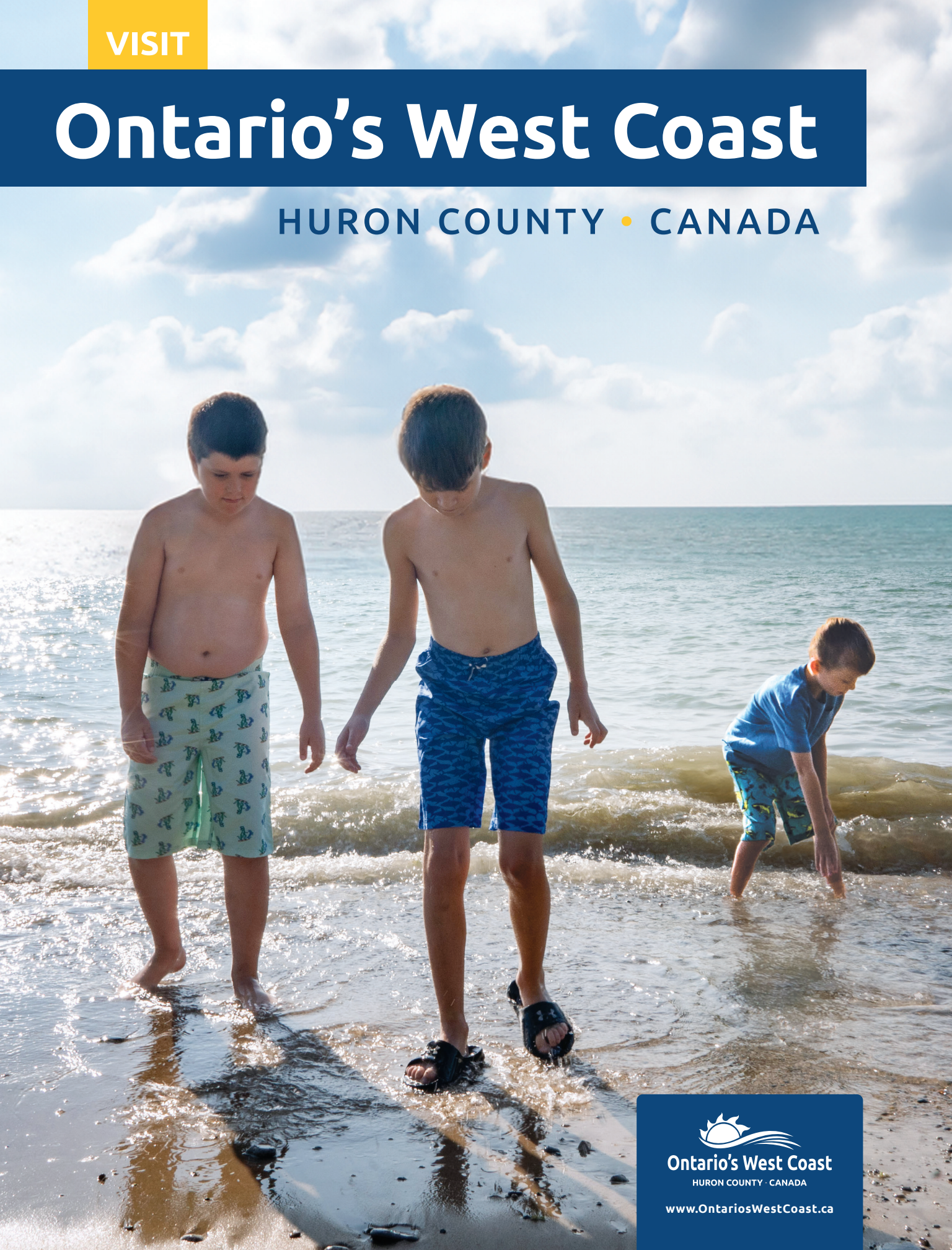


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Where on Earth is Huron County?

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 its 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 1/2, 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.

Welcome

Welcome to Huron County, your escape to an undiscovered oasis on Ontario's West Coast. Here, amidst our thriving agricultural landscape, you can indulge in farm-to-table dining featuring the freshest local produce complemented by artisanal beverages from boutique wineries and microbreweries. Explore our pristine sandy beaches, winding hiking trails, and abundant recreational opportunities, immersing yourself in the natural beauty that surrounds. Engage in our vibrant cultural scene, from captivating theatre to lively festivals celebrating our local heritage. Embrace our laid-back vibe, where simplicity reigns—think favourite jeans, an old t-shirt, and bare feet—a true embodiment of country living. Whether taking in a sunset or strolling through our charming towns, let Huron County enchant you with its warmth, inviting you to unwind and savour every moment of your stay.

Use of AI

Welcome to Huron County, where tradition meets innovation in an exciting blend that sets us apart. Our visitor's guide is crafted with cutting-edge AI technology, ensuring every word resonates. By harnessing AI, we're not just writing a guide; we're pioneering a new era of destination marketing. Join us on this journey where the past meets the future, redefining your travel expectations.

Experience Huron County like never before.

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Agritourism

Come explore the wonders of agritourism in Huron County! Get ready for a delightful journey filled with countryside charm, tasty treats, and lots of fun. Discover local farmers and bustling markets bursting with fresh fruits and veggies. Take a peek behind the scenes with farm tours and learn about how these family farms work their magic. Meet friendly farmers who are eager to share their stories and traditions with you. With stunning views and warm welcomes all around, Huron County is the perfect place for an unforgettable agritourism adventure that truly embodies the heart of rural Ontario.

Firmly Rooted, Goderich Farmers' Market

Experience Locally Grown at:

- Bayfield Lavender Farm
- Blyth Creek Maple Farm
- Capella Meadows
- Ferguson Apiaries
- Goderich BIA Farmers' Market
- Gorrie Line Produce

Beaches

Experience the magic of Ontario's West Coast, where life truly is better at the beach! Along the stunning shores of Lake Huron, you'll find 15 sandy beaches spread across 100 kilometers of picturesque shoreline. Whether you're lounging on the soft sand, enjoying beachside picnics, or splashing in the refreshing waters, each moment offers relaxation and rejuvenation. Embrace the carefree spirit as you build sandcastles, hunt for treasures, and soak in unforgettable sunsets painting the sky in hues of gold and pink. Come discover the ultimate beach getaway on Ontario's West Coast, where every day feels like a vacation!

Paul Bunyan Lakefront Resort

Head to the Beach:

- Ashfield Park Beach
- Bayfield Pier Beach
- Point Farms Provincial Park
- Port Blake Day Park
- Rotary Cove Goderich

Trails

Outdoor wonders await on Ontario's West Coast with over 35 marked trails waiting to be discovered. Lose yourself in the tranquil beauty of nature as you hike amidst majestic trees and listen to the soothing melody of birdsong. From diverse natural landscapes to thriving wildlife areas, there's endless exploration to be had. Don't wait any longer—step outside, breathe in the fresh air, and let the great outdoors revive your spirit. Start your unforgettable adventure today on Ontario's West Coast!

G2G Rail Trail

Step Outdoors at:

- Bayfield Trails: Heritage, Woodland, Sawmill, Mavis/Taylor, and River Flats
- Goderich to Guelph Rail Trail (G2G)
- Howick Walking Trails: Fordwich, Gorrie, and Wroxeter
- South Huron Trail
- Stevenson Tract

Wineries & Cidery

Delve into the wine scene of Ontario's West Coast, where Huron County's wineries provide a delightful retreat. Nestled among picturesque vineyards and cultivated fields, these charming destinations invite wine enthusiasts and nature lovers alike. Sample an array of locally crafted wines, from crisp whites to bold reds, each capturing the essence of the region's unique terroir. Take a leisurely stroll through the vineyards, savouring panoramic views, and learn about the winemaking process from passionate vintners. With warm hospitality and exceptional wines awaiting, Huron County's wineries promise an unforgettable experience that will tantalize your senses.



Cornerfield Wine Co.

Try a Tasting Flight:

- 2nd Streetlight Estate Winery
- Bayfield Berry Farm
- Cornerfield Wine Co.
- Dark Horse Estate Winery
- Maelstrom Winery
- Schatz Winery at Hessenland Inn
- East Street Cider Co.

Breweries

Unwind at Huron County's craft breweries, where local craftsmanship and community spirit come together to create a unique experience. Here, you'll find a range of brews, from hoppy IPAs to rich stouts, each made with care and creativity, showcasing the region's personality. Indulge in beers infused with local ingredients like seasonal fruits and sweet maple syrup, reflecting the area's diverse agriculture. With a focus on quality and innovation, these breweries are all about celebrating craftsmanship and community. So, kick back, grab a pint, and enjoy the true flavours of Huron County.

Square Brew



Raise a Pint Here:

- Bad Apple Brewing Company
- Bayfield Brewing Co.
- Cowbell Brewing Co.
- Square Brew
- Stone House Brewing Company
- Imposter Brewing Company
(opening summer 2024)

Cycling

Discover the stunning landscapes of Ontario's West Coast on two wheels, where every turn of the pedal leads to a new adventure. Huron County's flat terrain and scenic countryside make it perfect for cyclists of all ages and abilities. Ride along peaceful trails, wind through quaint villages, and explore hidden gems nestled in the countryside. As you cycle past thriving farms and orchards, immerse yourself in the region's rich agricultural heritage. Whether you're looking for a relaxing ride or an exhilarating challenge, Huron County offers unforgettable cycling experiences that highlight the natural beauty of Ontario's West Coast.



G2G Rail Trail

Get Riding Here:

- 360 Bikes & Boards
- Changing Gears Adventures
- Goderich Bike Shop
- Goderich to Guelph Rail Trail (G2G)
- Great Lakes Waterfront Trail

Recreation

Huron County is a hub for recreation, boasting a diverse array of activities to suit every interest. Tee off against picturesque backdrops at renowned golf courses, experience the adrenaline rush of Walton Raceway's renowned motocross tracks. Cast your line into pristine waters, paddle rivers and lakes, or climb an indoor bouldering wall. With endless opportunities for adventure, Huron County invites you to discover unforgettable recreation experiences amidst its stunning natural beauty.



Lake Wawanosh Conservation Area

Get Active Here:

- Lake Wawanosh Conservation Area
- Maitland Valley Grotto
- Walton Raceway
- Woodlands Golf Course
- Yoga Den

Memories in the Making

Family Fun in Huron County

Experience two days of family-friendly adventure on Ontario's West Coast

DAY 1

Dive into water sports excitement at **Bluestone Wake Park**, offering wakeboarding, paddle boarding, and epic challenge courses for all skill levels. Then, head to **Port Blake Day Park** for sandy beach fun, picnics by the water, and playground playtime. Explore family-friendly dining options in Exeter and then head to the popular **Exeter Splash Zone** before ending the day with a classic drive-in movie experience under the stars at the **Starlite Drive-In**.

DAY 2

Discover the 230-acre natural playground at **Falls Reserve Conservation Area**, featuring trails, a picturesque waterfall, and a stocked fishing pond. Stop for lunch and a round of mini putt at **Sky Ranch Drive-In**. Don't miss **The Village Toy Castle** for a playful experience with a mix of old-school games and summer fun toys. End your visit with a family dinner to remember at the **White Carnation Banquet Hall**. Their Sunday buffet features a lavish spread showcasing the freshest seasonal produce promising an unparalleled dining experience. Huron County awaits, offering unforgettable moments for the whole family.



Exeter Splash Zone

Explore the County

Huron County is a big place with lots of countryside to see and explore. 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 oddities that are Ontario's West Coast. Each of our communities offers its own unique charm waiting to be discovered.

Explore Our Local Communities:

- **Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh**
acwtownship.ca
- **Bluewater**
municipalityofbluewater.ca
- **Central Huron**
centralhuron.ca
- **Goderich**
exploreghoderich.ca
- **Howick**
howick.ca
- **Huron East**
huroneast.com
- **Morris-Turnberry**
morristorynberry.ca
- **South Huron**
southhuron.ca
- **Township of North Huron**
northhuron.ca

Arts & Culture

Immerse yourself in the vibrant arts and culture scene of Huron County! Our theatre companies present a variety of theatrical experiences, from captivating plays to beloved musicals. Artists of all kinds, from painters to photographers, draw inspiration from our picturesque landscapes. Renowned author, Alice Munro, has shared captivating stories inspired by our region with the world. Get ready for drama, music, laughter, and moments that make you think. Let yourself be inspired, entertained, and transformed by the rich arts and cultural offerings waiting for you in Huron County!

Alice Munro Literary Garden

Be Inspired:

- Blyth Festival
- Elizabeth's Art Gallery
- Huron Country Playhouse
- Livery Theatre
- Patina Studios & Gallery
- Wild Goose Studio Canada

Culture Quest

Exploring Huron's Rural Arts Scene

Immerse yourself in Huron County's vibrant rural arts and culture scene with this two-day itinerary

DAY 1

Begin by exploring Wingham, the hometown of Alice Munro, a Nobel Prize-winning author. Download the **Town of Wingham Jubilee Self-guided Tour** to uncover the real-life settings from her acclaimed fiction. Next, venture to Blyth, where the renowned **Blyth Festival** celebrates 50 years of Canadian theater in 2024. Catch both a matinee and evening performance at their two venues, the outdoor Harvest Stage and Blyth Community Memorial Hall. In between shows, discover the local visual arts scene at the **Blyth Festival Art Gallery** and other studios. Refuel with a hearty lunch at **The Blyth Inn**, known affectionately as "The Boot," and if timing aligns, don't miss the Country Supper at **Blyth Legion Branch 420**, a cherished summer tradition.

DAY 2

On day two, kick off your morning in Clinton admiring the **animated murals** brought to life with the Artvive app. Then, follow The **Arts Trail on Highway 21**, curated by the **Bayfield Centre for the Arts**, showcasing galleries, studios, and public art. Stop for lunch at **White Squirrel Golf Club & Restaurant** and enjoy one of their wood-fired pizzas or casual dining menu options. Wrap up your cultural weekend with a matinee at the **Huron Country Playhouse**, offering a diverse lineup of live theater productions.



Blyth Memorial Community Hall



Heritage

Step into the fascinating stories and vibrant history of Huron County. With colourful characters and unbelievable tales, our rich local history will enchant and astonish you. Established in 1835 as part of the vast Huron Tract, our County's growth under the Canada Company is celebrated as a pivotal moment in Canadian settlement. Explore immersive exhibits at our museums and historic sites, where you'll experience the resilience and ingenuity of our early settlers. Uncover the allure of Huron County as you explore our captivating heritage.

Huron County Museum

Discover the Past:

- Ball's Bridge
- CNR School Car on Wheels
- Huron County Museum
- Huron Historic Gaol
- Huron East Heritage Walking Tours



Festivals & Events

Get ready to celebrate in style on Ontario's West Coast, where vibrant festivals and events await! From awesome outdoor music festivals to arts and culture events, community celebrations, and sporting competitions, there's something for everyone to cheer for and join in. With a different party happening every weekend of the summer, we know how to throw a great bash! Whether you're excited to groove to local talent or admire classic car shows, Huron County has it all. Check out the Events Calendar on Ontario's West Coast to join in the fun.

Goderich Celtic Roots Festival

Join the Celebration:

- Goderich Celtic Roots Festival
- Goderich Salt & Harvest Festival
- Huron Multicultural Festival
- Huron Pioneer Threshers & Hobby Association Annual Show
- Huron Waves Music Festival
- Zurich Beanfest

Dining

Delve into the exceptional dining opportunities found on Ontario's West Coast. From farm-to-table culinary creations to comforting home-cooked meals, we have it all. Huron County's chefs are dedicated to crafting flavour-packed dishes using locally sourced ingredients, ensuring freshness and quality in every bite. Whether you're in the mood for a quick snack, a leisurely picnic lunch, or a lavish fine dining experience, the dining options on Ontario's West Coast are sure to delight. Indulge in a culinary adventure that promises to satisfy every craving and leave you wanting more.

River Run Restaurant

Savour Delicious Meals:

- Black Dog Village Pub & Bistro
- Eddington's of Exeter
- Farmers Dell
- River Run Restaurant
- Thaville Restaurant

Coastal Gastronomy

Dining on 21

This itinerary is designed to showcase the diverse culinary scene located along Bluewater Highway# 21

DAY 1

Discover the flavours of Huron County on a delicious food journey! Start your day with a hearty breakfast at **Cait's Café** in Goderich, famous for its cozy atmosphere and farm-to-table goodness. Wander through the bustling **Goderich Farmer's Market**, filled with local treasures and seasonal treats. Treat yourself to **Culbert's Bakery's** legendary cream puffs and enjoy a tasty lunch at **Part II Bistro**, serving up dishes made with fresh local ingredients. Quench your thirst with innovative brews at **Square Brew** and end the day with a lakeside dinner at **Beach Street Station**, offering a menu packed with local flavours and stunning views.

DAY 2

Join the locals for a classic, real deal breakfast at **Renegades Diner**. Grab a coffee from **Shopbike Coffee Roasters** and explore Bayfield's charming Main Street, brimming with unique shops and galleries. Indulge your sweet tooth at **Pink Flamingo Bakery** before a satisfying lunch at **The Albion Hotel**. Stock up on goodies at **Bayfield Berry Farm** and then head to **Out of the Blue Seafood Market** for fresh seafood delights. Experience the taste of Huron at **Schatz Winery** and wrap up your culinary adventure at **Dark Horse Estate Winery**, where farm-fresh dining at **Danu Cellars** and incredible wines await against a stunning sunset backdrop. Huron County invites you to savour every bite and moment!



Out of the Blue Seafood Market

Accommodations

Discover a diverse array of accommodation options in Huron County, ensuring every visitor finds the perfect place to stay. From cozy bed and breakfasts in charming villages to rustic campgrounds and serene cottages, there's something to suit every traveller and budget. Indulge in luxurious boutique hotels with upscale amenities and breathtaking views, or opt for convenient vacation rentals and budget-friendly motels and inns. No matter your preference, Huron County promises a comfortable and memorable stay amidst its scenic landscapes and welcoming communities, catering to all types of travellers.

The Little Inn of Bayfield

Rest Your Head:

- 1851 Bayfield Landing
- Auburn Riverside Retreat
- Benmiller Inn & Spa
- Deer Park Lodge
- Dreamz Inn
- Kildonan House



Four Season Destination

We thank you for visiting this summer and extend an open invitation for you to come back and visit us at another time of year to enjoy even more of what Ontario's West Coast has to offer. From the stunning foliage displays of autumn, the winter wonderland perfect for skiing and snowshoeing, and the vibrant blooms of spring, Huron County promises unforgettable experiences in every season. We look forward to welcoming you again and making fall, winter, or spring your new favourite time of year in Huron County.

Bayfield Maple Sugar Bush

Worth a Return Visit:

- Christmas in Bayfield
- Goderich Winterfest
- Maple Mania
- Oktoberfest on Ontario's West Coast
- Wingham Festival of Lanterns

Tour Companies

21 Tours & Events provides culinary and beverage tours along the shores of Ontario's West Coast as well as curated experiences and unique escapades.

519 Tours offers a variety of unique pre-packaged tours as well as transportation and customizable tour services.

Fly Fitters offers guided fly fishing, spey fishing and sport fishing adventures on the Maitland River, Bayfield River and Saugeen River.

Maitland Valley Fishing Charters provides sports fishing charter services to individuals and small groups from May to September on Lake Huron out of Goderich.

Grand Bend Fishing Charters offers fully guided fishing charters for salmon (Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Atlantic), trout (Lake, Rainbow/ Steelhead, Brown) and walleye (Pickerel).

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.

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.

Visitor Information Centres

Goderich Visitor Information Centre,
91 Hamilton Street, Goderich.

South Huron Welcome Centre,
303 Main Street South, Exeter.

Blyth Memorial Hall, Blyth Festival
Box Office 431 Queen Street, Blyth.

PLUS: You can also pick up many tourism brochures and resources from any **Huron County Library Branch**

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Tourism Partners

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villageofbayfield.com

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blythnow.ca

Central Huron BIA
cchbia.ca

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Goderich BIA
goderichbia.ca

**Huron Chamber
of Commerce**
huronchamber.ca

Seaforth BIA
facebook.com/biaseaforth

Tourism Goderich
exploregoderich.ca

Wingham BIA
winghambia.ca

**Zurich & District
Chamber of Commerce**
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Discover hidden gems, fascinating stories, and the best that Huron County has to offer via interactive digital tours on the **Driftscape App**. Download the app and click on the map tour icons to explore Ontario's West Coast.



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