

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.



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

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**

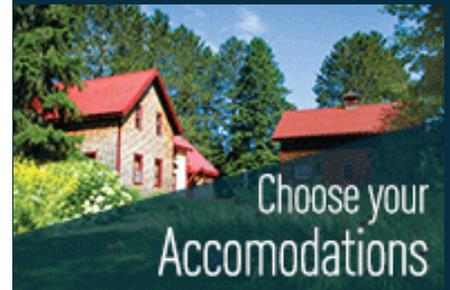
Muskoka Wharf Triathlon
Gravenhurst: **JULY 12-13**

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.



Muskoka

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**.



Parry Sound

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 35th 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**.

To explore more, visit us at 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 22nd 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 80th anniversary of summer theatre at the **Gravenhurst Opera House**, the 75th anniversary of **Sherwood Inn**, the 60th anniversary of **Blue Spruce Resort**, the 50th anniversary of the **Muskoka Lakes Museum**, and the 125th anniversary of the **Village of Sundridge** in the Almaguin Highlands.



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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**

26th 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.

[Click here](#) for more info.

Special Offers