

## Tourist Attractions In Haldimand County

Haldimand County, situated in the very heart of the beautiful Niagara Peninsula, offers the visitors everything... Everything, that is, except the stress and strain of city life that he or she is trying to escape from. It offers first, quiet and relaxation in an abundance of parks. Municipal or privately owned, but all of them equipped to satisfy every demand placed upon them. It offers the quiet beauty of forest, stream and lake; and for those recreationally minded it is a case of "you name it, we have it."

Haldimand County can boast of no cities... and is PROUD of that boast. Here you will find rather the warmth and friendliness that is so much a part of the smaller Canadian towns and villages... a traditional

Canadian friendship which says: "Come on in, friend, and set a spell", and yet Haldimand County can offer everything that is needed to please the eye and the heart of everyone who comes in to taste its hospitality.

Haldimand is noted for the quality of its modern grain, dairy and general farming, and yet is not without its industrial potential. Too, the County road system here offers you highways on par with the Provincial system, no matter in what part of the county you wish to travel. Provincial Highway No. 3 traverses the County from east to west, while Nos. 6, 54 and 56 go north and south. The Dover Road will take the visitor quickly and smoothly from Dunnville to Port Dover cutting off

several miles as compared with the same trip over No. 3 Highway. Even township roads are kept in excellent condition for motor travel.

The Grand River offers some 35 miles of truly beautiful scenery and anywhere along its banks the traveller can pause in season to enjoy its boating, fishing, and in fact, any type of water activity he or she might desire. The drive along the river is over smooth highways, quiet and tranquilizing, with an ever-changing scenery, with the suggestion that relaxation is the order of the day, and with ample spots to stop and picnic.

This same variety in scenery is offered in a trip along the north shore of Lake Erie, which also spans the county east to west, and where the road follows for the most part the meandering shoreline of the lake, and offers alternately sandy beach and rugged, rocky shoreline. Both lake and river abound in picnic sites, camp or trailer sites or cottages, whichever suits best your choice, as well as parklands, and other beauty spots to lure you from your car for a quiet ramble through the countryside. Here the city seems aeons away, and peace is part of the picture that is Rural Canada. Here you can spend lazy days; carefree evenings that lead to nights of peaceful and disturbed slumber; and build up memories that will remind

you in days to come that tranquility surely abounds, if one but goes to the right place to find it.

### JARVIS

The first place you enter, in Haldimand County coming from the West on No. 3 Highway is the Village of Jarvis, situated on the Crossroads of No. 3 and No. 6 Provincial Highways. Here you will begin to sense the atmosphere of friendliness and "red carpet" treatment is extended throughout Haldimand County.

Many places of interest and excitement can be reached in a few minutes drive from these Crossroads. Turning south on No. 6 Highway you drive only eight miles to the great summer resort of Port Dover. Turning north on No. 6 you travel 30 miles to the City of Hamilton, passing through Hagersville and Caledonia, two more of our friendly towns in Haldimand County. Continuing east one mile through the Crossroads and turning south on the Nanticoke Road you travel only a short distance before you see the Jarvis Hereford Farms who have won top honours in both Canada and the United States. Proceeding further south is the Harewood Race track which produces many thrills throughout the summer in motorcycle and stock car racing.

Continuing south you will drive along the shores of Lake Erie to the site of

Ontario's new Hydro Station, which when finished, will be one of the largest in Ontario.

Just west is a modern Marina, where country style food is served. Boating and fishing enthusiasts may launch his own, or rent a boat for excellent fishing off the many reefs.

East of the Hydro Station is Haldimand County Park.

### HAGERSVILLE

Should you go north of Jarvis on No. 6 Highway, the first village you would come to would be Hagersville, noted for its quarries and its gypsum products. Hagersville is a sports centre both winter and summer and the athletically inclined are never at a loss here. Too, Hagersville can boast of a truly modern hospital, one which while listed as "active" hospital, also has a wing of 15 "chronic" beds. A new technical school has been constructed here. There is an outstanding farmers' market at Hagersville every Wednesday morning - the largest, in fact, in Haldimand County, and on County Road No. 12, near Nelles Corners, is the Cayuga Raceway for stock car enthusiasts.

### CALEDONIA

The town of Caledonia is situated on the Grand River at the junction of Highways No. 6 and No. 54, 12 miles south of Hamilton. Basically a residential and recreation area, the town

draws enthusiastic boating, water skiing, fishing throughout summer months. Two acres of parks with old located along the including picnic grounds, wading pools, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, children's playground equipment. An artificial arena provides the local hockey, figure skating winter activities.

Caledonia boasts the Fall Fair in Haldimand County - and one of the larger "small town" fairs in Ontario. Held at the end of September or the beginning of October every year, as may well be imagined, draws a large attendance... the farmers to show their stock and grain, and the townspeople to meet friends from country... and realize also perhaps that the country fair cannot be forever unless they do the part toward keeping it alive. If you can catch the Fair, sure to do so, you will regret this piece of Canadian tradition.

### CAYUGA

Cruising south from Caledonia, along the picturesque River Road for some 10 miles, the traveller will pass through historic York to the Village of Cayuga, which enjoys the double distinction of being located dead centre in the County, and also of being

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## Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre Now Re-Opened For Summer

BLAND, Ont. - A walk to tempt people to the marsh, for a view activities there, is under

construction at Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, at Midland, Ontario. After completion, about July 1, the boardwalk

will be about a quarter of a mile long. Demonstrations of wildlife management techniques will also be

featured this season.

Visitors can go on guided walks at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. or they can explore on their own if they wish. The staff will give talks on the ecology of the northern hardwood forests outdoors, whenever possible, twice a day. The main theme will be man and nature and examples will be taken from the surroundings.

Blinds will provide a hiding place for watchers to wait for a good view or photo of animal activity. Construction of a window for underwater viewing of the marsh has left the water somewhat murky. But when it clears up, hopefully in time for this summer, visitors can see the underwater life - rock bass, perch and stickleback swimming, red water mites and little water boatmen darting - sights hardly ever seen when looking into the water from above.

Inside the building there will be various displays, films and assorted literature. Closed circuit TV shows will let viewers see what, for example, actually goes on in a yellow warbler's nest, while it's happening. A mother bird may be sitting on her eggs, pipping birds may be emerging from their

shells, a mother may be feeding her young.

The centre is busiest in summer when its visitors are mainly vacationers, or residents from as far away as London, Ontario, up for

the day or weekend. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the open season will last until October 11. The rest of the year, Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre is open by appointment to groups.

### Outdoor Education Pioneers

Outdoor education is catching on in Canada as a basic part of the education of young people. More and more, school boards and Departments of Education are developing special areas or making arrangements to take students into the real world to study their environment.

Pioneers in the outdoor education movement in Canada are the Provincial Forestry Associations. For well over half a century they have provided lectures and brought the conservation message to the schoolrooms and, at the same time, sponsored special youth organizations to learn and promote good natural resource stewardship.

Starting many years ago, the Provincial Forestry Associations also saw the need to develop special facilities or make special arrangements to bring young people in the forest. As a result of this they

developed a system of Conservation Training Areas, Outdoor Centres, Environmental Study Areas and Special School Nature and Forest Study Tours. In 1970, over 20,000 young people spent one or more days at these areas as part of their regular school program learning outdoors about the natural world.

The Provincial Forestry Associations see outdoor education as one of the prime needs for an ecologically aware society.

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the County town. Small in stature, Cayuga, nevertheless, rates high in importance and houses among other buildings the County Court House and the County Headquarters of the Provincial Police. As the traveller approaches the Courthouse, he or she is urged to pause for a moment on the high ground surrounding it, because here you will get a truly magnificent view of the expanse of the Grand River and the far reaches of the banks on either side - land once hunted and owned by the Redman.

In the Courthouse are the offices of the judge and the various County officials and, of course, the Courtroom, on the wall of which a large Coat of Arms, and the flags borne by the 114th Bn. Brock's Rangers (the overseas unit of the 37th Haldimand Rifles in World War I) vie for attention. At the rear of the Court Room, are the jail cells, and the jailer will, usually, on request show the visitor through at least part of this.

In the Courthouse is the Haldimand Historical Museum, which houses much of the primitive equipment used by the district pioneers as well as uniforms and weapons used by the sons of Haldimand from the Fenian Raids on to World War II. Here is a spot that should be a MUST on your itinerary. The museum is open daily, Monday to Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Also on the courthouse grounds is an authentic log cabin, moved there from its site elsewhere in the county, and this is open on Sundays only during May, June, July and August from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you cannot be in Cayuga over the weekend Courthouse officials will be pleased to open it for your personal inspection any day of the week.

No. 3 Highway crosses the Grand River at Cayuga and here you will find well equipped Conway Park, offering you all you might want for boating and docking facilities; camp and trailer sites - and all within a block of a modern business section. This surely is the overnight camper's dream.

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