

## Tourist Attractions In Norfolk

Norfolk County, on the north shore of Lake Erie in Southern Ontario, is recognized as one of the province's most perfect areas for a summer vacation. Every year brings thousands more visitors to the popular resorts.

From the yachting at Port Dover to the sandy beaches at Turkey Point to the recreational activities in provincial parks, Norfolk County affords every member of the family a chance for enjoyment.

Children can ride in amusement areas, fathers can fish, mothers can lie in the sunshine and teenagers can dance at the numerous pavilions.

There's swimming, water-skiing, boating, golfing, bowling, roller skating and sightseeing to keep even the most active person happy.

Norfolk's accommodation is on par with that anywhere in the province. There is a wide range of cabins, cottages, camps, hotels and motels. The operators provide a high degree of efficiency and progress in running their establishments.

A lot of money isn't needed to enjoy oneself in Norfolk County. Beaches are open to the public free of charge. There are many parks, the most notable being in Simcoe, the county seat.

Driving through the county brings visitors in contact with rolling farms, lakeside views and lush scenery. Historical points of interest abound.

### Excellent Roads

Within easy walking distance of most Ontario regions and those in the Great Lakes section of the United States, Norfolk can be reached by train, bus and car. A network of excellent paved roads is improved upon yearly to make travelling a breeze in the county.

For those who like to mix city bustle with vacation relaxation, Norfolk County is close to Toronto, Hamilton, Kitchener, London, Niagara Falls and Buffalo.

Famous all over the world for its bass fishing, Long Point Bay lures thousands of fishermen yearly to test their skills with rod and line. On weekends colorful water crafts dot the blue waters of the Bay.

More for commercial fishermen, Port Dover has one of the largest freshwater fishing fleets in the world.

Many provincial highways lead to Norfolk County. The main artery between Detroit and Buffalo, No. 3 Highway, passes through the centre of the county. Highway 24 leads from the northern resort areas through the Guelph-Galt-Kitchener industrial complex into the region. Highway 6 brings visitors from the northeast.

Connecting paved roads are provided between resort towns.

The prime requisites for a resort, good swimming facilities and sandy beaches are plentiful in the county. Shallow water at every port makes the bathing ideal

for children. There is plenty of depth to challenge proficient swimmers, too. One of the most pleasant features is the absence of rocks or stones on the sand, even in the water.

There is a total of nine principal resort regions along the north shore of Lake Erie in Norfolk, beginning from the district east of Port Dover and continuing west to Houghton Township. In addition, there are several campsites.

Port Dover is the largest resort in Norfolk County and one of the biggest on the north shore of Lake Erie. Its attractions for summer visitors include bathing, boating, fishing, dancing, cottages, tourist camps, bowling, miniature golf and an amusement centre.

Continuing westward, the resorts of Port Ryerse, Fisher's Glen and Normandale all have cottages for rent and excellent swimming and boating facilities. Fisher's Glen is particularly noted for its scenic beauty.

Turkey Point is another of the large resorts. It offers a wide, safe, sandy beach, cottages for rent, hotel accommodations and boats and guides for fishing parties.

### Modern Marinas

St. Williams and Port Rowan also provide facilities for fishing parties to hire. Many modern marinas dot the inner bay.

Long Point is quickly becoming one of the best resorts on Lake Erie. There

are cottages and cabins available, a hotel and motel with access to the fishing grounds, boats for rent, extensive sandy beaches and dance pavilion.

Ample camping and picnic areas can be found in the supervised Provincial Parks at Turkey Point and Long Point. The Norfolk County Park west of Port Ryerse provides the same sources of enjoyment.

One of Norfolk's most widely renowned tourist attractions is the Sand Hills, located west of Port Rowan. Mountains of sand overlook the lake in a natural phenomenon. Multitudes of visitors climb the hills annually. For those who want more than a quick visit there is a camping site below.

North of St. Williams is the Provincial Government Forestry Station which supplies millions of trees for the province each year. A beautiful park area at the station is the scene of numerous private and organizational picnics. A drive through the wooded area brings tourists into contact with wild life. There is a newly re-opened fishing pond.

Norfolk boasts many historical points of interest for summer visitors, many marked by cairns erected by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

Included in these are the Memorial Cross on Brant Hill, Port Dover, commemorating the visit of French priests, the first white men to touch Lake Erie's north shore. Another

cairn, marking their wintering site in 1669-70, is located on Black Creek in northern Port Dover. Open air church services are held at the cairn in the summer.

A third marker in Port Dover is in Powell Park where Sir Isaac Brock assembled his Canadian army for the expedition against Detroit in the War of 1812-14.

On top of Turkey Point Hill, a cairn marks the site of Fort Norfolk where British regulars were stationed to repulse American raids in 1814.

The Carillon Tower in Simcoe contains 23 bells and was erected in honor of Norfolk County's soldiers in World War I. It now pays tribute to veterans of both world wars. The Carillon is located on the Lynn River in the heart of Simcoe's parks system. During the summer months concerts are given twice weekly.

The grave of Abigail Becker, the heroine of Long Point who rescued several American sailors from drowning when their ship ran aground, is in Oakwood Cemetery, Simcoe. A monument marks the grave.

### Enlarge Museum

Also in Simcoe is the Eva Brook Donly Museum of Art and Antiques, housing one of the finest county collections of historical relics and paintings in Ontario.

In the Anglican Church yard at Port Ryerse are the graves of a number of American soldiers who were killed in the War of 1812-14.

Thursday, June 25, 1970

## Scenes In Norfolk County

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### A Word To The Wise

To ensure the greatest pleasure for all who wish to use Ontario's Provincial Parks, we would like to pass on a few rules and tips that will benefit everyone.

Parks are fragile things. Plants, animals, natural and historic objects, and facilities are here for all to enjoy, and regulations protecting them against abuse are meant to ensure your pleasure. You will enjoy your visit more if you know that you will be leaving the park just as beautiful and unspoiled as you found it.

Dogs and cats are permitted in parks, but they are not allowed in beach areas, and they must be kept on a short leash at all times.

Campfires for cooking and obtaining warmth are permitted. We ask that visitors use the fireplaces in the areas where they are installed, and also warn them that all fires must be extinguished before they are left.

Boats are subject to the regulations of the Department of Transport, and they may not be left unattended except at a designated place under authority of a lease, agreement, regulation or campsite permit.

Campsite permits are required to camp in campgrounds, and camping outside of them is not allowed unless the camper is two miles away from a public road and possesses an interior camping permit. Campers may camp for a total of 28 days in a Provincial Park.

May we also remind parents that your children are your responsibility. Do not rely on others to protect them.



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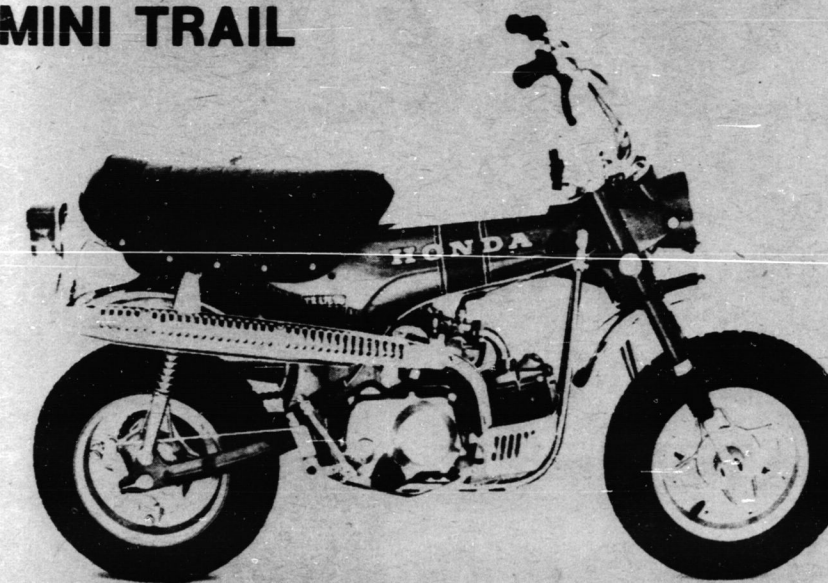
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