

# PORT HOPE

2020 VISITOR GUIDE



# THE REAL SMALL TOWN *Experience*

Need a breath of fresh air? Port Hope is a cute, lakeside town with picturesque views, fourth-generation farms and a great perspective on making the moments count.

While the world speeds up, we like to put our phones down (occasionally) and appreciate an easier pace.

Sometimes, it feels good to slow things down. So you can have a great meal

with vegetables picked fresh that morning, and linger on a patio with local roasted coffee or craft brews.

You can have a taste of authentic small town life and enjoy the trendy shops, festivals, live theatre and events on the water.

And we're only an hour and a bit east of Toronto and the rush. Use this as your guide to experience Port Hope like a local.



We're Ontario's favourite small town for so many good reasons - watch our promotional video!





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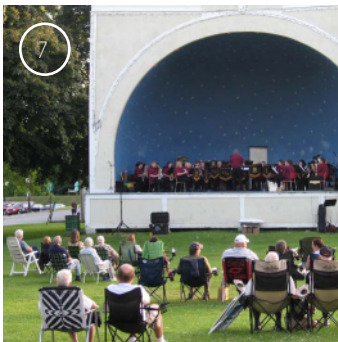
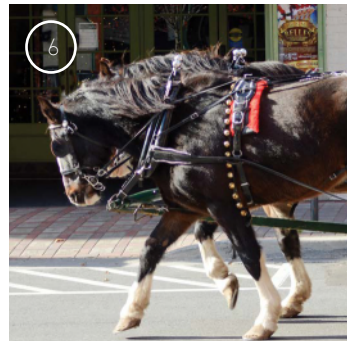
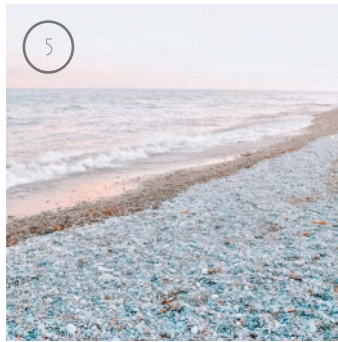
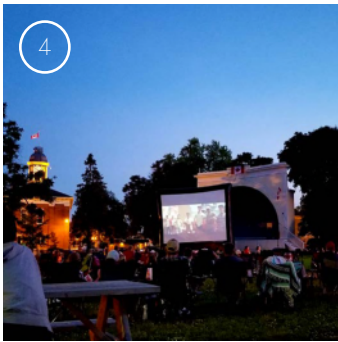
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# Free FABULOUS AND SO MUCH FUN

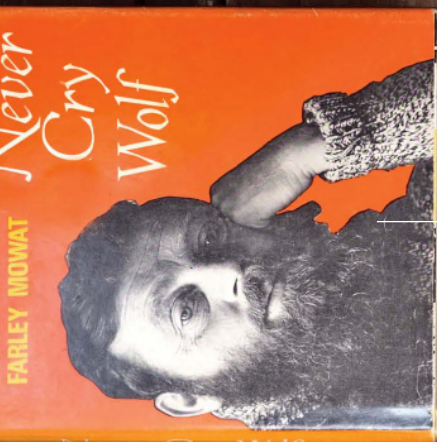
Great memories are priceless! Discover these Port Hope faves. For more details and dates on all the fun, please head to [visitporthope.ca](http://visitporthope.ca)

- 1 **Float Your Fanny Down the Ganny**  
Come watch the heart-pounding race of canoes and crazy crafts on the Ganaraska River on April 11.
- 2 **Nature Trail Guide**  
Go off-road and explore the wonders of plants and animals in their natural habitat.
- 3 **Heroes Highway Ride & Rally June 6**  
Cheer on the veterans and Air Force members who ride by motorcycle from Trenton to Port Hope.
- 4 **Movies in the Park**  
Bring your lawn chair to Memorial Park at dusk for summer films on the big screen at the bandshell.
- 5 **Playtime at the Beach**  
Take your blowup floats to the sandy East Beach for swimming and skip rocks at the West Beach.
- 6 **Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides**  
Get into the holiday spirit with an old-fashioned tour of downtown on Saturdays in December.
- 7 **Summer Bandshell Concerts**  
Spend some sweet Thursday nights under the stars with live blues, country and Big Band Swing.
- 8 **Port Hope Arts Festival August 8**  
Meet our local makers and artists in this celebration in Memorial Park. Food, music and crafting!
- 9 **Candlelight Festival**  
A community walk downtown lights up Memorial Park for the festive Christmas season.









# PORT HOPE *Curiosities*

Find out what makes  
us different.

- 1 **William Leonard Hunt, The Great Farini**, walked a tightrope across the Ganaraska River in 1859, his first of many public daredevil acts! **He was also an avid horticulturalist**. Visit the Port Hope Archives for more of our colourful history, and head to Holton Flowers for fresh blooms.
- 2 **Boost your mood and circulation with Himalayan pink salt**. Relax in the salt cave or enjoy a workshop at **Shantee Healing**.
- 3 **Discover Fluke Craft driftwood fish** and other local art pieces created from found natural objects around Port Hope. Each September through October, some 5,000 to 10,000 wild chinook and silvery coho salmon swim up the Ganaraska River to spawn.
- 4 See acclaimed Port Hope author **Farley Mowat's personal book collection and Second World War uniform** at Farley's Lookout at the **Port Hope Public Library**.
- 5 Your key to Port Hope's unique architecture, both past and present, on view in the **annual Port Hope House Tour on October 3**.
- 6 Come experience the wild **Float Your Fanny Down the Ganny river race April 11** that commemorates the big flood of 1980. Mementoes include historical pins and a Fanny in the Ganny 45-rpm record by The Back Forty.
- 7 Port Hope is a local food destination. **Suntree Natural Foods Marketplace** has **upcycled produce bags** and pesticide-free **pea and sunflower shoots from Cedar Hedge Farm**. And check out the **Garden Hill Farmers Market** for onions and cabbage.
- 8 **Join the November 27 Candlelight Festival walk** that kicks off Christmas in Port Hope with a magical lighting ceremony in Memorial Park.
- 9 Horror master Stephen King has visited Port Hope! We've been the set for both recent IT movies. Get your copy of **The World of IT at Furby House Books**.
- 10 Visit **Haute Goat** for **alpaca-wrapped goat milk soap bars** and an **Alpaca Knuffle Shuffle** or **Goat Shmurgle!**

## SET DECOR:

Post + Beam Reclamation reclaimed wood from a door casement in a renovated hospital; Dash & Albert Mali Grey Rug from Dane & Jute.



# UNFORGETTABLE *Views*

## THE BEST VANTAGE POINTS

Come experience the town and country vistas of beautiful Port Hope.

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### **Ganaraska River**

Stand on the Rotary Park walkway bridge and watch the current – and the fish – of the majestic Ganaraska River. It flows right through the heritage downtown and out into Lake Ontario.

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### **Ganaraska Forest**

Climb high up in the trees with Treetop Trekking, or walk or bike the well-marked trails to experience the wildlife and calming natural beauty. This is one of the largest forest in southern Ontario.

2

### **Laveanne Lavender Fields**

More than 10,000 plants explode into a purple haze in the summertime at this country farm. Breathe in the blissful scent as you walk the rows or try a morning yoga class among the blooms.

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### **Richardson's Lookout**

Get a fresh perspective at this popular lookout at Richardson's Conservation Area just west of Garden Hill. You'll find dreamy views of the forests and hills of Port Hope countryside.

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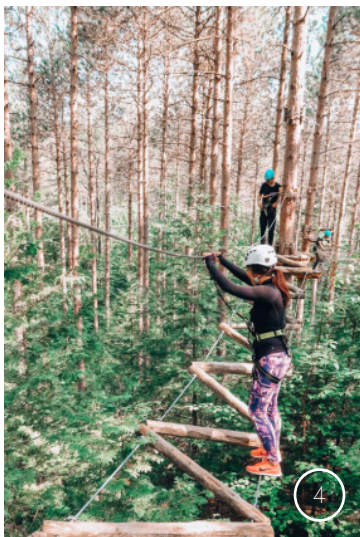
### **Downtown Port Hope**

TVOntario named Walton Street the Best Preserved Main Street in the province for staying true to its historic architecture. Take in the postcard-pretty details of building façades and shop windows.

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### **Corbett's Dam Fish Ladder**

One of Mother Nature's wonders! See some of the 5,000 to 10,000 chinook and silvery coho salmon swim upstream and jump the ladder to migrate north every year to their spawning grounds.





A group of people are dining outdoors at a restaurant. In the foreground, a man with dark skin and sunglasses is looking down at something on the table. Next to him, a woman with long blonde hair is also looking down. In the background, other diners are visible, including a man in a blue cap and another in sunglasses. The setting is outdoors with a view of the ocean and greenery in the distance. String lights are visible in the upper right corner.

EAT & DRINK

# LOCAL TASTES AND FLAVOURS

## PULL UP A CHAIR AND TRY OUR FRESH FARE

PORT HOPE IS FOR FOODIES!

We love to share (and boast about!) our culinary offerings, with some of the finest food producers right in our own backyard. The Oslands have been

farming since 1900 and their naturally-raised beef and lamb is a labour of love. Brandon Bickle of Bickle Farm Valley Hops supplies hops to area breweries and home brew shops. There are apiaries for honey, fruit orchards where you can pick-your-own, and some of the most incredible farm-field tomatoes that make a killer BLT. Our restaurants feature local specialities at the hands of wonderfully creative chefs. Come eat!





Community dining at the Cultivate Long Table event



## PATIO SEASON VIEWS

CHECK THESE OFF YOUR SUMMER BUCKET LIST

### Trattoria Gusto

Elegant dining overlooking the flowing Ganaraska River.

### Crawford's Lakeview Café

Relax on the deck while the waves sparkle in the sunshine.

### The Beamish House

Big umbrellas, great beers and burgers.

### Hotel Carlyle

Surrounded by greenery and garden blooms.

### The Social Bar + Table

Buzzy streetside patio with craft bottles and regional wine.

### Nookie's Soul Kitchen

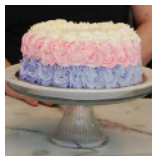
Casual eating and drinking under the sun.

### Turtle John's

Live music Saturday nights and a fave spot to sip, snack and chill.

### The Thirsty Goose

Pints and people watching on historic Walton Street.



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cafés  
&  
bakeries



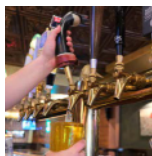
10+

casual  
eats



2+

fine  
dining



4+

gastro  
pubs



2+

food  
trucks



2+

snacks &  
animal  
friends

Top left to right: Sugar Dust Bakery, Nookie's Soul Kitchen + Bar, Hotel Carlyle & Restaurant.  
Bottom left to right: The Thirsty Goose, Rey Ray's, Toe Beans Cat Café.

# CANADA'S NO. 1 BURGER IS RIGHT HERE



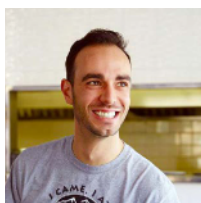
The food of the Greek gods! Watch the Olympus Burger video here.



## OLYMPUS BURGER REIGNS SUPREME

SWING BY FOR BIG, JUICY  
BITES FRESH OFF THE GRILL

Inspired by the Greek gods of Mount Olympus, this award-winning restaurant delivers melt-in-your-mouth burgers with big flavour toppings and huge personality. The crowd fav is the Zeus with a housemade patty and bbq sauce, peameal bacon, caramelized onions, sautéed mushrooms, aged white cheddar, lettuce and tomato on a lightly toasted bun. Come sample and you'll know exactly why Olympus was voted best burger spot by *Canadian Living* magazine.



### MEET THE MAKER: GEORGE KALLONAKIS

"A good burger can make any day better," says George Kallonakis. He opened Olympus Burger six years ago with his parents and has received rave reviews ever since. The burger spot was featured on the Food Network in 2016 and was the first restaurant in Canada to be Carbonzero-certified for green operations. His favourite is the Ares.



EAT & DRINK

# NEW BREWS BY THE RIVER



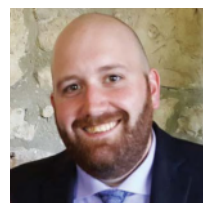
## GANARASKA BREWING ON TAP SOON

DISTINCTIVE SMALL BATCH  
CRAFT BEERS MADE WITH  
LOCAL HOPS

Artisanal brewing is coming to downtown Port Hope with a tasting room, a rotating food menu from local restaurants, and a rooftop patio with a great view of the namesake Ganaraska River. We'll drink to that! Add in some live bands and tasty cold beer, and you've got those sweet summer nights covered. We're excited to welcome the Falcon Brewing team from Ajax to brew new recipes with local hops at Ganaraska Brewing.

### MEET THE MAKER: STEVE DINES

Get ready for a tall glass of flavourful refreshment and tang (thanks to local hops). Traditional small batch brewing is coming and beer lover Steve Dines and his family are looking forward to opening the brewery later this year. "Everyone has been wonderful to us," he says. "Now we're in the process of developing our flagship beers." Come sample!





EAT & DRINK

# THE BIG BASH! CULTIVATE FESTIVAL

Cultivate food market.

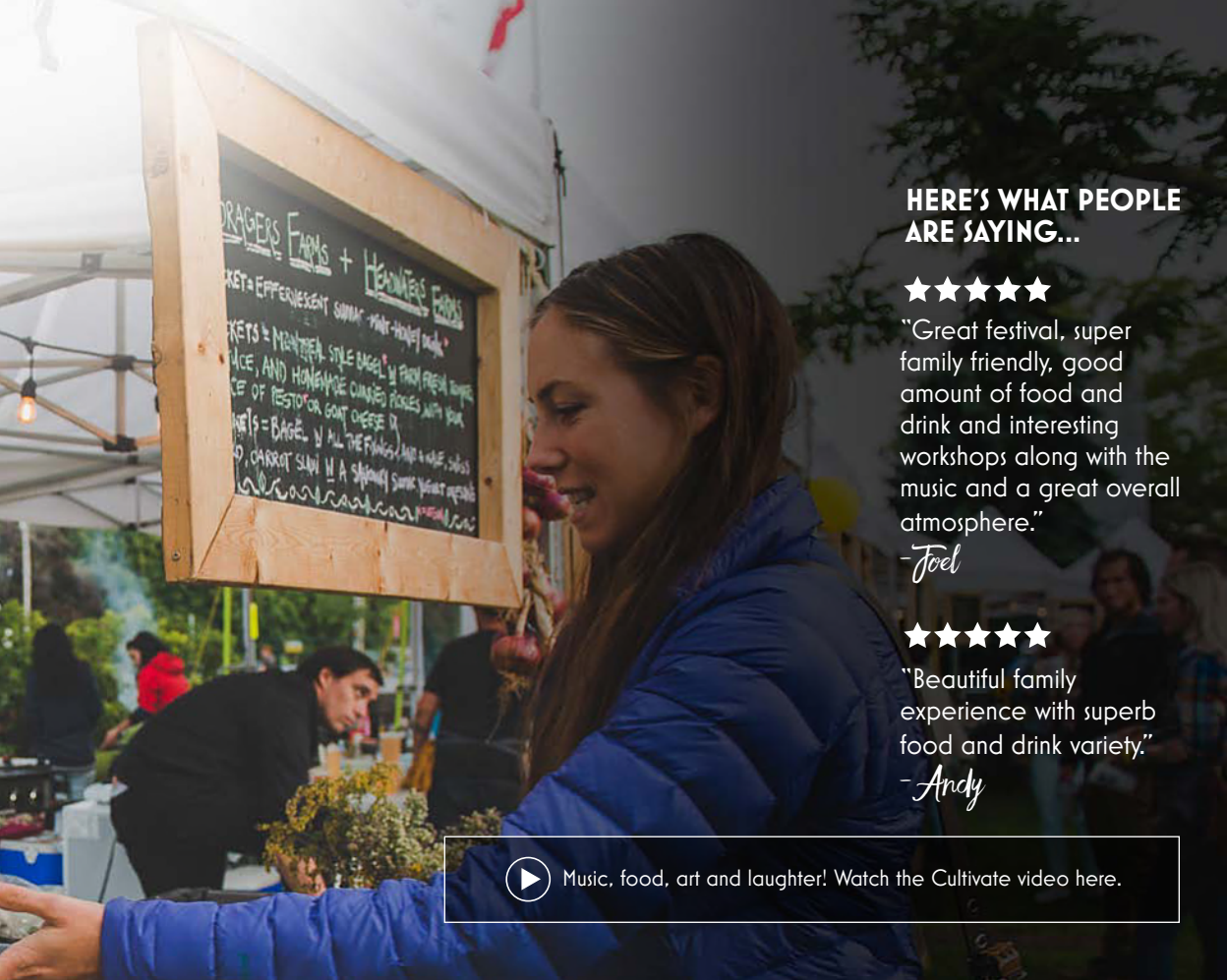


## CELEBRATE THE HARVEST WITH GROWERS, CHEFS AND ARTISTS

EAT PAKORAS TO THE MUSIC  
OF BANDS LIKE LEMON  
BUCKET ORKESTRA

Imagine taking a long weekend to slow things down, kick off your shoes in the grass and hang out with friends and family. Eat fresh, local food like Osland Farm steak with Ferguson Farm potato French fries. Watch painters and sculptors doing their thing. Learn about hen-keeping and foraging,

while the kids learn to make comics or applesauce. Add in some craft brews and a lineup of great music from here and away in the bandshell. The Cultivate Festival in Memorial Park from September 25 to 27 is the big harvest season bash that makes us proud to live in a small, tight-knit community. "We bring in world-class talent and then we weave those talents with locally-grown artists making it something that feels authentically Port Hope," says festival director Jeff Bray. "It's a first-class festival people are happy to travel to and discover." Best moment in Cultivate history? Lemon Bucket Orkestra, a "Ukrainian party punk" band in 2019, Bray says.



## HERE'S WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING...

★★★★★

"Great festival, super family friendly, good amount of food and drink and interesting workshops along with the music and a great overall atmosphere."

-Joel

★★★★★

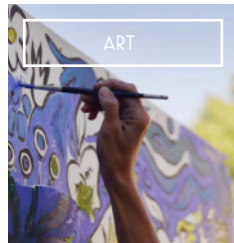
"Beautiful family experience with superb food and drink variety."

-Andy



Music, food, art and laughter! Watch the Cultivate video here.

"It was so out of most people's comfort zone! After a few songs, though, they had everybody out of their seats, dancing, clapping and singing along. For their finale, they jumped into the crowd and paraded around the grounds."



## LONG-TABLE LAUNCH PARTY AN OUTDOOR FAMILY DINING EXPERIENCE OVERLOOKING THE HILLS OF NORTHUMBERLAND LAKE ONTARIO

Quite the tradition, Headwaters Community Farm and Foragers Farm host a multicourse feast for the senses to kick off Cultivate – and get you in the mood for more incredible eating and drinking. Last year, Chef Brad Long shipped out from Toronto for the day with his crew from the iconic Cafe Belong to cook over an open flame on the farm property under the stars.





## GET TO KNOW THE FARMERS IN PORT HOPE

EXPERIENCE THE GROWING SEASON WITH FARM VISITS AND LOCAL MARKETS

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Throw on your boots and come on out! Our agricultural roots run deep and we are surrounded by farms, orchards, stunning views and hardworking farmers that welcome visitors. This is where you can buy fresh eggs, fish, meats and the full rainbow of fruits and vegetables right at the farm gate. Check out *The Road to Cultivate: A Local Food Guide* to see what's available and map out your next rural adventure.

You can come meet the producers who set up their booths at the farmers markets and taste all the offerings, from smoked trout to heirloom tomatoes, organic microgreens and homemade pies and perogies.

There are also farm experiences, like cooking classes, foraging, kimchi workshops and meditation in the lavender fields. Have you tried a goat yoga class yet? Local food means more than an efficient way to eat fresh and nutritious food. It's also about getting to know where your food comes from and building community. Welcome to ours!



2 Farmers Markets



7 Farm Gate Sales Stands



1 Haute Goat Shmurgle





# BEST WAY TO ENJOY FRESH-CUT FRIES? DIPPED IN BASIL MAYO

THE TASTY RECIPE FOR THE MENU STAPLE IS ON THE WALL AT THE SOCIAL BAR + TABLE. TRY IT!

## INGREDIENTS

6 egg yolks  
1 litre vegetable oil  
1 tbsp lemon juice  
5 cloves raw garlic  
1 bunch basil  
1 tbsp olive oil  
salt and pepper



"The food is super good! The basil mayo that comes with the fries is amazing."

*Emily*

## INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 Whip oil into egg yolks and lemon juice to make mayo.
- 2 In a food processor, creat a paste with garlic, basil leaves and olive oil.
- 3 Fold paste into mayo and season with salt, pepper and lemon juice to taste.

Recipe provided by

— THE —  
**SOCIAL**<sup>™</sup>

— BAR + TABLE —

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SHOP

# SHOPPING WITH A PERSONAL TOUCH



## OUR MERCHANTS ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT WHAT THEY DO

DISCOVER OBJECTS OF BEAUTY  
AND THE BEST FRIENDLY SERVICE

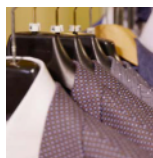
We all know that filling an online shopping cart is easy, but there's something wonderful about meeting

shop owners in person and hearing the stories behind your purchase. Port Hope has such a cool collection of stores downtown where you can stroll the pretty sidewalks and pop into a café. You can also explore the countryside for scenic views and unique marketplaces. Shopping here is truly a feel-good experience that you just won't find at a digital mall.

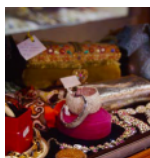




Score vintage finds at Smith's Creek Antiques.



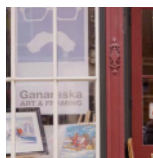
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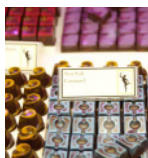
12+  
home  
design



6+  
arts  
& crafts



2+  
books



5+  
specialty  
food  
shops



## COMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
AND SHOP LOCAL

### Antiques & Artifacts Fundraising Auction and Sale in Support of the ACO

APRIL 26, 2020

The sale of vintage  
furniture, tableware and  
decor supports restoration  
projects.

### Port Hope Farmers Market

MAY-OCTOBER

On Saturdays and  
Wednesdays, shop for  
fresh produce, meats and  
specialty goods.

### Port Hope Arts Festival

AUGUST 8, 2020

Discover local arts, music,  
crafts and their makers!

### Northumberland Hills Studio Tour

SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2020

See the personal spaces  
and inspirations of county  
artists.

### Candlelight Festival

NOVEMBER 27, 2020

Shop downtown Port Hope  
stores and a pop-up  
marketplace at this magical  
nighttime event.

Top left to right: G. Facey Clothing, Antiques on Queen, Bibelot.

Bottom left to right: Ganaraska Art and Framing, Furby House Books, Mercury Chocolates.



SHOP

# EXOTIC AND DEFINITELY UNIQUE



'Come for five minutes - and stay for a couple hours.'  
See the Primitive Designs video here.



## PRIMITIVE DESIGNS IS A CULT FAVOURITE

EVEN RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR  
NOT! MUSEUMS FEATURE THE  
GIANT ROBOTS

The towering 25-foot-tall Optimus Prime certainly gets your attention at Primitive Designs. The famous Port Hope destination has been named one of Canada's Top Roadside Attractions. It is! The collection of international metal sculptures, art and wood carvings from diverse places like Thailand, Morocco and Java will make your head spin with delight. It's an indoor and outdoor marketplace that stokes your imagination. Don't forget to pet the metallic alligator.



### MEET THE MAKERS: RON DACEY AND RHONDA COOK

The couple travels in the off-season to source goods and develop their own designs with artists. "The people we work with in these countries are always happy to see us. Then it's moving the cargo from the artist to the containers, running around by motorbikes, boat, planes and cars. We have 10 transport truck loads on the sea heading for our gallery." Look for huge crystals from the Himalayas.



SHOP

# LOCALLY HANDCRAFTED IN EVERY NOOK



## THE NOOKS: A PERFECT INDIE CRAFT BAZAAR

PORT HOPE INCUBATOR  
FOR LOCAL ARTISANS

The bright, airy downtown shop is a pleasure to browse through. It's divided into four-foot gallery "nooks" to showcase the works of area makers. You'll find herbal-scented body balms and bath salts, handmade jewelry, succulent plant terrariums and repurposed pieces. It's a great spot for gifts or treating yourself (and feeling good about supporting hometown crafters). Vendors pay a membership fee and receive 100% of the revenue from sales.

### MEET THE MAKER: COLLEEN IMRIE

The creative entrepreneur behind the Nooks is a Toronto resident who started out with a furniture consignment shop on Kingston Road when she recognized a need for artisans just starting out, not ready to commit to a retail space. She also runs Nook2Nook networking for makers and NookStart, a live pitch event for those seeking funding.





# FARMERS, PAINTERS AND POETS



The marketplace in full swing at the Port Hope Arts Festival.



## SUMMER FESTIVAL OF ART AND FARM FRESH GOODNESS

FOOD, FUN AND CREATIVITY  
AT MEMORIAL PARK AUGUST 8

When you partner a farmers market with an arts marketplace and all sorts of creative types, it's a pretty cool party! The Port Hope Arts Festival in August shows off our artsy side with music performers in the bandshell at Memorial Park, gourmet candy floss (yes, really!), balloon making on demand, and hands-on events like crafting and scavenger

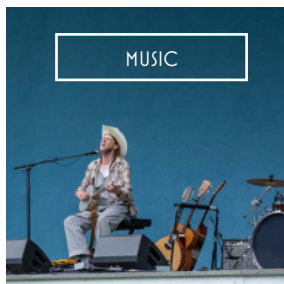
hunts. Lots of kid fun and great barbecue for the family. Just bring your sunscreen and make a day of it.

Next door, the long-loved art and farm vendor market behind Town Hall gets even bigger for this special Saturday event. You'll find local and regional handcrafted goods like jewelry, art cards, wall hangings and pottery for gifts and self-appreciation. And booths are overflowing with farm vegetables, fruits, flowers and amazing preserves and pies. You want pie for breakfast? This is the place to get it. Come mingle with the locals and make some new friends.





VENDOR MARKET



MUSIC



FARM FRESH VEGGIES



INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES

## PORT HOPE ROCKS!

GET HANDS-ON WITH THIS  
ARTS COLLAB FROM THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF PORT HOPE AND FLUKE CRAFT

Hey! Port Hope is easy to love.  
Whether you call it home, or come  
for a visit, it's great to be a part of a  
town with such heart.

### Here's how you can make your mark:

1. Visit our  
amazing  
lakeshore. Our  
lovely beaches  
are one of our  
many treasures.



STEP 1

2. Find a stone.  
Lake Ontario has  
perfected the  
art of creating  
smooth pebbles.



STEP 2

3. Paint your  
personalized  
message on the  
stone. Go for it!



STEP 3

4. Leave your  
artwork at the  
Peace Park Rock  
Garden along  
Cavan Street  
by the river for  
everyone to  
enjoy.



STEP 4



Thanks to Fluke Craft  
for providing this cool  
craft for kids and big  
people, too.

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CULTURE

# CRAVING CULTURE?

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Overlooking Queen and Walton Street

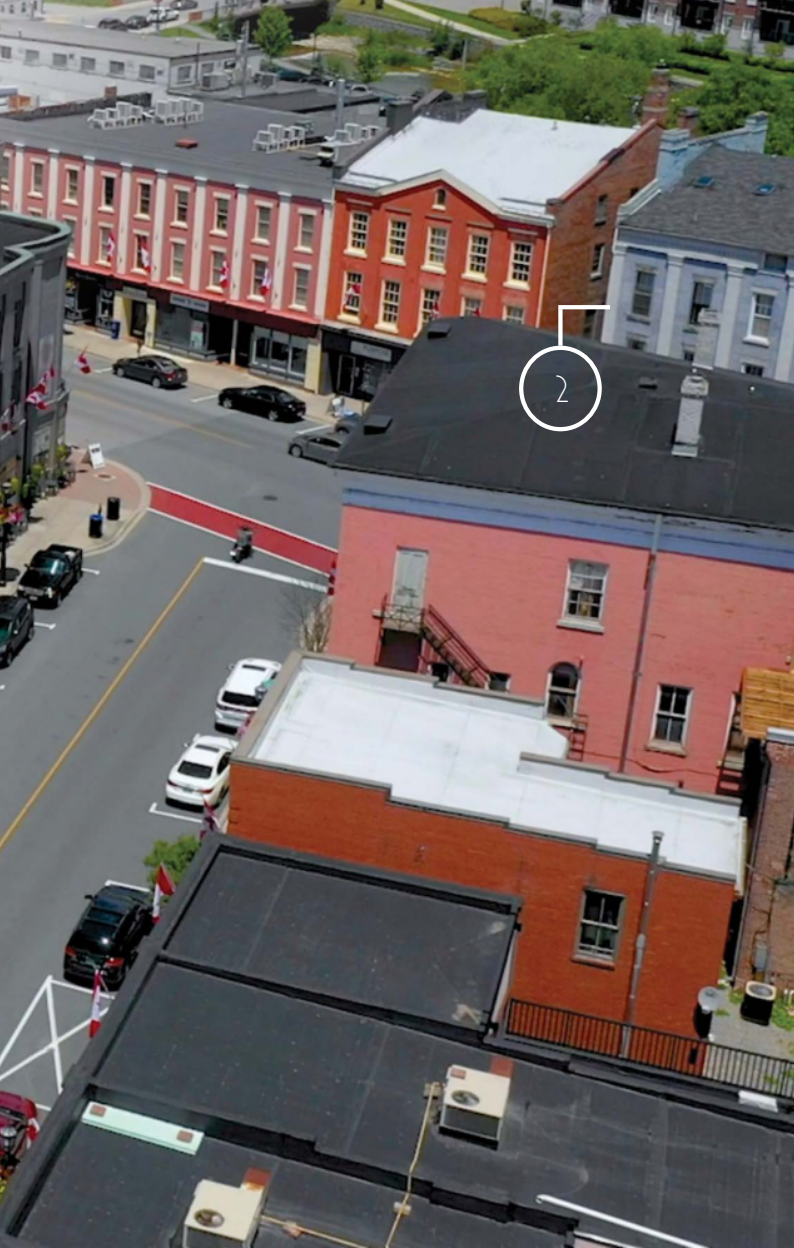
## WE'LL PIQUE YOUR CURIOSITY

PORT HOPE HAS HISTORY TO EXPLORE AND STORIES TO TELL

The First Nations people called the community Ganaraské, located where the river meets Lake Ontario. That's how the Ganaraska River, renowned

for exceptional fishing and the annual salmon migration, got its name. French fur traders came in the 1680s, but it wasn't until the late 1700s when Britain offered land grants to businessmen to form the 5th Township of Hope in 1792. And so it all began. Now our beautiful, lakeside community is a hub for tourists, nature-lovers, new businesses and people who appreciate the serene quality of life.





## DAYTRIPPER'S

### GUIDE TO CULTURE

**Taste the official Port Hope cookie** at Dreamers Cafe where Roger Bernard created the combo of caramel, chocolate and pecans.

**Take a selfie tour of IT film spots.** IT and IT CHAPTER TWO were both shot in town.

**See author and Port Hope resident Farley Mowat's Second World War uniform** and personal book collection at the Port Hope Public Library.

**Walk through the ghost town of Wesleyville** to the restored church and graveyard.

**Travel the Barn Quilt Trail** and see the barn tiles painted by local artists to celebrate our agricultural heritage.

**Shmurgle at Haute Goat Farm** with the Nigerian Dwarf goats.

1

### First class entertainment

The Capitol Theatre is a national historic site and one of Canada's first movie theatres. Musical theatre, concerts and a showcase for emerging local artists.

2

### The perfect movie set backdrop!

We're part of Hollywood North with pretty streets and Victorian architecture. Remember the Quality Meats delivery door in the movie IT?

3

### Colourful history

Heritage advocates have worked diligently to preserve many downtown buildings like the former Opera House.





CULTURE

# AMAZING ADVENTURES ON STAGE

Jackson Seib, Tyler Burton, Daniel Abrahamson, Olivia Sinclair-Brisbane and Duncan Stan in August 2019's *Million Dollar Quartet*.



## THE CAPITOL THEATRE IS A DESTINATION

VISITORS COME FROM THE  
GTA AND BEYOND FOR  
LIVE PRODUCTIONS

"Attending a play at the Capitol Theatre is an adventure in itself," says Artistic Director Susan Ferley. "You walk into our beautiful auditorium and find yourself in a medieval courtyard at twilight with stars twinkling overhead. It's magical. In a community that is committed to architectural conservation, the Capitol is a jewel."

It's true, the 90-year-old Port Hope treasure is a designated national historic site. It was built as one of the first movie

theatres by Famous Players, and opened on Friday, Aug. 15, 1930 screening the debut of *Queen High* with Ginger Rogers.

Now beautifully restored, thanks to a dedicated group of residents in the 1990s, the Cameco Capitol Arts Centre is an incredible venue for musical theatre, plays, concerts and films, including favourites from TIFF and a Vintage Film Festival. It's also a showcase for local and emerging talent with an intimate 100-seat theatre upstairs, The Sculthorpe, for performances and events.

The highly anticipated 2020 Theatre Season of Amazing Adventures will transport you to other places, like the era of the baby boomers in *BOOM*, Ferley says, "or a farmhouse in Canada, a seashore in Greece or the



## HERE'S WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING...



"I always enjoy shows here! As good as any you will see in Toronto and a smaller more intimate venue!"

*-Janet*



"Best kept secret in Ontario."

*-Matt*

**"In a community that is committed to architectural conservation, the Capitol is a jewel."**

wonderful Land of Oz." There are also emotional journeys with the characters you'll meet to make you laugh, cheer and be inspired to be bold and brave. "Our three summer productions, each in its own unique way, remind us that there is no place like home."

## 2020 THEATRE SEASON WILL SURPRISE AND DELIGHT

### BOOM

March 26-April 5

### THE BIRDS AND THE BEES

May 26-June 14

### SHIRLEY VALENTINE

June 30-July 19

### THE WIZARD OF OZ

August 4-August 30

### DISNEY THE LION KING JR.

October 15-October 25

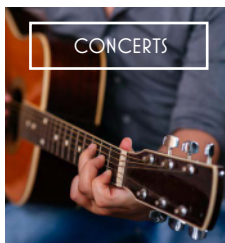
### HOLIDAY PANTO:

### JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

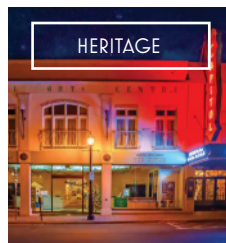
November 12-December 23



THEATRE



CONCERTS



HERITAGE



# ON THE BIG SCREEN

Port Hope is the quintessential small town with pretty streets, beautiful architecture and the kind of warmth and charm that keeps you coming back. We've become a destination for filmmakers looking for historical flavour and ambiance. Which truly makes us the perfect foil for dark intrigue and horror in the movies! Would you really expect to find an evil shape-shifting clown hanging out by Dreamers Cafe by the river or the stately Town Hall?

## SOME OF THE MOST INSTAGRAMMED IT MOVIE SPOTS IN TOWN

### 1 THE QUALITY MEATS

**DOOR** is in the laneway off Walton Street. You can still find the Quality Meats sign (a gift from the film crew) for a souvenir selfie. Spooky!

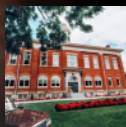


### 2 QUEEN STREET & MEMORIAL PARK

were prime film sets. The Capitol Theatre listed *Batman* and *Lethal Weapon 2* on the marquee. Memorial Park was a hangout for the Losers Club and a 20-foot statue of Paul Bunyan.



**3 TOWN HALL** is a building with character and elegance! It appeared as the popular Derry public library where sinister forces lurked in the basement.



The Capitol Theatre on Queen Street made appearances in IT.

Downtown Port Hope was transformed into fictional Derry, Maine for the chilling adaptation of Stephen King's *IT* for *IT CHAPTER ONE*, released in 2017, and *IT CHAPTER TWO*, that rocked the box office last September. The filming was a huge boost to the local economy with production dollars and tourists coming

## Would you really expect to find an evil shape-shifting clown hanging out by Dreamers Cafe?

to see the set locations and get to know more about the picturesque community by the lake. Even horror master Stephen King, a fan of small towns, stopped by for a visit and a personal tour with Mayor Bob Sanderson. Port Hope locals certainly enjoyed all the drama with film release events at the Capitol Theatre and a big street party downtown. Adam Pearson, owner of Queenies Bake Shop, suited up a Georgie mannequin with a yellow raincoat inside his store to promo the first film

release. He also left Georgie in surprising spots in a sewer and in the alleyway door of the Quality Meats butcher shop, which reverted back to the popular Gould's shoe store after the filming. Fans are welcome to experience the cast and crew-favourites, like shopping vintage gold at Thrill of the Find and Dwellissimo, and eating delicious bites at Trattoria Gusto and Olympus Burger. You can also pick up a handy brochure or check out [visitporthope.ca](http://visitporthope.ca) to relive the movie moments. The Tourism Office has a self-guided selfie tour that highlights all the key town locations in the films. Tip: You'll need to bring your own red balloons.



### PORT HORROR

AUG 21-23, 2020

Check out this horror festival of flicks, short film contest

and your own vampire makeover.  
[porthorrorfestival.com](http://porthorrorfestival.com)



## WE'RE GREAT ON CAMERA! LOOK FOR MORE OF PORT HOPE IN THESE MOVIES AND TV SHOWS

Even the globally-watched *Schitt's Creek* flashes a bit of the town

### *Schitt's Creek* (2018)

The Capitol Theatre marquee had a cameo in the beloved Canadian sitcom that stars SCTV alumni Eugene Levy and Catherine O'Hara.

### *Murdoch Mysteries* (2018, 2019, 2020)

The period detective series films here often.

### *Tommy Boy* (1994)

The comedy road film with Chris Farley and David Spade shot on Walton and Queen streets.


### *To Die For* (1995)

The crime mockumentary with Nicole Kidman filmed on Ward and King streets.

### *Orphan* (2007)

The horror flick shot on Dorset Street.





CULTURE

# ONTARIO'S BEST PRESERVED MAIN STREET

## WE'VE BEEN AROUND LONGER THAN CANADA AND HAVE A FEW STORIES TO TELL

PORT HOPE HAS A PROUD  
HISTORY TO EXPLORE

Port Hoppers will tell you, we're a vibrant community, long attracting big personalities and big ideas. The river-

powered mills and breweries, and Port Hope, with its location on the lake, was a hub for 19th century trade and transportation. Americans built summer estates, the railway brought travellers to the hotels, and locals enjoyed the social scene and the Opera House. Now people marvel at the beautiful period architecture. And TVOntario named Walton Street the Best Preserved Main Street in the province.





Pretty downtown Port Hope and the flowing Ganaraska River.



### 3 HISTORICALLY DEFINING MOMENTS IN PORT HOPE HISTORY

WE'VE GOT A REAL SENSE  
OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT

#### 1 The Great Farini Tightrope Walk

William Leonard Hunt of Hope Township walked a tightrope across the Ganaraska River in 1859, his first of many public daredevil acts. He travelled the world as an acrobat.

#### 2 The Flood of 1980

A deluge of rain on March 21 caused the Ganaraska River to rise and flood the streets in the core. The power went out, people evacuated and two Victorian buildings on Walton Street collapsed.

#### 3 Restoration of the Waterfront

Redevelopment of the shoreline includes walking trails and cleanup from industry use to revitalize the environment for public recreation.

### SELF-GUIDED TOURS THAT SHOW OFF THE ARCHITECTURE



#### **Walking and Driving Tours**

The Municipality features one of the best inventories of historical buildings in Canada. Routes are available at our Visitor Centre, the Port Hope Archives or online at [visitporthope.ca](http://visitporthope.ca)



#### **Port Hope House Tour • October 3**

Get a personal introduction to some of the many unique and architecturally notable residences.



CULTURE

# CRITICAL MASS ART

POP-UP COMMUNITY CREATIONS

Put A Bird On It, an installation at The Little Station by Spark Box Studio artists Chrissy Poitras, Kyle Topping and Jennie Suddick.



## LITTLE STATION CREATIVE HUB

DISCOVER ART AT VINTAGE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY STOP

Want to get hands-on? In our screen-filled world, artists, institutions and enterprising nonprofit groups like Port Hope's Critical Mass Art are returning to tactile, physical experiences to put us back in our bodies. Critical Mass brings the opportunity for everyone to experience contemporary art, like making fish kites from upcycled sail cloth to celebrate the salmon migration and fly above the pool at the Jack Burger Sports Complex. For Critical Mass events, go to [visitporthope.ca](http://visitporthope.ca)

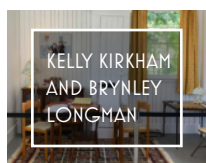
### COOL PROJECTS



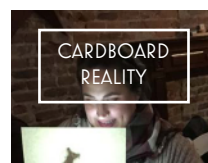
Cabinetry: Critical Massive Curiosity & Critical Smash at the Lucky Midway Ticket Booth



Salmo Salmar: The Once and Future Fish



Through the Eyes of the Beholder



Shadow Puppet Workshops



CULTURE

NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS

# STUDIO TOUR

Come see potter Brenda Sullivan of Dragon Clay Productions.



## MEET OUR TALENTED PORT HOPE ARTISTS

A SATURDAY FULL OF AMAZING INSPIRATIONS

Talk to artists about how the beautiful countryside and quiet living influences their work and stirs their creativity. This is a road trip through the rolling hills to some very special hideaways where county makers showcase and sell their unique pieces, everything from pottery and paintings to fabulous blown glass. Keep September 12 open for this interactive experience. For more details, check out [visitporthope.ca](http://visitporthope.ca)

### ART GALLERIES & STUDIOS

OPEN ALL YEAR  
IN DOWNTOWN  
PORT HOPE

**Art Studio 34**  
34 John St.

**Ganaraska Art & Framing**  
93 Walton St

**Dragon Clay Productions**  
100 John St.

**Inuit Fine Art**  
37 Walton St.

**Fluke Craft**  
54 John St.

**Northumberland Arts Gallery and Shop**  
8 Queen St.

**Gallery 18**  
188 John St.



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# PORT HOPE'S LITERARY HERO



The Farley Mowat monument, the Boat Roofed House, is a tribute to the iconic author.

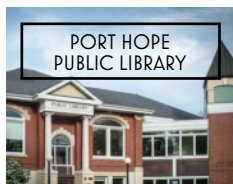


## HONOURING FARLEY MOWAT

BOAT ROOFED HOUSE  
REFERENCES *THE FARFARERS*

One of Canada's great authors and environmentalists, Farley Mowat moved to Port Hope from Newfoundland in 1967, arriving by sailboat. His books have been published in more than 60 countries and you'll find a collection at Furby House Books where he'd come for book signings. *The Farfarers* is the story of seafaring people who sailed to Arctic Canada in skin-covered boats, which became their shelter during the winter before returning home across the Atlantic.

### MUSEUMS AND ARCHIVES



PORT HOPE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

**31 Queen Street**  
Check out the newspaper archives and Farley Mowat first editions.



ANTIQUE MACHINERY  
CENTRE

**5077 County Road 10**  
Vintage farm tools and tractors (to sit on!) celebrate our agricultural roots.

CULTURE

# FOLLOW THE BARN QUILT TRAIL

Barn #16 - From the Port Hope Historic Barn Quilt Trail



## ARTISTRY ON 23 HERITAGE BARNs

ROAD TRIP! EVERY BARN HAS A STORY

Old barns are part of the cultural landscape, weathering the elements over the decades. Barn No. 3 on the tour is the Van Dorp farm at the corner of Sylvan Glen and Dale Road. The gold, red and blue quilt pattern is the Dutchman's Puzzle with the Dutch windmill and the corn that is grown on the land. The 200-acre property was first purchased by Elias Smith in 1799, one of the founders of Port Hope, and divided into lots for families until 1958. There's much more to see. Head to [visitporthope.ca/driving-tours](http://visitporthope.ca/driving-tours)



DOROTHY'S HOUSE MUSEUM

### 3632 Ganaraska Road

The heritage homestead, run by the Port Hope and District Historical Society, will give you a taste of early farming life.



PORT HOPE ARCHIVES

### 17 Mill Street North

Historic maps, post cards and photos, like the shot of the laying of the cornerstone of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in 1905.



EXPLORE

# HIKING, ZIP LINES AND PLAYTIME!



On the Waterfront Trail, you'll walk by the iconic train trestle high over the Ganaraska River.

## RECHARGE OUTSIDE IN ALL KINDS OF WAYS

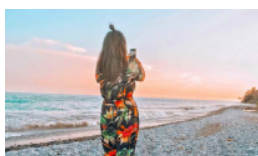
SWING THROUGH THE TREETOPS AND  
BREATHE IN THE FRESH AIR

Need a break from the ordinary? Outdoor adventure is definitely our thing. We appreciate the environment and making the most of country living. Espresso gives you an energy jolt, but

we've also got nature trails, rivers and the Lake Ontario shoreline for swimming, boating and paddle boarding (try a yoga class on your board!). Come see the crazy excitement of the Float Your Fanny Down the Ganny race, climb 70 feet up the aerial courses at Treetop Trekking or hike along the Ganaraska River past the fish mural to the fish ladder where you can see the salmon jump.



MAKE A SPLASH! COME EXPLORE OUR UNCROWDED BEACHES



### West Beach

Walk the shore, bring a lawn chair to relax in the sun, or jump in the waves. Tip: This beach has the best stones for skipping.



### East Beach

This pretty beach has a play structure and a sandy bottom for swimming and building sandcastles with the kids.



## TRAILS SO CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN

### RIVERSIDE TRAILS

#### Ganaraska Hiking Trail

Hike alongside the river and follow the salmon upstream.

#### Molson's Mill Trail

The river's limestone rapids provided power for mills and a brewery.

#### Riverside Railway Trail

Follow the former rail track route with views of the water.

#### Cochingomink Trail

This riverside trail takes you past the downtown and into the woods.

#### Ganaraska Millennium Trail

Conservation area trails to explore.

### LAKE SHORE TRAILS

#### Waterfront Trail

Amazing views, beaches and protected habitats for wildlife.

Pick up our Nature Trail Guide at the Visitor Centre (20 Queen Street) or go to [visitporthope.ca](http://visitporthope.ca)





EXPLORE

# NATURAL WONDER! THE FISH MIGRATION



Watch the salmon swim against the current! See the migration video here.

Insta-worthy photo ops of fish heroes heading up the Ganaraska River.

## THESE SWIMMING CHAMPS FIGHT THE CURRENT TO COME HOME

CHEER ON THE SALMON AS THEY  
HEAD UPSTREAM TO SPAWN

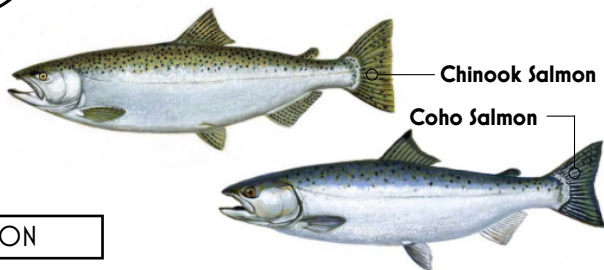
Nature fans will be happy to know the Ganaraska River is one of the healthiest rivers around. It's populated almost entirely with wild naturally-

reproducing fish, like the salmon that instinctively migrate upstream to return to the exact same streams they hatched in as young fish. Port Hope volunteers help out at the fish ladder at Corbett's Dam that has an infrared monitoring system to record the numbers and health of the magnificent fish jumping the rapids to head home. Spectators love to cheer them on!



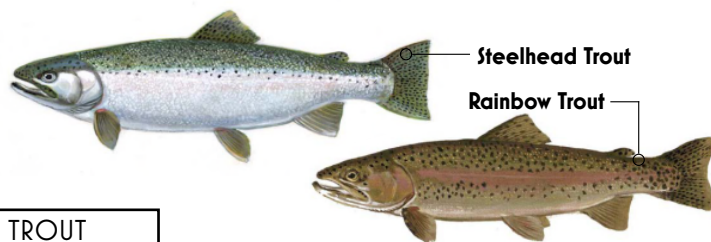
## WHAT'S IN THE WATER WHEN?

GET ACQUAINTED WITH THE FISH THAT SWIM FROM LAKE ONTARIO UP THE GANASKA RIVER



### SALMON

Fish trivia: Chinook and silvery coho salmon migrate from Lake Ontario and swim up the Ganaraska River anytime from mid-August to early October. About 5,000 to 10,000 migrate to their spawning grounds every year. These beauties can weigh from 2 lbs up to 40 lbs and have a natural lifespan of two to five years. And they're natural reproducing, so there's no hatchery salmon in the river. For both species, they die after spawning, having contributed to the new and thriving fish population.

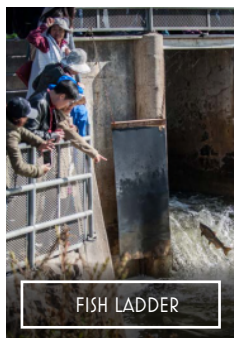


### TROUT

The other species you'll find here are rainbow trout and steelhead trout that also migrate from Lake Ontario and swim up the Ganaraska River to spawn every year from late March until early May, or through October until mid-December. These fish can weigh from 2 lbs up to 20 lbs, and as many as 18,000 in a year have migrated up the river to the delight of biologists and visitors. They live about 10 years and can spawn annually once they mature. Rainbow trout spawn four to six times in their lifetime.

### WHERE TO WATCH THE FISH

Pick up our fish brochure or go to our website for more details.



FISH LADDER

**The fish ladder at Corbett's Dam,** the Ganaraska River Fishway, has the best vantage point for seeing these fish in action against the current. Locals and visitors come every weekend.



FISH POOLING

You'll also see the **pooling locations** for fish in the shallow water at various points along the Ganaraska River in town. Follow the ramps to get down lower for a look up close.





EXPLORE

# HUG A GOAT AND FEED THE CHICKENS



These baby goats couldn't be any cuter! Watch the Haute Goat video here.

Too cute! The Nigerian Dwarf goats steal the show at Haute Goat Farm.

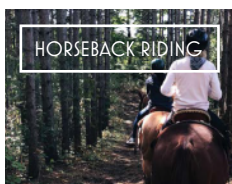


## HAUTE GOAT FARM EXPERIENCE

GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL  
WITH THE ANIMALS

Debbie Nightingale and Shain Jaffe decided to leave Toronto for green acres of country living. We're glad they did! Haute Goat brings out the animal-lover in everybody, thanks to the chance to cuddle with the Nigerian Dwarf goats in a "shmurgle" or pet the alpacas in the Alpaca Knuffle Shuffle. There are also interactive workshops, like how to milk goats and make goat cheese, a café with fresh foods from the garden, and several trails to follow to enjoy the air and see their beehives.

### CHOOSE YOUR COUNTRY ESCAPE ADVENTURE



Saddle up and ride through the forest and rolling farmland at family-run Trickle Creek Farms.



Treetop Trekking aerial courses and zip lines offer high adventure with views of the Ganaraska Forest.



EXPLORE

# LAVENDER FIELDS FOREVER

Recharge and relax in the heavenly-scented lavender at Laveanne.



## 10,000 PURPLE BLOOMS

JULY IS LAVENDER MONTH  
AT LAVERNE LAVENDER  
FIELDS

Find your bliss at Laveanne Lavender Fields where you can walk the meditation labyrinth, take a yoga class or wander through the glorious lavender landscape. Sabena and Gary Brazeau are ready for the busy summer season with lavender-inspired delectables like macarons and lavender-ginger honey, pure essential oils and natural body creams. Lavender is nature's fragrant cure for ailments.



SNOWSHOEING  
& TRAIL BIKING

The Ganaraska Forest Centre has well-groomed trails to explore (4km to 16km), and the chance to see hawks, songbirds and wild turkeys.



PORT HOPE FAIR

Tractor pulls and a demolition derby! Every September, the Port Hope Fair hosts an agricultural expo where farmers have their show-and-tell.



A photograph of three people in a black inflatable raft navigating a river with white water rapids. The person in the foreground is wearing a blue life vest and a yellow helmet, holding a wooden paddle. The person behind them is also wearing a yellow helmet and a blue life vest. A third person is partially visible on the right. A white sign with the number '12' is attached to the raft. The water is splashing around the raft.

EXPLORE

# BUCKET LIST! FLOAT YOUR FANNY



This is one crazy river race! Watch the Float Your Fanny Down the Ganny video [here](#).



## THE WILD RIVER RIDE YOU'LL NEVER FORGET

RACE OR CHEER AT THE  
FLOAT YOUR FANNY DOWN  
THE GANNY RACE

4-degrees Celsius. That's the average water temperature on race day at Port Hope's one-of-a-kind river ride in April. In other words, unless you want your fanny to get chilled in the icy water, wear a wetsuit. Even the thousands of spectators that come to town every year to see the competitive fun usually bundle up. This is not an event for the faint of heart, but for the fiercely determined and outrageously

costumed. The 10km paddle frenzy down the Ganaraska River has seen its share of serious kayakers and canoeists, alongside gung-ho Viking crews and black-hatted witches steering the 60 or more homemade "crazy crafts" that highlight the event.

Whatever floats your boat, go for it! The annual race commemorates the town's devastating flood of 1980 when a deluge of rain on March 21 caused the river to rise and flood the streets in the core. Locals like to reminisce about the power outage, the evacuation, the crumbling buildings and huge slabs of ice and river rock the current pushed out to Lake Ontario. But even more than that, they're proud of a community that rallied to help pile sandbags to redirect the water. The people of Port Hope came out by the



**Viking crews and black-hatted witches steer the 60 or more “crazy crafts” down the Ganaraska River.**

hundreds to lend a hand with the cleanup in the aftermath. The community regrouped and rebuilt, and decided to celebrate the comeback by making the most of the mighty Ganaraska River with a yearly race that could very well freeze your butt off.

Beware of water guns and salty sailors! Come visit Port Hope on Saturday, April 11 and you’ll see exactly what we mean.

## **READY TO RACE?**

### **PARTICIPANT CHECKLIST**

#### **SUIT UP**

Wetsuits are highly recommended.

#### **SAFETY FIRST**

Wear a lifejacket and bring a bailer.

#### **GRAB YOUR PADDLE**

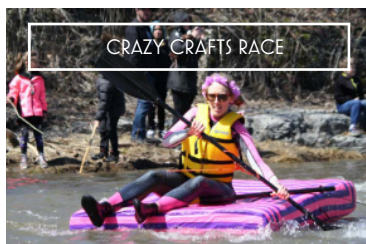
The water’s fast and you gotta be strong!

#### **COSTUME CONTEST**

Now’s the time to show off your silly side. We dare you!

#### **FANNYVILLE FINISH**

Canoes and kayaks go 16km; crazy crafts go 10km to the downtown finish.







STAY

# COME STAY AWHILE, SLEEP IN

## OVERNIGHTING IN PORT HOPE IS WARMLY INVITING

WHO DOESN'T LIKE TO LINGER  
AND ENJOY THE PAMPERING?

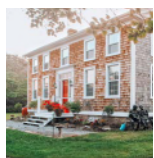
Make your getaway from the city that much sweeter. Stay a night or two and really drink in the calm. Port Hope isn't

to be rushed. We like our breakfasts with several cups of coffee, our beer nice and cold to while away an hour on a patio with a view of the water. The pace is just more relaxed here. Come make the most of it with a stay at a wonderful heritage inn with vintage decor and big, bright windows, B&Bs hidden away down a quiet lane by the forest, or steps from



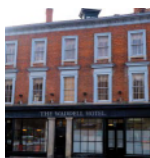
The Hotel Carlyle was built in 1857 as a branch of the Bank of Upper Canada.

shops and restaurants. We've got downtown and country accommodations, all with distinctive features and welcoming hosts. So take your time, and discover more of what makes Port Hope a pretty special place to visit along the Lake Ontario shore.



4+

bed & breakfasts



2+

historic inns



3+

welcoming hotels

Left to right: Brandon Manor, The Waddell, Port Hope Suites for an extended stay.



## CHARMING B&BS

UNIQUE AND HISTORIC ACCOMMODATIONS

### Brandon Manor

First established as an inn and tavern in 1840 for travellers stopping between Toronto and Kingston. The manor is beautifully restored to evoke its Georgian farmhouse charm.

### Haute Goat Farm

Known for Nigerian Dwarf goats, alpacas and gourmet edibles like goat cheese and caramel corn, you'll also find lovely rooms in the century farmhouse.

### Moonlight and Pines

This country retreat sits on four acres with pine trees and a horse trail, right across from adventures in the Ganaraska Forest.

### Woodland Gardens

Tucked away in Garden Hill, this pretty home offers a Nordic sauna and Finnish hospitality.

[visitporthope.ca](http://visitporthope.ca) for more charming options



DISCOVER

# GET ON2 GOOD LIVING BY THE LAKE



Skip the traffic and get ON2 your weekend! See the ON2 video here.

PORT  
HOPE

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## WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU TURNED OFF HIGHWAY 401?

COUNTY ROAD 2 IS A RIDE  
YOU'LL NEVER FORGET

Highways are fast and direct, but you might not realize the magic that awaits when you take the quieter route. Go east of Toronto for an adventure off the 401 and onto County

Road 2 that follows the beautiful Lake Ontario shoreline. You'll discover cute towns with tea rooms and bakeshops, arts studios and farm markets. You'll come so close to beaches, you'll stop to dig your toes in the sand and walk by the waves. You might stay at a country inn and see the stars at night, or relax on a patio and taste juicy burgers with craft beer or the best homemade iced tea. This is where life gets simple. Come slow

COBOURG 15 MIN →



## DISCOVER PORT HOPE

AND ALL KINDS OF FUN  
ALONG THE COAST

**15 min Cobourg Beach**  
has an amazing sandy beach for sunning or beach volleyball. And the shore has a sandy bottom that's perfect for swimming and sandcastles.

**20 min The Big Apple**  
The name says a lot - there's a big apple with a lookout on top for viewing the countryside. There's also pie, cider, free ping pong and farm animals.

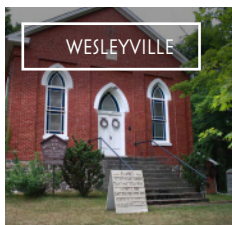
**40 min Sandbanks Provincial Park**  
Sand dunes, three expansive beaches, walking trails and camping to really get you back to nature.

**40 min Prince Edward County Wine Region**  
PEC is home to more than 40 wineries that use the rich terroir to produce award-winning wines. Great dining, too!

**right here Vistor Centre**  
20 Queen Street.

it all down and take the scenic route. You'll experience the real small town feel of Port Hope and hidden gems along the coast of southeastern Ontario. Consider this your open invitation!

### HIDDEN GEMS ON OR CLOSE TO COUNTRY ROAD 2





# PORT HOPE 2020 Events

We've got adventures, right this way!  
[visitporthope.ca/calendar](http://visitporthope.ca/calendar)



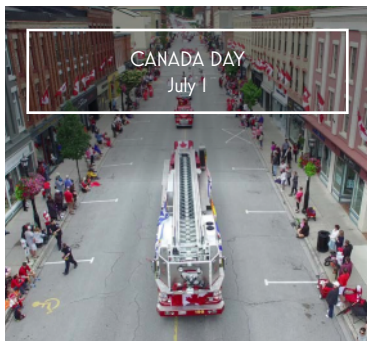
FLOAT YOUR FANNY DOWN THE  
GANNY - April 11



ANTIQUES AND ARTIFACTS AUCTION  
April 26



HEROES HIGHWAY RIDE  
& RALLY - June 6



CANADA DAY  
July 1



THE WIZARD OF OZ  
August 4-30



PORT HOPE ARTS FESTIVAL  
August 8



PORT HOPE FAIR  
September 18-20



CULTIVATE FESTIVAL  
September 25-27



VINTAGE FILM FESTIVAL  
September 25-27



PORT HOPE HOUSE TOUR  
October 3



CANDLELIGHT FESTIVAL  
November 27



SANTA CLAUS PARADE  
November 28