



Both the Southern Grand River and 80 kilometers of Lake Erie shoreline make Haldimand County a fishing enthusiast's paradise that is renowned throughout North America! With a long automotive racing history, Haldimand County is also a car buff's haven – and continues to be a favourite of golfers, hikers, campers, birders, boaters, photographers, artists, and sightseers. With its long stretches of paved rural roads, scenic views of the Grand River and Lake Erie, and development of the Waterfront Trail, Haldimand County is fast becoming a cycling destination. Last year Vélo Québec brought 1,400 cyclists to the community to experience it first-hand on their Grand Tour Desjardins.

Haldimand County is located within the Carolinian Life Zone. In Canada this is found only in southern Ontario within a relatively small band of territory along the northern shore of Lake Erie. The region boasts fully one-third of the rare, threatened, and endangered species found in all of Canada.

Close to 400 bird species have been recorded representing over half of the species in all of Canada. There are numerous rare birds in Carolinian Canada, including the Acadian Flycatcher, the Prothonotary and Hooded Warblers, Tufted Titmouse, and Louisiana Waterthrush.

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Haldimand County

Adventure is Everywhere

Located on Ontario's south coast, nestled on the north shore of Lake Erie and with the Canadian Heritage Grand River running through it, Haldimand County promises to provide travellers with more possibilities than there are communities cradled within its borders.

Haldimand County is the amalgamation of over 40 distinct townships and hamlets, each offering its own unique personality and attractions. Choose a leisurely stroll along Selkirk's Wheeler's Walk Trail; a lantern-lit ghost tour in Caledonia; birdwatching in Dunnville's expansive wetlands; or enjoy a relaxed visit to the Farmers' Market in Hagersville.

The quaint town of Selkirk, located on the shoreline of Lake Erie, is an ideal destination for those seeking a family-friendly getaway. Every August, the three-day Selkirk Gas Fest celebrates the town's natural gas heritage with a parade, live music, children's activities, phenomenal food, and no shortage of community spirit.

For outdoor enthusiasts, Selkirk Provincial Park is a sensational spot to pitch a tent, enjoy a picnic, hit the trails for a hike, or cast out a line for some renowned sport fishing. History buffs, and seekers-of-knowledge will have their thirst for thought quenched at local heritage attractions: Wilson MacDonald Memorial School Museum, an 1872 red brick schoolhouse, the Canadian Drilling Rig Museum, and Cottonwood Mansion, a 19th Century red brick structure open for guided tours.

Anyone interested in a more community-based experience will delight in venturing through the town centre where varied shops house an abundance of antiques, collectibles, and handmade wares. Don't miss the murals on the town's main corners, painted with Home Hardware's Beauti-Tone paint! When the day is done,

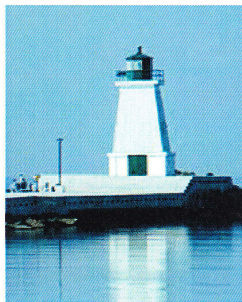
visitors can find rest and relaxation in a local Bed and Breakfast.

An approximate 25-minute drive north of Selkirk, at the midpoint between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, the town of Caledonia sits waiting on the banks of the Grand River. Fishing in the Caledonia area is a wonderful experience for anyone aiming to throw a line. The Grand River flows through the middle of town providing anglers an awesome opportunity to the best fishing in the province. Whether you are a seasoned angler or a novice, the beautiful Grand River has much to offer. There is diverse fishing from Bass, Walleye, Pike, Channel Cat, Mooneye, Crappie and more. A migratory trout run comes from Lake Erie, which provides some of the very best Steelhead fishing too! There are special regulations put in place for the Caledonia section of the Grand River allowing an extended trout season until the end of December.

The Caledonia Bridge, also known as the Grand River Bridge (built in 1927) has become an iconic representation of Caledonia's historic riverfront charm and is one of the town's most recognizable landmarks. It is the only nine span bridge of its kind in Canada and is considered the first reinforced concrete bridge of its type ever built. The bridge is on the Ontario Heritage Bridge List and is designated by the Haldimand County Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee.

A friendly welcome awaits you after a short, half-hour drive southeast to the





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hamlets, and tight-knit townships will not disappoint as its welcoming atmosphere invites vacationers, travellers, and passers-by to discover all it has to offer.

With "Strength" and "Growth" featured prominently on the Haldimand County coat of arms, one can be certain that with its beautiful geography and warm, hard-working communities, the great potential of this region is constantly expanding.

picturesque community of Dunnville. Its spacious downtown streets and relaxed atmosphere of rustic lanterns and planters bursting with beautiful blooms signal a salute to the quality of life that is enjoyed by residents and tourists. Dunnville is a busy community in the summer months as sprawling golf courses invite players of all skill-levels to enjoy their lush fairways and manicured greens. Fishing, boating, kayaking, and swimming are easily accessible due to the proximity of both the Grand River and Lake Erie.

The Byng Island Conservation Area features one of Canada's biggest fish ladders, allowing lake fish to migrate past the Dunnville Dam to prime spawning and nursery habitats upstream. It also boasts one of the largest outdoor swimming pools in Ontario — a pool that accommodates more than 1,000 people and features a diving board that thrills the young and the young at heart.

Over 350 million years ago, the area where Rock Point Provincial Park sits was once a tropical coral reef. On the southeast corner of the park, exposed fossils can be found in the limestone shelf that extends out into the lake. During the spring and fall there are over 260 bird species migrating through the park. The Haldimand Bird Observatory bird banding station in the park shares their work and knowledge with park visitors through talks and demonstrations. Learn about Rock Point's natural and cultural resources by joining park staff at a Natural Heritage Education program. These programs are

for the whole family to explore the park's natural features.

Just outside of Dunnville's border, sits a true jewel of Haldimand County. In Port Maitland, where the mouth of the Grand River meets the waters of Lake Erie, a pier juts out into the drink. At the end of that pier, the statuesque Port Maitland lighthouse stands watch, picture-perfect and proud.

Visitors to Haldimand County would be remiss not to say 'hello' to Hagersville. Housing a small population of just over 2,500 people, the small, relaxed atmosphere of this hamlet is expressed in the presence of its beautifully maintained older homes and structures. The community is surrounded by prime agriculture land, creating an abundant supply of fruits, vegetables, flowers, and even baked goods at the popular community farmers' market, founded in 1892.

As the year comes to an end, Hagersville provides the county with one final hurrah. On Friday, December 11th, Hagersville will play host to the 2015 Santa Claus Parade — an event that always brings the community together with a nostalgic nod to the history of the county.

It's virtually impossible to sum up the full allure and charm of an entire county by showcasing only four of its larger communities. Visitors to Haldimand County will find hidden treasures scattered throughout the area year-round. This collection of vibrant villages, historical

