunder motorcvcle show set Westport the weekend of July 9-10.

The show will be held in and around Lockwood field, the arena and on Concession Street itself.

There will be vendors, entertainment and food along with displays including antique collections from George Tackaberry and Barry Brown.

There will be custom and vintage bikes, a show and shine, clothing and draws.

The hours are 10-7 on Saturday, July 9 amd 10-4 on Sunday, July 10.

North Crosby Westport Heritage Day

North Crosby Westport and Newboro Heritage Day takes place July 16, 10:00 to 4:00 at North Crosby's Shillington

The event is a partnership of the Village of Westport's heritage committee and the North Crosby Hall board at the community hall and park located just south of Westport off of Ctv. Rd 10.

Antique vehicles, artifacts, ancestry research, interactive displays, history speakers and storytellers, children's heritage activities, craft market, pie baking contest, refreshment stand and much more will be part of the day.

The park is a busy place in the summer with facilities for tennis, shuffleboard and pickle ball as well as a short walking trail.

Stories at the Spring and Shakespeare in Westport

Westport Council has several events on over the course of the season.

Stories and song at the spring

Stories and Songs at the Spring will bring together musicians and storytellers at the foot of Spring Street for four events on Sunday at 7:00 p.m. on June 12, June 26, July 10 and July 24.

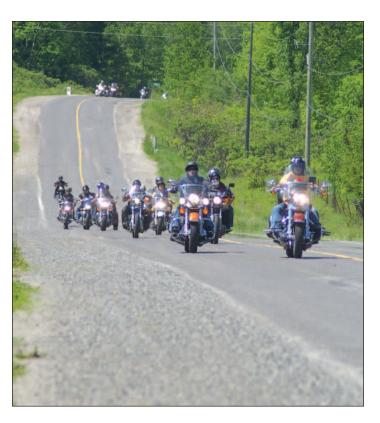
Shakespeare in Westport

The arts council brings,

on August 4, the Driftwood Theatre's Theatre in the Park-production Shakespeare's Hamlet to Lockwood Field beside the Community Centre on Spring Street.

Writers' Reading

On September 24 WAC's annual Writers Reading brings together Canadian authors to read from their work at the United Church on Spring Street.



Motorcycles have become a more common sight on the roads of the Rideau region in recent years.

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Area studios enjoy visitors on weekend tours

In summer and fall, new pleasures beckon visitors to the area when local artists open their studios to become destinations on studio tours.

On a self-guided tour visitors can meet local artists where they live and work, sometimes venturing down some of the less traveled roads in North Leeds.

While people may return home from their journey with a unique item find to add to their collection, others find the perfect gift or return with the memory of a pleasurable outing with friends or family.

Two studio tours are organized in the area, the Rideau Lakes Studio and Garden Tour on July 1 and 2 and the Fall Colours Studio Tour on Thanksgiving weekend October 8, 9, and 10.

Artists on the tours bring their skills and creativity to a variety of media assuring visitors there is always something new to see and learn.

Rideau Lakes Studio and Garden Tour

On July 1 and 2 the

Rideau Lakes Studio and Garden tour attracts art and garden enthusiasts who enjoy meeting artists at their studios and gardens. Studios are at a variety of lakeside, historic and countryside locations, many of which feature gardens.

The tour route includes studios from Chaffey's Lock to Chantry. Tour brochures are available at area businesses and a map and a list of studios are online at www.rideaulakesstudioandgardentour.ca

Fall Colours Studio Tour

The Fall Colors Studio Tour, now in its twenty seventh year, is a local tradition over the threeday Thanksgiving weekend, October 8, 9, and 10 when autumn leaves are at their peak.

Resident and guest artists are featured in the village and the surrounding countryside. Tour brochures are available at local businesses and information about the tour can be found online at www.westportstudiotours.ca.





Nicole McGrath, a participant in last year's Fall Colours Studio Tour has been forging a career for herself painting in Peru and around Ontario.



Chaffey's Lock has several events in 2016

This summer the Chaffey's Lock Heritage Society continues its tradition of bringing the community together with music at the hall, a craft market in July, and the opening of the Lockmaster's museum on June 25.

The season starts with "The Ramblin' Valley Band" Sat., May 21 at Chaffey's Community Hall. They are a versatile and musically talented group of five young men originating from Almonte, who had the hall audience dancing, singing and stamping their feet last summer.

Live music will return on June 11 with the performers to be confirmed. On July 23 'Buffy Holly and the Rockabilly Riot' is performing and on September 15 the society hosts a performance in the Ontario Festival of Small Halls. On October 29 there is a ghost walk and gathering beginning at the Chaffey's Lock Cemetery.

There's ongoing music making on



The season kicks off May 21 with the Ramblin' Valley Band.

the second and fourth Thursdays of the month with the 'Chaffey's Ukulele Group" group beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The hall, which has been lovingly cared for over the years and recently made fully accessible was built in

1932 by the community's Women's Institute group. The heritage society recently gained community-based management of the hall from the municipality. The facility is available for rentals through contacts at chaffeyslock.weebly.com.







Canada Day across the region

Bedford

The Bedford Heritage Committee is looking forward to welcoming visitors to Glendower Hall Canada Day from 9 to 11 a.m.

Come out for a morning of pancakes, music and fun family activities. The historical room will be open for public viewing.

The heritage society's collection of material includes original municipal documents, books on local history, census material, maps and other documents.

Chaffey's Lock

The Chaffey's Lock Heritage Society hosts a Canada Day celebration at the lock station grounds from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oneman band Mike McPherson will be providing music in front of the museum.

Delta

At the Lower Beverley Lake Park there is a kid's bingo at 10 a.m.

In the afternoon there is a performance by The Doherty Brothers from 1 to 4 p.m. at the pavilion where there will be free cake at 2 p.m. Karaoke follows at the pavilion at 7 p.m.

Murphy's Point

Try walking the rope bridge by the beach, beginning at 10 a.m. until noon along with other activities with free cake to follow.

In the evening it's Freshwater Trade, 8 p.m with a singing and fiddling musical show of original and traditional tunes about the Ottawa Valley and the Great Lakes.

Newboro

The Village of Newboro traditionally celebrates Canada Day with an evening parade leaving from Lorne Park at 7 p.m. Line up for the parade begins at 6:30.

The parade goes around the block twice ending at the park where there are free hot dogs, cake and drinks.

Prizes will be handed out for best float, bikes, automobile and house decorated.

Portland

Canada's Birthday celebrations come right on time this year on the Big Rideau with a fireworks display set off from Cow Island providing a unique spectacle on and off the water on Saturday, July 1.

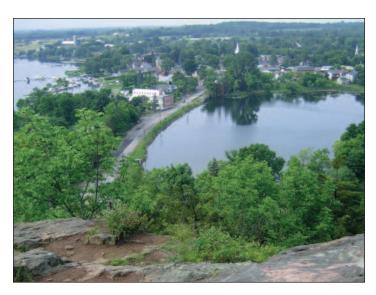
Seeley's Bay

Activities at the Legion and adjacent Centennial Park are a Canada Day tradition. The Seeley's Bay Canada Day Committee has planned a day-long slate of activities ending with a fireworks display at dusk.

A myriad of fun activities and entertainment for the whole family is planned for the entire day in and around Centennial Park. The line-up of events will include some past favourites as well as some new surprises waiting to be discovered at www.seeleysbaycanadaday.com

Westport

children's bicvcle parade and color party at the Rideau District Museum at 3 p.m. along with an afternoon of music and children's activities at the Lions Club Beach. Entertainers include a DJ and Elvis Tribute artist Dan Stoness and later, The Doherty Brothers. The day is capped off by a fireworks display. There is no parking at the site but a shuttle service is available.



The view of Westport from Foley Mountain Conservation Area's Spy Rock.

Foley Mountain offers trails and children's activities

The pleasure of one of the most spectacular panoramas in North Leeds is found a short drive north from Westport on Spy Rock, high above Upper Rideau Lake.

The landmark is part of the Foley Mountain Conservation Area, an 800 acre holding of woods, ponds and fields which welcomes visitors and educational groups all year long.

The lookout is a short walk from the area's main parking lot where the main trailhead leads to looped trails bordered by woods, ponds, forests and fields on the ridge above Upper Rideau Lake.

Visitors have a choice of eight kilometers of looped trails meandering through the park including a stone dust surfaced mobility trail at the Interpretive Centre. The trail's low grades allow those with limited mobility to enjoy more of the pleasures the mountain has to offer.

Activities available in the park include group camp-

ing, hiking, educational programs and swimming. A natural swimming area equipped with pit toilets, a change house, and picnic tables is located at the eastern end of the park just a half kilometer walk from the Interpretive Centre. Dogs are allowed on leashes in the park except at the natural swimming area.

The centre houses the Children's Nature Discovery Centre which includes interactive nature displays and live animals. The park's friendly staff is available to answer questions about Foley Mountain.

In July and August a variety of children's full day and half-day nature programs are available as well as two one-week nature explorers day-camp. A full schedule and a registration form and information about fees are available on the www.rvca.ca website from the conservation areas tab.

Entrance to the park which is open 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset is \$6 per vehicle.



The Manotick Classic Boat Club's show, held in Portland last year, moves to Rideau Ferry in 2016.

Antique boat show in Rideau Ferry

Manotick Classic Boat Club members will also be coming together to show their vessels for their annual boat show in Rideau Ferry August 13.

Show hours of the event which is anticipated to bring 40 craft will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

75,000 lights light up Delta

Delta becomes a busy place Saturday nights in November and December when visitors come to Lower Beverley Lake Park for Celebrating the Season.

An evening stroll or wagon ride brings the pleasure of seeing trees and buildings in the park all magically lit with over 75,000 lights.

Christmas carols play throughout the park with various festive displays being lit for your pleasure.

Free wagon rides will be available throughout the park leaving from the Delta Fair grounds from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

On the event days tours are also offered of the Old Stone Mill.

People are encouraged to

walk throughout the park to view the sites. Parking is available from the boat launch on the park entrance road.

Stop by for a visit at Santa's workshop and lakeside cottage and leave your letter for Santa. Please bring your own camera for a photo with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Hot Chocolate and donuts are provided next door

Meals will be available each evening at the United Church starting at 4 p.m. Handicapped accessible parking is available on Church Street.

The festival takes place on Saturdays: Nov. 19, 26, Dec. 3, 10, and 17. More information is available at www.beverleylakepark.com.

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The Delta Fair has been around for 186 years.

Delta Fair a long tradition

This July 21 to 24 the Delta Fair will be celebrating its 186th year of bringing the agricultural community together in North Leeds.

Along with the the midway but there's something for everyone including agricultural displays, home craft exhibits, horse competitions, lawn mower races, a tractor pull and live music on stage Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Thursday events include the opening of the midway and the choosing of the mini-king and mini-queen. "New Kid in Town"-a tribute to the Eagles will be the grandstand entertainment

Lansdowne Fair

The Lansdowne Fair begins July 15 for three days of events, contests, music and food on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The 121st edition of the fair features horse events, demo derby, antique car and tractor shows, parade and toilet bowl races. The midway will be open and musical presentations and food will be available.

A full schedule is available on the fair's website at www.lansdownefair.ca.

that evening

Friday's entertainment is Country Legends Tribute Show. Saturday's grandstand show is Honeymoon Suite and on Sunday afternoon The Torchmen present country gospel.

Organizers will be confirming more entertainment and competitions in the coming weeks. Got to www.deltafair.com for more.

Lombardy Fair

The Lombardy Fair welcomes visitors July 29 to August 1 to four days of agriculture, home craft, entertainment and midway fun.

This year the agricultural society is celebrating 150 years of agricultural exhibitions in Lombardy.

At the Fair enjoy Produce, Home Craft, and Handcraft displays. Take in the Agricultural Showcase. For the western horse enthusiast there is New Ranch Competitions and Extreme Cowboy Races (Sat. and Sun.). Kids' Day (Sun.) features games and activities. Simply charming is the Junior Fair Ambassador Contest Show (Fri.), Baby Show (Sun.),

Take in the Demolition Derby (Friday evening), the Antique and Farm Stock Tractor Pull and Lawn Tractor Pull Saturday, and the 4×4 Truck Pull Sunday. A Horse and Pony Pull on Monday rounds out the four day fair.

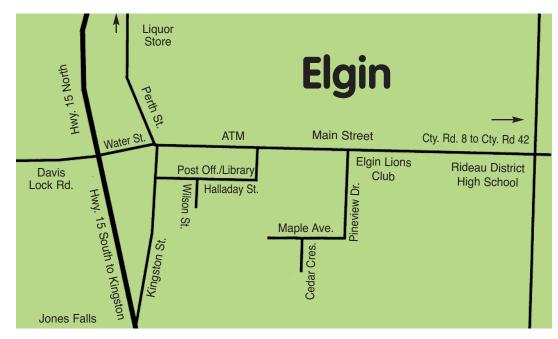
Like it a little quieter? Sit and enjoy yourself in our treeshaded park complete with picnic tables. Every afternoon there is on-going entertainment on the park stage.

Maberly Fair

The theme for the 133rd annual fair is 'sheep & goats' in keeping with a returning trend in the raising of farm animals.

This country fair does not have a midway but features entertainment with heritage children's games, zucchini races and local musicians. There are hall displays of fruit and vegetables, canning and baking, home craft, youth and children's work while the outdoors includes a Light Horse Show and Horse and Pony Pull.

The date is Sat. Aug. 27. For more details, go to www.maberlyagsociety.ca or phone 613-268-2548.



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Region's recent history dates back to War of 1812

Chaffey's Lockmaster's **House Museum**

Chaffey's Lock history comes alive during the months of July and August at the Lockmaster's museum opened in 1982. The project has retained the integrity of the interior of the building, which was residence of Chaffey's lockmaster. Only five families lived in the house from the 1840's until 1964.

The home was built as a defensible lockmaster's house with the purpose of protecting the lock station from American attack as well as providing accommodation for the family.

At the end of the 19th century a frame second storey and a kitchen addition were added to the original stone building which continued its role as a residence until 1964.

Changing exhibitions at the museum provide a glimpse into the economic and social life of Chaffey's and its surrounding community.

Chaffey's past perennially comes to life each summer with the video "The Golden Years" which documents some of the hardships, and joys of Chaffey's in the 1930's and 40's. The National Film Board's 1982 production repackaged film footage taken by Don Jarrett, a former owner of the Opinicon Hotel.

The museum is open from June 28 until the end of August.



Rideau District Museum

Portland Historical Society virtual museum

The formed newly Portland on the Rideau Historical Society launched www.portlandontario.com

The virtual museum opens its internet doors to visitors interested in the history of Portland and Big Rideau Lake.

Rideau District Museum

The Museum is housed in an authentic blacksmith and carriage house built in

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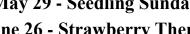
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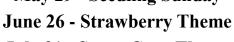
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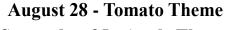


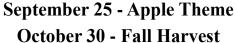
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Chaffey's Lockmaster's House Museum

Canal and railroads a

the 1850'S. The forges, bellows and handmade iron tools remain in their original setting.

The lifework of our ancestors dating from the First Nations are reflected in the ingenious tools, gadgets, toys, clothing, documents and means of travel.

Last season we had over 2,500 visitors from June to Labour Day – which is great!

There is something to interest everyone – a wooden ox drawn dump cart used in the building of the Rideau Canal, an eleven foot tall statue of "Sally Grant" carved in 1844 from a single white cedar tree, Nell Martin McCann's hand written diary covering 1912 to 1920's, which is a treasure for family research, Sir John A. MacDonald artifacts and much more.

The Museum host a number of twilight tours for passengers of the "Kawartha Voyager" while docked in the habour. Visitors are always impressed with our hands on displays and artifacts.

The Museum is open in June from Thursday to Saturday 10-4:30 p.m., Sunday 1-4:30 p.m. in July and August daily - September we close after Labour Day - Tuesday, September 8th for the season. Groups by appointment welcome.

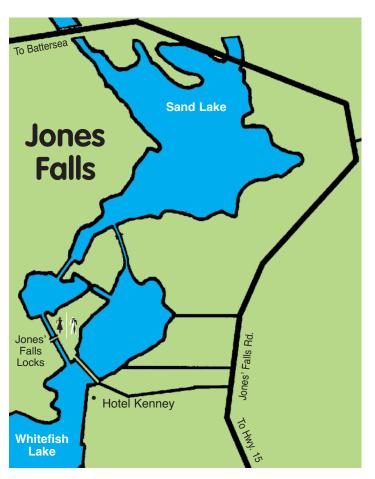
Rideau Canal Visitors' Centre

The canal museum is housed in a grand 19th century stone building in Smiths Falls.

The former mill features artifacts that bring to life the history of the canal, its construction from 1826 to 1832, its historical role and the lifestyle and folklore associated with the Rideau Waterway.

It is at 34 Beckwith St. S. in Smiths Falls. Call 613-284-0505 or go to www.rideau-info.com/ museum.

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big part of Leeds' history

Smiths Falls Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario

The museum, a short drive from the Rideau Canal Museum and Smiths Falls locks, is a must for train enthusiasts.

It is at 90 William Street in Smiths Falls. Go to www.sfrmeo.ca for more.

The Heritage House Museum Smiths Falls

Heritage House is in a picturesque area of the



The Rideau Canal Visitors' Centre is housed in a grand 19th century stone building in Smiths Falls.

Canal in a restored classically styled Victorian home depicting the lifestyle of an upper middle class family in Smiths Falls around 1867. Go to www.smithsfalls.ca/heritagehouse.



The Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario







China Painting – alive and well in Rideau Lakes

Remember the china gathering dust in your grandmother's dining room – the formal, hand painted cups and saucers used only on special occasions, lifted gently from the shelves and carefully washed by hand?

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Today's Porcelain Art is an exciting kaleidoscope of colours and textures, fired permanently onto porcelain or glass. Have you ever imagined working in enamels, gold, silver, platinum or lustres? What about glaze chipping, marbleizing, texture pastes, metallic finishes or airbrushing? Whether your passion is simple wild flowers and pen work or stunningly lifelike portraits and scenery, these are all elements of modern china painting and all within your grasp.

Leeds China Painters is here to tell you that anyone can paint on porcelain. It's true! You don't need a background in the arts or even the ability to draw. All you need is passion, a place to paint, some basic supplies, and a willingness to learn new skills.

They invite you to join them and see what you think.

On July 9th and 10th, 2016, Leeds China Painters is hosting an exhibit and sale at the Forfar Community Hall, 1544 County Road 42. In addition to porcelain, their tables will feature fabric art, jewellery, painted glass, even baked goods and a light lunch.

If you like what you see, then try your hand at china painting for free. Your first three classes are complimentary and we'll supply the painting materials you need to start. If you're interested, contact Linda Murray-Herbert at 613-283-8851.

Leeds China Painters was founded more than forty years ago and until 2013 made their home in the old Community Hall at Crosby. On the top floor were kilns, work tables, and supplies ... china, paints, the various mediums, brushes, enamels, molds, everything needed to create new Now they meet pieces. and paint on most Mondays at the Forfar Community Centre (just around the corner from the Forfar Dairy). Every year they hold a sale and members participate in local studio tours. Anyone is welcome to visit.

Leeds China Painters' members are part of the Porcelain Artists of Canada and have international affiliations. Check out porcelainartistsofcanada.c a and find us on Facebook.

Brockville Speedway

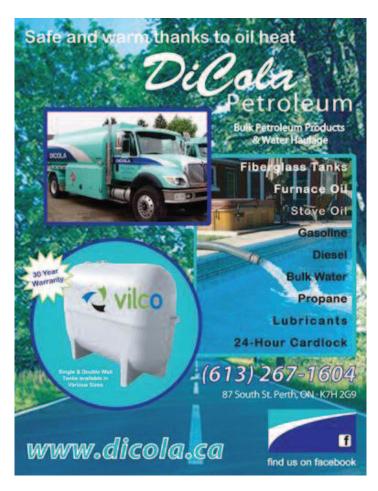
Brockville Ontario Speedway 2016 racing schedule runs on Saturday nights from May 14 until September.

The four regular classes of 358 Modifieds, Sportsman, Street Stocks and Rookies are weekly staples all season.

The speedway is on Hwy. 29, north of Brockville. Go to their web site at www.brockvillespeedway.com



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Annual celebration brings Elgin community together

Elgin becomes a hive of activity for the community's annual summer celebration, Elgin Days, on Saturday July 9.

Activities include community breakfasts, yard sales, live music, a barbecue and other special events as well as a variety of games for children hosted by groups in the community.

The weekend kicks off on Friday night, July 8 with the monthly spaghetti dinner and quiz night.

On Saturday the Elgin and Area Heritage Society will be holding a yard sale and an open house at the Red Brick School and there will be a book sale at the library. The Bethel Church offers a free pancake breakfast and special activities for the whole family.

The 2 p.m. parade has a theme 'Medieval Times'. The firefighters association follows their parade with a chicken barbecue at the Elgin Lions Hall where there will be an antique car and motorcycle display, a beer tent and live music.

The fun continues on Sunday July 10 with a bingo and fish fry at the Lions Hall and an ecumenical service at the municipal hall.



Elgin Days features a parade on Saturday where, last year, the junior and senior bands of HMCS Ontario entertained along the route







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Canal construction a huge engineering

The British built the Rideau Canal between 1826 and 1832 to create an alternative route linking Upper and Lower Canada as protection from the consequences of an American attack.

The 1814 Treaty of Ghent ended the War of 1812 but not the potential threat that an invasion across the St. Lawrence from New York State could sever the trade route between Upper and Lower Canada.

The canal linked Ottawa, then Bytown, with the great lakes via Kingston and after the building of the canals on the Ottawa River, secured the route to Montreal.

Communities along the St. Lawrence from Cornwall to Kingston and local militia along with British soldiers played a role in engagements which began after the United States June 18, 1812 declaration of war on Great Britain.

Celebrations marking the bicentennial of that conflict began in 2012 with a number of festivals and reenactments that continue this summer and can be found at www.celebrate1812.ca

This year's highlight of 1812 events in the area is a tall ship festival in Brockville on June 14-16 when 13 tall ships come to port.

The end of the war brought changes to the townships around the present day Rideau Lakes with the settlement of British soldiers around Perth and surrounding townships as well as an influx of British immi-

In 1826 Colonel By of the Royal Engineers was appointed to supervise the construction of the waterway joining the Rideau River in Ottawa to the Cataraqui River in Kingston.

By accomplished the engineering feat with the use of dams which flooded hundreds of acres of land that once submerged became the lakes linking the locks.

To construct the canal By hired independent contractors to complete 23 different sections. The contractors were required to complete a single section within a two-year time period, a standard some were unable to meet. The work was supervised by the Royal Engineers.

Thousands of labourers were required for the backbreaking tasks of clearing the land, quarrying the stone and hauling the stones through the forest to the construction sites.

The large stones making up the lock walls were set in place with the use of hand cranes. Much of the skilled rock work was done by French

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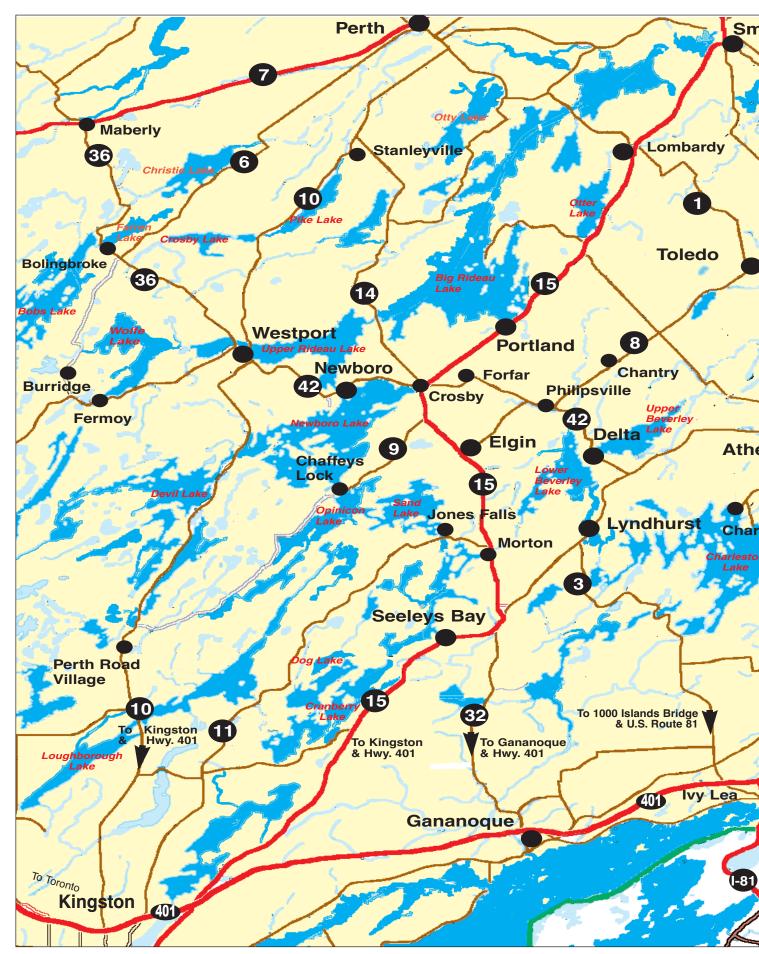
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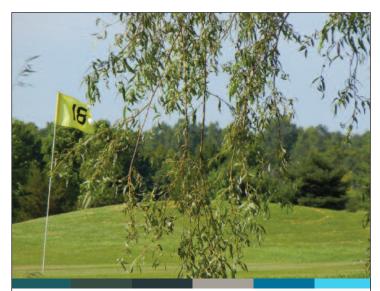
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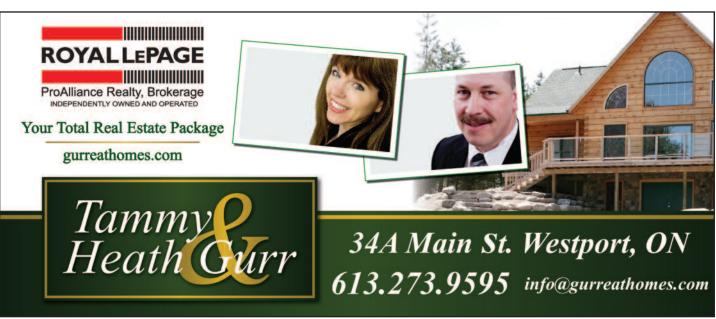
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Canadians and British stonemasons who had experience on other lock projects. The unskilled labour was generally made up of Irish immigrants and French Canadians.

The canal opened in 1832 and achieved commercial success carrying in supplies and bringing out raw materials and finished goods from the enterprises which the canal supported.

The coming of the railways in the 1870's began to erode the canal's monopoly to transport goods and Smiths Falls became a railway centre.

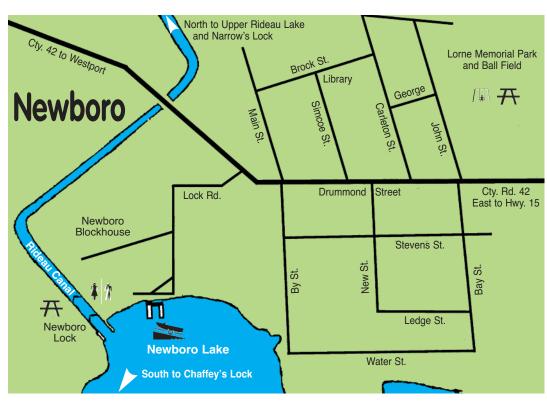
The railway also brought more access to the Rideau for recreation and in the late 19th century waters along the Rideau became renown for their bass fishing. As tourism and fishing grew so did the number of summer homes and cottages while boats became motorized. Post WWII saw more development in the 1950's and 60's.

1925 the Rideau In Canal was named National Historic Site. In 2000 Rideau was the named a Heritage River and in 2007 it was a point of pride that the waterway was named as a UNESCO World Heritage Almost all of the lock stations use the same technology that was used in 1832.

For a wealth of information on the Rideau Canal, go to www.rideau-info.com.



The Kawartha Voyageur locking through at Jones Falls.



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Counties' must-see gardens get linked in trail project

The new 1000 Islands and Rideau Canal Garden Trail links together 14 gardens across the Counties in a season-long event for tourists and residents.

"The gardens are beautiful, unique, well designed, educational and leave visitors wanting more", says Dave Cybulski, Co-Chair of the Garden Trail, an initiative led by the Leeds Grenville Economic Development Office.

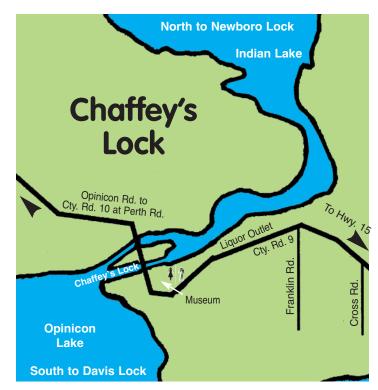
The season-long regional garden trail includes gardens along the St. Lawrence from Johnstown to Gananoque, and gardens in Spencerville and Merrickville and new this year, one south of Portland.

The Rideau Lakes gar-

den of Diane and Keith Haskin near Portland is a stop on the garden trail for the first time.

The cooperative venture brings a bigger audience to stops on the tour which include public and private gardens not usually known to be open to the public. Some of the gardens require pre-booking to visit.

Full information about the gardens and their hours and booking preferences is available online as well as in tourist information centres across the region, including the Welcome Centre in Westport.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Sun-on-the Brow Green Valley Cottages



Garden Trail stop Chillane Gardens in Mallorytown will be joined by a new one south of Portland, at the home of Diane and Keith Haskins.

Sundance Festival features artisans and music

Sundance Artisan Festival is an evolution of innovative and traditional artisans, local farm to plate cuisine, and eclectic toe-tapping music over three days during the Labour Day Weekend.

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Lyndhurst Turkey Fair draws thousands

September brings the busiest and most anticipated day of the year to Lyndhurst when the community's annual Turkey Fair attracts an estimated 5,000 people to the village.

Lyndhurst is famous for its arched stone bridge but it's the Turkey Fair, which keeps visitors coming back.

This year's event on Saturday, September 17 marks the 23nd anniversary of the event which has kept its tradition of a day of free family fun.

Every year visitors return to enjoy the free horse-drawn hayrides, allday entertainment, craft shows, an antique and classic car show, boat rides, exhibits, yard and produce sales, and more.

Organizers, who have a shoestring budget, begin each spring to organize the day requiring the cooperation and enthusiasm of volunteers and organizations from across the community.

Activities start at 10:00 on Saturday morning and so does the



The Lyndhurst Turkey Fair isn't just for turkeys, with entertainment on two stages, a car show and more.

continuous live music from a variety of musicians who will be performing on the outdoor stages throughout the village.

An Elvis impersonator or two traditionally makes an appearance each year.

Volunteers raise funds for the event by selling numbered Turkey Fair buttons qualifying button-holders for draws of gifts throughout the day. Proceeds from the event are given to groups in the community to enhance their programs.

The theme of a turkey fair comes from a rural tradition, which was part of village life for many years.

Raising turkeys and other fowl was a source of extra income for many of the local farmers who in late fall came together with buyers to sell their birds.

The sale of the birds brought reason to congregate and celebrate. Today's turkey fair re-captures some of that excitement and anticipation for visitors and organizers.







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Festival of Small Halls expands local venue offering

The festival that brought big names in music to local communities last fall is getting bigger and better this year.

After almost all of the shows in last year's instalment sold out, The Ontario Festival of Small Halls is expanding its scope and bringing internationallyrenowned musicians to 23 rural gathering spaces. The celebration of exceptional live music is taking place from September 15 to October 2, 2016 in intimate settings to enliven those authentic spaces, attract visitors to new regions and build community.

The new host communities this year stretch from Winchester to Elgin and from Burritt's Rapids to Pakenham. Halls from last year are once again preparing to welcome the Festival of Small Halls such as Seeley's Bay, Morton, Pembroke, McDonald's Corners and more.

Kelly Symes, festival co-

ordinator, said welcoming big name musical acts to rural Ontario, while showcasing some great local talent, allows music fans to experience a memorable evening of song and dance in gathering places residents hold near and dear.

"We're delighted to expand the festival to include nine more small halls this time around," she said, noting that 30 new halls applied from across Eastern Ontario. The additional venues were selected based on their history, charm and the eagerness of their volunteer teams.

"The new venues will be wonderful places to see live music - including two barns, a Legion hall, a United Church, a restored schoolhouse, and more."

Organizers of the Festival of Small Halls will soon be announcing dates and the big-name and local acts who will be taking center stage across Eastern Ontario and the Upper Ottawa Valley, at

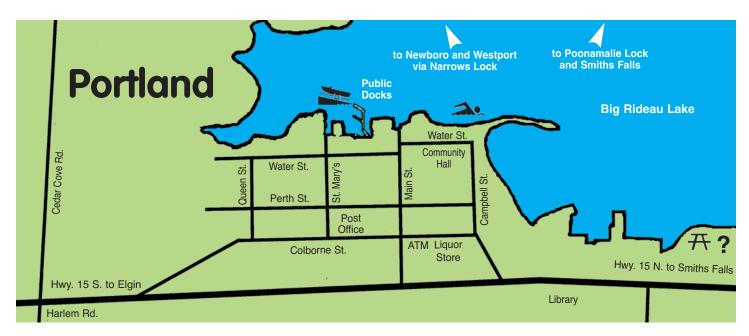


The Festival of Small Halls paid a visit to Chaffey's Community Hall last year, and will be returning in 2016.

the following area venues:
Joshua Bates Centre, Athens
Stonefields, Beckwith
ABC Hall, Bolingbroke
Chaffey's Lock Hall
Delta Old Town Hall
The Red Brick School, Elgin
Fire Hall Theatre, Gananoque
Maberly Community Hall
McDonald's Corners

Agricultural Hall Morton Community Hall Lyndhurst Legion Hall Ecotay, Perth Seeley's Bay Community Hall The Ivy on William, Smiths Falls

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Queen's open house

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The station's more than 5,000 acres of lands in the Chaffey's Lock area are included in the territory of the UNESCO designated Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve.

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The station's holdings include six small lakes and extensive shoreline on Lake Opinicon and Hart Lake which afford a wide variety of habitats and research opportunities for researchers who come to the

facility from across Canada and the United States.

The year's annual open house on June 26 from noon-3 p.m. will provide the public with a window on their research and the animals they study.

Birds, fish, turtles, snakes and other creatures are part of the mix of more than a dozen projects scientists will be interpreting to the public and family and friends.

The event also includes tours of the facilities and habitats.

The public is also invited to a summer seminar series on Wednesday nights (7 p.m.) which will be featuring a variety of biological topics. A list of speakers as well as workshops at the station will be at www.queensu.ca/biology/qubs.html.



Associate curator Dale Kristensen and Queen's University Biology Station Director Steve Lougheed show specimens from Queen's University's Fowler Herbarium, a collection of plant specimens dating back to the mid-19th century, have found a new home at the Queen's Biology Station on Opinicon Road. The new building also contains a library.





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Lower Beverley Lake Park 2016 Events

Unless noted otherwise, all events will be held at the Bradford Pavilion.

Every Saturday Evening
Every Saturday Evening June 18 – September 10Wagon Rides, 6:30 p.m.
Every SundayBall Game-Lakersfield Diamond, 2 p.m.
May 20
May 21Entertainment: Rudy & Saddle Up, 1 to 4 p.m.
May 21 Pingo 7 p.m.
May 21
May 29Memories of the Mills: Car/Bike Show, 11 a.m.
June 4
June 4Bingo, 7 p.m. June 11Children's Mini-Putt Tournament
Hot dogs served at event, 10:00 a.m.
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June 18
June 25Children's Teddy Bear's Picnic, 10 a.m.
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July 2Red & White Horseshoe Tournament, 9 a.m.
July 2Entertainment: Ambush, 1 p.m.
July 2Chicken Barbeque, 4 p.m.
July 2Bingo, 7 p.m.
July 3Pancake Breakfast, 9 a.m.
July 5
July 3Texas Hold'em Tournament, 1 p.m. July 8Teen Dance, 8 p.m.
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July 10Fiddlers' Plus Concert, 1 p.m.
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Matt Saunders and Bat House Building, 11 a.m. July 16Entertainment: CR 5, 1 p.m.
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July 21-24Delta Fall: www.deltalalf.com
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August 5Teen Dance, 8 p.m.
August 6
August 6Entertainment: The Reasons, 10 a.m.
August 12
August 13
August 13
August 20Craft & Yard Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
August 20
August 20Children's Activity: Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m.
September 2
September 3Kid's Bingo, 10 a.m.
September 3Entertainment: Eddy/Stingrays, 1 p.m.
September 3
Sept. 4Bob Bradford Memorial Horseshoe Tournament, 9:00 a.m.
September 4Children's Activity: Christmas Theme, 10 a.m.
September 9-11Old Bastards' Motorcycle Rally
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Textile artists Lynda Johnston and Marguerite Roberts and Salvage artist Ingrid Bron host Red Door Collective's show at Bron's farm on Bob's Lake off of the Crozier Road.

Red Door Studio Collective one-stop multi-artist studio

The Red Door Studio Collective brings together regional artists on October 8, 9 and 10 in a repurposed dairy barn at a 19th century farm on Bob's Lake.

Along with a large serving of art from over a dozen artists the show features live music, artisanal food and the pleasure of farm animals including a donkey, pig, sheep and horses.

"I think customers prefer going to one spot and spending a larger amount of time. It's a bit of a destination," said farm-owner and artisan show organizer Ingrid Bron who repurposes decorative and practical objects.

The site is on Crozier Road off of the Ritchie Road west of the Christie Lake Road intersection on Cty Rd 36 and has a Facebook page Red Door Studio on Long Bay.



Seeley's Bay Red Canoefest June 4

Seeley's Bay Red Canoefest returns June 4 with events on and off the water including a paddler's poker run, a kids' fishing event, a 3K Fun Walk Run and a community barbecue with live music.

Paddlers can join in a game of chance on the Rideau waterway around Seeley's Bay with a Silent Poker Run at 2:30 beginning from Centennial Park paddling station. Whether you paddle fast or slow, you have the same chance of winning a prize in this off-beat poker run. Registration cost includes a BBQ.

The Kids 'n Cops event at 1:30 is a great way for kids to learn about fishing. There are prizes galore and equipment for young people who would like to learn.

A 3K Fun Walk Run organized by the Seeley's Bay Chiropractic Clinic begins at 3 p.m. from the Centennial Park teepee.

At the end of the day there is Community BBO and live music which is a chance for visitors, volunteers and area residents to get together in the park with the BBQ beginning at 4 p.m. and campfire and singalong from 5-7 pm. Relax and enjoy the warmth of the campfire as the day ends. Sit on hay bales and toast marshmallows. Bring your voice and we will have fun singing favorite songs for all ages. If you have an instrument and wish to play, we welcome you.

For more information and event registration go to www.redcanoefest.com.

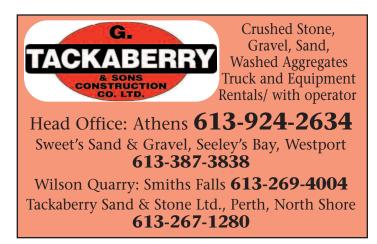


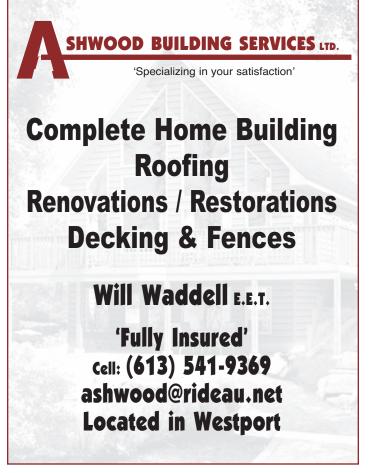
Paddlers get ready for the poker run at Seleey's Bay Canoefest. This year's event is June 4.



Red Canoefest - June 4
Canada Day Extravaganza – July 1
Festival of Small Halls - September 16
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The Rideau Lakes Cycle Tour coming through Westport.

Athens Cornfest celebrates the harvest

Summer will be winding down when Athens holds its annual summer community celebration Cornfest on Saturday, August 20.

Local corn is at its peak of perfection when the one-day festival, brings together the community thanks to efforts of volunteers who are presenting its 36th edition this year.

Corn cooked with a gigantic steam engine has been a tradition at the

festival which is also the occasion for many villagers to get creative with corn decorations and costumes.

The day of free family fun traditionally includes children's activities, a kid's parade, pony rides, live animals, food and craft vendors, sidewalk sales, demonstrations and live music.

This year's event schedule will be at www.athenscornfest.ca.

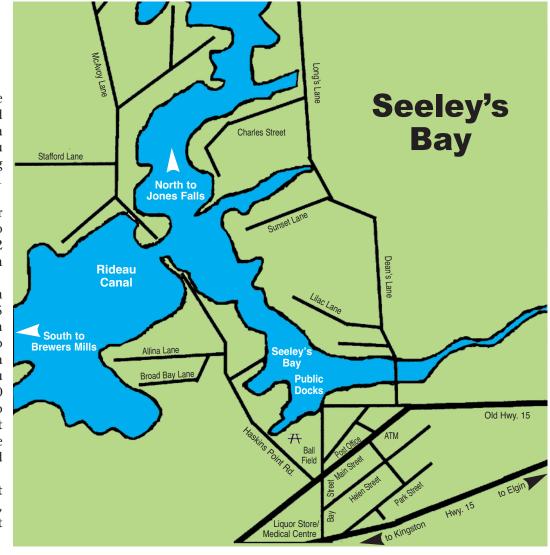
Rideau Lakes tour June 11-12

Over 2000 cyclists come through North Leeds to and from Kingston and Ottawa each year on the Rideau Lakes Cycle Tour taking place this year on June 11 and 12.

Many of them make their way through Westport to Kingston via Cty. Rd. 42 and south on the Perth Road.

Riders leave from Ottawa-Kingston on 185 and 220 km routes or from Perth for a 100 km ride to Kingston. The Ottawa Bicycle Club's first Rideau Lakes Tour in 1972 had 80 riders from Ottawa Kingston for an overnight at Queens. By 2011 the number of cyclists reached 2000 on four routes.

More information about the tour, including routes, is available at www.ottawabicycleclub.ca.



Annual Frontenac Frolic Aug. 1

Plan a great day for all the family this summer by marking your calendar on Saturday, July 30 for The Frontenac Frolic.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bedford Hall at 1381 Westport Rd., just 20 minutes west of Westport.

Come and find new treasures at the flea market. Place a bid on silent auction items.

Find summer reading and CD music at low, low prices. Bring home homemade pies, tarts and more from the baking tables.

Let the children line up for the pony rides and the petting zoo, while you get something to eat and listen to special music for the day.

Also, don't miss the famous cow flop bingo starting at 11:30 a.m. The



With \$3200 at stake, the cow flop bingo is the highlight of the day.

winners will be determined by where the cow "flops" on the bingo grid. First prize is \$1800, second prize is \$900 and third prize is \$500. Look for the

sign of the cows in Westport or go to www.bobs-and-crow-lakes.org for more information.

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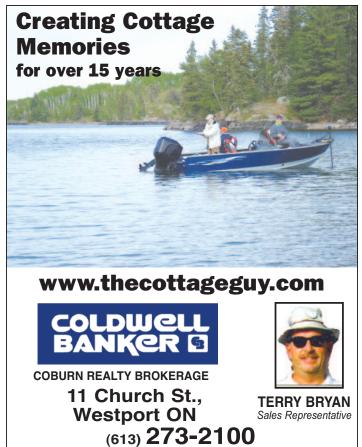
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Agricultural machinery brings memories of yesteryear

Thousands of visitors have made their way to Athens over the last 36 years to visit 'Farmersville' a two-day festival celebrating antique and vintage machinery from on and off the farm.

Yesteryear's steam technology isn't the only attraction keeping visitors coming back. A vintage tractor pull, rows and rows of large and small machinery and tools on display, a craft show, old time fiddling on Friday night, a tractor pull a horse draw, and live music to entertain on Saturday and Sunday draw crowds to the Centre 76 grounds all weekend.

This year's event, July 16 and 17 is featuring Allis Chalmers as well as other vintage tractors and equipment of all makes.

Pre-exhibition activities begin on Friday evening with a performance 6:009:00 pm with Fiddlers Plus Old Tyme Country Music.

The exhibition grounds open at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday for the main event, the exhibition of hundreds of examples of vintage machinery, cars, trucks, motorcycles and tools.

Special events on Saturday include, a vintage tractor pull, and country music in the afternoon.

On Sunday events include the horse draw, live country music as well as the exhibitions and the two-day craft fair in the arena.

Free parking is available on the grounds. The event is a fundraiser for the Lions Club of Athens but also benefits other community groups who participate in the event.

For more go to www.athenslions.org.



The antique tractor pull at Farmersville.



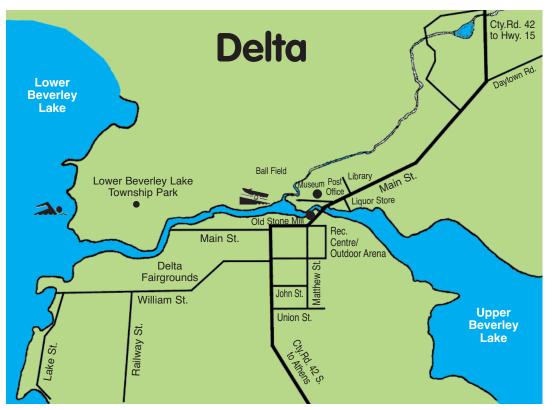
Juno winner Harrison Kennedy rounded out the 2015-16 season.

Blues on the Rideau

Some of Canada's top Blues acts pay a monthly visit to Westport from October through May as part of the Blues on the Rideau series.

Many JUNO award winners and nominees have appeared at The Cove over the past 11 seasons.

The 2016-17 line-up will be posted on their site at www.bluesontherideau.ca.



Delta Maple Syrup Festival

The community of Delta celebrates their community's rich history with maple syrup with a festival held every year on the third weekend of April.

Activities take place around the village including an all-day pancake and sausage meal at the Agricultural hall, blacksmith and milling demonstrations at the Delta Mill and a bake sale and book sale at the Old Town Hall and a craft sale upstairs at the agricultural hall.

On Saturday a ball hockey tournament is held at the recreation centre.

Throughout the weekend there is a craft sale at the upper hall of the agricultural building and producers selling their new crop of syrup and maple products.

The event is sponsored by the Delta Agricultural Society and follows a tradition which began in 1967 as a centennial project and which in early years included tours of local sugar bushes and tours of the Confederated Goods Syrup plant which before its closure was a major employer in the community.

Over the years the Festival continued through the efforts of many local residents and Service Clubs until it became a project for the Directors of the Delta Agricultural Society.



Conditions were ideal for Skate the Lake in 2016.

Rideau Lakes fly-ins

In the spring and fall the Rideau Lakes Flying Club welcomes visitors by car and plane to visit their airfield.

The spring fly-in takes place May 21 with breakfast served from 8 a.m. to noon.

The annual 'Pigs and Pie' fly-in, Saturday, Oct. 8, features sausages and pie from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Members of the flying club welcome visitors arriving by car as well as those by plane who enjoy a bird's eye view of spring in Rideau Lakes or the fall colours of Thanksgiving weekend.

Visitors can enjoy watching the planes arrive and depart from the field from the clubhouse deck and take a walk down the field to see the planes close up.

The club has developed, and manages and maintains the air field on behalf of the Township of Rideau Lakes, which owns the property.

Skate the Lake 2017

Skate the Lake XII is scheduled to take place Saturday, Jan. 28-29, 2017.

The event, also known as the International Big Rideau Lake Speed Skating Marathon, will once again bring skating enthusiasts together for a variety of races including the popular 5x1k team relay in which participants are encouraged to dress in costume.

There have also been

5K, 10K, 25K and 50k races in the past along with curling and children's activities. For updates on what's in store for 2017, check out www.portlandoutdoors.com in advance of the event.

Skate the Lake is organized by the not for profit group Portland Outdoors on the bay of Big Rideau Lake in Portland.

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Classic Theatre Festival expands for 7th season

The Classic Theatre Festival, the only professional company in the Ottawa Valley, produces enjoyable, accessible hits from the golden age of Broadway and the London Stage with some of Canada's top theatrical talent.

Now in its 7th season, the Festival is expanding in 2016 with three mainstage shows running 8 times a week from June 24 to September 11 at 54 Beckwith Street East (at Harvey), an intimate, wheelchair accessible, 110-seat space with air conditioning and free parking.

The season opens with Neil Simon's I Ought to Be in Pictures (June 24 to July 17), a heartfelt comedy about a father and daughter rebuilding their relationship after years of disconnection, "a mature, touching, memorable play that brings great joy to the season" (Clive Barnes, New York Post) and "Neil Simon's best play since Odd Couple" (Women's Wear Daily).

It's followed by Arms and the Man (July 22 to August 14), George Bernard Shaw's delightfully witty comedy which satirizes the futility of war and inspired the operetta, The Chocolate Soldier. George Orwell called it "the wittiest play" Shaw ever wrote, and is directed by Laurel Smith, whose critically-acclaimed "Shaw in the City" shows in Toronto and her stint at the Shaw Festival cemented her love of Shaw's work.

The season closes with An Inspector Calls (August 19 to September 11, 2016), J.B. Priestley's nailbiter of a mystery in which a body

has been found and everyone is suspect. Considered one of the true classics of mid-20th-century English theatre, it has received numerous revivals and adaptations, the latest a BBC-TV film slated for broadcast in 2016. All shows run Wednesday to Sunday at 2 pm, with 8 pm shows Wed., Thurs. & Sat.

In addition to its mainstage shows, the Festival's youth theatre training program continues with its third year of Perth through the Ages (June 22 to August 28), featuring a brand new play themes running five mornings week a (Wednesday to Sunday at This am). popular, hour-long "play that moves" brings to life characters and stories from Perth's 200 years as audience members walk through the town.

The morning tour will focus on Indigenous-settler relations at the time of the founding of the Perth Military Settlement on Algonquin territory, 50 years after the Royal Proclamation of 1763. Also returning is The Lonely Ghosts Walk (July 1 to August 26), a Friday night stroll featuring new stories about the ghostly beings of Perth who insist on hanging around until their stories are told.

This year's spirited story focuses on the production of whiskey in Perth and the work of women's groups to counteract the negative effects alcohol consumption had on the community's early years.

Tickets to all Festival productions are available at www.classictheatre.ca (you can pick your seats) and at 1-877-283-1283.



Broadway mystery and comedies (like this scene from Neil Simon's Barefoot in the Park) play every summer on the Classic Theatre Festival Stage at 54 Beckwith Street East, June 24 to September 11. Photo by Jean-Denis Labelle



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Doors Open offers glimpse into history

The Brockville Thousand Islands area will host Doors Open Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29.

Since the provincial theme this year is "The History of Medical Science Innovation" many sites are featuring exhibits that shed light on the contributions of medical innovators in our area

Places in Athens. Brockville, Delta, Elgin, Escott, Lyndhurst, Rockport, Lyn, Mallorytown, Maitland, and Prescott are open with free admission from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days. (There are some exceptions on Sunday).

View rolling farmland, lawn bowling greens, beautiful gardens, serene churches, archives, inns, armouries, a railway tunnel, art galleries and museums. Each site will offer guided or self-guided tours and volunteers will be available to assist visitors with information and to answer questions.

Many of the most popular sites are open again this year, such as Fulford Place, Brockville Museum, Fort Wellington, Springfield House, Delta Mill, and Homewood Museum.

They have also added six new spots to visit: Van Berlo Gardens (Maitland), Chillane Gardens (north Mallorytown), The Colonel's Inn (Prescott), Forwarders' Museum (Prescott), Red Brick School (Elgin), and the Marianne Van Silfhout Gallery at St. Lawrence College.

Some examples of planned activities include:



Elgin's Red Brick School

- ·Indigenous exhibits, scavenger hunt at the Mallory Coach
- · Three tours a day at Burnbrae Farms – a family-owned egg farm since 1893
- "Spring Thing" family celebrations at Springfield House, Escott
- · Artisans at work at the Heritage Place Museum, Lyn.
- · The Settlers' Trek 2016 display at the Athens and Area

Heritage Museum

Milling demonstration and a Ploughman's lunch at the Delta Mill

There will be brochures available at the sites or you can pick them up at the Brockville and 1000 Islands Tourism Office. (613-342-4357 or 1-888-251-7676).

Also check the website at www.doorsopenontario.on.ca for each site listing.

Red Brick School events

June 11: Annual Spelling Bee July 9: Elgin Days EAHS "Treasures and Treats" Garage Sale and school house open July 20: Fettercairn 1916, illustrated talk with Joan Delaney

and Bob Butcher August 13: Annual Pub Night with local musicians (Mary C & Co) August 20/21, August 27/28:

South Crosby in 1916 Exhibit Sept. 25: Festival of Small Halls October ?: Mystery Night Nov. 27: Sharing the Light

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Foley Mountain and the Rideau Trail

The view from Spy Rock is just one the conservation area offers on its 800 acres of property on the Upper Rideau's north shore. The area is accessible from Cty. Rd. 10 north of Westport.

More than five kilometers of trails form looped routes through a variety of landscapes in the park.

One of the best loved sections of the Rideau Trail runs through the park. Trailhead signs are available at the main parking area and at the Interpretive Centre at the east end of the park where an 800 foot stone dust trail offers access through a mature forest to views of the lake. Entrance fee to the park is \$2.00 on foot or bicycle or \$6.00 per car.

The Rideau Trail, which turned 40 last year, goes from Ottawa to Kingston. It is operated by the Rideau Trail Association, a non-profit group and a founding member of Hike Ontario. It is marked by red triangles while side trails are marked by blue triangles. The total length of cleared and marked trails is 387 km.

Visit www.rideautrail.org where the event schedules are updated regularly.

Cataraqui Trail

The Cataraqui Trail, part of the TransCanada Trail passes through Chaffey's Lock, crossing over the canal on a 1912 railway bridge. The Chaffey's section is one of the most scenic parts of the abandoned CN Railway line which runs 104 km. from Strathcona near Napanee to Smiths Falls.

The best access point near Chaffey's (with room for parking) is near the intersection of Indian Lake Road and the Opinicon Lake Road, about 1 km west of Chaffey's Lock. From there it is a pleasant walk back towards Chaffey's to the bridge which crosses the canal just north of the locks. The trail can also be accessed for a journey west to Chaffey's from Hwy 15, a site where there is ample parking.

The trail is available to hikers, cyclists, and in the winter skiers and snowmobilers. Its gentle gradient makes it easy to hike, ski or cycle. The

best views on the trail are west of Chaffey's. For those travelling without their own bicycle, bikes are available for rent in Chaffey's at Brown's Marina.

For more about the Cataraqui Trail including maps and access points see: www.rideau-info.com/cattrail.

Chaffey's Lock

The Marion Dunn Heritage Trail offers a pleasant walk to the Chaffey's Lock Cemetery from the Chaffey's Lock Road, about 30 metres south (towards the lock) from the Community Hall. It follows an old road leading past the old lime kiln and blacksmith's shop to the Chaffey's Lock Cemetery and the community's heritage wall, looping back to the Chaffey's Lock Road.

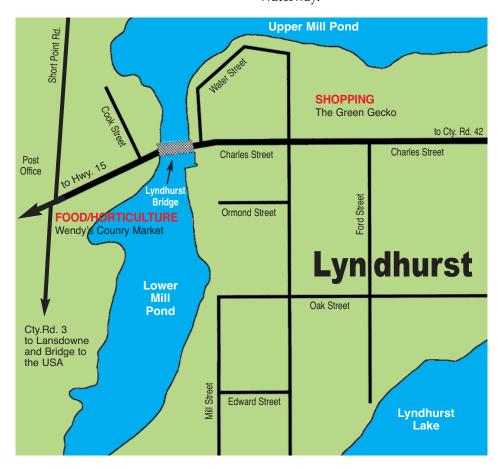
The Cataraqui Trail, part of the TransCanada Trail, is accessible at Chaffey's from a modest parking lot 1 km west of the locks across the swing bridge on the Opinicon Road. Walking east on the trail you pass high over the canal on the former railway bridge.



The Rideau Trail takes you from Kingston to Ottawa.

Rock Dunder, Morton Hwy 15

Seven kilometers of trail for intermediate and experienced hikers meander through the 238 acre tract which includes over two kilometers of shoreline and access to one of the most breathtaking views on the Rideau Waterway.



Rideau region

The property includes a variety of landscapes including exposed rocky ridges, igneous rock cliffs, shallow rock undercuts and glacial erratics, impoverished but undisturbed meadows and bare rock barrens, mixed and hardwood forests, wet meadows and perched ponds, and the long undisturbed stretch of natural shoreline.

The entrance is across from the Township of Rideau Lakes sign at Stanley Lash Lane south of Morton. It is open from May 15 to Nov. 15.

Jones Falls

Several loops can be made on the site including one from a trail from the main parking lot on the Jones Falls Road which leads north to the Stone Arch Dam and down along the locks to Hotel Kenney and back to the parking lot. Another less accessible trail leads from the lockmasters station and along some rocky terrain parallel to the turning basin to the blacksmith's shop.

Mill Pond **Conservation Area**

15 North Hwy. Briton Portland via Houghton Bay Road

Six kilometers of trails meander through mixed hardwood forest and some wetland. The Lime Kiln trail leads to the site of a lime kiln, part of the property's history of agricultural use which includes use of the maple bush on the property for syrup production.

On site is a boat launch to the Mill Pond, a kilometer long small pond off of Big Rideau Lake as well as a picnic shelter, parking lot and latrines. Entrance to the area is free.

Sugarbush Island

Sugarbush Island Walking Trail (2.8 km): is located west of Elgin on the Davis Lock Road (off Hwy. 15). The trailhead is about 7 km from the Hwy 15. The trail leads to a view of the Murphy Bay Wetlands (Opinicon Lake) and is operated by the Rideau Waterway Land Trust (www.rwlt.org). The trail is accessible by wheelchair and was designed with gentle grades.

It is open from May 15 to Nov. 15.

Frontenac Arch

Frontenac Biosphere is recognized by the United Nations as having exceptional environmental and human qualities. Five ecoregions join on the arch, which is a natural bridge of land running north and south joining the Cambrian Shield to the Adirondack's plateau.

The trails within the Frontenac Arch region includes those in provincial parks and on crown land, on conservation authority lands, land trust conservation lands, municipally owned property as well as on some private property.

www.explorethearch.ca offers a growing number of recreational trails within the Frontenac Arch Biosphere (FABR) territory as well as heritage walking and driving tours, and cycling and paddling routes.

Provincial Parks

Three provincial parks, Charleston Lake, Frontenac and Murphy's Point, lie on the Frontenac Arch and together protect close to 10,000 hectares.

Frontenac Provincial Park

Frontenac Provincial Park

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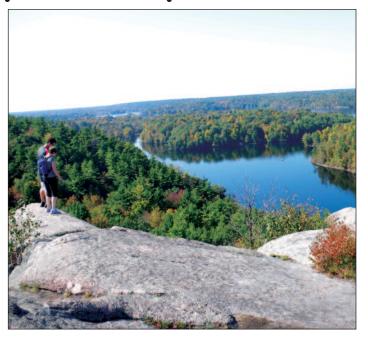
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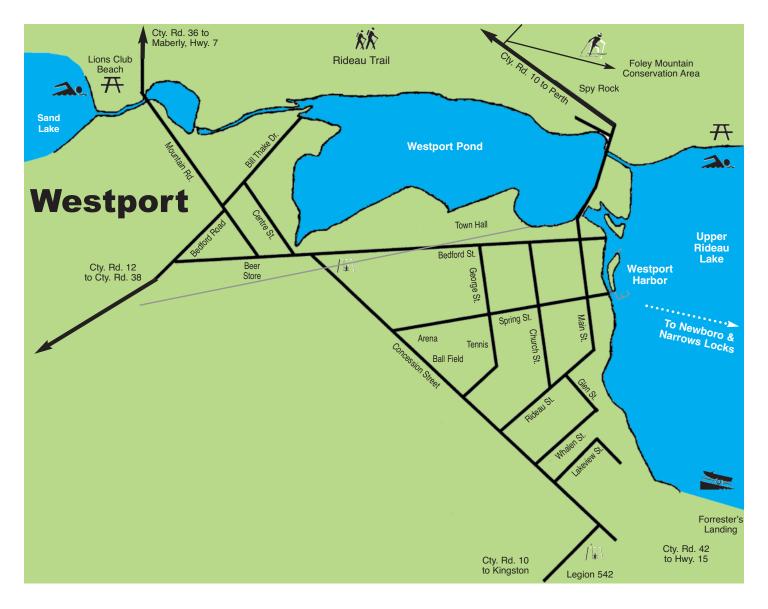
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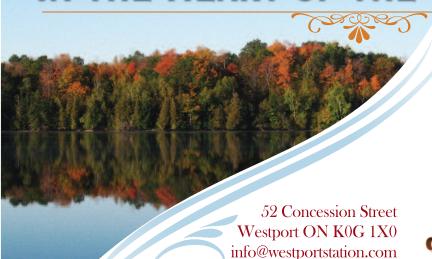
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