

# The EXPLORERS' EDGE Sojourner

Visit The Great Canadian Wilderness  
Just North of Toronto



Take advantage of just how close the **Great Canadian Wilderness** is and get back to the woods, the water, and your own well-being this summer.

Head due north from Toronto for a couple of hours and start your unforgettable encounter with thousands of warm, sparkling lakes, with lush and shady forests, with the spectacular rock of the Canadian Shield, and with **hundreds of ways to experience it all.**

Whether you enjoy exploring iconic landscapes **on your own** or you prefer **a more pampered getaway**, the Explorers' Edge region has something for everyone looking for "exactly-what-I-wanted."

And expect the unexpected. From resorts in **Algonquin Park** to camping in **Muskoka**, from spots less traveled in the **Almaguin Highlands** to the unique sights of **Loring-Restoule** and **Parry Sound**, plenty of neat surprises are waiting for you hear. Plan your visit at [www.explorersedge.ca](http://www.explorersedge.ca).



## Amazing Georgian Bay

Have you heard about the **Amazing Places of Georgian Bay?**

Though perhaps less known than **Algonquin Park**, the **Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve** is a unique geographic area running 200km from the French River north of Parry Sound,

south to Port Severn in Muskoka that is, like its neighbour to the east, recognized as ecologically significant in the world. Known as the 30,000 Islands as well, it's also just plain awesome.

Designated a **UNESCO World Biosphere** in 2004 and home to the world's largest freshwater archipelago, fans of the biosphere recently voted for their **Top Ten Amazing Places to visit** in the **Parry Sound** and **Muskoka** areas.

This summer, visit the **Amazing Places of the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve**, including **Johnston's Cranberry Marsh** in Bala and **Tower Hill & Park** in Parry Sound. And consider a special tour of the 30,000 Islands **by boat** or **plane**.

## Live Music in Cottage Country

On patios and stages across the region (including many located lakeside), hundreds of venues will host exceptional artists as part of cottage country's 2014 summer music scene.

From classical music to jazz, from blues to rock, talented musicians from every genre and from around the world will be coming here to play – just for you.

For a list of venues and performers, [click here](#). For a list of upcoming events in the region, [click here](#).



## JULY 2014

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Here is just a partial list of upcoming events in Explorers' Edge. For more info visit [explorersedge.ca/events](http://explorersedge.ca/events)

Pavlo  
Parry Sound: **JULY 9**

GODDO  
Gravenhurst: **JULY 10**

Ribfest  
Parry Sound: **JULY 10-13**

Songs on the Bay Byng  
Inlet: **JULY 10-14**

Sugar Ray & The Blue Tones  
Gravenhurst: **JULY 11**

Mounties  
Huntsville: **JULY 11**

Muskoka Pioneer Power Festival  
Bracebridge: **JULY 11-13**

Nuit Blanche North  
Huntsville: **JULY 12**

Guided Tour of Group of Seven  
Outdoor Mural Gallery  
Huntsville: **JULY 12**

The Arkells  
Bala: **JULY 12**

Muskoka Wharf Triathlon  
Gravenhurst: **JULY 12-13**

Said The Whale  
Gravenhurst: **JULY 15**

Paddling Photography  
Snug Harbour: **JULY 15-19**

Discover Trout Fishing in Algonquin Park  
Algonquin Park: **JULY 16**

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# Summer FUN



## Algonquin Park

Canada's favourite provincial park is a popular spot for campers and back country trekkers, but did you know it is also **home to some outstanding resorts**? If camping's not your thing, consider experiencing this iconic wilderness from the comfort of a resort located in or near the park. For more info on what's happening in the park this summer, visit **The Friends of Algonquin Park**.

Ontario's "undiscovered cottage country" is home to thousands of blue, refreshing lakes, including **the largest fresh water lake in North America without an island, Lake Bernard**. This summer the waters of the Almaguin Highlands will be showcased once again during the annual **Stone-Skipping Photo Contest**. **Click here**, like the page and watch for the exciting details and your chance to win a getaway!



## Almaguin Highlands



## Loring-Restoule

The folks who welcome travelers to the northern-most part of the Explorers' Edge region are making it easier for you to find them. Check out the **new website** that features where to stay, where to eat and what to do in **Loring-Restoule**. Discover this hidden gem among Ontario's wilderness destinations and plan your summer getaway today.

Turns out Loch Ness in Scotland isn't the only lake with an elusive monster in its depths. **The Lake of Bays Monster** has folks believing that this friendly creature (don't worry kids) calls Muskoka home. This summer, you can help name the monster and then enter to win a getaway to the stunning Lake of Bays area. Even the **Lake of Bays Brewing Co.** is getting in on the action with a limited edition monster beer. Watch for monster specials at **Around Lake of Bays**.



## Muskoka

One of Canada's most prestigious classical music events takes place in one of our nation's biggest hockey towns. The annual **Festival of the Sound** will launch its 35<sup>th</sup> season in **Parry Sound** on July 18, welcoming some of the world's best musicians to the **Charles W. Stockey Centre for the Performing Arts**. What makes 'The Fest' so cool? Maybe that you just might find ensembles like **The Festival Winds** playing a quick game of hockey in between rehearsals. **Plan to attend** if you'd enjoy beautiful music played in a beautiful hall on beautiful Georgian Bay. For more info on visiting the area, visit **Parry Sound Tourism**.



## Parry Sound

To explore more, visit us at [www.explorersedge.ca](http://www.explorersedge.ca)



**ENTER to WIN**

**Parry Sound KOA Campground** is also marking a milestone - 25 years in business! You could celebrate with them on the weekend of August 22<sup>nd</sup> by entering to win the "Parry Sound Summer Camping Adventure" contest. The Grand Prize Package includes two nights' accommodation for two adults in Parry Sound KOA's Deluxe Cabin, kayaking instruction with the **Ontario Sea Kayak Centre**, tickets for the **Island Queen Cruise**, and a \$50 gift certificate to **Bistro by the Bay**. Total prize value of approximately \$700!

To enter to win, [click here](#).

## Celebrate

Lots of big anniversaries are happening across the region this summer, including the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of summer theatre at the **Gravenhurst Opera House**, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Sherwood Inn**, the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Blue Spruce Resort**, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **Muskoka Lakes Museum**, and the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **Village of Sundridge** in the Almaguin Highlands.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Colin James  
Huntsville: **JULY 18**

Muskoka Conservancy Summer Cottage Tour Lake  
Muskoka: **JULY 18**

Muskoka Arts & Crafts Summer Show  
Bracebridge: **JULY 18-20**

Art in the Park  
Parry Sound: **JULY 18-20**

Junquestock  
Bracebridge: **JULY 18-20**

Measha Brueggergosman  
Huntsville: **JULY 19**

Tim Hicks Summer Throwdown with Leah Daniels  
Bala: **JULY 19**

Muskoka Kids Triathlon  
Port Sydney: **JULY 19**

Muskoka Motorcycle Rally  
Gravenhurst: **JULY 19-20**

Jazz in the Garden  
Huntsville: **JULY 20**

Following Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven  
Algonquin Park: **JULY 21**

Be My Guest presents Lloyd Robertson  
Bracebridge: **JULY 23**

En Plein Air Painting & Auction  
Huntsville: **JULY 24**

Cowboy Junkies  
Huntsville: **JULY 24**

Holly Cole  
Huntsville: **JULY 25**

Muskoka In-Water Boat & Cottage Show  
Muskoka Wharf: **JULY 25-27**

Muskoka Ribfest  
Gravenhurst: **JULY 25-27**

Muskoka Lakes Museum Day  
Port Carling: **JULY 26**

Ethan Russell: Best Seats in the House  
Huntsville: **JULY 26**

Loggers Day  
Algonquin Park: **JULY 26**

26<sup>th</sup> Annual Baysville Walkabout Festival  
**JULY 26**

Bala Falls Triathlon: **JULY 27**

Muskoka Pride Picnic  
Bracebridge: **JULY 27**

Michael Pickett  
Huntsville: **JULY 27**

Nostalgic 100 Mile Cruise  
Gravenhurst: **JULY 28**

Women on Water Camping Adventure  
Georgian Bay: **JULY 29-31**

Meet the Researcher Day  
Algonquin Park: **JULY 31**

Joe Sealy and Jackie Richardson  
Huntsville: **JULY 31**

Basia Bulat  
Gravenhurst: **JULY 31**

Summer burgers with pinache

**The View for YOU**

Artists inspired by the landscape around them

Perfect summer sunsets

Find the perfect getaway package for Algonquin Park, the Almaguin Highlands, Loring-Restoule, Muskoka and Parry Sound.

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