

SUDBURY

ONTARIO > GREATER SUDBURY

- www.greatersudbury.ca
- <http://discoversudbury.ca/>
- Located just north of Killarney Provincial Park (north shore of Georgian Bay)
- Population: approximately 161,500 (2016)
- 120 km west of North Bay; 400km north of Toronto

SISTER CITIES:

Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan (USA)
Blairgowrie (Scotland/UK)

City/Suburb

HOME OF THE BIG NICKEL

The city of Sudbury was once a major lumber centre and a world leader in nickel mining. Mining and related industries dominated the economy for much of the 20th century. Today, Sudbury has expanded to emerge as the major retail, economic, health and educational centre for Northeastern Ontario. Considered the largest city in northern Ontario, Sudbury's population resides in an urban core with many smaller communities are scattered around 300 lakes and among hills of rock. It is also home to a large Franco-Ontarian population that influences its arts and culture.

Sudbury is home to many notable Canadians, including Alex Trebek (host of television game show Jeopardy!) as well as Alex Baumann, swimmer and winner of two Olympic gold medals at Los Angeles in 1984.

Visitor's Guide:

www.sudburytourism.ca/media/vg_2017.pdf

Notable features:

- 330 lakes over 10 hectares (25 acres) within the city limits
- One of the largest francophone communities in Ontario, with approx 28% of locals listing French as their mother tongue in 2011
- Strong presence of Irish, French-Canadian, Polish and Italian communities has led to a strong Catholic influence in the city
- Originally a mining and lumber economy - now 80% of business is in service industry including science research, government, health services and education
- Home to the world's largest neutrino detector - international leader in subatomic physics research.
- Few visible minorities in the city
- OHL (Hockey) team: Sudbury Wolves; NFC (Football): Sudbury Spartans

Main Attractions:

- Art Gallery of Sudbury: <https://artgalleryofsudbury.myshopify.com>
- La Galerie du Nouvel-Ontario: <http://gn-o.org/en/>
- Northern Lights Festival Boréal: <http://nlfb.ca>
- Sudbury Symphony Orchestra: <http://sudburysymphony.com>
- Science North: <http://sciencenorth.ca/index.aspx>
- Dynamic Earth Science Museum: <https://sciencenorth.ca/dynamic-earth/>
- Many trails that are used year-round - hiking, biking, xc skiing, snowmobiling
- Skiing: Adanac Ski (<https://www.skicanada.org/adanac-ski-hill/>) + Lively Ski Hill
- Skateboard/BMX/In-Line Skating park (May through October)

<https://www.greatersudbury.ca/play/recreational-facilities/skate-parks-and-bmx/>

Libraries: 13 public library branches across the city

Shopping Malls: New Sudbury Centre (110 stores) + boutiques and general retail stores (ie. Walmart)

Movie Theatres: 2 multiplex + IMAX at Science North

High Schools offered by CISS: Several Catholic (public) + French Catholic (public) schools

Public Transit: Bus service in town

Transit to school may include: Public bus / School Bus / Walking

Average Temperatures: [° c]

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Low	-18	-16	-10	-2	5	11	13	12	8	2	-5	-13

Discover: GREATER SUDBURY



SKI & SNOWBOARDING HILLS: Adanac Ski Hill & Lively Ski



SCIENCE NORTH



TEEN-FRIENDLY AMENITIES



ENGLISH-CATHOLIC OR FRENCH-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



KILLARNEY PROVINCIAL PARK 100 km



OTTAWA: 480 km



Greater Sudbury - A bilingual city in Ontario's north country

www.sudburytourism.ca

With its world-renowned attractions, urban comforts and four-season outdoor adventures, Greater Sudbury continues to surprise and impress. From its 300+ lakes, to several km of hiking, biking, xc skiing or snowmobiling trails, residents are proud of their recreational options. Home to Science North, Sudbury is reinventing itself from a mining and logging town, into a centre for science and research.

See Rick Mercer live at Science North:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgZYS6m3uUk>

Location: 400km north from Toronto; 120km west from North Bay

Outdoor Sports: Boating • Cycling • Fishing • Golfing • Hiking • Horseback Riding • Rollerblading • Skating • Skiing • Snowboarding • Snowtubing • Snowshoeing

Recreation for students:

- Art Galleries • Coffee shops • Festivals • Libraries • Music concerts • Museums • Parks • Restaurants (formal and fast food) • Skate Park • Ski Resorts • Shopping mall • Sports • Theatre • Youth recreational centres

Why Sudbury?

- English Catholic or French Catholic school options
- Large bilingual French/English population
- Few international students



OWEN SOUND

ONTARIO > BRUCE-GREY REGION

- www.owensound.ca
- www.owensoundtourism.ca
- Located at the mouths of the Pottawatomi and Sydenham Rivers on an inlet of Georgian Bay named Owen Sound (Southwestern Ontario)
- Population: City: 21,340 (2016) / Metro Area: 31,820 (2016)
- Approx. 190 km Northwest of Toronto

Notable features:

- Hometown of William Avery "Billy" Bishop - a renowned Canadian First World War flying ace and Victoria Cross winner
- Surgeon Dr. Norman Bethune, pioneer of public medicine who gained notoriety in his innovative medical work with the Chinese army during the Second Sino-Japanese War, is an alumnus of the Owen Sound Collegiate and Vocational Institute
- Main industry: grain port, health care
- Great fishing - some of the largest rainbow trout in the world have been caught in its waters
- (OHL) Major Junior Hockey team: the Owen Sound Attack
- Few international students

Main Attractions:

- Summerfolk Music and Crafts Festival (August): <http://summerfolk.org>
- Festival of Northern Lights (November until January): <http://festivallights.ca>
- The Roxy Theatre: <http://roxytheatre.ca>
- Tom Thomson Memorial Art Gallery: <http://tomthomson.org>
- Owen Sound Marine and Rail Museum: www.marinerail.com
- Billy Bishop Home and Museum: www.billybishop.org
- Bruce Peninsula National Park (nearby): www.thebrucepeninsula.com/bnpnp.html
- 2 ski areas nearby:
 - Blue Mountain: www.bluemountain.ca
 - Beaver Valley: www.beavervalley.ca

Libraries: Public library: <http://www.olco.canlib.ca/>

Shopping Malls: 1 shopping mall (Heritage Park) + department stores and small boutiques

Movie Theatres: 1 multiplex (Galaxy Cinemas) - 7 screens

High Schools: 1 Catholic High School (offered through CISS MLI)

Public Transit: local public bus service

Transit to school may include: Public Bus /School bus / Walking

SISTER CITIES:

Miamisburg, Ohio (USA)

Small Community

THE CITY BY THE BAY

An historic port city with many urban amenities, Owen Sound has retained its small-town charm over the years. Alive with arts, culture, recreation and relaxed hospitality, visitors feel at home walking along the historic downtown streets or further exploring the Grey-Bruce region, which is a part of the Georgian Bay Triangle and Niagara Escarpment. Known as the Scenic City, Owen Sound features an expansive harbour and bay, winding rivers, tree-lined streets, extensive parks and trails and a thriving, historic downtown. Outdoor recreation abounds. Excellent boating and fishing are available on the bay, and during the winter residents can access thousands of kilometres of snowmobile trails, cross-country skiing areas, and downhill ski clubs. Hiking and cycling are popular pursuits and there are three golf courses nearby.

#WhereYouWantToLive

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WALKERTON

ONTARIO > BRUCE-GREY REGION

- www.brockton.ca
- www.explorethebruce.com
- A community in the municipality of Brockton, located on the Saugeen River
- Population: Walkerton 5,000 / Brockton total: 9,500
- Approx. 75 km southwest of Owen Sound; 185 km northwest of Toronto

Notable features:

- Walkerton is the site of Brockton's municipal offices and the county seat of Bruce County
- The town was incorporated in 1871 and was named after Joseph Walker, who settled in this area in 1850
- Hometown of David Milne, considered to be one of Canada's foremost painters and Laryssa Biesenthal, Canadian rower
- Junior C hockey team (Walkerton Hawks) and Senior A hockey (Walkerton Capitals)
- Few international students

Main Attractions:

- Saugeen River: <http://walkertonchamber.ca/saugeenriver-1.cfm>
- Hiking in Cunningham Rotary Nature Park & Heritage Water Gardens <http://www.brockton.ca/en/be-active/parks-and-pavilions.asp>
- Victoria Jubilee Hall (live entertainment): <http://www.vjhall.on.ca/>
- Golf & Curling Club: www.walkertongolfandcurlingclub.com
- Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority: <http://www.svca.on.ca/>

Libraries: 1 Public library branch

Shopping Malls: Small shops and boutiques in downtown Walkerton (nearby shopping malls in Owen Sound)

Movie Theatres: not in town (closest is in Owen Sound)

High Schools: 1 Catholic High School (offered through CISS MLI)

Public Transit: no public transit / local taxi service

Transit to school may include: School bus / Walking

SISTER CITIES:

Walkerton, Indiana (USA)

Small Community

CONNECT WITH YOUR NATURAL ROOTS

Brockton is a charming and welcoming community on the shores of the Saugeen River. The current municipality was formed on January 1, 1999, by amalgamating the former township of Brant, former township of Greenock and the town of Walkerton. Surrounded by abundant and beautiful parks and natural woodland, families in this community enjoy outdoor recreation as well as taking pride in their community ties. With local festivals such as weekly markets, Santa Claus parades and events at the newly refurbished Victoria Jubilee Hall, visitors are immediately drawn into the warmth and hospitality that only a small town can offer.

Visitor's Guide:

http://issuu.com/walkertonbia/docs/brockton_vg_low_res/3?e=16916825/12603877

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Discover: Bruce-Grey



SCENIC BEAUTY / TOP END OF BRUCE TRAIL



MS Chi-Cheemaun

Passenger and car ferry which traverses Lake Huron between Tobermory and Manitoulin Island



SMALL TOWNS / HISTORIC CHARM



HIGH LEVEL AND WELCOMING HIGH SCHOOLS



BLUE MOUNTAIN SKI RESORT (55 km)



TORONTO (200 km)



The Bruce-Grey Region

<https://brucecounty.on.ca/visitors>

<https://www.visitgrey.ca/>

Within a two-hour drive of most major cities in Ontario lies the region of Bruce and Grey Counties. This is an ideal destination for an international student to experience a true Canadian immersion as the region showcases classic natural Canadian beauty. Over 240 km of the Bruce Trail follow the Niagara Escarpment (a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve), making hiking one of the most popular pastimes. The Bruce Peninsula National Park and beautiful Cypress Lake are a short drive north. Architecture reflects the wide cultural heritage of the area's early residents, evidencing strong Scottish, English and Germanic features in the many small towns.

Location: approx. 200 km northwest from Toronto
Less than half hour drive to Blue Mountain Ski Resort

Outdoor Sports: Boating • Canoeing/kayaking • Cycling • Dog Sledding • Fishing • Golfing • Hiking • Horseback Riding • Rollerblading • Sailing • Skating • Skiing • Snowboarding • Snowmobiling • Snowshoeing

Recreation for students: Art Galleries • Coffee shops • Festivals • Libraries • Music Concerts • Museums • Parks • Restaurants (formal and fast food) • Ski Resorts (nearby) • Shopping malls & centres • Sports • Theatre • Youth recreational centres

Why the Bruce-Grey Region?

- Few international students in the towns or schools ensure student receives a true Canadian immersion experience
- Great outdoor sports and activities
- Close to Blue Mountain Ski Resort



BRACEBRIDGE

ONTARIO > MUSKOKA REGION

- www.tourismbracebridge.com
- Located on a hill overlooking the Muskoka River
- Population approx. 15, 700
- 180 km north of Toronto

Small Town

THE HEART OF MUSKOKA

Located on the 45th parallel, Bracebridge is in the centre of everything that makes Muskoka such a magical destination. It is also a perfect town to explore on foot. The main street rises in tiers of shops, services and restaurants, many with vintage architectural facades. At night the Town's clock, bell tower, courthouse and "silver bridge" are outlined in unique, colourful lighting. Rich in history and culture, residents and seasonal cottagers of this small town take pride in their social network and in the natural surroundings that offer an abundance of sporting and other recreational opportunities including snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and ice-fishing in winter to hiking, cycling and watersports in the warmer months.

Notable features:

- Waterfall capital of Canada - over 22 waterfalls in the area
- Very popular cottage and resort district due to the many lakes that surround it
- Town was founded on the logging and forestry industry, but main industries now include tourism, auto part manufacturing and agriculture
- Minor league hockey and soccer teams (both men and women)
- Modern high school - newly built in 2008 with new sportsplex and theatre located in same building

Main Attractions:

- Bracebridge Falls
- Bracebridge sportplex (pools, climbing wall, fitness and more)
- Santa's Village: www.santasvillage.com
- Woodchester Villa: www.octagonalhouse.com
- Farmer's Market & Mariposa Folk Festival
- Bracebridge Bay Park
- Lady Muskoka Boat Cruise: www.ladymuskoka.com
- Taboo Resort, Golf & Spa : www.tabooresort.com
- Numerous hiking, biking and snowmobiling trails

Libraries: 1 public library

Shopping Malls: 2 shopping areas including department stores

Zellers & Walmart + boutiques with clothing, antiques & music shops plus fast food eateries, coffee shops, sporting goods etc.

Movie Theatres: 1 (triple screen)

High Schools: 1 Public high school - newly built in 2008

Public Transit: limited - under review. Bus and train service to Toronto

Transit to school may include: School Bus / Walking

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HUNTSTVILLE

ONTARIO > MUSKOKA REGION

- www.huntsville.ca
- Located just south of Algonquin Provincial Park
- Population approx. 19, 100
- 220 km north of Toronto

Small Town

GATEWAY TO ALGONQUIN PARK

Huntsville is a popular four-season family vacation area in the heart of Muskoka's cottage country. Incorporated as a town in 1886 (and as a city in 1901), the historic Town Centre is surrounded many forest and over 144 lakes, and is in close proximity to many world-class golf resorts including Deerhurst Resort and the Delta Grandview. Huntsville is a thriving community close to both Arrowhead Provincial Park and the world-famous Algonquin Provincial Park making this town well known as a nature, recreation and resort destination. Residents and visitors enjoy family-oriented living, parents and children alike participating in winter sports such as skiing, snowboarding or snowmobiling as well as spring and summer recreation including canoeing, kayaking, sailing, wakeboarding and more.

Notable features:

- Largest community in the District of Muskoka
- Notable golf and ski resorts including Deerhurst and Hidden Valley
- Algonquin & Arrowhead Provincial parks are great for recreational and wilderness camping, wildlife viewing and canoeing
- Very popular cottage and resort district due to the many lakes that surround it
- Main industries include tourism, pulp & paper and hardwood products (flooring)
- Minor league hockey and lacrosse teams

Main Attractions:

- Algonquin Provincial Park: www.algonquinpark.on.ca
- Arrowhead Provincial Park
- Hidden Valley Ski Resort: www.skihiddenvalley.on.ca
- Muskoka Heritage Place: www.muskokaheritageplace.org
- Algonquin Logging Museum and Art Centre
- Algonquin Theatre: www.algonquintheatre.ca
- Numerous hiking, biking and snowmobiling trails
- Group of Seven murals (downtown)

Libraries: 1 public library

Shopping Malls: 1 (Huntsville Place Mall) + small shops & boutiques including clothes and music shops plus fast food eateries, coffee shops, sporting goods etc.

Movie Theatres: 1

High Schools: 1 Public high school

Public Transit: Single bus route. Bus and train service to Toronto

Transit to school may include: Public Bus / School Bus / Walking

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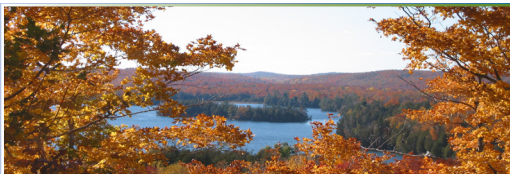
Discover: MUSKOKA



WINTER SPORTS: POND HOCKEY, SKIING, SNOWBOARDING
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YEAR-ROUND OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
© Muskoka Tourism



BEAUTIFUL NATURE AND WILDLIFE



EXCELLENT SCHOOLS



TORONTO: 180-250km



NIAGARA FALLS: 200-250 km

Muskoka: Once Discovered, Never Forgotten

www.discovermuskoka.ca

Muskoka is Ontario's favourite year-round vacation destination. Located in the heart of Ontario, the Muskokas are home to many clear, sparkling lakes, dotted with recreational cottages, as well as world-class golf resorts, ski/snowboard facilities, wildlife preservation and provincial parks. From towering pine trees to waterfalls flowing over granite, come discover why visitors never forget their stay in the Muskokas.

Location: 2-3 hours north of Toronto

Outdoor Sports: Boating • Canoeing • Curling • Cycling • Fishing • Golfing • Ice Fishing • Hiking • Horseback Riding • Kayaking • Skiing • Snowmobiling • Snowshoeing • Swimming

Recreation for students:

Artisan Galleries & shows • Coffee shops • Farmers markets • Festivals • Libraries • Museums • Maple Sugar Bushes • Movies • Music festivals • Parks • Restaurants (formal and fast food) • Ski resorts • Shopping malls & centres • Sports • Youth recreational centres

Why Muskoka?

- Cottage country charm
- Beautiful natural landscapes, lakes and rivers
- Friendly and hospitable schools and families
- True natural Canadian setting
- Excellent opportunities for outdoor sports





GODERICH

ONTARIO > AVON REGION

- <http://www.goderich.ca>
- Located on the eastern shore of Lake Huron
- Population: approximately 7,630 (2016)
- 70 km northwest from Stratford, 100 north from London, 195 km west of the Greater Toronto Area

SISTER CITIES:

Bay City, Michigan (USA)

Small Town

PRETTIEST TOWN IN CANADA

Steeped in historic charm and natural beauty, the town of Goderich sits atop the bluffs overlooking Lake Huron and takes pride in its reputation as Canada's prettiest town and winner of multiple Communities In Bloom Awards. Marinas, parks, beaches, walking trails, golf, fishing, special events, museums, heritage architecture and rich maritime history are just a few of the attractions to enjoy.

Notable features:

- Founded in 1827
- Notable for its sunsets over Lake Huron
- The town participates yearly in the Communities in Bloom competition; and has won awards in many categories
- Industries include: Salt mining; Goderich Harbour
- Unique mix of urban amenities tucked throughout the town
- Local hockey teams in winter (very popular sport here)
- Hometown of Ted Nasmith - fantasy illustrator, best known for his illustrations of the works of J. R. R. Tolkien
- Hometown of Jennifer Robinson, former six time Canadian national figure skating champion

Main Attractions:

- Three beaches: www.goderich.ca/en/visitors/attractions.asp
- Huron County Museum: www.huroncounty.ca/museum
- Goderich Co-Op Art Gallery: www.gcgallery.ca
- Marine Museum
- Farmer's Market
- Year-round festivals and town events
- Maitland Recreation Centre (YMCA): www.ymcaswo.ca/membership_branches-goderich-huron_ymca.php

Libraries: 1 public library

Shopping Malls: Downtown Heritage Shopping District (200+ shops), Suncoast Shopping Mall

Movie Theatres: 1 double-screen

High Schools: 1 Public High School

Public Transit: no public transit

Transit to school may include: School Bus / Walking

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LISTOWEL

ONTARIO > AVON REGION

- www.northperth.ca/en/ourcommunity/listowel.asp
- <http://www.visitperth.ca>
- Located in Perth County
- Population: approximately 7,530 (2016)
- 100 km west from Toronto

Small Town

WHERE TIME IS FORGOTTEN AND LIFE IS LIVED TO THE FULLEST!

Also known as North Perth, Listowel offers a bustling downtown shopping district and a dynamic business and commercial sector on the edge of town. This small community was founded by Protestant Irish, traditions which are still celebrated in one of the largest Irish festivals held annually in March. Listowel is a charming destination for the Small Town Experience, providing an authentic insight into Canadian lifestyle, culture and family life.

Notable features:

- Created in 1998 during the amalgamation of several other communities
- Name refers back to Listowel, Ireland - original settlers were of Protestant Irish origin
- The region is home to many visual artists who are showcased annually as part of the region's Studio Tour
- Listowel has a large Irish festival, called Paddyfest, which is held over the two weeks surrounding St. Patrick's Day (March 17)
- Area is mostly agricultural, dominated by the beef and pork industries.
- Jr. "B" hockey team - Listowel Cyclones & baseball team (Jr. legionnaires)

Main Attractions:

- 22 km North Perth Community Trails
- Playgrounds, soccer fields, 2 golf courses, tennis courts and skate board park
- PaddyFest (March)
- Theatre 311 - venue for live theatre

Libraries: 1 public library

Shopping Malls: Downtown Shopping District + commercial shopping

Movie Theatres: 1 double-screen

High Schools: 1 Public High School

Public Transit: no public transit

Transit to school may include: School Bus / Walking

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NORTH HURON/ WINGHAM

ONTARIO > AVON REGION

- www.northhuron.ca
- Located in southwestern Ontario
- Population: North Huron: 4,930 (2016) //
Town of Wingham: 3,000 (2016)
- 88 km northwest of Stratford

Notable features:

- Founded in the 1860s
- In 2001, Wingham amalgamated with the neighbouring townships of East Wawanosh and the village of Blyth to form the new Municipality of **North Huron**
- Wingham is based in manufacturing and a variety of retail and service businesses
- Hometown of Alice Munroe, famous Canadian author
- F.E. Madill Secondary School is known as a sports powerhouse

Main Attractions:

- Blyth Festival Theatre: www.blythfestival.com
- Alice Munro Literary Garden: <http://alicemunrofestival.ca/>
- Aquatic Centre: <http://www.northhuron.ca/aquatic.php?area=re27>
- Community Recreational centre

Libraries: North Huron Public Library - 1 branch in Wingham

Shopping Malls: boutiques only. Large shopping malls are located in nearby Stratford or London

Movie Theatres: no theatre in Wingham - closest are in Listowel, Goderich or Hanover

High Schools: 1 Public High School

Public Transit: no public transit

Transit to school may include: School Bus / Walking

Small Town

YESTERDAY'S TRADITIONS TOMORROW'S PROMISE

From the world renowned Blyth Festival Theatre and the Alice Munro Literary Garden to a modern areodrome and premier recreation facilities we offer something for everyone; the young and the young at heart.

For the naturalist, the area boasts some of Ontario's premier outdoor destinations. Fishing, cross country skiing, snowmobiling and hiking, when coupled with a heritage main street, extraordinary vistas and enchanting local shopping opportunities, promise a remarkable encounter.

<http://www.northhuron.ca/visitors.php>

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SOUTH HURON/ EXETER

ONTARIO > AVON REGION

- <https://www.experienceexeter.ca/>
- <https://www.ontarioswestcoast.ca/>
- Located in southwestern Ontario
- Population: South Huron Municipality: 9,945 // Town of Exeter: 4,800
- 40 km north of London; 50 km west of Stratford

Small Town

HOME OF THE WHITE SQUIRREL

In 2001, the province of Ontario amalgamated several small townships into one larger district, now known as South Huron. Among the largest communities is Exeter which proclaims itself the "Home of the White Squirrel", owing to the presence of the unusually-coloured animals. Exeter's mascot, "Willis The White Wonder" can be seen at many community events. Exeter is a major commercial centre for South Huron with numerous shops and restaurants. The region prides itself on its many recreational parks and trails, and on the friendly residents ready to show visitors the charm of their community.

Notable features:

- Originally founded in 1832 by Irish settlers
- Exeter is the largest community in the South Huron municipality
- Home of the white squirrel
- Jr level hockey team: Exeter Hawks; Sr. level hockey team: Exeter Mohawks; Sr. Baseball Team: Exeter Express
- Exeter is the hometown of Paul De Lisle, bassist for American rock band: Smash Mouth, and Tim Long, executive producer and writer, "The Simpsons" TV show.

Main Attractions:

- MacNaughton Park and Nature Trail - manicured flower and rock gardens
- Morrison Dam Conservation Area - canoeing, fishing, hiking and cross-country skiing on a 5km loop
- South Huron Trails - well groomed for biking, hiking or skiing over scenic bridges and through forests
- 2 golf courses
- Exeter Curling Club
- Huron County Playhouse (live theatre)

Libraries: Huron County Library with branches in several of the small communities. 1 branch in Exeter.

Shopping Malls: boutiques only. Large shopping malls are located in nearby London (40km)

Movie Theatres: no theatre in South Huron - closest are in Stratford or London

High Schools: 1 Public High School

Public Transit: no public transit

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STRATFORD

ONTARIO > AVON REGION

- www.city.stratford.on.ca // www.visitstratford.ca
- Located on the Avon River in Perth county
- Population: approximately 31,465 (2016)
- 150 km southwest of Toronto

Stratford is a member of the Stratford Sister Cities program which was created to promote friendship and cultural exchange between participating countries. Participation is restricted to places called "Stratford" that have a Shakespeare Theatre or Festival.

SISTER CITIES:

Stratford Upon Avon (UK),
Stratford, Connecticut (USA),
Stratford (Australia),
Stratford (New Zealand),
Stratford, PEI (Canada)

Small Town

PREPARE TO BE ENCHANTED

Considered one of Canada's most beautiful cities, Stratford is currently best known for two reasons: 1) it is home to North America's largest classic repertory theatre: the Stratford Shakespearean Festival, which brings thousands of guests each year to the area, and 2) as the hometown of Canadian pop singer Justin Bieber.

Victorian-era buildings, charming shops and a unique mix of urban amenities tucked away throughout the town make this one of the most popular tourist destination towns for Canadians, especially those with an interest in the Dramatic / Theatrical Arts.

Notable features:

- Home to the famous Stratford Shakespearean Festival
- Hometown of Canadian pop singer Justin Bieber
- Buildings in the town centre are testaments to its Victorian-era charm
- Unique mix of urban amenities tucked throughout the town
- Minor league Hockey team
- Ideal for a student interested in Drama and the Arts

Main Attractions:

- Shakespearean Festival (April-Nov): www.stratfordfestival.ca
- The Festival Theatres: www.stratfordfestival.ca/theatres
- Downtopwn Stratford: www.visitstratford.ca/shopping-in-stratford
- Winterfest: www.stratfordwinterfest.ca
- McCully's Hill Farm: www.mccullys.ca
- Stratford Perth Museum: www.stratfordperthmuseum.ca
- Millennium Park
- City Hall: www.stratfordcanada.ca/en/insidecityhall.asp

Libraries: 1 public library

Shopping Malls: 1 (Festival Marketplace) + small stores/boutiques [larger malls in nearby London or Kitchener/Waterloo including clothing and music stores and fast food eateries]

Movie Theatres: 1 multiplex

High Schools: 2 Public High Schools + 1 Catholic High School

Public Transit: Public bus service in town. Charter bus service into nearby London and Kitchener

Transit to school may include: Public bus / School Bus / Walking

Average Temperatures: [° c]

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High	-3	-2	3	12	18	23	26	25	21	14	7	0
Low	-11	-11	-5	1	6	11	14	13	9	4	-1	-7



ST. MARYS

ONTARIO > AVON REGION

- www.townofstmarys.com
- Located at the junction of Thames River and Trout Creek, southwest of Stratford in Perth County
- Population: approximately 7,265 (2016)
- 20 km south of Stratford; 40 km north of London; 160 km west from Toronto

Small Town

STONETOWN: ALWAYS IN SEASON

A unique limestone town, St. Marys offers historical treasures, specialty shops and home-grown hospitality. Visitors enjoy the small town experience of the many one-of-a-kind cafés, antique shops and countryside inns. The town's unique limestone architecture harkens back to a bygone era, yet one is just minutes from larger city centres. St. Marys is a bedroom community for Stratford.

Tourism download: PDF: [Town Guide](#)

Notable features:

- Bedroom community of Stratford
- Incorporated into the province of Ontario, officially, in 1863
- Known by its nickname, "The Stone Town", due to the abundance of limestone in the surrounding area
- Home to the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame
- Many say that St. Marys is a photographer's dream
- The region is home to many visual artists who are showcased annually as part of the region's Studio Tour
- Jr. "B" hockey team - St. Marys Lincolns

Main Attractions:

- Many 19th century buildings built with locally quarried limestone
<http://stmaryshouses.50webs.com/water.html>
- Opera House built in 1880
- Municipal Town Hall built in 1891
- Public Library built in 1904
- Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame baseballhalloffame.ca
- Sarnia Bridge (inducted to the North America Railway Hall of Fame)

Libraries: 1 public library

Shopping Malls: Downtown Shopping District / most residents shop in Stratford or other cities are located within 1-2 hours drive

Movie Theatres: no theatre in St. Marys

High Schools: 1 Public High School

Public Transit: no public transit

Transit to school may include: School Bus / Walking

Average Temperatures: [° c]

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<http://www.visitperth.ca>

WEST PERTH/ MITCHELL

ONTARIO > AVON REGION

- www.westperth.com
- www.visitperth.ca
- Located in southwestern Ontario
- Population: West Perth: 8,865 (2016)
Town of Mitchell: 4,570 (2016)
- 60 km north of London; 20 km west of Stratford

Notable features:

- Originally founded in the mid 1800s.
- In 1998, Mitchell amalgamated with the neighbouring townships of Logan, Fullarton, and Hibbert to form the new Municipality of **West Perth**
- Mitchell is the commercial centre of West Perth
- Main industry is dairy farming and automotive research and parts production. Mitchell is an agricultural service centre, surrounded by high-quality farmland.
- Jr level hockey team: Mitchell Hawks + baseball and ringette teams
- Birth place of Howie Morenz, one of the initial nine inductees into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Main Attractions:

- Nature Trail - 10 km of pathways
- Lions Park
- Mitchell Golf and Country Club: www.mitchellgolfclub.com
- Heritage Walking Tour
- Mitchell Skating Club: <http://mitchellskatingclub-ca.webs.com/>
- Stratford Theatre Festival: www.stratfordfestival.ca

Libraries: West Perth Public Library - 1 branch in Mitchell

Shopping Malls: boutiques only. Large shopping malls are located in nearby Stratford or London

Movie Theatres: no theatre in West Perth - closest are in Stratford or London

High Schools: 1 Public High School

Public Transit: no public transit

Transit to school may include: School Bus / Walking

Small Town

COME FOR THE DAY...YOU MAY JUST STAY A LIFETIME

Where the gentle banks of the historic Thames River meets the cross-roads of Highway 23 and Highway 8, there you'll find Mitchell, a bustling town in the middle of the Municipality of West Perth. Located only a short 15 minutes west of Stratford and in the heart of Ontario's breadbasket, West Perth is the perfect location to take in warm country charm and the vivid splendor of nature. Mitchell is an ideal destination for the Small Town Experience, providing an authentic insight into Canadian lifestyle, culture and family life.

Average Temperatures: [° c]

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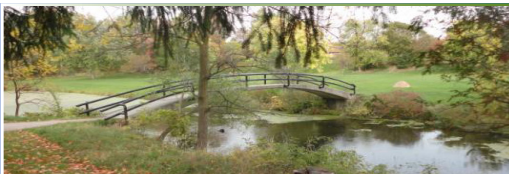
Discover: AVON REGION



RICH THEATRE CULTURE - Stratford Festival



SMALL TOWN CHARM AND HOSPITALITY



PEACEFUL AND NATURAL BEAUTY



SCHOOLS WITH ART/DRAMA & MEDIA PROGRAMMES



LONDON: 40-100 km



TORONTO: 150-200 km



Avon Region ... Discover the Spirit www.hurontourism.on.ca

This region is a vibrant, rich agricultural area, diverse in its heritage and culture. From vibrant large centres such as London to small Mennonite farming communities, the Avon/Perth/Huron Region offers a unique opportunity to experience art, drama and Canadian history amid a cosmopolitan backdrop.

Location: 150-200 km southwest of Toronto; 40-100 km north from London, Ontario

Outdoor Sports: Boating • Canoeing • Cross-country skiing • Cycling • Fishing • Golfing • Hiking • Horseback Riding • Kayaking • Lacrosse • Roller-blading • Skating

Recreation for students:

Art Galleries • Coffee shops • Festivals • Libraries • Mennonite community tours • Music concerts • Movies • Museums • Parks • Restaurants (formal and fast food) • Shopping malls & centres in larger cities • Sports • Theatre • Youth recreational centres

Why Avon region?

- Stratford is a haven for the theatrically inclined student - drama inclined schools, professional theatre performances and world-renowned Stratford Shakespeare Festival in the spring
- Safe communities with nature-based recreation
- Few international students
- Close to larger urban centres



Windsor Suburb

AMHERSTBURG

ONTARIO > ESSEX COUNTY

- <https://visitamherstburg.ca/>
- visitwindsor.essex.com
- Located in southwestern Ontario, at the mouth of the Detroit River
- Southwestern suburb of city of Windsor
- Town population: approximately 23,500 (2021)
- 350 km southwest of Toronto

Notable features:

- Residents take pride in their Franco-Ontario origin, although English is now the predominant language
- Year-round recreational activities include biking or hiking along the many riverfront and other recreational trails, sailing, golf, as well as snowshoeing or crosscountry skiing
- Main industry is trade and services to support regional agriculture, although many residents commute to Windsor for employment

Main Attractions:

- Fort Malden: <https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/on/malden>
 - Amherstburg Freedom Museum: <https://amherstburgfreedom.org/>
 - Park House Museum: www.parkhousemuseum.com/
 - Holiday Beach Conservation Area: www.visitwindsor.essex.com/places/holiday-beach-conservation-area/
 - Boblo Island (accessible by private ferry): www.boisblanc.ca
 - Libro Recreational Centre: www.amherstburg.ca/en/live-and-play/Libro-Credit-Union-Centre.aspx
 - Numerous local festivals throughout the year
 - Several horse stables nearby
- <https://www.sarahparkhorsemanship.com/ranch-experience>
- <https://lazeegranch.ca/>

Libraries: 1 branch of the Essex County Library

Shopping Malls: small shopping areas in town + Devonshire Mall and Outlet Mall (Windsor Crossing) in Windsor

Movie Theatres: closest theatre is in Windsor

High Schools: Option for either public or Catholic school

Public Transit: On-demand transit bus service (with service to Windsor)

Transit to school may include: School Bus / Walking

Small Town

“EVERY DAY HISTORY”

As a bedroom community for the city of Windsor, Amherstburg is located approximately 20km southwest of the city, and is considered part of the Windsor census metropolitan area. Comprised of a number of smaller communities, Amherstburg is a growing community surrounded by abundant farmland and a beautiful shoreline. Founded in the late 18th century around a military fort (Fort Malden), there is an historic french population which is now blended into the general populace of the town. Residents enjoy the lifestyle of a smaller community while being close to both Windsor and Detroit for larger city amenities. For several years, Amherstburg has been named a Municipality of the Year (for under 50,000)!

Average Temperatures: [° c]

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High	-1	0	4	12	18	24	26	25	22	15	8	1
Low	-8	-7	-2	4	9	15	18	17	14	8	1	-4



LAKESHORE

ONTARIO > ESSEX REGION

- www.lakeshore.ca
- visitwindsor-essex.com
- Located in southwestern Ontario, on south shore of Lake St. Clair
- 35km east of Windsor, adjacent to Town of Tecumseh
- Town population: approximately 36,600 (2016)
- 350 km southwest of Toronto

Notable features:

- Incorporated in 1999, the town of Belle River amalgamated with various other smaller communities to create the Town of Lakeshore.
- Residents take pride in their Francophone roots.
7% of the population still considers French to be their first language and 17% consider themselves bilingual
- Year-round recreational activities include biking or hiking along the many riverfront and other recreational trails, sailing, golf, as well as snowshoeing or crosscountry skiing
- Main industry is wind power, manufacturing and farming including soybean and winter wheat. Approx 50% of residents commute to Windsor for other industries and work.
- Junior hockey team (Lakeshore Canadiens), Girls Hockey, Baseball and Soccer

Main Attractions:

- Belle River Marina: www.facebook.com/BelleRiverMarina/
- John Freeman Walls Underground Railway Museum: www.undergroundrailroadmuseum.org
- 11 parks featuring walking/biking trails
- High definition virtual indoor golf complex: <http://onthegreenindoorgolf.com/>
- Atlas Tube Centre (Sports Complex): www.lakeshore.ca/en/explore-and-play/community-centres.aspx#Atlas-Tube-Centre-and-Library

Libraries: 4 branches of the Essex County Library

Shopping Malls: small shopping areas in town + Devonshire Mall and Outlet Mall (Windsor Crossing) in Windsor

Movie Theatres: Multiplex

High Schools: Several - both public and Catholic

Public Transit: Limited bus service

City/Suburb

JUST OUTSIDE OF WINDSOR

Created through an amalgamation of municipalities in 1999, Lakeshore residents enjoy a relaxed, active lifestyle in a mostly rural setting which also affords many of the amenities of city life. A state-of-the-art recreational complex includes 3 NHL sized hockey areas, and indoor track and aquatic facility. Residents enjoy an affluent lifestyle in well-established neighbourhoods or in new subdivisions in this bedroom community of Windsor. The towns that comprise Lakeshore also offer deep historic roots both in early French settlement and as a terminus for the "underground railroad", leading former slaves to freedom in the mid to late 1800s.

Video: <https://youtu.be/Y5reYFk1CMc>

Average Temperatures: [°C]

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High	0	0	5	3	19	25	27	26	22	16	8	1
Low	-8	-7	-2	2	8	14	16	16	12	6	0	-5



Windsor Suburb



LEAMINGTON

ONTARIO > ESSEX COUNTY

- www.lemington.ca
- visitwindsor.essex.com
- Located on the southern-most point of mainland Canada
- Southern suburb of city of Windsor
- Town population: approximately 29,680 (2021)
- 350 km southwest of Toronto

Notable features:

- Community was named after Royal Leamington Spa in England
- Southernmost town in Canada (42nd parallel)
- English is the predominant spoken language with a small percentage of residents speaking a mother language other than English or French
- Year-round recreational activities include biking or hiking along the many riverfront and other recreational trails, sailing, golf, as well as snowshoeing or crosscountry skiing
- Main industry is agriculture, especially tomato farming and greenhouse industry as well as tourism (Point Pelee)
- Junior level Hockey teams, local baseball and soccer clubs
- Notable residents include David Suzuki (when he was young) and many NHL hockey players

Main Attractions:

- Point Pelee National Park: <https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/on/pelee>
- Marina: www.lemington.ca/en/discover/Marina.aspx
- Recreation Centre: www.lemington.ca/en/our-community/recreation.aspx
- Leamington Fair (spring)
- Arts @ The Marina (June): <https://lemingtonartscentre.com/arts-at-the-marina/>

Libraries: 1 branch of the Essex County Library

Shopping Malls: small shopping areas in town + Devonshire Mall and Outlet Mall (Windsor Crossing) in Windsor

Movie Theatres: 1 Duo-plex

High Schools: Option for either public or Catholic school

Public Transit: On-demand transit bus service (with service to Windsor)

Transit to school may include: School Bus / Walking

Small Town

“THE SUN PARLOUR OF CANADA”

Located on the southernmost point of mainland Canada, Leamington created a name for itself as the Tomato Capital of Canada. H. J. Heinz was the main industry of the town for over 100 years until 2014, when it was taken over by Highbury-Canco. It's located has earned the town the nickname as the “Sun Parlour of Canada”. Combined with Point Pelee National Park, Leamington is the second largest urban area of Essex County after the city of Windsor. Leamington offers residents a community-based lifestyle focused on outdoor recreation and community events.

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Low	-8	-7	-2	4	9	15	18	17	14	8	1	-4

Discover: WINDSOR-ESSEX



POINT PEELE - SOUTHERN-MOST TIP OF CANADA



ARTISTIC PARKS



TEEN-FRIENDLY AMENITIES



HIGH CALIBER SCHOOLS



TORONTO: 350km



DETROIT, MICHIGAN (USA): across the river



Windsor/Essex ... Garden Gateway to Canada visitwindsor-essex.com

Welcome to Essex County, At the same latitude as northern California, this is Canada's southernmost county, and one of the most agriculturally productive counties in the country. Located on a peninsula of land that virtually juts out into the midwest United States, this is one of Canada's busiest entry points and tourist areas. So the nicknames for the area, "Sun Parlor of Canada" and "Garden Gateway to Canada" are quite appropriate.

Location: Southwestern Canada, at the border with Detroit, Michigan USA

Outdoor Sports: Bird watching • Boating • Cycling • Fishing • Golfing • Hiking • Horseback Riding • SCUBA • Snowmobiling • Snowshoeing • Skiing (mainly in Michigan, USA)

Recreation for students:

Art Galleries & Artisan shops • Coffee shops • Farmers markets • Festivals • Libraries • Museums • Movies • Music festivals • Parks • Restaurants (formal and fast food) • Shopping malls & centres • Sports • Youth recreational centres

Why Windsor/Essex?

- Choice of urban centre or charming smaller communities
- Windsor is a University city
- Family-oriented city with great teen amenities
- Public and Catholic school choices



BROCKVILLE

ONTARIO > ST. LAWRENCE REGION

- www.brockville.com
- www.brockvilletourism.com
- Located in south-eastern Ontario
- Population: approximately 38,500 (metro - 2016)
- 115 km south of Ottawa; 210 km southwest of Montreal
- On the north shore of the St. Lawrence River close to the Thousand Islands Region and directly opposite Morristown, New York.

SISTER CITIES:

City/Suburb

Ontario, California (USA)

THE CITY OF THE 1000 ISLANDS

Brockville is one of Canada's most historic towns, with early settlers coming in waves from the US during the years in which the American settlers fought for independence. Loyal to the British crown, these settlers were known as Loyalists and became the roots of a new settlement. Today, Brockville is a thriving urban community with much of its Victorian-era charm still intact. Located on the north banks of the St. Lawrence River, Brockville is ideally located less than an hour from Ottawa, and two hours to Montreal. Recognized as one of the most picturesque areas in the world, the 1000 Islands is world famous for its beauty, rich landscape and many waterfront attractions and events. It is also one of the best fresh water scuba diving sites in the world.

Notable features:

- One of Ontario's oldest urban centres, and named after the British general Sir Isaac Brock.
- Several daily Via Rail connections to Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa
- The Thousand Islands Bridge and the Ogdensburg–Prescott International Bridge, both cross the St. Lawrence River into New York state
- Principal industries include: industrial manufacturing including 3M and Proctor & Gamble, pharmaceutical manufacturing, education and communications
- Main administrative, health-care and commercial centre for the region
- Majority of the population traces back to European roots. Visible minorities constitute only 3.1% of the total population, residents of aboriginal descent comprise 1.9%
- The city's architecture consists of many carefully preserved stately mansions and elaborate fountains (reminders of its history)
- Sports: Brockville Rowing Club (one of the oldest rowing clubs in Canada), Brockville Braves (Junior "A" ice hockey), youth baseball & basketball teams

Main Attractions:

- Thousand Islands (www.1000islandsinfo.com)
- A revitalized downtown area (www.downtownbrockville.com)
- Waterfront open to the public with parks and walking trails
- Brockville Museum (www.brockvillemuseum.com)
- Maritime Discovery Centre (www.1000discovery.ca)
- St. Lawrence River tour boats offering scenic trips on the river (www.1000islandsinfo.com)
- Fulford Place house museum (<http://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/Fulford-Place/Home.aspx>)
- Deep-water municipal marina, a yacht club and several commercial marinas
- Year-round festivals (<http://www.brockvilletourism.com/festivals>)
- Dive Brockville Adventure Centre (www.divebrockville.com)

Libraries: 1 public library

Shopping Malls: 1 (Thousand Islands Mall) + small stores/boutiques, vibrant downtown shopping

Movie Theatres: 1 multiplex (Galaxy)

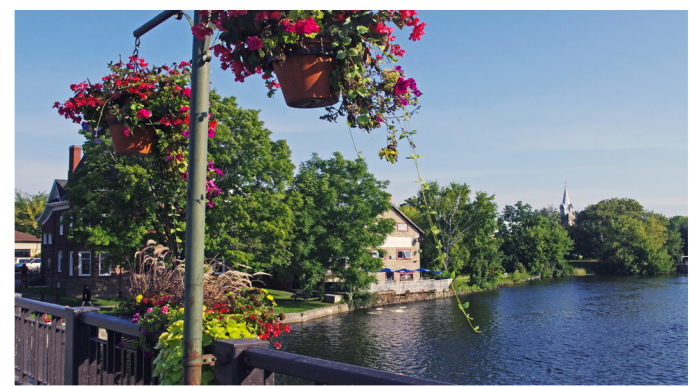
High Schools: 2 Public High Schools

Public Transit: Public bus service

Transit to school may include: Public bus / School bus / Walking

Average Temperatures: [° c]

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High	-4	-1	4	12	19	24	27	26	22	14	7	0
Low	-14	-13	-7	1	7	12	19	14	9	4	-2	-9



CARLETON PLACE

ONTARIO > ST. LAWRENCE REGION

- www.carletonplace.ca
- www.lanarkcounty.ca
- Located in eastern Ontario
- Population: approximately 10,645 (2016)
- 46 kilometres west of downtown Ottawa, Canada's Capital city; 12 km south of Almonte/Mississippi Mills

Notable features:

- Small town charm, warmth and hospitality
- Named after a street in Glasgow, Scotland
- Historically renowned for its access to Mississippi Lake (in Ontario)
- Industry includes: tourism and high-tech companies
- 2011 - highway to Ottawa has expanded to be a 4-lane highway to accommodate the town's increasing popularity as a bedroom community for Ottawa
- Minor league hockey: Carleton Place Kings

Main Attractions:

- local parks and walking paths such as the Trans-Canada Trail, the O-Kee-Lee Park Trail: <http://mvfn.ca/>
- Carleton Place Dragon Boat Festival: <http://fall400.com>
- Carleton Place and Beckwith Heritage Museum: www.cpbheritagemuseum.com
- Canada Veteran's Hall of Valour: www.canadaveteranshallofvalour.com
- Carleton Place Canoe Club: www.cpcanooclub.com
- Farmer's Market: <http://cpfarmersmarket.wordpress.com>
- Revitalized downtown: <http://downtowncarletonplace.com>
- Carleton Place Arena: <http://carletonplace.ca/arenap9.php>

>> Students are less than 1 hour to Ottawa and all of its attractions

Libraries: 1 public library

Shopping Malls: mainly boutiques and larger retail stores. Large shopping centres are located in Kanata (30 km) or Ottawa

Movie Theatres: 1 twin screen in town; larger multiplex theaters in Kanata

High Schools: 1 Public High School

Public Transit: No public transit in town; bus service to Kanata/Ottawa

Transit to school may include: School bus / Walking

SISTER CITIES:

Comrie (Scotland, UK)
Franklin, Tennessee (USA)

Small Community

ONTARIO'S TOWN ON THE MISSISSIPPI

Located in Lanark County (nicknamed the Maple Syrup Capital of Ontario) Carleton Place is a pleasing collage of serenity and vitality, texture and energy. The mighty Mississippi River (Ontario version stemming from the Ottawa River) is the thread that binds Carleton Place's rich history together with its vivid natural surroundings. Conveniently located less than an hour from Ottawa's downtown (and only 30 minutes to Ottawa suburb Kanata), Carleton Place is also within a day-trip distance of many areas within the Ottawa Valley, Eastern Ontario and Northern New York. From its fantastic heritage attractions to outstanding examples of outdoor beauty, Carleton Place offers true Canadian immersion with the conveniences of small town warmth and hospitality and larger city amenities within an easy drive.

Average Temperatures: [° c]

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High	-7	-5	2	11	18	23	26	24	19	13	4	-4
Low	-16	-14	-7	1	7	12	15	14	9	3	-2	-11



CORNWALL

ONTARIO > ST. LAWRENCE REGION

- www.cornwall.ca
- <http://cornwalltourism.com>
- Population: 46,875 (city - 2016) // 59,670 (metro - 2016)
- Located on the 45th parallel, in south-eastern Ontario
- 100 km southeast of Ottawa; 120 km southwest of Montreal
- On the north shore of the St. Lawrence River

Notable features:

- Ontario's eastern-most city, named after the city of Cornwall in the UK
- Rail/train connections to Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa
- City originally settled by British Loyalists during American Revolutionary war in the latter part of the 18th century. City became one of the first incorporated municipalities in the British colony of Upper Canada
- A port-of-entry into Canada. The city is connected to the United States at Roosevelttown, near the municipalities of Massena, New York and Malone, New York, via the Three Nations Crossing (Canada, Mohawk, and U.S.A.)
- Principal industries include: manufacturing, automotive, high tech, food processing, distribution centres and call centres (*including Walmart and Target Canada*)
- The majority of residents (approx 70%) give English as their first language while 24% count French as their first native language
- Sports: Cornwall Colts (Junior A hockey team), SeaLions (competitive swim team), Junior Soccer, Rugby, RollerDerby and Basketball teams

Main Attractions:

Lift off (hot air balloon festival): www.lift-off.ca
 Cornwall Civic Complex & Bensen Centre: *recreational sports/arena complexes*
 Cornwall Aquatic Centre: www.cornwall.ca/en/recreation/aquaticcentre.asp
 Akwesasne International Pow Wow: www.akwesasnepowwow.com
 Glengarry Highland Games: www.glengarryhighlandgames.com
 Upper Canada Village: www.uppercanadavillage.com
 Ontario Power Generations Visitor's Center: www.opg.com/visitorcentre
 Cornwall Motor Speedway: www.cornwallspeedway.com
 Year-round festivals and events including Winterfest: www.cornwall.ca/en/recreation/Winterfest.asp
 150 km Recreational Path (walking, biking, jogging): www.cornwall.ca/en/recreation/resources/RecreationalPathGuide2012.pdf

Libraries: 1 public library branch

Shopping Malls: 1 (Cornwall Square Shopping Centre) + small stores/boutiques, vibrant downtown shopping

Movie Theatres: 1 multiplex (Galaxy) & 1 independent (Port Theatre)

High Schools: 2 Public High Schools (English)

Public Transit: Public bus service (Mon through Sat)

Transit to school may include: Public bus /
School bus / Walking

Average Temperatures: [° c]

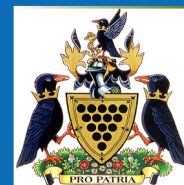
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Low	-15	-13	-8	1	7	12	14	13	8	2	-3	-10

SISTER CITIES:
Coventry (UK)

City/Suburb

A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN SUCCEED

Cornwall is one of Canada's earliest incorporated municipalities, with early settlers coming in waves from the US during the years in which the American settlers fought for independence. Loyal to the British crown, these settlers were known as Loyalists and became the roots of a new settlement. Today, Cornwall and its surrounding communities, offer a glimpse into Canadian history, a strong connection to the family, a celebration of native culture, endless opportunities for outdoor adventures, and some of the most beautiful scenery in Ontario.





Notable features:

- Less than one hour drive from Ottawa and Kingston, Perth is the tourist hub for Eastern Ontario
- Town was established as a military settlement in 1816, shortly after the War of 1812.
- In 2010 Perth held the historic "Kilt Run" in which 1000+ kilt-clad runners crossed the finish line. Recently the race was recognized by the Guinness World Records as the "largest run while runners are wearing kilts"
- Home of Ian Millar, Canadian show jumping world champion and Olympic silver medalist. Big Ben park is named in honour of his longtime partner (horse) Big Ben.
- Hockey is very popular in Perth as it has been home to senior and junior team (Blue Wings in the Eastern Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League)

Main Attractions:

- Heritage downtown (www.shop-heritage-perth.com)
- Crystal Palace (www.perthcanada.com)
- Perth and District Indoor Pool
- Matheson House /Perth Museum (www.perthcanada.com)
- Perth Manor (www.perthmanor.com)
- Stewart Park (www.stewartparkfestival.com)
- Big Ben Park (bigben.ca)
- The International Friendship Fountains (www.perthtourism.ca/cultural-attractions.htm)

Libraries: 1 public library (www.perthunionlibrary.ca)

Shopping Malls: 70 unique shops and boutiques in downtown Heritage Perth (students may have opportunities for shopping trips to Ottawa or Kingston)

Movie Theatres: none in Perth directly. Closest is in Kanata (60km)

High Schools: 1 Public High School

Public Transit: no public service in town

Transit to school may include: School bus / Walking

PERTH

ONTARIO > ST. LAWRENCE REGION

- www.perthcanada.com
- www.beautifulperth.com
- Located in south-eastern Ontario
- Population: approximately 5,930 (2016)
- 83 km southwest of Ottawa

SISTER CITIES:

Perth, W. Australia & Tasmania (Australia)
Perth, Scotland (UK)
Perth, North Dakota (USA)
Asago (Japan)

Small Community

PRETTIEST TOWN IN ONTARIO

Motto: Pro Rege, Lege et Grege: For the King, the Law and the People

Often referred to as a modern community with old-world charm, Perth is a true immersion into Canadian history and lifestyle. The streets are lined with heritage homes and shops along the picturesque Tay River. Each year the town welcomes many visitors to its various fairs and festivals. Year-round recreation allows for plenty of fun in all seasons, and its close proximity to Canada's national capital city of Ottawa allows residents and visitors to further explore Canadian culture. The people of Perth are very special - dynamic, forward-thinking; young families and retirees; as well as a rich and diverse arts community.

Average Temperatures: [° c]

Ave	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
High	-4	-1	4	12	19	24	27	26	22	14	7	0
Low	-14	-13	-7	1	7	12	19	14	9	4	-2	-9

Discover: St. Lawrence

St. Lawrence Region...

The St. Lawrence (Upper Canada) Region is an ideal placement option for international students as it is situated within a few hours drive of Canada's national capital city Ottawa, of Canada's largest city Toronto and of our bilingual city of Montreal. Comprised of many cities and towns within 12,000 square kilometres, the majority of students in the schools are Canadian-born and English speaking, allowing for a true Canadian immersion experience. Modern classrooms utilizing the latest technology allow students to study in vibrant learning environments. This region is a mix of urban cities and charming small towns offering the best of modern amenities and amazing outdoor experiences. International students truly enjoy the security and the care of living in this region.

Location: 50 -120 km from of Ottawa in eastern Ontario
Across the St. Lawrence seaway is New York State

Outdoor Sports: Boating • Canoeing/kayaking • Cycling • Fishing • Golfing • Hiking • Horseback Riding • Rollerblading • Sailing • Skating • Skiing • Snowboarding • Snowmobiling • Snowshoeing

Recreation for students:

• Art Galleries • Coffee shops • Festivals • Libraries • Music Concerts • Museums • Parks • Restaurants (formal and fast food) • Ski Resorts (nearby) • Shopping malls & centres • Sports • Theatre • Youth recreational centres

Why St. Lawrence Region?

- Safe and welcoming communities and schools
- Within 50 -150 km of both Ottawa and Montreal
- Few international students
- French immersion programmes possible / IB in select schools
- Modern methodologies and staff committed to ensuring every student's success.



OUTDOOR/FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Photo: Upper Canada District School Board



WELCOMING HOST FAMILIES

Photo: Upper Canada District School Board



SUBURBAN -STYLE NEIGHBOURHOODS

Photo: Upper Canada District School Board



SEVERAL HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS IN VARIOUS COMMUNITIES

Photo: Upper Canada District School Board



OTTAWA GATEWAY: (50-120 km)



CLOSE PROXIMITY TO MONTREAL (100-150 km)





BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY

ONTARIO > SIMCOE REGION

- <http://www.townofbwg.com>
- Overlooks a farming community, known as The Holland Marsh
- Population: approximately 35,325 (2016)
- 40 km south of Barrie; 70 km north of Toronto

Small Town/Suburb

A DESIRABLE PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY

A growing community, Bradford-West Gwillimbury is a town located just south of Lake Simcoe. Due to the proximity to Toronto and wide availability of land, this community has recently seen a rise of residential development making it a prime bedroom community for the Greater Toronto Area. Residents hail from many different backgrounds including Portugal, Italy, the Netherlands, Germany, United Kingdom, Hungary, and Ukraine. The overwhelming majority of Bradford's residents are of European descent. The town places high emphasis on the protection and enhancement of agricultural activities and the natural environment, particularly the Holland Marsh which is a defining force in the community. Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury offers a return to the small town charm and a sense of community long lost in larger urban centres.

Notable features:

- Small town charm
- Holland Marsh is the market garden for the Ontario and foreign markets, producing carrots and onions in particular, as well as lettuce, potatoes, celery, parsnips, cabbage, cauliflower and beets. There are some greenhouses in which tomatoes, cucumbers and commercial flowers are produced. The marsh is known as "The Salad Bowl of Ontario."
- 2 Junior hockey teams: Bradford Bulls and the Bradford Rattlers

Main Attractions:

- Holland Marsh
- Carrot Fest (August): www.carrotfest.ca
- Several Golf Courses
- 2 ski resorts within an hour drive:
Hockley Valley: www.hockley.com/skiboard
Snow Valley: www.skisnowvalley.com

Libraries: 1 public library

Shopping Malls: new shopping area including restaurants, home retailers and individual boutiques. Larger shopping centres located nearby: Tanger Outlets in Cookstown - www.tangeroutlet.com - just outside of Barrie) or Vaughan Mills (www.vaughanmills.com)

Movie Theatres: 1 multiplex in nearby Newmarket (13km)

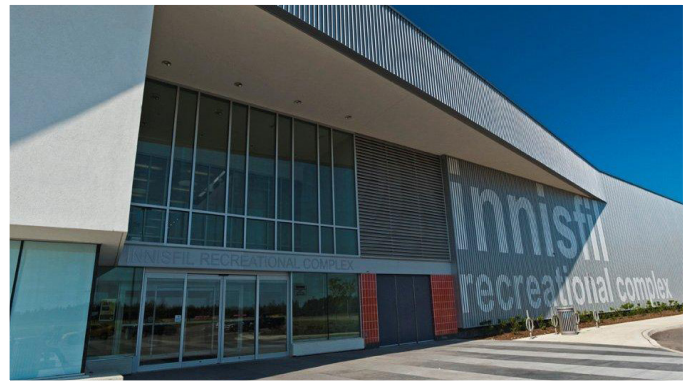
High Schools: 1 public high school

Public Transit: Limited bus service in town, Commuter GO train/bus service to Barrie and Newmarket

Transit to school may include: School Bus / Walking

Average Temperatures: [° c]

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Low	-17	-16	-9	-2	4	9	12	11	7	2	-3	-12



INNISFIL

ONTARIO > SIMCOE REGION

- www.innisfil.ca
- Located just south of Barrie, on the western shore of Lake Simcoe
- Population: approximately 36,560 (2016)
- 80 km (45 minutes) north of Toronto

Small Town

10 minutes from desk to dock

Just 10 minutes from desk to dock, Innisfil truly is a community where you can live, work and play. Only 45-minutes north of Toronto, the Town of Innisfil is a growing lake-side community that is highly prized for its rural setting while being located close to major urban centres. Situated on the western shore of Lake Simcoe, Innisfil combines the charm of country living with the convenience and amenities of a vibrant urban centre.

Notable features:

- The name Innisfil comes from the Irish *Inis Fáil*, an ancient mythological name for Ireland
- State-of-the-art recreational complex, including new YMCA, two pools and two ice rinks
- Numerous walking/cycling trails to promote healthy living
- Located a short distance from the City of Barrie and a 45-minute drive to Toronto
- Recently built high school with great facilities
- Seasonal recreation: Snowmobiling, ice-fishing, cross-country skiing
- Sports: Junior A Hockey League; Junior C Lacrosse league, soccer club, skating club, broomball club, curling

Main Attractions:

- Innisfil Beach Park, including 2 km bike trail
- Farmer's Market
- Art galleries and artist studios
- South Simcoe Theatre: www.southsimcoetheatre.com
- Festivals and Events (Visit Community Calendar at www.innisfil.ca)

Libraries: 4 public library branches

Shopping Malls: small boutiques/shops, 1 Outlet Mall (Tanger Outlets in Cookstown - www.tangeroutlet.com)

Additional Major malls located in or near Barrie: (Georgian Mall, Kozlov Centre, Bayfield Mall)

Movie Theatres: 3 multiplex in Barrie

High Schools: 1 modern High School

Public Transit: Taxi service in town. Go Bus service to Barrie or Toronto.

Transit to school may include: School Bus / Walking

Average Temperatures: [° c]

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MIDLAND & PENETANGUISHENE

ONTARIO > SIMCOE REGION

- www.midland.ca
- www.town.penetanguishene.on.ca
- Located on the southern shores of Georgian Bay
- Population: Midland: approx. 16,865 (2016)
- Penetanguishene: approx. 8,960 (2016)
- 140 km north west of Toronto

Notable features:

- Gateway to Georgian Bay's picturesque 30,000 Islands
- Wide variety of recreational, arts, culture and service clubs
- Excellent harbour and marina facilities
- Many hectares of waterfront and parkland

Main Attractions:

- Discovery Harbour: www.discoveryharbour.on.ca
- Huronia Museum & Ouendat Village: www.huroniamuseum.com
- King's Wharf Theatre: www.kingswharftheatre.com
- Martyr's Shrine: <https://martyrs-shrine.com/>
- Sainte-Marie among the Hurons: www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca
- Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre: www.wyemarsh.com
- 30,000 island cruises: www.georgianbaycruises.com

Libraries: 1 public library in each community

Shopping Malls: Mountain View Mall (Midland) + Village Square Mall (Penetanguishene) + boutique clothing and music shops, fast food eateries, boutiques and a farmer's market

Movie Theatres: Galaxy Cinemas Midland (multiplex)

High Schools: 1 NEW high school serving both communities (2018)

Public Transit: Bus service in town

Transit to school may include: Public bus / School Bus / Walking

Small Town

THE GATEWAY TO GEORGIAN BAY

The twin towns of Midland and Penetanguishene bustle year-round with tourists and residents taking advantage of many recreational opportunities. Midland has a dynamic waterfront, which includes the picturesque Harbour and an extensive waterfront trail for walking, biking and rollerblading. Penetanguishene is an historic, bilingual (French / English) community first recognized in 1793 with the establishment of a naval base. Both communities are in close proximity to ski & snowboard facilities and offer students the opportunity to explore some of the beautiful nature the area offers through the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre as well as come to know the history of European and Native American relations.

Average Temperatures: [° c]

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Discover: SIMCOE



SKI & SNOWBOARDING HILLS: Barrie, Collingwood



YEAR-ROUND OUTDOOR ADVENTURES



TEEN-FRIENDLY AMENITIES



EXCELLENT SCHOOLS



TORONTO: 85-150km



NIAGARA FALLS: 200-250 km



Simcoe County... A Place for All Seasons

www.experiencesimcoe.ca

The communities of the Simcoe Region surround Lake Simcoe and expand to Georgian Bay (to the west) and the Muskoka Region (to the north). Located between 1-2 hours drive from Toronto, this area is rich in history and offers many choices for students including a wide range of town options, hills for skiing and snowboarding, lakes for water recreation and easy access to Toronto

Location: 1-2 hours north of Toronto

Outdoor Sports: Boating • Cycling • Fishing • Golfing • Hiking • Horseback Riding • Rollerblading • Skating • Skiing • Snowboarding • Snowtubing • Snowshoeing

Recreation for students:

• Art Galleries • Coffee shops • Festivals • Libraries • Music concerts • Museums • Parks • Restaurants (formal and fast food) • Ski Resorts • Shopping malls & centres • Sports • Theatre • Youth recreational centres

Why Simcoe?

- Placements close to Toronto
- Several community options
- Outdoor sports year-round
- Many new school facilities



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GIBSONS

BRITISH COLUMBIA > SUNSHINE COAST

- www.gibsons.ca
- www.sunshinecoast-bc.com
- Located on the Pacific coast, across Horseshoe Bay from West Vancouver
- 47 km northwest of Vancouver
- Population: approximately 4,600 (2016)

Small Town

GATEWAY TO THE SUNSHINE COAST

Located just 40 minutes ferry ride from Horseshoe Bay, northwest of Greater Vancouver, Gibsons was named in 2009 as the World's Most Liveable Community (with a population of less than 20,000) by the United Nations-endorsed International Awards for Liveable Communities. The town features a beautiful and lively harbour, and the inlets and islands around Gibsons and up into Howe Sound are perfect for kayaking, sailing or pleasure cruising. The fresh air, small town ambience and casual lifestyle make this an easy and relaxed community in which to live

Notable features:

- Bedroom community for Greater Vancouver, residents enjoy a great natural living environment; many commute to Vancouver for work
- Voted the World's Most Livable Town in 2009
- Large network of walking and cycling paths linking upper and lower Gibsons, neighbourhoods, parks, schools, shopping areas and regional open spaces to each other.
- The pulp-and-paper industry, forestry and fishing are primary sources of revenue
- Most famously known as the location for the longtime hit TV show *The Beachcombers*, which first aired in 1972 and ran until 1990

Main Attractions:

- Gibsons Landing Jazz Festival: www.coastjazz.com
- Gibsons Landing Fibre Arts Festival: www.gibsonslandingfibrearts.com
- Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts: www.writersfestival.ca
- Sunshine Coast Arts Centre
- Gibsons Public Art Gallery: www.gibsonspublicartgallery.ca
- Sunshine Coast Museum: www.sunshinecoastmuseum.ca
- Skookumchuck Provincial Park

Libraries: 1 public library

Shopping Malls: 1 mall (Sunnycrest) including clothing and music stores and fast food eateries

Movie Theatres: 1 Twin-Screen with more in Vancouver, North Vancouver, or West Vancouver

High Schools: 1 Public High School

Public Transit: Public bus service in Gibsons and other communities on the Sunshine Coast + BC Ferries to Vancouver Island

Transit to school may include: Public bus / School bus / Walking

Average Temperatures: [° c]

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Low	0	1	2	4	8	11	12	13	10	6	3	1

Discover: SUNSHINE COAST

Photo: C. Mueller - CISS Student



AMAZING NATURAL BEAUTY



EASY AND RELAXED LIFESTYLE



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GOOD SCHOOLS WITH FEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



VANCOUVER: 50 km across Horseshoe Bay



Sunshine Coast ... A little piece of paradise! www.sunshinecoast-bc.com

For more than a century, the Sunshine Coast of British Columbia has captured the hearts of both local residents and visitors. Located just north of Vancouver, and accessed by ferry, this region boasts more than 20 provincial parks, lakes, beaches, talented artisans, great food and a lifestyle that make this a great escape from city life. It is said that the people, scenery and temperate climate make this a magical place. Everyone seems to find a little piece of paradise here. Once you have visited, it can be very hard to leave!

Location: southwestern British Columbia

Outdoor Sports: Boating • Canoeing • Cross-Country Skiing • Cycling • Diving • Fishing • Fly Fishing • Golfing • Hiking • Horseback Riding • Kayaking • Mountain Biking • Roller-blading • Skating • Skiing • Snowboarding • Whale & Dolphin Watching • White Water Rafting

Recreation for students: Aboriginal Heritage • Art Galleries • Coffee shops • Festivals • Libraries • Music concerts • Movies • Museums • Parks • Restaurants (formal and fast food) • Ski Resorts • Shopping malls & centres • Sports • Theatre • Youth recreational centres

Why Sunshine Coast?

- Beautiful region - mountains and ocean views with relaxed atmosphere
- Amazing natural scenery and outdoor activity
- Mild climate year-round
- Great location for students interested in local art
- Small town charm with access to major cosmopolitan city



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SECHELT

BRITISH COLUMBIA > SUNSHINE COAST

- www.district.sechelt.bc.ca
- www.sunshinecoast-bc.com
- Located on the Pacific coast, across Horseshoe Bay from West Vancouver
- 50 km northwest of Vancouver
- Population: approximately 10,200 (2016)

Small Town

NATURALLY SPIRITED

Located just 23 km north of Gibsons, along the Sunshine Coast Highway, Sechelt takes its name from the Coast Salish Shishalh people, who first settled the area thousands of years ago, and means "land between two waters". Sechelt's central location on the southern peninsula of the Sunshine Coast makes it a natural hub for business, culture and tourism. The thriving village is surrounded by beautiful mountain scenery and a natural seaside beauty that lends a special charm to the attractions and amenities of the Heart of the Sunshine Coast.

Notable features:

- Bedroom community for Greater Vancouver, residents enjoy a great natural living environment; many commute to Vancouver for work
- The municipality contains an 18 hole public golf course, parks, and a number of small marinas inside Sechelt Inlet and larger provincial parks nearby
- The community is home to a small campus of Capilano University
- The Sechelt and Sunshine Coast general area is known for its natural beauty, being a popular destination for those interested in kayaking, diving, snowshoeing and skiing, hiking and backpacking, camping, mountain biking, and other outdoor activities

Main Attractions:

- The Sunshine Coast Arts Centre: www.suncoastarts.com
- Twelve Coast Salish totem poles
- Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts: www.writersfestival.ca
- House of Hewhiwus (House of Chiefs)
- Raven's Cry Theatre: www.ravenscrytheatre.com
- Sechelt Arts Festival: www.secheltartsfestival.com
- Sechelt Inlet
- Public recreation aquatic centre: www.scrd.ca/Sechelt-Aquatic-Centre

Libraries: 1 public library

Shopping Malls: 1 mall (Clayton's Heritage Mall) including clothing and music stores and fast food eateries

Movie Theatres: Closest is a twin-screen in Gibsons, with more in Vancouver, North Vancouver, or West Vancouver

High Schools: 1 Public High School

Public Transit: Sunshine Coast Public bus servicing Sechelt and other local communities + BC Ferries to Vancouver Island

Transit to school may include: Public bus / School bus / Walking

Average Temperatures: [°C]

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Discover: SUNSHINE COAST

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COMOX & COURTENAY

BRITISH COLUMBIA > VANCOUVER ISLAND

- www.comox.ca // www.courtenay.ca
- www.discovercomoxvalley.com.
- Located on Vancouver Island
- 225 km (2.5 hours driving) north from Victoria
- Population: Comox: 14,828 (2016) // Courtenay: 25,599 (2016)

Small Town

FROM ALPINE TO OCEAN

The sister towns of Comox and Courtenay lie in Comox Valley - the centre of a rich agricultural area on Vancouver Island. The adjacent ski slopes of Mount Washington Alpine Resort make it a popular winter sports centre. The Comox Recreation Commission offers 130+ different recreational programs each quarter featuring arts programs, sports, recreation and culture. The area is also home to Vancouver Island's largest provincial park and one of its largest mountain bike trail systems. Warm dry summers and mild winters make this a highly desirable destination for students.

Notable features:

- Friendly village lifestyle and great Canadian immersion for international students
- Public transit joins both communities for recreation and entertainment
- Downhill skiing/snowboarding located nearby at Mt. Washington
- Vancouver is accessible by Ferry (Comox to Powell River)
- Both communities combine culture, sports, education, breathtaking scenery and outdoor recreation
- Day trip options include Tofino, famous for surfing and whale watching

Main Attractions:

- Mount Washington Alpine Resort: www.mountwashington.ca
- Forbidden Plateau/Comox Lake: <http://islandmountainrides.com>
- Comox Glacier: <https://www.summitpost.org/the-comox-glacier/532830>
- Courtenay Museum and Palaeontology Centre: www.courtenaymuseum.ca
- Courtenay Youth Music Centre: www.cymc.ca
- Crown Isle Golf Course: www.crownisle.com
- Strathcona Provincial Park: www.vancouverisland.com/parks
- Comox Valley Sports Centre: www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-facilities/sports-centre

Libraries: 2 public libraries (one in each town)

Shopping Malls: 3 shopping centres (Driftwood Mall, Washington Park (Courtenay) + Comox Mall (Comox), including clothing and music stores and fast food eateries

Movie Theatres: 2 Multiplex in Courtenay

High Schools: 1 Public High School in Comox, 2 in Courtenay (*some students living in Comox attend Courtenay schools*)

Public Transit: Public bus system servicing all Comox Valley. Direct Sea Ferry [1 h 15 min] from Comox to Powell River which is famous for SCUBA diving. Vancouver is a further 130 km by bus.

Transit to school may include: Public bus / School bus / Walking

Average Temperatures: [° c]

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Discover: Vancouver Island



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OCEANSIDE - WHALE WATCHING, SURFING
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YEAR-ROUND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



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VICTORIA: CAPITAL CITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Vancouver Island... the Island with Everything!

www.vancouverisland.travel

Just off the coast of mainland British Columbia and a ferry-ride from Vancouver lies Vancouver Island, known for its mild climate and scenic beauty. Marine parks with abundant sealife, alpine lakes and top notch mountain ski resorts offer visitors endless recreational opportunities combined with safe and peaceful community living.

Location: off western shore of mainland British Columbia

Outdoor Sports: Boating • Canoeing • Cross-Country Skiing • Cycling • Diving • Fishing • Fly Fishing • Golfing • Hiking • Horesback Riding • Kayaking • Mountain Biking • Roller-blading • Skating • Skiing • Snowboarding • Sufing (Tofino), Whale Watching • White Water Rafting

Recreation for students: Aboriginal Heritage • Art Galleries • Coffee shops • Festivals • Libraries • Music concerts • Movies • Museums • Parks • Restaurants (formal and fast food) • Ski Resorts • Shopping malls & centres • Sports • Theatre • Youth recreational centres

Why Vancouver Island?

- Beautiful region - mountains and ocean views
- Excellent recreation - skiing/snowboarding, kayaking, wildlife viewing, whale-watching, surfing and more!
- No where does climate allow you to you to ski and kayak in the same day!
- Wide choice of communities - from urban centres to charming smaller towns



QUALICUM BEACH

BRITISH COLUMBIA > VANCOUVER ISLAND

- www.qualicumbeach.com
- Located in "Oceanside", on the eastern coast of Vancouver Island
- 36 km northwest of Nanaimo / 147 km northwest of Victoria
- Population: 8,500
- Shares school district with Parksville

Notable features:

- Often identified as a "twin city" with Parksville - so students may be placed in either community
- Eight provincial parks, five regional district parks and hundreds of kilometers of hiking trails and shorelines give Oceanside an ambiance and excitement all year round.
- Ocean water temperature average is 21C
- Sports, leisure, entertainment, photography, picnics, swimming, dining, paddling, sailing and some of the best bird-watching opportunities in North America all exist in Qualicum Beach
- Many festivals and art shows year-round

Main Attractions:

- Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park: www.vancouverisland.com/parks/?id=7
- Milner Gardens & Woodland: www.viu.ca/MilnerGardens
- Coombs Village (in nearby Parksville)
- The Village Theatre: www.echoplayers.ca
- The Power House Museum
- The Vancouver Island Paleontology Museum: www.vips-fossils.com
- The Heritage Forest of Qualicum Beach
- Butterfly World & Gardens: www.nature-world.com

Libraries: 1 branch of the Vancouver Island Regional Library

Shopping Malls: small boutique stores only. Shopping centres in Victoria or Nanaimo

Movie Theatres: closest theatres are located in Nanaimo

High Schools: 1 Public High School in each Qualicum Beach and Parksville

Public Transit: Public bus system serviced by the Nanaimo Regional Transit System. Train service daily to Victoria.

Transit to school may include: Pubic Bus / School Bus / Walking

Small Town

AT THE HEART OF 'OCEANSIDE'

Qualicum Beach is an attractive seaside town on the east coast of Vancouver Island. It is a small town with a large, ocean-side community park and many fabulous, sandy beaches that stretch along the ocean. Qualicum Beach has a charming town centre and its proximity to provincial parks offers many recreational year-round opportunities. Qualicum Beach is alive with a museum, art galleries, fascinating shops, cultural attractions and eco-tourism events throughout the year.

Average Temperatures: [° c]

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PARKSVILLE

BRITISH COLUMBIA > VANCOUVER ISLAND

- www.qualicumbeach.com
- Located in "Oceanside", on the eastern coast of Vancouver Island
- 37 km northwest of Nanaimo / 150 km northeast of Victoria
- Population: 11,500
- Shares school district with Qualicum Beach (12 km east)

Small Town

ENCHANTING SEASIDE VILLAGE TO CAPTURE YOUR HEART

Bordered by ocean and sheltered by mountains, Parksville boasts one of the finest climates in Canada and is favoured as one of the most popular summer family vacations destinations of Vancouver Island and British Columbia. As a growing and progressive community, residents place a high value on their community's spectacular natural setting, surrounded by beautiful beaches, mountains, lakes and rivers. Indeed, the town has been dubbed by some as "the Jewel of Vancouver Island". If you like the beach, you'll love Parksville!

Notable features:

- Often identified as a "twin city" with Qualicum Beach - so students may be placed in either community
- Numerous golf courses
- Average water temperature of ocean is 12 degrees C
- Much of the city's economy is tourism. Other important industries include fishing, forestry, and service enterprises
- Six B.C. provincial parks are located within thirty minutes drive, providing every recreational activity imaginable including kayaking, caving and horseback riding
- Parksville is the new home of the SS Minnow, the boat in the fictional 1960s television comedy "Gilligan's Island"

Main Attractions:

- Parksville Community Park
- Parksville Beach: www.visitparksvillequalicumbeach.com
- Rath Trevor Beach Provincial Park: www.visitparksvillequalicumbeach.com
- Craig Heritage Park & Museum: www.parksvillemuseum.ca
- Brant Wildlife Festival: www.brantfestival.bc.ca
- French Creek: www.visitparksvillequalicumbeach.com

Libraries: 1 branch of the Vancouver Island Regional Library

Shopping Malls: small boutique stores only. Shopping centres in Victoria or Nanaimo

Movie Theatres: closest theatres are located in Nanaimo

High Schools: 1 Public High School in each Qualicum Beach and Parksville

Public Transit: Public bus system serviced by the Nanaimo Regional Transit System. Train service daily to Victoria.

Transit to school may include: Pubic Bus / School Bus / Walking

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Discover: Vancouver Island



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YEAR-ROUND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



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VICTORIA: CAPITAL CITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver Island... the Island with Everything!

www.vancouverisland.travel

Just off the coast of mainland British Columbia and a ferry-ride from Vancouver lies Vancouver Island, known for its mild climate and scenic beauty. Marine parks with abundant sealife, alpine lakes and top notch mountain ski resorts offer visitors endless recreational opportunities combined with safe and peaceful community living.

Location: off western shore of mainland British Columbia

Outdoor Sports: Boating • Canoeing • Cross-Country Skiing • Cycling • Diving • Fishing • Fly Fishing • Golfing • Hiking • Horesback Riding • Kayaking • Mountain Biking • Roller-blading • Skating • Skiing • Snowboarding • Whale Watching • White Water Rafting

Recreation for students: Aboriginal Heritage • Art Galleries • Coffee shops • Festivals • Libraries • Music concerts • Movies • Museums • Parks • Restaurants (formal and fast food) • Ski Resorts • Shopping malls & centres • Sports • Theatre • Youth recreational centres

Why Vancouver Island?

- Beautiful region - mountains and ocean views
- Excellent recreation - skiing/snowboarding, kayaking, wildlife viewing, whale-watching, surfing and more!
- No where does climate allow you to you to ski and kayak in the same day!
- Wide choice of communities - from urban centres to charming smaller towns





SQUAMISH

BRITISH COLUMBIA > SEA-TO-SKY

- www.squamish.ca
- www.tourismsquamish.com
- Located at the north end of Howe Sound on the Sea to Sky Highway
- 45 minutes each way to Vancouver (to the south) or Whistler (to the north)
- Population: 19,510 (2016)

City/Suburb

OUTDOOR RECREATION CAPITAL OF CANADA

Ideally situated on the Sea-to-Sky highway, exactly midway between both Vancouver and Whistler, Squamish provides international students with an truly unique Canadian and native immersion. Known as the outdoor recreational capital of Canada, Squamish offers endless outdoor activity opportunities including rock climbing, hiking, mountain biking, skiing/snowboarding, kayaking, river rafting and more. Squamish also holds a high reputation as a centre for the arts. It now boasts the second highest number of residents who are artists by profession in all of Canada.

Notable features:

- Amazing variety of outdoor recreational and adventure activities including rock climbing, mountain biking, windsurfing, kayaking, skiing/snowboarding and more
- Town and area is still inhabited by Squamish first nations people
- Popular set location for Hollywood films and TV shows
- Organized sports clubs include: Minor Hockey Association; Skating Club; Nordic Ski Club; Titans Multisport Club; Pirates Swim Club; Youth Soccer...and many more

Main Attractions:

- Shannon Falls: www.tourismsquamish.com/attractions/shannon-falls-provincial-park
- Stawamus Chief Provincial Park: <https://www.exploresquamish.com/explore/stawamus-chief-provincial-park>
- Alice Lake Provincial Park: <https://www.vancouvertrails.com/trails/alice-lake/>
- Britannia Mine Museum: www.britanniaminemuseum.ca
- Squamish Adventure Centre: <https://www.exploresquamish.com/business/squamish-adventure-centre>
- Brackendale Art Gallery: www.brackendaleartgallery.com
- Garibaldi Provincial Park: <https://www.exploresquamish.com/explore/garibaldi-provincial-park>
- West Coast Railway Heritage Park: www.wcra.org
- Whistler: www.whistler.com

Libraries: 1 public library

Shopping Malls: Downtown shopping, variety of boutiques and department stores

Movie Theatres: 1 multiplex theatre

High Schools: 1 Public High School

Public Transit: Public bus system

Transit to school may include: Public bus / School bus/ Walking

Average Temperatures: [° c]

Ave	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
High	3	6	11	15	18	21	24	25	21	14	6	2
Low	-3	-2	1	4	7	10	11	11	8	4	1	-2



PEMBERTON

BRITISH COLUMBIA > SEA-TO-SKY

- <http://www.tourismpembertonbc.com/>
- Village municipality north of Whistler in the Pemberton Valley
- 32 km north of Whistler; 159 km north of Vancouver
- Population: 2,575 (2016)

Small town

GATEWAY TO ADVENTURE

Located just a 20 minute drive north of Whistler, Pemberton is known by locals as a place of year-round adventure opportunities. A small village, all teens know each other as they attend one local high school. With beautiful Mount Currie as a majestic backdrop seen throughout the Pemberton Valley, it's no wonder local residents enjoy arts, culture, recreation, dining, shopping and a comfortable lifestyle.

Notable features:

- Village's look is slightly rustic and has the appearance of the set of an Old West movie
- Economy based on logging and tourism
- The climate of Pemberton is very warm and dry in the summer and mild and wet in the winter
- Ideal for the active visitor: hiking, mountain biking, horse-back riding, water sports, fishing, golf and more

Main Attractions:

- Pemberton Valley Trail Association: 30 miles of free trails for cross-country skiing, biking, walking, or horseback riding
- Nairn Falls
- Pemberton Music Festival (July)
- Proximity to Whistler-Blackcombe (32km):
<https://www.whistlerblackcomb.com/>

Libraries: 1 public library

Shopping Malls: Downtown shopping, variety of boutiques and department stores

Movie Theatres: Not in village - closest is in Whistler

High Schools: 1 Public High Schools

Public Transit: Limited public transit; public commuter bus to Whistler

Transit to school may include: Public bus / School bus/ Walking

Average Temperatures: [° c]

Ave	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
High	0	3	7	11	16	19	20	19	17	14	11	-1
Low	-6	-4	-3	1	4	4	5	4	2	4	2	-6

Discover: Sea-to-Sky



AMAZING OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SPORTS



WORLD-CLASS SKIING OPPORTUNITIES
Whistler and others



FIRST NATIONS CULTURE



WELCOMING SCHOOLS



HOME OF WHISTLER VILLAGE



CITY OF VANCOUVER: 1-2 HOURS DRIVE



Sea-to-Sky...rugged, picturesque, amazing

<https://www.hellobc.com/places-to-go/sea-to-sky>

The drive up the Sea-to-Sky highway from Vancouver's Horseshoe Bay toward Whistler inspires awe and amazement as you travel through some of British Columbia's most beautiful scenery. Communities set in rugged mountains and pristine lakes provide an immersion based in Canadian and native culture and adventure sport opportunities.

Location: north of Vancouver on British Columbia's west coast

Outdoor Sports: Boating • Canoeing • Cross-Country Skiing • Cycling • Diving • Fishing • Fly Fishing • Golfing • Heli-skiing • Hiking • Horseback Riding • Kayaking • Kite-boarding • Mountain Biking • Roller-blading • Sailing • Skating • Nordic and Alpine Skiing • Snowboarding • Whale Watching • White Water Rafting

Recreation for students: Aboriginal Heritage • Art Galleries • Coffee shops • Festivals • Libraries • Music concerts • Movies • Museums • Parks • Restaurants (formal and fast food) • Rivers and lakes for kayaking, canoeing, sailing • Ski Resorts • Shopping • Sports • Youth recreational centres

Why Sea-to-Sky region?

- Beautiful region - mountains, lakes and ocean views
- Excellent recreation - skiing/snowboarding, mountain biking, wildlife viewing
- Close to Whistler for skiing enthusiasts
- Native culture