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# Huron County

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# Where on Earth is Huron County?

Ontario's West Coast, or Huron County, is a little off the beaten path, nestled on the shores of Lake Huron, the third largest lake in the world. Despite it's rural setting, it's easily reached from most Southwestern Ontario cities.

- From Toronto – 2.5 hours
- From Kitchener-Waterloo – 1 hour
- From London – 40 minutes
- From Sarnia – 45 minutes
- From Windsor – 3 hours
- From Stratford – 45 minutes

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# Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that the land known today as Huron County is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and Neutral peoples. We recognize the First Peoples' continued stewardship of the land and water, and that this territory was subject to the Dish with One Spoon wampum, under which multiple nations agreed to care for the land and resources by the Great Lakes in peace. We would also like to acknowledge and recognize the Upper Canada Treaties signed in regard to this land, which include Treaty #29 and Treaty #45 ½, and our roles as treaty people, committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation, gratitude, and respect with all First Nation, Métis and Inuit people.

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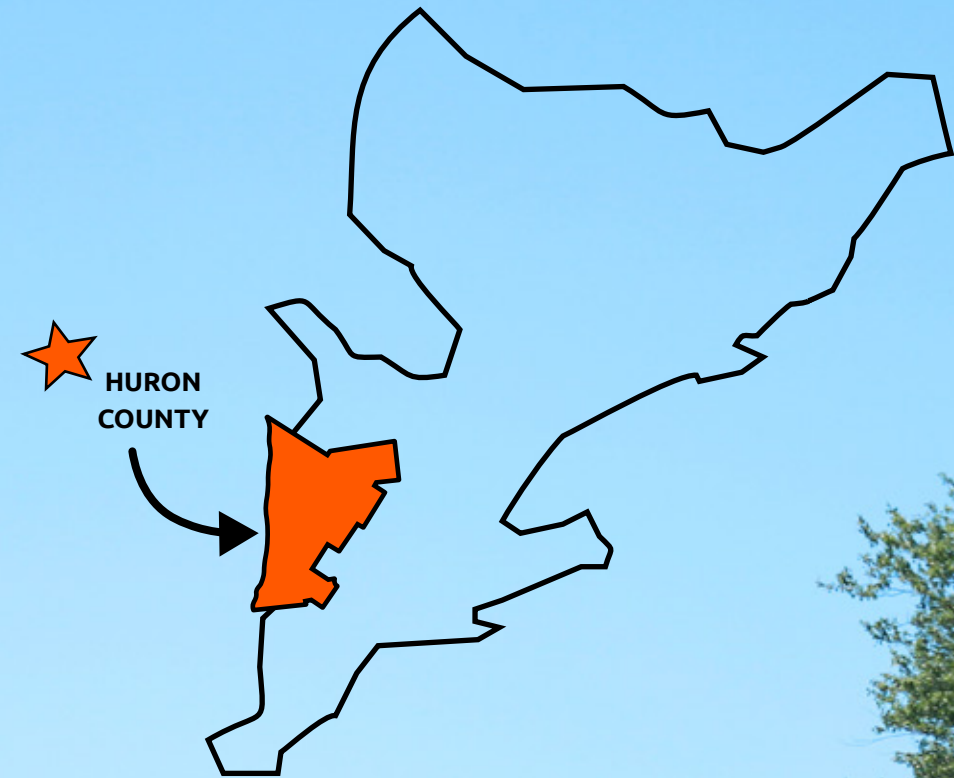
# Slow Your Roll

Welcome to Huron County. We're serving country living realness. Nothing too fancy, more of a favourite jeans paired with an old t-shirt in bare feet kind of a vibe. Oh, you'll definitely find lots of nice things and quality places while you're here, but pretentiousness and fancy airs are not how we roll. In fact, we prefer to keep it simple.

That Huron County feeling is easy—easy like Sunday morning—but all day long and every day. Picture yourself with a cup of coffee in hand, no plans, nowhere to be, just taking it all in as it comes. Maybe you'll want to spend the day at the beach—it's a wasted Canadian summer if you don't do that at least one or two days! Or go for a nice hike under a canopy of trees, have a drink on a patio with old friends, or pick up the tastiest produce for dinner at the local Farmers' Market. These are just a few suggestions of what you can do while visiting Ontario's West Coast.

So breathe a little deeper, relax a little longer... we've got what you need to slow your roll in Huron County.

Thanks for visiting.





# Ag'Mazing

Huron County is the most agriculturally productive county in all of Ontario. Our farmers produce more agricultural products than all the Maritime provinces combined. Which means if you're looking for fresh, local, and flavourful food options, you won't have to look very hard. You can find it everywhere! Enjoy all the deliciousness at our farmstands, local food producers and Farmers' Markets.

## Eat it up here:

**Blyth Farm Cheese** is a small on-farm family business close to the historic Village of Blyth. All their cheeses are made using sheep's milk and are made in a Gouda style. Everything from the farming to the milking to the cheese making and packaging, is done right on the farm.

[www.blythfarmcheese.ca](http://www.blythfarmcheese.ca)

**Metzger Meats** in Hensall provides quality cuts of meat and traditional specialty meats using the best ingredients, sourced from trusted local farms and producers. All their recipes consist of natural spices and ingredients to create outstanding products. The smoked meats are created using selections of natural woods for exceptional and delicious notes of smoke flavour.

[www.metzgermeat.com](http://www.metzgermeat.com)

**Meeting Place Organic Farm** is farmed by the second generation of the McQuail family, in a sustainable, certified organic, environmentally conscious manner with respect and awe for all living things. Offering certified organic pastured pigs, certified organic 100% grass-fed cattle and organically raised meat chickens. As well as organic eggs, apples and apple butter, vegetable, herb and tomato seedlings.

[www.meetingplaceorganicfarm.ca](http://www.meetingplaceorganicfarm.ca)

**Masse Fruit & Vegetables**, located between Zurich and St. Joseph's on Lake Huron, offers a smorgasbord of fruits and vegetables grown onsite including everbearing strawberries, sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, beans, peas, squash and pumpkins, picked fresh daily.

[www.facebook.com/MasseFruitandVegetables](https://www.facebook.com/MasseFruitandVegetables)

**Goderich BIA Farmers' Market** takes place Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. from the May long weekend to Thanksgiving weekend in Courthouse Park Square. Spend the morning shopping, sampling the outstanding products made by our local growers and makers at this large outdoor market.

[www.facebook.com/FarmersMarketGoderichBIA](https://www.facebook.com/FarmersMarketGoderichBIA)



Get the **Taste of Huron** app and discover our best food growers, producers and restaurants. Plus collect point and win rewards.

[www.tasteofhuron.com](http://www.tasteofhuron.com)



Meeting Place Organic Farm



# This is Tribble, He's an Alpaca

Tribble is just one of the many critters you might bump into while visiting Huron County. While you're visiting, see if you can complete the Barnyard Safari by getting pictures of the other "Big 7": cows, pigs, sheep, goats, donkeys, llamas and chickens.

And if you do bump into Tribble this summer, please say hi from us!

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Follow Tribble's adventures every Tuesday as he has the best summer traveling around Ontario's West Coast.



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**Instagram:** @OntariosWestCoast

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# Go Jump in a Lake

Lake Huron to be specific. “Life is Better at the Beach”, a million folksy cottage signs declare. If it’s that sign-worthy, you know it’s true. Ontario’s West Coast has 100 km of Lake Huron shoreline and 15 sandy beaches to dig your toes into. Spread out a blanket and soak up some rays, and let the stress melt away. Warning: excessive use may result in beach hair and pink glowing skin.

## Cool off here:

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Goderich offers a choice of three different beaches. The **Main Beach** is a large sandy beach featuring a boardwalk, snack bar and playground. **Rotary Cove**, a crescent shaped beach is shallow and sandy, and **St. Christopher’s Beach** offers sun and shade with rocks to perch on.

[www.exploreghoderich.ca/stories/goderich-beaches](http://www.exploreghoderich.ca/stories/goderich-beaches)

*The Main Beach and Rotary Cove are equipped with Mobi-Mats that allow someone using a mobility device to roll or walk right on top of the sand from the parking lot almost to the edge of the water.*

**Ashfield Park** is a hidden gem on Ontario’s West Coast. The 15-acre park is an ideal location to host your get-together or picnic and allows you to get away from the busier beaches. Just follow the winding road down to a breath-taking white sand beach.

[www.acwtownship.ca/residents/recreation-facilities/parks/ashfield-park](http://www.acwtownship.ca/residents/recreation-facilities/parks/ashfield-park)

**Bayfield Pier Beach** has drive up access, public washrooms and parking. Located next to the Marina, you can enjoy a stroll on the pier, a freshwater swim or just take in the sunshine on the large sandy beach.

[www.villageofbayfield.com/beaches](http://www.villageofbayfield.com/beaches)

The very popular **Port Blake Day Park** is located just north of Grand Bend and offers a sandy beach, washrooms and picnic shelter. An admission fee is required for entry.

[www.southhuron.ca/en/things-to-do/parks-and-trails.aspx](http://www.southhuron.ca/en/things-to-do/parks-and-trails.aspx)

The beach at **Point Farms Provincial Park** is a beautiful natural, sandy beach. Park Pass required to access. Pets are only permitted in the designated area.

[www.ontarioparks.com/park/pointfarms](http://www.ontarioparks.com/park/pointfarms)



Lake Huron



# Good Eats

Digging into the local food scene is an important part of any vacation. Choosing Ontario's West Coast for your holiday means you're going to eat very well! We're serving up a mess of farm-to-table culinary creations, satisfying home cooking, classic roadside stands and pretty much every kind of dish, snack or morsel in-between.

## Chow down here:

Enjoy **Eddington's of Exeter** where Owner/Chef James Eddington states that "We are blessed to be living in such an agriculturally rich area of the world." He attributes the restaurant's success in creating flavourful and creative meals to being able to consistently use the best of Huron County's bounty.

[www.eddingtons.ca](http://www.eddingtons.ca)

**The Albion Hotel** in Bayfield serves a farm-to-table taste of the county. Homemade burgers, chicken wings and fish and chips are among their most popular orders! The large menu has something for everyone from traditional pub fare to fine entrees.

[www.albionbayfield.com](http://www.albionbayfield.com)

**The Farmer's Dell** drive-in restaurant is a favourite for locals. Serving a menu of traditional roadside drive-in fare with a twist, plus innovative and tempting weekend specials. The busy parking lot doesn't lie—well worth a stop.

[www.facebook.com/farmersdell2018](https://www.facebook.com/farmersdell2018)

**Part II Bistro** is located on the historic Courthouse Square Goderich. A small, intimate bistro serving locally sourced, award-winning fare including vegetarian options. Fully licensed, serving craft beers and diverse wines.

[www.part2bistro.ca](http://www.part2bistro.ca)

**Benmiller Inn** is duly famous for their Sunday Brunch Buffet. Their lunch and dinner menus featuring immaculately prepared casual fine dining dishes are also worthy of your attention. Reservations required.

[www.benmiller.ca](http://www.benmiller.ca)

### Spending time at a cottage this summer?

Order local food online from **Eat Local Huron**, a not-for-profit online farmers' market dedicated to bringing locally sourced food to the doorsteps of Huron County residents.

[www.eatlocalhuron.ca](http://www.eatlocalhuron.ca)



Part 2 Bistro



# Hit the Hay

After a day out in the fresh air, and with a full belly from an amazing locally sourced meal, you're going to want to find somewhere to rest your weary head. Fret not, because as luck would have it, we have a variety of accommodations for every type of traveller and wallet size.

Nightly-night.

## Stay here:

**Auburn Riverside Retreat** is an unforgettable family camping experience. This camping retreat is located on the banks of the Maitland River outside of Auburn. Relax and enjoy the stunning scenery.

[www.experiencecamping.ca/auburnriversideretreat/](http://www.experiencecamping.ca/auburnriversideretreat/)

A hidden gem on the edge of Lake Huron, **Deer Park Lodge** is an eco-friendly resort with lakefront cottages, a saltwater pool and a private sandy beach offering a front-row seat to the most beautiful sunsets.

[www.deerparklodge.ca](http://www.deerparklodge.ca)

Indulge in the wonders of nature at **Blyth Railway Cabins** located directly on the G2G Rail Trail in Blyth. Immerse yourself in the beautiful, natural space where luxury cabins await your arrival.

[www.trailwaycabinsblyth.com](http://www.trailwaycabinsblyth.com)

Escape to a world of relaxation at the **Dreamz Inn**—a contemporary designer hotel central to both Goderich and Bayfield. Featuring upscale amenities like an Indoor Swimming Pool, Hot Tub, Sauna and Sports Court.

[www.dreamzinn.ca](http://www.dreamzinn.ca)

**Colborne Bed & Breakfast** is a home away from home. This lovely Victorian-era home is located in Goderich and features five private suites. Included with your accommodation is a full gourmet-style breakfast.

[www.colbornebandb.com](http://www.colbornebandb.com)



Blyth Railway Cabins



# Wet your Whistle

With six breweries, five wineries and one cidery, you can quench the mightiest of thirsts. Gather some friends and spend some serious social time sipping, sampling, slurping and burping your way across Ontario's West Coast. Cheers to that!

## Raise a glass here:

**Bad Apple Brewing Company** is a family owned, family run, and family-friendly craft brewery found along Highway #21 and the beautiful shores of Lake Huron. The brewhouse, brewery store and taproom are in a renovated century barn on a small orchard. The large Beer Garden is the perfect place for connecting with friends and family where you can spread out and relax over some cold beverages, yard games, live music and good company!

[www.badapplebrewingco.com](http://www.badapplebrewingco.com)

The word "Schatz" is a German word meaning "treasure". Schatz is also used as a term of endearment, much like my sweetheart or my darling. Ultimately, **Schatz Winery** is Hessenland Inn's darling vineyard and winery. Stop by the Schatz Winery building for a tasting.

[www.hessenland.com](http://www.hessenland.com)

Goderich's craft brewery, **Square Brew**, opened in 2017. Focusing on beer that they like to drink and served in a casual atmosphere. All beer is made in-house at the brewery and is offered by the glass in the taproom or cans to-go.

[www.squarebrewco.com](http://www.squarebrewco.com)

**River Road Brewing & Hops** is Huron County and Bayfield's first farm-based brewery, dedicated to providing you with delicious and quality crafted beers and produce. Each of their beers offer you a unique tasting experience. The ingredients that go into making their beer are grown right on the farm giving you a fresh taste like no other brewery.

[www.riverroadbrewing.com](http://www.riverroadbrewing.com)

**Maelstrom Winery**, nestled in the crook of land between the south Maitland River and the Bayfield River, is Huron County's first winery. The vineyard now has over 9 acres of grape vines, vitis vinifera and hybrid varietals. Maelstrom Winery is dedicated to creating unique and memorable experiences from the moment you step in the door, to the first sip of your tasting.

[www.maelstromwinery.ca](http://www.maelstromwinery.ca)

## Vine & Ale Trail

Discover what's growing in Huron County, Ontario's newest wine, cider and craft beer destination. Download the Vine & Ale Trail brochure at: [www.ontarioswestcoast.ca/things-to-do/wineries-breweries](http://www.ontarioswestcoast.ca/things-to-do/wineries-breweries)



Schatz Winery/Hessenland Country Inn



# Hullabaloops and Revelries

We throw a great party and you can find one happening in the County every weekend of the summer. If you're looking to join in the merrymaking, check out what's happening on the Festivals and Events Calendar on Ontario's West Coast and let the fun and frivolity begin.

## Crash these parties:

Headlining this year's **Huron Waves Music Festival** is an exhibit of Gaia, a large-scale replica of planet earth created from NASA images by UK artist Luke Jerram. Visit the Gaia exhibit at Trivitt Memorial Anglican Church, 264 Main St. S, Exeter, Ontario. Visit Gaia from June 1 to July 3 (open daily except Mondays).

[www.huronwaves.ca](http://www.huronwaves.ca)

**Goderich Celtic Roots Festival** takes place in Lion's Harbour Park, Goderich from August 7-13. There is something for every Celtic music fan! Enjoy strolling through our Artisan Village and take in music from a lineup of international and award-winning musicians over the festival weekend—a not to be missed event!

[www.celticfestival.ca](http://www.celticfestival.ca)

The **Zurich Bean Festival** pays tribute to one of Huron County's main agricultural crops... the bean. The 56th Annual Bean Festival will be held in the Village of Zurich on August 25 and 26. Entertainment, midway, classic car show, street vendors, and more.

[www.beanfest.ca](http://www.beanfest.ca)

The **Bayfield Fair** is a family-friendly event, continuing a 167-year country fair tradition from August 18-20. Music entertainment takes place on the Friday and Saturday evenings, including fireworks. The arena will be filled with exhibits and demonstrations. Horse, 4-H, animal displays, community meal, inflatables, children's activities, and entertainment for all ages are features of the fair.

[www.bayfieldfair.ca](http://www.bayfieldfair.ca)

Celebrate Canada's diverse populations and cultures at the **Huron Multicultural Festival**. This free community event takes place on Sunday, June 25 in Courthouse Park, Goderich. The festival includes a stage show of music and dance from around the world, a global food court and marketplace, children's activities and licensed beer garden.

[www.facebook.com/HuronsMulticulturalFestival](https://www.facebook.com/HuronsMulticulturalFestival)



Huron Multicultural Festival



# Hiking n' Tree Huggin

Go over the river and through the woods hiking the 35+ marked trails on Ontario's West Coast. Connect with nature, listen to birdsong, and leaf all your worries behind communing with trees.

## Stretch your legs here:

The **Guelph to Goderich Rail Trail**, or G2G, is a 132 km trail along the former CPR Railway line abandoned in 1988 and now a highly accessible, public recreational trail for non-motorized use: walking, hiking, running, cycling, snowshoeing and skiing.

[www.g2grailtrail.com](http://www.g2grailtrail.com)

Explore **Bannockburn Conservation Area**, an almost 2 km recreational trail, and travel through the six different natural communities including Wet Meadow, Eastern White Cedar, Deciduous Forest, Old Field, and Mixed Scrub and Marsh.

[www.abca.ca/conservationareas/bannockburn](http://www.abca.ca/conservationareas/bannockburn)

The **South Huron Trail** is an 8 km, all-season trail that winds through the scenic Ausable River Valley. This accessible trail links MacNaughton Park in Exeter and Morrison Dam Conservation Area, just 2 km east of Exeter. Thanks to trail loops of different lengths (2 km, 4 km, or 8 km), you can spend 20 minutes or two hours enjoying nature.

[www.abca.ca/recreation/southhurontrail](http://www.abca.ca/recreation/southhurontrail)

**Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area** is a no-fee, multi-use, multi-season facility, known best for its waterfowl and pheasant hunting. Opportunities for wild game hunting (with Sunday gun hunting), hiking, horseback riding, birding, canoeing and various other activities can be found at Hullett Marsh.

[www.hullettmarsh.com](http://www.hullettmarsh.com)

**Maitland Woods** is a 3.4 km loop trail right in Goderich. This is a popular trail for birding, hiking, and walking, but you can still enjoy some solitude during quieter times of day. The trail is open year-round and is beautiful to visit anytime. Dogs are welcome, but must be on a leash.

[www.exploregerich.ca/experience/explore-these-great-eight-trails](http://www.exploregerich.ca/experience/explore-these-great-eight-trails)

### Get the Guide!

Grab a copy of the Ontario's West Coast Hiking Guide or download it using the QR code.



Falls Reserve Conservation Area



# Hey, Sport!

Whatever your field of battle, holeyboard or a round of 18 holes, earn those bragging rights by challenging your rivals to a little friendly competition. Those with less of a competitive streak can still crush it by participating in calmer activities.

## Leave it all on the field here:

**Ironwood Golf Club** in Exeter offers you an excellent 18-hole golf course in superb condition at good value. Golfers come from all over southwestern Ontario and beyond to enjoy this scenic, challenging, tree-lined fairways and course. Exeter Golf Club, a mere mile up the road, provides you with the opportunity to combine those nine holes with Ironwood and make a day of it!

[www.golfnorth.ca/ironwood](http://www.golfnorth.ca/ironwood)

**Stand-up Paddle Boards** from the Yoga Den in Goderich. Explore the clear waters of Lake Huron by paddleboard! Try a Sunset SUP Yoga class. Bring a group for a lesson or a class or get a private one-on-one of SUP basics and safety. Lessons are available seven days a week.

[www.theyogaden.ca](http://www.theyogaden.ca)

**Walton Raceway** offers plenty of ways to ride in Walton from open ride days to motocross schools and camps. Fans of motocross can cheer on their favourite riders at the Walton TransCan Amateur GNC. Check out the **Edge of Walton Challenge Course** for more thrills and excitement.

[www.waltonraceway.ca](http://www.waltonraceway.ca)

Take a break from the competition and head to **Pioneer Park** in Bayfield for free community yoga classes. Classes are offered on Monday and Thursday mornings throughout July and August.

[www.pioneerpark.ca](http://www.pioneerpark.ca)

**Bluestone Wake Park** is here to help you enjoy every moment on the water. Whether it's your first-time wakeboarding or you want to learn new tricks, they have a great team of instructors to help you out. Bounce around with your family and friends on their floating obstacle course in the Aqua Park. Canoe, kayak and stand-up paddleboard lessons and rentals are also available.

[www.bluestonewake.com](http://www.bluestonewake.com)



Stone House Brewing Company



# Aim for the Stars

When we turn out the lights on Ontario's West Coast, it gets dark. Real dark. Whether you want to wish upon a star, identify the constellations, or navigate by the North Star, you have a galaxy of opportunities to gaze off into space while sitting around the campfire.

## Look up, way up here:

Head to any of our **public beaches** and lay back on a blanket and watch the sky over the lake. We especially recommend this activity during the annual Perseid meteor shower which peak in August each year.

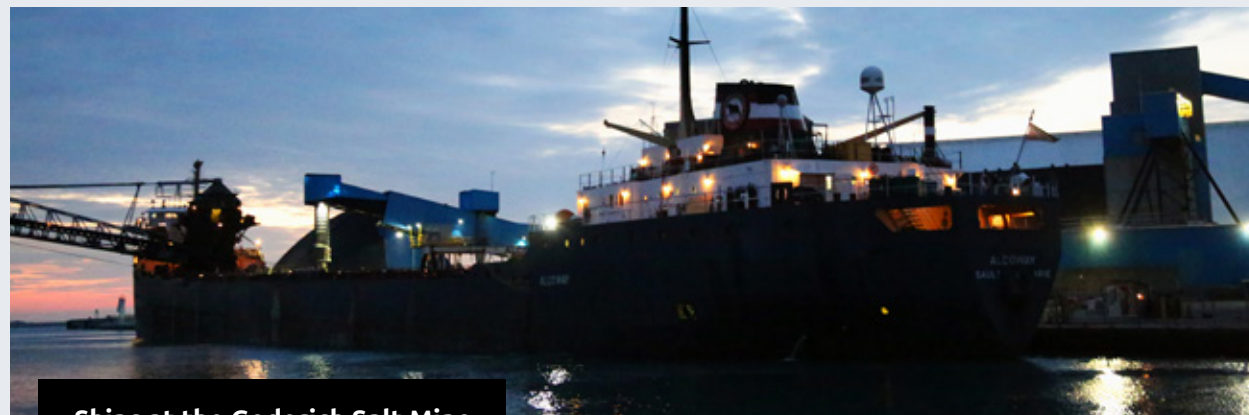
[www.ontarioswestcoast.ca/things-to-do/beaches](http://www.ontarioswestcoast.ca/things-to-do/beaches)

Geek out at a Star Party. All astronomers and anyone of any age that is interested in astronomy is invited to come to one of the **West Coast Astronomers'** star parties.

[www.westcoastastronomers.info](http://www.westcoastastronomers.info)

Have a Huron County Library Card? Check out one of the Meade® Mini LightBridge 130 **Tabletop Telescope** from their catalogue and see the stars and galaxies close-up.

[www.huroncountylibrary.ca](http://www.huroncountylibrary.ca)



**Ships at the Goderich Salt Mine**



**Hydro Line Road**



# Yes, There will be Drama

...and music, and laughter, and thought-provoking moments, and... well, you get the picture. Be inspired, be entertained, be taken out of yourself and be changed. Applause, applause!

## Get cultured here:

The **Blyth Festival** has put rural Canadians centre stage, telling our stories, sharing our history, and celebrating our way of life since 1975. A professional theatre company offering four shows in the 373 seat Blyth Memorial Hall and the Donnelly's Trilogy by James Reaney on the outdoor Harvest Stage in 2023.

[www.blythfestival.com](http://www.blythfestival.com)

Wander the art galleries in Bayfield and find the perfect piece for your home. **Marten Arts Gallery** has been exhibiting and selling Canadian art for over 20 years, **Main Street Gallery** shows the work of artist/owner Jim Taleski along with over 30 artists and artisans, and **The Gallery House** specializes in Contemporary Canadian art.

[www.villageofbayfield.com](http://www.villageofbayfield.com)

The **First Time 4 Everything Festival** is a new one-act theatre launching in 2023. Running from July 12 to 15 and produced in partnership with The Livery Theatre in Goderich, the festival provides an opportunity for theatre devotees to try their hands in different production roles and see how it goes.

[www.thelivery.ca](http://www.thelivery.ca)

**Huron Country Playhouse** located in a country setting, just minutes from Grand Bend and the sparkling shores of Lake Huron, is part of Drayton Entertainment. There are 650 seats in the Mainstage auditorium and 300 seats in the South Huron Stage auditorium, featuring a playbill of Broadway blockbusters, sidesplitting comedies, thought-provoking dramas, and plenty of family fare.

[www.draytonentertainment.com](http://www.draytonentertainment.com)

**Alice Munro Country.** This master of the short story format and Noble Laureate for Literature was born and raised in Wingham. Visit the Alice Munro Garden in Wingham and head out from there on the self-guided walking tour of points of interest in the town of Wingham relating to Munro's work. [www.northhuron.ca/en/discover-north-huron/alice-munro-garden.aspx](http://www.northhuron.ca/en/discover-north-huron/alice-munro-garden.aspx).

You can meet the next generation of Canadian writers at the annual **Alice Munro Festival of the Short Story**.

[www.alicemunrofestival.ca](http://www.alicemunrofestival.ca)



Marten Arts Gallery, Bayfield



# And the Rest is History

We love a good story! There are more than a few colourful characters in the old family tree along with some truly stranger than fiction tales, that add up to some incredible, weird, fascinating, and off-beat local history stories that will both delight and have you scratching your head.

## Listen to the story here:

The **Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol** is home to thousands of artifacts that illustrate the history of our communities. Permanent exhibitions feature early settlement, agriculture, military, and main street galleries including a full-size steam locomotive and, best of all, a two-headed cow!

[www.huroncountymuseum.ca](http://www.huroncountymuseum.ca)

Celebrate **Exeter's 150th** from June 29 to July 2. The schedule of events includes: sesquicentennial homecoming, guided walking tours, parade, live music and fireworks, and much more.

[www.facebook.com/ExeterandDistrictHeritageFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/ExeterandDistrictHeritageFoundation)

Honouring generations of agricultural tradition, the **Huron Pioneer Thresher & Hobby Show** features displays, exhibits, steam engines, antique cars, flea markets, musical performances and more related to our farming heritage.

[www.blythsteamshow.com](http://www.blythsteamshow.com)

The **Bayfield Historical Society Archives & Heritage Centre** is dedicated to recording and preserving Bayfield's rich historical legacy for future generations. The Archives and Heritage Centre preserves and displays several different types of archival material and resources.

[www.bayfieldhistorical.ca](http://www.bayfieldhistorical.ca)

The **CNR School on Wheels Museum** is a unique railway museum located in Clinton. This historic railcar was one of seven school cars used to teach students in Northern Ontario from 1926-1967. It is named for teacher Fred Sloman, a Clinton native, who taught and lived in the railcar with his family for 39 years.

[www.facebook.com/schoolcar](https://www.facebook.com/schoolcar)





# Climb the Walls

It can't all be a day at the beach. If you're looking for fun stuff to do as a family, you have plenty of options, from indoor tracks that allow you to race and climb to less strenuous activities and outings better suited for littlest ones and tired parents.

## Have fun here:

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**Maitland Valley Grotto** in Goderich is a bouldering gym offering bouldering for all levels. Fun and fitness are the main purpose for beginners. Bouldering is one of the most efficient ways to learn climbing techniques and increase your strength and mobility. And it's fun!  
[www.maitlandvalleygrotto.com](http://www.maitlandvalleygrotto.com)

Learn new tricks on skateboards, scooters or BMX bikes at the **All-In Skatepark** in Zurich. This old arena has been converted to have a large variety of ramps and jumps, and comes with an in-house BMX and scooter store to meet all your extreme sport needs in one place.  
[www.allinactionsports.com](http://www.allinactionsports.com)

**The Village Toy Castle** in Brucefield is the ultimate play destination for kids and toy collectors of all ages. The toy store has the latest and most desired toys mixed with nostalgic classics in a historic victorian building. Parents will enjoy the museum of vintage toys and retro arcade games.  
[www.facebook.com/TheVillageToyCastle](http://www.facebook.com/TheVillageToyCastle)

**The Exeter Splash Zone** is located at 49 MacNaughton Drive in Exeter. Open everyday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. from May to September. Conveniently located next door to the outdoor swimming pool, McNaughton Park and the South Huron trail head.

Saddle up and enjoy the countryside on horseback at **Home on the Range**. Take the entire family and make great memories riding the friendly horses on the farm.  
[Find on Facebook: Home on the Range](#)



Maitland Valley Grotto



# Road Tripp'n

Huron County is a big place with lots of countryside to see and explore. On the following pages, you'll find plenty of day tripping inspiration for all nine municipalities that make up Huron County. We recommend you pack a cooler and blanket, turn up the tunes and spend a day wandering and poking around some of the towns, villages, shops, sites, landscape and occasional oddity that are Ontario's West Coast.

**Use the QR code to find the nearest EV charger.**



Somewhere off the beaten path



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# Road Trip: Goderich

Goderich, known as the “Canada’s prettiest town”, is Huron County’s largest community. A busy port, it is the only deepwater port on the eastern shore of Lake Huron, welcoming 250 ships annually. In the centre of town, you’ll find The Square (actually an octagon) with shopping, dining, festivals and events, and Culbert’s Bakery—home of the famous cream puff.

### Fun Fact:

Goderich is home to the world’s largest underground salt mine. Located at the mouth of the Maitland River, it extends several kilometres under Lake Huron. The salt mine is as deep as the CN Tower is tall. The Goderich Salt Festival is celebrating everything salt from September 15 to 17.

### Check it out:

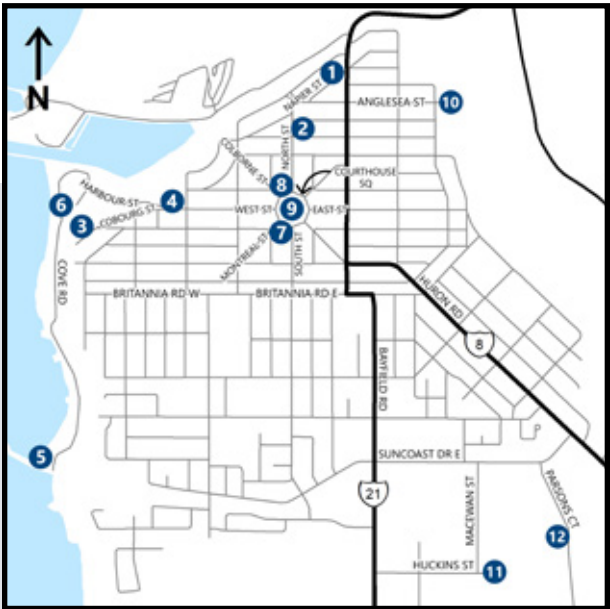
- 1. Huron Historic Gaol
- 2. Huron County Museum
- 3. Goderich Lighthouse
- 4. Goderich Celtic Roots Festival
- 5. Goderich Beaches
- 6. Beach Street Station
- 7. The Yoga Den – Paddle Boarding
- 8. Part II Bistro
- 9. Courthouse Square
- 10. Maitland Valley Grotto
- 11. Maitland Woods
- 12. Square Brew



Huron Historic Gaol



Beach Street Station



The Goderich Lighthouse

Go on this road trip:





# Road Trip: Bluewater

Get to know the three villages of Bluewater. Bayfield is a charming lakeside village that offers arts, culture and great dining options. Zurich was settled by Swiss-German immigrants and was once home to famed clock maker George Hess. Pride in their heritage is found in the village name and in the St. Peter’s Lutheran Church clock tower. Hensall is the white bean capital of Canada. Thousands of tons of beans are annually processed, packaged and shipped globally in this agricultural industry hub.

Check it out:

- 1. Bannockburn Conservation Area
- 2. Bad Apple Brewing Company
- 3. Schatz Winery
- 4. Masse Fruit and Vegetables
- 5. Zurich Bean Festival
- 6. All-In Skate Park
- 7. Jerry Rader Homestyle Catering & Market
- 8. Metzger Meat Products
- 9. Petty Brothers’ Bench
- 10. Bayfield Beach
- 11. Pioneer Park
- 12. Bayfield Archives and Heritage Centre
- 13. The Albion Hotel
- 14. Marten Arts Gallery
- 15. Main Street Gallery
- 16. Skwirl Fine Art Gallery/Gallery House
- 17. Bayfield Fair



The Petty Brothers’ bench at the Hensall Library



Jerry Rader Homestyle Catering and Market



Historic Main Street, Bayfield

Trailblazer

Dr. Jennie Smillie Robertson was the first female surgeon in Canada and grew up on a farm near the village of Hensall. Visit the Jennie Smilie Park in downtown Hensall.

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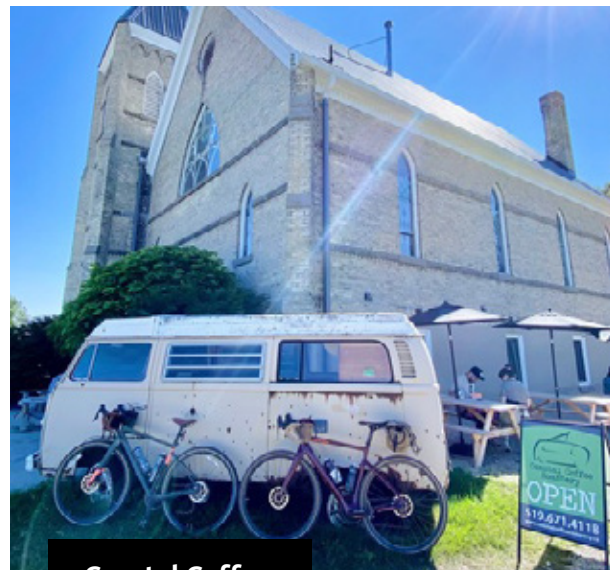




# Road Trip: ACW



Falls Reserve  
Conservation Area

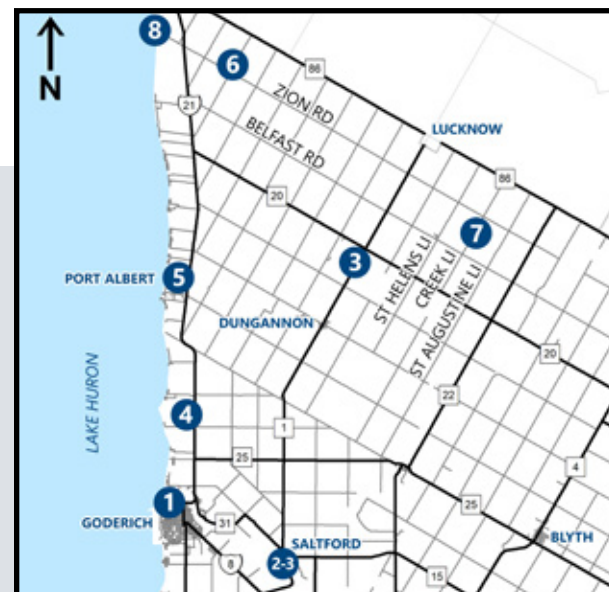


Coastal Coffee

## Check it out:

1. G2G Trail: Menesetung Trailhead
2. Falls Reserve Campground Area
3. Benmiller Inn & Spa
4. Point Farms Provincial Park
5. Port Albert
6. Coastal Coffee
7. Meeting Place Organic Farm
8. Ashfield Park

Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township, or ACW, is an agricultural community dotted with small villages and hamlets. Enjoy many natural attractions including the lakeshore, forests and rivers that you can explore by visiting hiking trails, forest tracts and sandy beaches. Enjoy the agricultural output of the township by visiting the many farm stands and the Dungannon's Farmers' Market, Fridays from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. from May to September.



Port Albert General Store & Pub

## Well that's Interesting...

Johnathan Miller of Benmiller was once believed to be the largest man in Canada, or even the world. Born in 1848, he reached a weight of 465 lbs. He passed away at the age of 61 in 1909. His funeral was delayed several days while a custom casket was made that required 12 pallbearers. Remembered not only known for his size, but also his good nature. Photo credit: Huron County Museum



Go on this road trip:





# Road Trip: South Huron

Nature lovers will find themselves delighted by the diverse outdoor recreational offerings. The Ausable River winds through the region, offering opportunities for fishing, canoeing and kayaking. Hikers and cyclists can explore scenic trails that meander through lush forests and alongside rolling fields, immersing themselves in the tranquility of nature.



Huron Country Playhouse

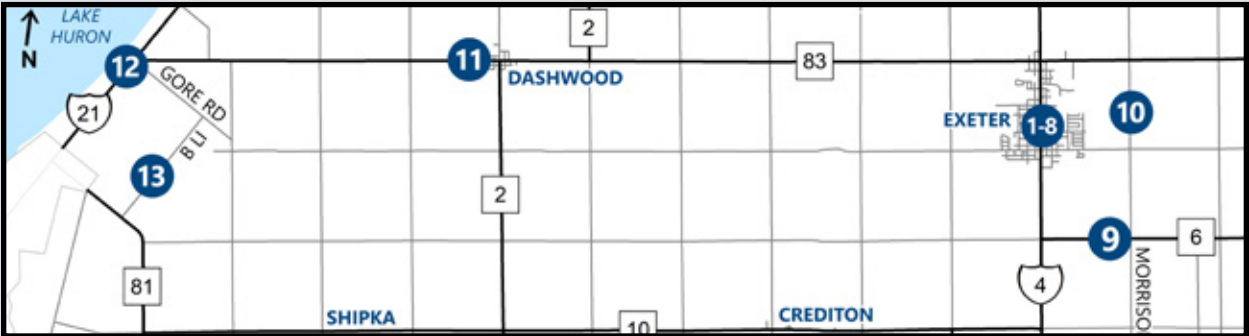


### Home of the White Squirrel!

These non-albino white squirrels believed to be the result of a recessive gene that produces the squirrel’s rare white coat. Named for Exeter’s mascot, **The White Squirrel Bakery** is well worth a stop to load up on goodies while trying to grab a great photo of these rare creatures.

### Check it out:

1. Exeter Splash Zone
2. South Huron Trail
3. Exeter 150th
4. Exeter RAM Rodeo
5. Huron Waves Music Festival - Gaia
6. Exeter Main Street
7. White Squirrel Bakery
8. Eddington’s of Exeter
9. Exeter Golf Club
10. Ironwood Golf Club
11. Hayter’s Farm
12. Port Blake Day Park
13. Huron Country Playhouse



Exeter RAM Rodeo

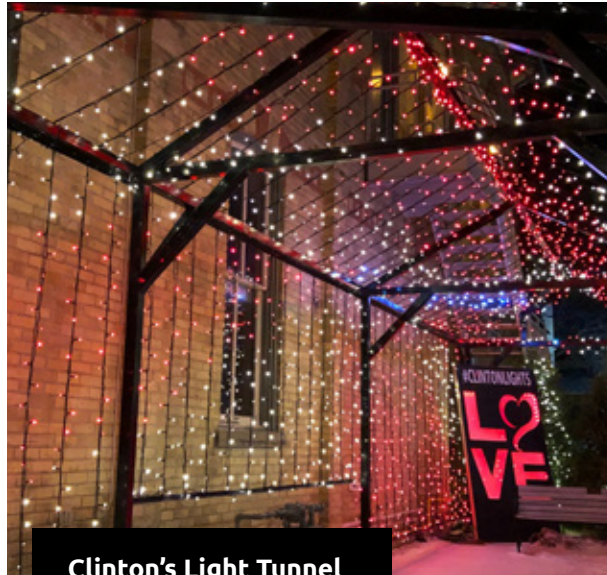
South Huron Trail/Morrison Dam



Go on this road trip:



# Road Trip: Central Huron



Clinton's Light Tunnel

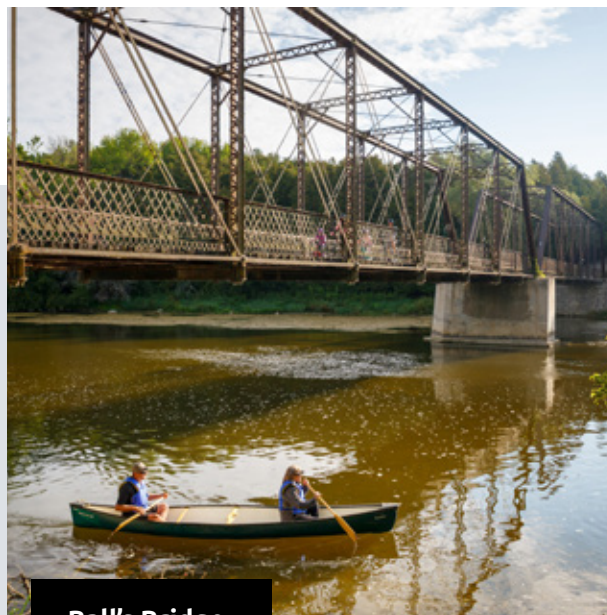
## Light it up!

Visit the radar and the light tunnel both located on Clinton's Main Street for an Instagramable moment.

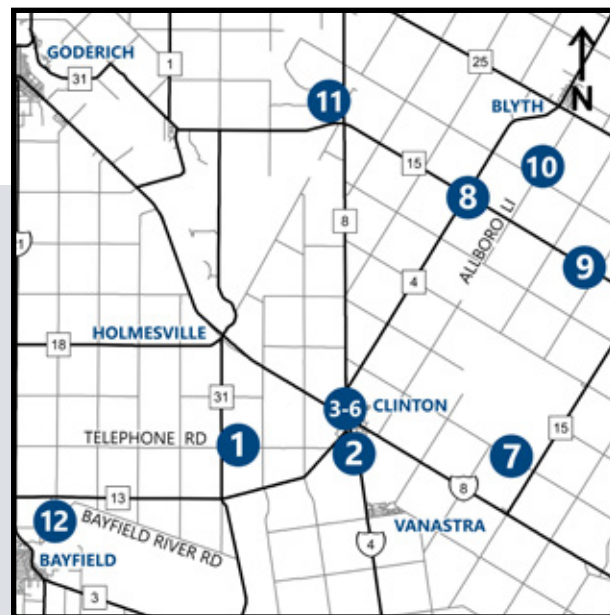
The Municipality of Central Huron is in the heart of Huron County. It attracts many young families, as it's a great place to live and play. Choose from many recreational facilities including the Clinton Raceway, REACH Huron, disc golf course, splash pad, skate park, hiking trails and campgrounds. A perfect destination for the outdoor enthusiast.



Bartliff's Restaurant and Bakery



Ball's Bridge



Bluestone Wake Park



## Check it out:

1. Bluestone Wake Park
2. CNR School on Wheels Museum
3. Clinton Radar
4. Clinton Town Hall - Harvest Fest
5. Light Tunnel
6. Bartliff's Restaurant and Bakery
7. Hullet Marsh Provincial Wildlife Area
8. Home on the Range
9. Blyth Farm Cheese
10. Ball's Bridge
11. River Road Brewing & Hops



Go on this road trip:



# Road Trip: Huron East

Experience history in Huron East. Seaforth and Brussels have beautiful commercial architecture and stately Victorian homes. The Van Egmond House, a Country Manor House built in 1846 has been carefully restored and now operates as a museum in Egmondville. During World War II, the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) had a station in Vanastra that was used to train and supply over 7,000 radar technicians and support staff for American, British and Canadian forces.



**Fun Fact**

There’s something about Huron-East and Hockey that creates great players. Ten NHL players grew up in or played for Huron East Teams. Enough to have their own NHL Huron East Team. Visit the hockey mural to see some of the greats.



The Farmer’s Dell

**Check it out:**

1. The Farmer’s Dell
2. Village Toy Castle
3. Vanastra Heritage Trail
4. Maelstrom Winery
5. Hockey Heroes Mural
6. Main Street, Seaforth
7. G2G Trail: Walton Trailhead
8. Walton Raceway
9. Brussels Fairy Door Trail



Go on this road trip:

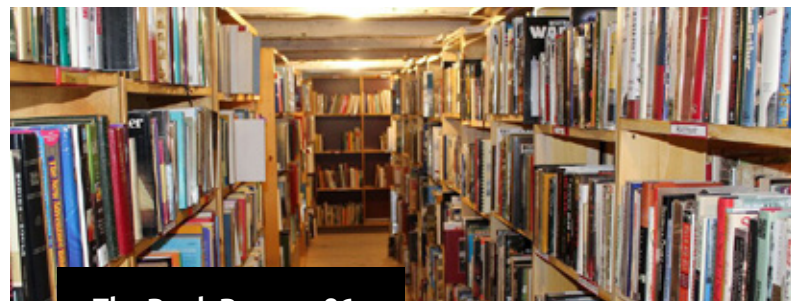
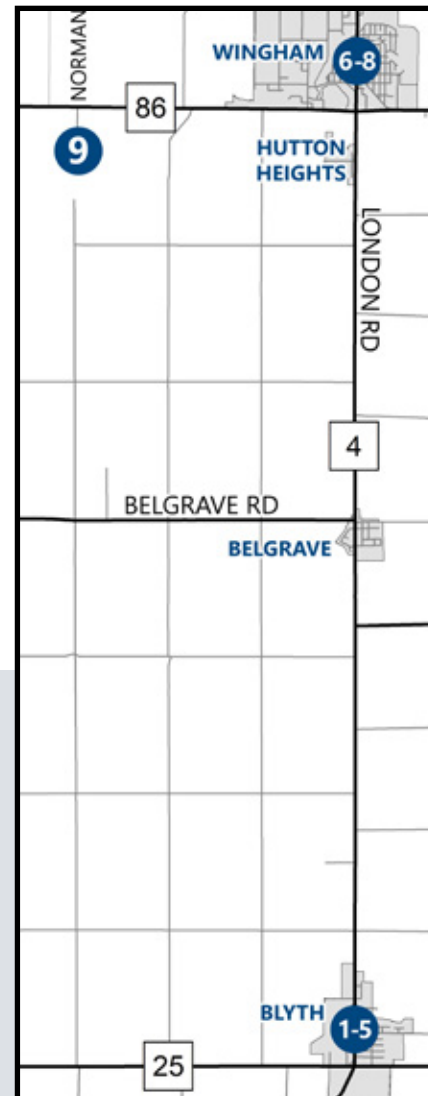


# Road Trip: North Huron

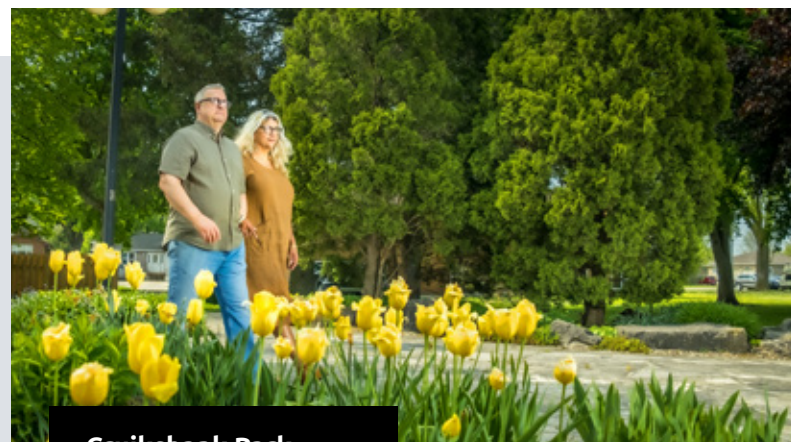
Rural creativity is on exhibit in North Huron. Wingham is the birthplace of CKNX Radio and former television station for rural Ontario. The tradition continues today with concerts by contemporary artists at the Wingham Town Hall Theatre. The Village of Blyth is home to the Blyth Centre of the Arts, including the Blyth Festival and Blyth Festival Art Gallery as well as a cluster of retail galleries featuring the work of artists and artisans from across Ontario.

## Check it out:

1. Blyth Campground
2. Blyth Inn
3. Blyth Festival Theatre
4. Blyth Arson Map
5. G2G Trail: Blyth Trailhead
7. Wingham Town Hall Theatre
8. Cruikshank Park
9. The Book Barn on 86



The Book Barn on 86



Cruikshank Park



The Blyth Inn

## Can you solve an unsolved mystery?

A historical whodunit. Visit the Arson Map in downtown Blyth and come up with your own theory on who the arsonist was that burnt down 31 buildings in the village from 1900-1901.

Go on this road trip:





# Road Trip: Morris-Turnberry

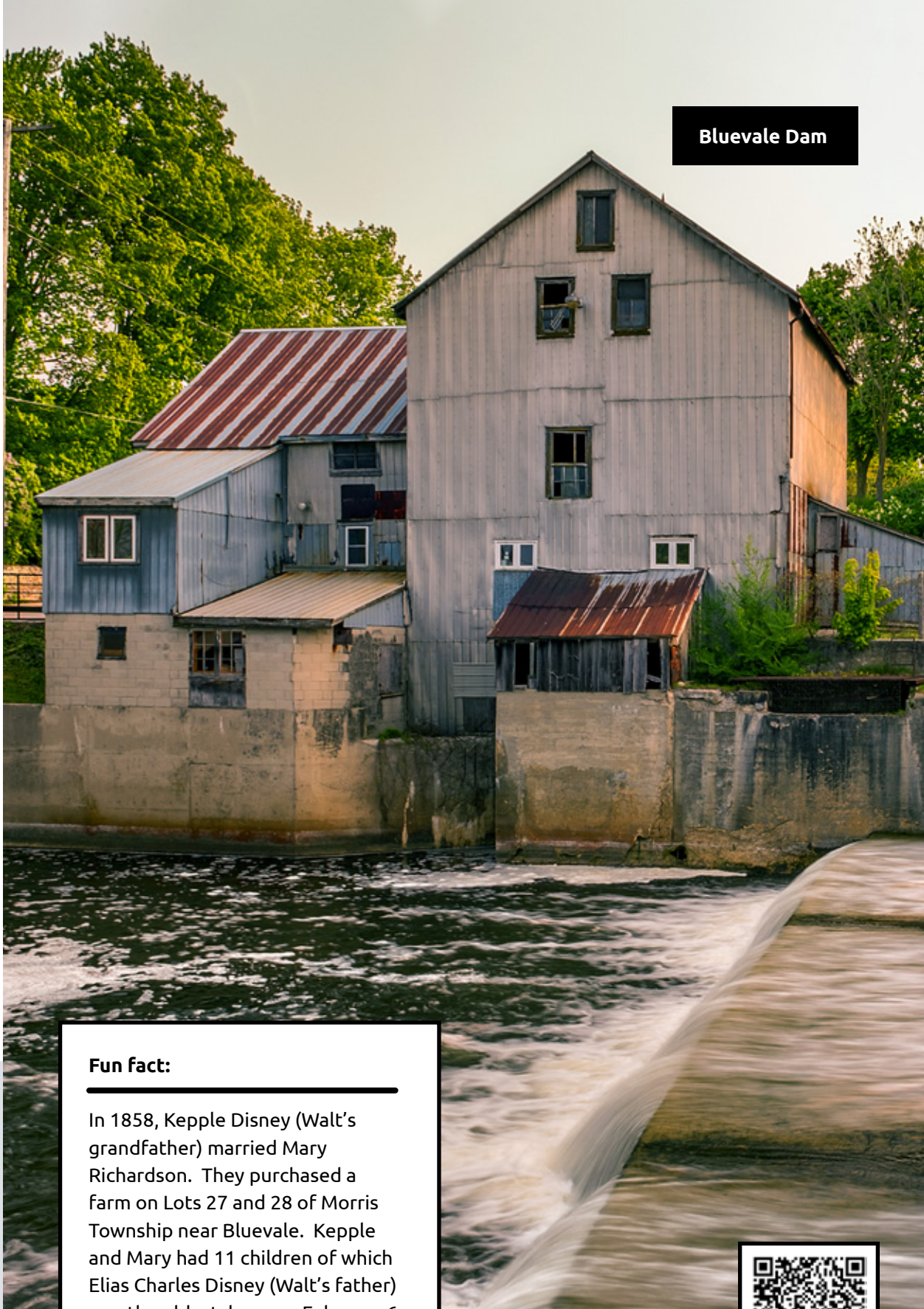
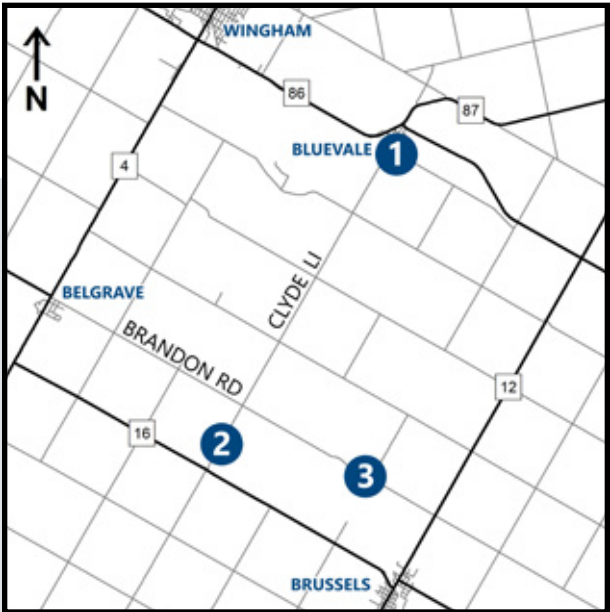
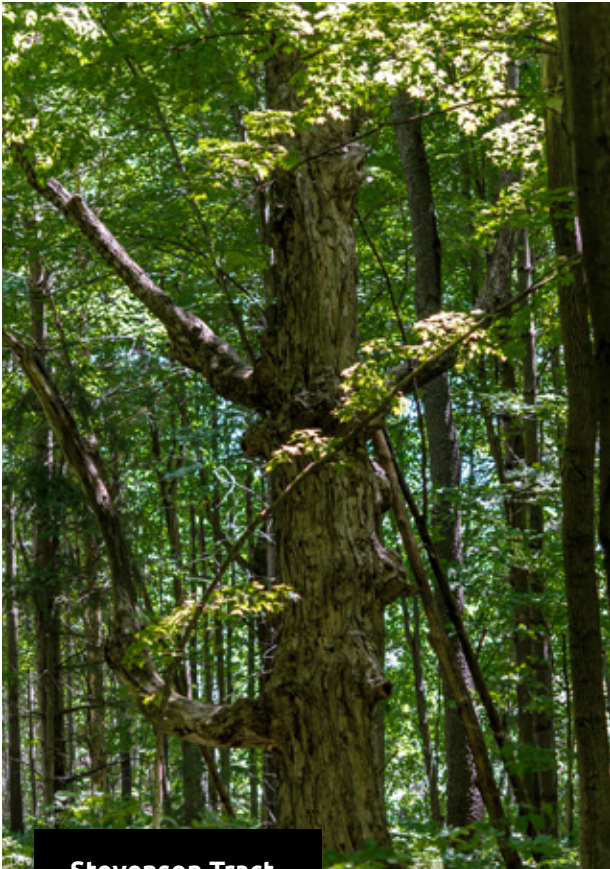
Take a trip to the country. The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry is our most agricultural municipality. A patchwork quilt of crop fields, cows grazing in pasture, and pretty as a picture farmsteads. This is where you'll encounter the real-deal rural farming way of life.

- Check it out:
1.

Bluevale Dam
2.

Stevenson Tract
3.


Malette Family Farm



Fun fact:

In 1858, Kepple Disney (Walt's grandfather) married Mary Richardson. They purchased a farm on Lots 27 and 28 of Morris Township near Bluevale. Kepple and Mary had 11 children of which Elias Charles Disney (Walt's father) was the oldest, born on February 6, 1859 in Bluevale.

Go on this road trip:





# Road Trip: Howick

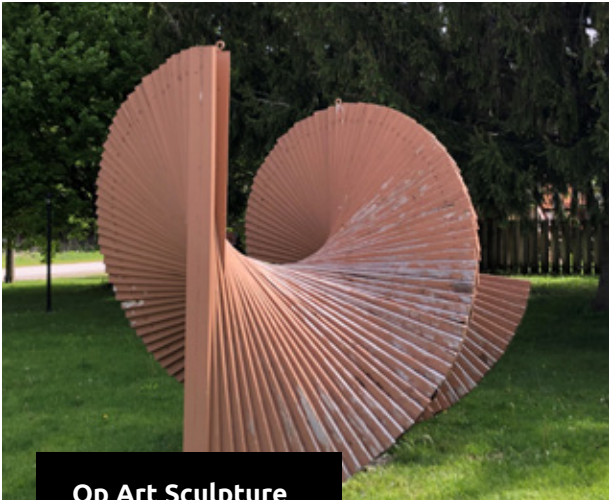
The Maitland River provides scenic views as it winds through the villages of Wroxeter, Gorrie and Fordwich in the Township of Howick. Their riverside vantage provides the perfect venue for afternoon picnics and is also ideal for birdwatching during the spring and fall migrations



Gorrie Line Produce



Wroxeter Trail



Op Art Sculpture

**Expect the unexpected:**

Find art in unexpected places. Check out the Op Art sculpture on Main Street in Wroxeter made by George Oriold. We don't know how or why he made it here, but we like it.



Gorrie Trail



**Check it out:**

1. Gorrie Line Produce
2. Walking Trail - Wroxeter
3. Modern Art Wroxeter
4. Walking Trail - Gorrie
5. Howick Turnberry Fall Fair
6. Walking Trail - Fordwich



Go on this road trip:



# Travel Resources

**21 Tours & Events** provides culinary and beverage tours along the shores of Ontario's West Coast as well as curated experiences and unique escapades  
[www.21tourseventsco.ca](http://www.21tourseventsco.ca)

**519 Tours** offers a variety of unique pre-packaged tours as well as transportation and customizable tour services.  
[www.519tours.ca](http://www.519tours.ca)

**Fly Fitters** offers guided fly fishing, spey fishing and sport fishing adventures on the Maitland River, Bayfield River and Saugeen River.  
[www.flyfitters.ca](http://www.flyfitters.ca)

**Grand Bend Fishing Charters** offers fully guided fishing charters for salmon (Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Atlantic), trout (Lake, Rainbow/Steelhead, Brown) and Walleye (Pickerel).  
[www.grandbendfishingcharters.com](http://www.grandbendfishingcharters.com)

**Maitland Valley Fishing Charters** provides sports fishing charter services to individuals and small groups from May to September on Lake Huron out of Goderich.  
[www.maitlandvalleyfishing.com](http://www.maitlandvalleyfishing.com)

**Papple Aviation** offers scenic flights, aerial photography and air taxi from their Cessna 172 from their farm strip near Seaforth and from airports in Goderich, London, Wingham and Centralia.  
[www.pappleaviation.ca](http://www.pappleaviation.ca)

**Wave Limo and Tours** is a tour and transport business operating out of the Southwestern Ontario area, along the coast of Lake Huron. Ride with locals that know the back roads to safely transport you to your next adventure.  
[www.wave.limo](http://www.wave.limo)



## Visitor Information Centres

**Goderich Visitor Information Centre**  
91 Hamilton Street, Goderich.  
[www.goderich.ca](http://www.goderich.ca)

**South Huron Welcome Centre**  
303 Main Street South, Exeter.  
[www.experienceexeter.ca](http://www.experienceexeter.ca)

**Central Huron Tourist Information Booth**  
23 Albert Street, Clinton.  
(Millennium Park, behind the Town Hall).  
[www.centralhuron.ca](http://www.centralhuron.ca)

**Blyth Memorial Hall/Blyth Festival Box Office**  
431 Queen Street, Blyth.  
[www.blythfestival.com](http://www.blythfestival.com)

# What's the Buzz?

We care about the bees and trees and all the important things. We've got plenty of EV chargers. We have fresh water beaches and marinas. We promote plastic free communities. We shop local. We tread lightly on our trails. We take care of this place like it's our home, because that's what it is.

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