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PETERBOROUGH & THE KAWARTHAS

Dream Book



Peterborough
&
THE KAWARTHAS

TOURISM



What Memories Will You Make in Peterborough & the Kawarthas?

Do you remember that moment?
Where time stood still? Where life
just seemed so clear. So natural.
So simple?

Life is made up of these seemingly small moments and
the places where memories are made.

We were children here. We splashed carefree dockside
by day, with sunshine and ice cream all over our faces.
By night, we stared up from the warmth of a campfire at
a wide starry sky fascinated by its bright and wondrous
beauty.

We were young and idealistic here. In a vibrant,
heritage city we ignited our passions while we sipped
beer and discussed how we would change the world. It
is from this place that we learned to appreciate the little
things and to paddle our own canoe.

We escape here. Life isn't all about those simple
moments and sometimes "the grind" grinds us down and
we yearn to get away, to get a piece of ourselves back.

We come here to recharge and refocus. To share a meal
made of simple, farm-fresh ingredients with friends (old
& new) – to get away until we've found ourselves again.

We grow here. Remaining as drawn to this place as ever,
as it evolves and changes, yet remains as brilliant in our
recollections as it does in our current realities. We love
this extraordinary place that roots us in simple moments
and real connections that will bring us back to this place
throughout the seasons of our life.

We continue to be in awe here. To expect the
unexpected. To push the limits on seemingly limitless
opportunities. A place with rugged wilderness as
Canadian as the Canadian Shield itself, lakes of bright,
shining waters and rolling farmlands, woven with the
ever flowing energy of the Trent-Severn Waterway.

This is our ode to a place that is outside the ordinary.
This place is Peterborough & the Kawarthas.

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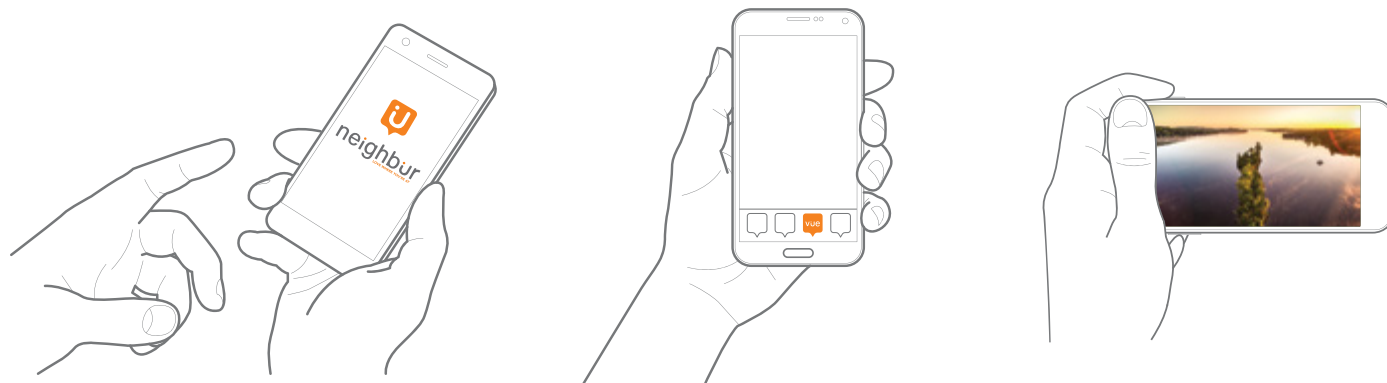


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discover the best of Peterborough & the Kawarthas...
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Use the app to watch a
time lapse video of the
world's highest hydraulic
lift lock in action!

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Fast Facts



City of Peterborough Population:
82,094
County of Peterborough Population:
138,236

Statistics Canada 2016



150+ Lakes



Nicknames:
Ptbo, The Land of Shining Waters,
P-Dot, YPQ, The Electric City



Peterborough was named after Peter Robinson, an early Canadian politician who oversaw the first major immigration to the area



Peterborough was the **first place in Canada** to use electric street lighting (1884)



The Peterborough Petes have produced a record number of **NHL players** and coaches



Peterborough has the oldest public cemetery in Canada



Thanks to David Fife, Peterborough County is the birthplace of Red Fife Wheat, credited with making Canada the **"bread basket of the world"**



Stompin' Tom Connors got his nickname in Peterborough

For more visit thekawarthas.ca/visitor-centre/fast-facts



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For information about tourism investment visit peterboroughed.ca

We respectfully acknowledge that Peterborough & the Kawarthas is located on the Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig territory and in the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations, and locally include Curve Lake First Nation and Hiawatha First Nation.

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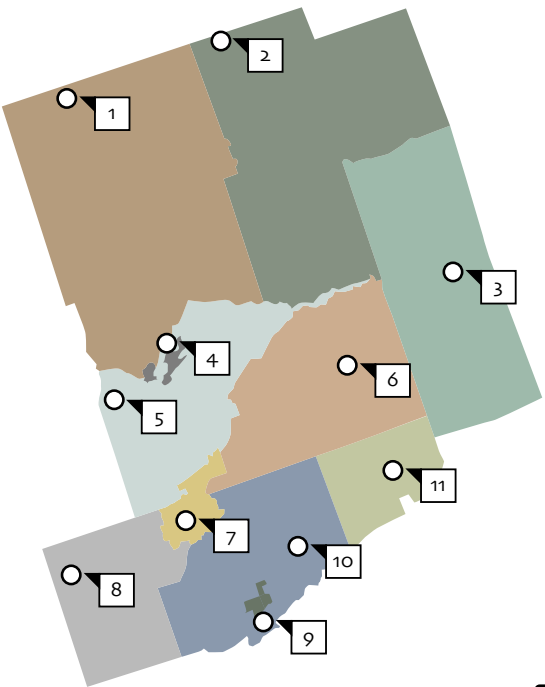
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Peterborough & the Kawarthas includes the City of Peterborough, County of Peterborough and the 8 rural townships located in the County. The region also includes Curve Lake First Nation as well as Hiawatha First Nation which make up 2 of the 7 First Nations in the Williams Treaties.

- 1. Municipality of Trent Lakes
- 2. Township of North Kawartha
- 3. Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen
- 4. Curve Lake First Nation
- 5. Township of Selwyn
- 6. Township of Douro-Dummer
- 7. City of Peterborough
- 8. Township of Cavan Monaghan
- 9. Hiawatha First Nation
- 10. Otonabee-South Monaghan Township
- 11. Township of Asphodel-Norwood



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Artfully Inspiring + Culturally Connected

Discover a region that is steeped in history and bursting at the seams with creativity.

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01/ Word Travels

It's no coincidence that Canadian literary greats such as Margaret Laurence, Catharine Parr Traill, Susanna Moodie and Robertson Davies chose Peterborough & the Kawarthas as their muse – cultural explorers delight in quaint book stores, the **Lakefield Literary Festival** and stepping back in time to learn about 'roughing it in the bush' at Lang Pioneer Village Museum.

02/ Inspiring Canada, by Canoe

At **The Canadian Canoe Museum**, view the largest collection of canoes, kayaks and paddled watercraft in the world, learn about the rich canoe building culture in Peterborough & the Kawarthas and roll up your sleeves for a day of working with your hands at an artisan workshop such as paddle carving, one of our Authentic Adventures.

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03/ Carved in History

Petroglyphs Provincial Park is home to the largest known concentration of Indigenous rock carvings in Canada – a sacred site known as the "teaching rocks". Hike the peaceful trails, enjoy the bright blue-green McGinnis Lake and learn the traditions of the Ojibway people through teachings of the Medicine Wheel.

04/ Music & Inspiration en Plein Air

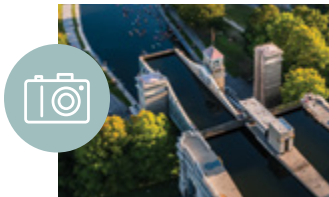
Nature has always inspired creativity and artistic flare here - Idyllic, rural, and quintessentially Canadian, **4th Line Theatre** presents Canadian plays – written by and about Canadians at their outdoor summer theatre. If music is more your thing, then you simply can't miss **Peterborough Musicfest**, Canada's longest running FREE admission summer concert series on the shores of Little Lake in Downtown Peterborough and the **Havelock Country Jamboree** which is Canada's largest live country music camping festival.

05/ Living History

Step back in time at **Lang Pioneer Village Museum** to experience Peterborough County of yesteryear. A living history museum nestled along the banks of the historic Indian River. Featuring over twenty-five restored and furnished buildings, the Aabnaabin Camp which is an interpretation of Michi Saagiig heritage and two of only a handful of authentic Jacquard Looms that can be viewed in North America. Don't miss **Hutchison House Museum**, one of the oldest limestone houses in Peterborough, offering a glimpse of life in Ontario in the 1800's. Check out their Scottish Teas, heritage lunches and the Sir Sandford Fleming room featuring one of his original maps of Peterborough.

06/ Story Time

The **Peterborough Museum & Archives** focusses on preserving and celebrating the collective memories of Peterborough's history. The story begins in Nogojiwanong (which translates to "The place at the end of the rapids") and the Indigenous communities that lived off the land and waterways in this area. It continues with the early relationships that formed with Europeans during the fur trade, the Irish immigrants that settled here under the supervision of Peter Robinson and we learn how Peterborough would see extensive industrial growth as it began generating hydro electrical power - known to be one of the first Canadian cities to do so which led to the arrival of the Edison General Electric Company (later, Canadian General Electric) and the American Cereal Company (later to become Quaker Oats). Join us as the story continues at this family-friendly museum.



Did You Know?

Did you know that the **Peterborough Lift Lock** is a National Historic Site of Canada and the highest hydraulic lift lock in the world, lifting boats 19.8 meters in the air?

thekawarthas.ca/what-to-do/peterborough-lift-lock/

AUTHENTIC ADVENTURE

Stone Sculpting at Zimart's Rice Lake Gallery

This unique sculpture park is home to the most comprehensive, eclectic selection of Zimbabwean stone sculpture in Canada.

Where it is located:

Bailieboro, ON in the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

What makes it unique:

Each year a Zimbabwean sculptor, represented by ZimArt, is invited to Canada to be the artist-in-residence for the season. During their stay in Canada the artists lead sculpting workshops at the gallery.

When you should go:

Open daily from 11am – 6pm from June 1 to Canadian Thanksgiving, and by appointment.

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Naturally Authentic

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01/ Spelunking in Glacier-formed Caves

Explore a series of 7 caves, follow the sounds of the disappearing river and stop to reflect at one of the area’s most scenic lookouts at **Warsaw Caves Conservation Area & Campground**.

02/ Treasure Hunting

A popular pass-time for locals and a growing attraction for visitors, mother nature has made this region a geocachers’ playground. There are thousands of caches waiting to be discovered by you.

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03/ Get Hooked

With over 150 lakes, the Kawarthas are synonymous with fishing – our unique blend of cool and warm water lakes makes us a favourite year-round. You can catch more varieties of fish here than almost anywhere else in Ontario. Cast your line at a local resort, book an adventure with a local guide or BYOB (boat) to create your own fish tales.

04/ Beach Hair. Don’t Care

Going to the beach shouldn’t be like squeezing into a sandy sardine tin. Our shorelines are dotted with sandy hideaways and playgrounds for the young and young-at-heart.

05/ Paddling Paradise

Paddling enthusiasts love this region – whether you’re looking to escape the dock at a cottage retreat or looking to portage your way to places where there are very few cottages at all, such as **Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park**, there’s a paddling adventure that awaits you in Peterborough & the Kawarthas. After all, it’s no coincidence that it’s called the Land of Shining Waters. Find out why by trying one of our **10 Signature Paddling Routes**.

06/ Grab Life by the Handlebars

The geography of this region makes it a cyclist’s dream. Take it easy on flat terrain and paved trails, get gritty on gravel, hold tight in the forest and test your endurance over drumlins. Avid cyclist? Check out the Peterborough & the Kawarthas Classics - nearly 300kms of signed road cycling routes.

07/ Trail Mix

Just like this popular snack, our trails offer a variety of ways to discover this region. From rugged wilderness paths and winding rural routes to our integrated urban trail system, you’ll find the right combination of trail-based experiences to satisfy your cravings to slow down and explore – by foot, snowshoe, skis, bike or blades and even on horseback. In the winter, check out the **OFSC snowmobile trails** for a thrilling winter getaway.

08/ All Fore Fun

This region boasts more than a dozen affordable public golf courses, catering to all skill levels. Whether you’re a scratch golfer or an occasional duffer, the lush fairways challenge every aspect of your game, but best of all; they offer fresh air, fewer crowds, less noise, and captivating scenery.



Great Fall Drives

In the fall, a canopy of blaze orange, red and yellow foliage along our winding routes and some of the top motorcycling roads on Ontario draw road trippers from near and far.

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Free Spirit Air Adventures at Elmhirst’s Resort

Must Do: a sightseeing flight in a float plane and Locavore Lunch overlooking Rice Lake.

Where it is located:

Keene, ON in the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

What makes it unique:

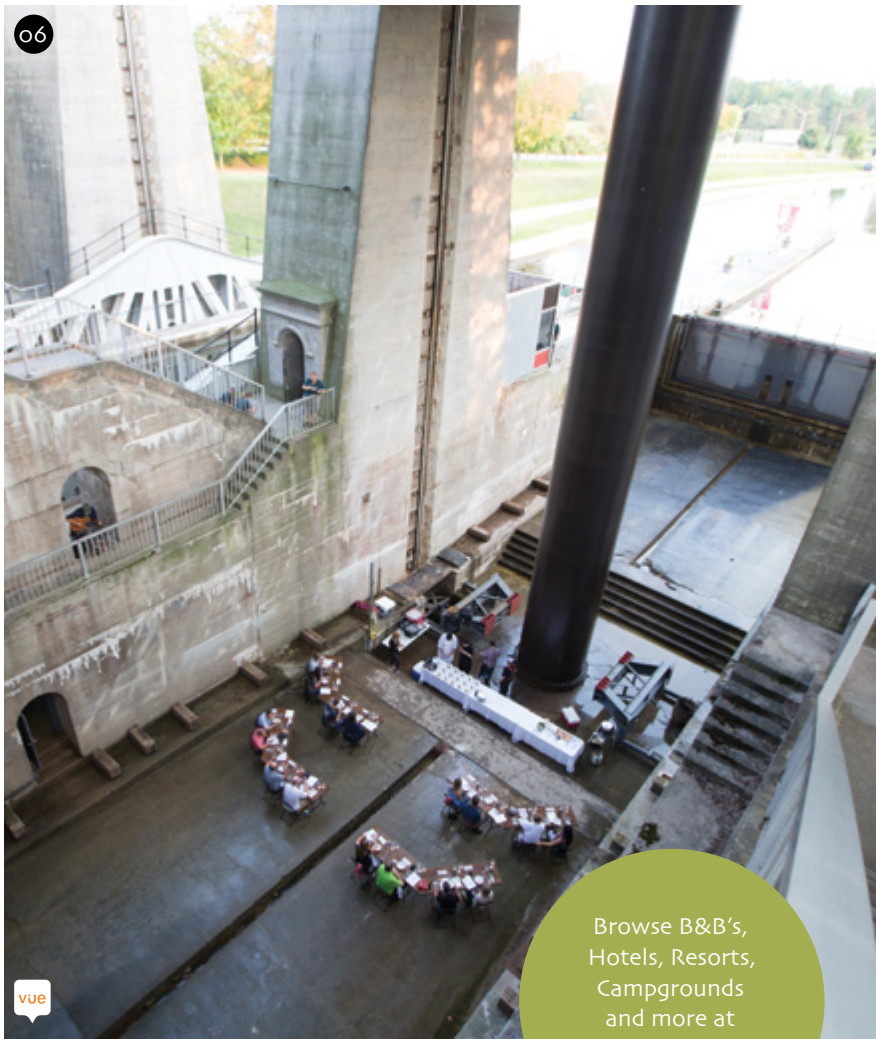
Not only is this experience an Authentic Adventure here in the region, it is also a Canadian Signature Experience! The resort is run by a 5th generation of the family, so you can be sure they know how to deliver a bucket-list worthy experience.

When you should go:

Year Round Resort. Experience available Spring through Autumn, weather dependent.

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An Authentic Taste of Place

The new wave in local cuisine is not new in Peterborough & the Kawarthas.

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01/ In the Market for Top-Notch Ingredients?

Then this place is for you! There is a farmers' market almost every day of the week throughout the region – from fresh produce, honey, maple syrup, beef and poultry to stone fired pizza, organic microgreens, mouthwatering breads and baked goods, flowers, plants and so much more.

02/ Pedal Party

One of the region's newest experiences is **Pedalboro** – a pedal powered party bike that offers a local taste of place with stops at local restaurants and bars throughout Downtown Peterborough.

03/ Perk Up for a World-Class Experience

Top notch coffee, Espresso, Americano, Matcha Latte? Vegan, Vegetarian and Plant-Based cuisine? Locally sourced, globally inspired? Peterborough & the Kawarthas is well-known for offering an incredibly high volume of top-notch food-based experiences per capita compared to Ontario's major cities, and a suprising combination of diverse flavours inspired by a growing number of New Canadian owned restaurants offering an unexpected familiar global taste right here in Peterborough & the Kawarthas.

04/ Brews, Bites & Barns

There is no shortage of flavour in this region, so we created the **Brews, Bites and Barns Brewery Discovery Route** to celebrate it! From the area's top craft beverages to restaurants featuring local-forward flavours, this is a bucket-list worthy experience to raise a glass to.

05/ Sappy Family Photos Welcome

There's nothing more delicious or quintessentially Canadian than Maple Syrup, and **McLean's Berry Farm** offers an annual festival to celebrate this sweet delicacy. From maple taffy on fresh fallen snow and a journey through the sugar bush to horse-drawn sleigh rides, snowshoeing through the woods and a soul-warming campfire to warm up, you'll be sure to tap into your rural roots in one of Ontario's most authentically Canadian places.

06/ Under Water Dining at Lock 21

Have you ever dined under 1700 tons of water? Try this award winning, hands-on, historical dining experience through, inside and under the world's highest hydraulic lift lock, a National Historic Site of Canada on the Trent-Severn Waterway in Peterborough.

Tip: Tickets sell out quickly, sign up for our newsletter to get the inside scoop at thekawarthas.ca/newsletter

Your experience includes:

- a group paddle in a 36' Voyageur Canoe through the world's highest hydraulic lift lock
- a locally sourced four course meal with drink pairing prepared before you by local chefs
- an exclusive tour inside the Peterborough Lift Lock from the Lock Master and much more



Big Time BBQ Fan?

We've got you covered – don't miss Muddy's Pit BBQ in Keene and Dr. J's BBQ & Brews in Peterborough.

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AUTHENTIC ADVENTURE

Harvest Party at Rolling Grape Vineyard

Pick a little or pick a lot! This is your chance to experience what grape to glass is all about.

Where it is located:

Balieboro, ON in the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

What makes it unique:

Sir Sanford Fleming Culinary Class will be on site to wine and dine you while you're mingling with other like-minded wine enthusiasts. Pick some grapes and see the process of de-stemming and crushing. Enjoy samples of new releases and past harvest party vintages.

When you should go:

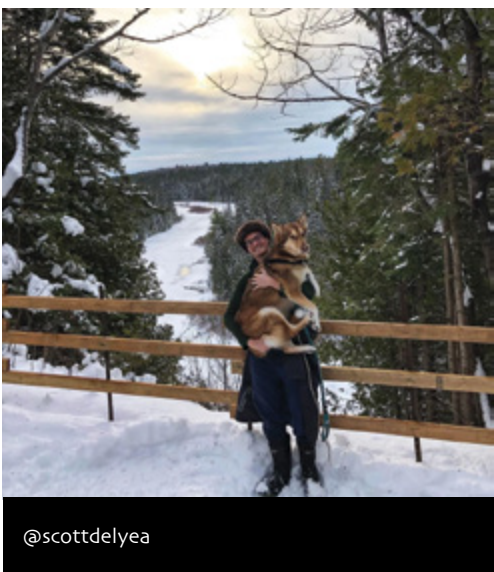
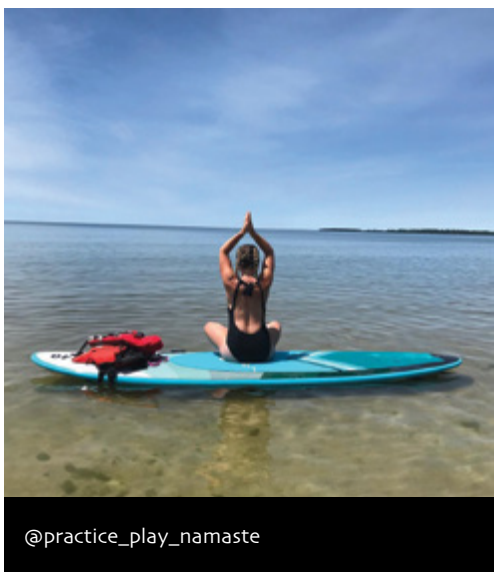
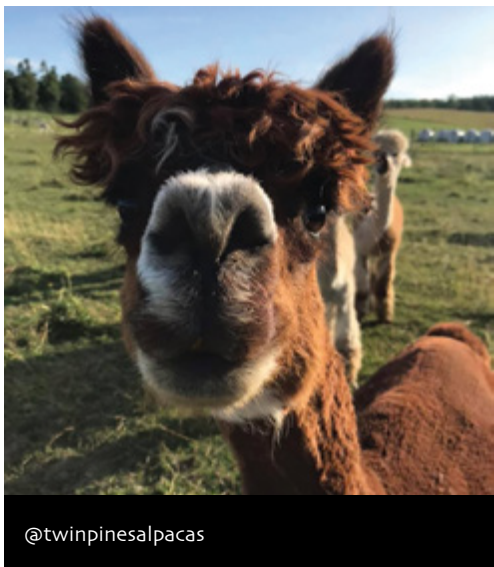
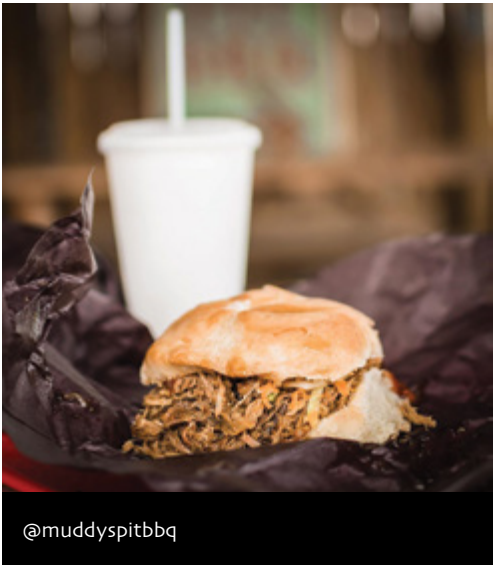
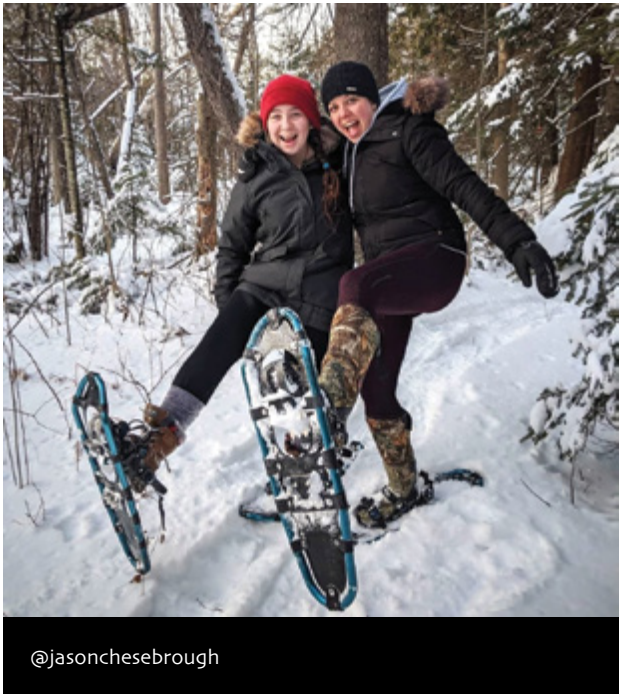
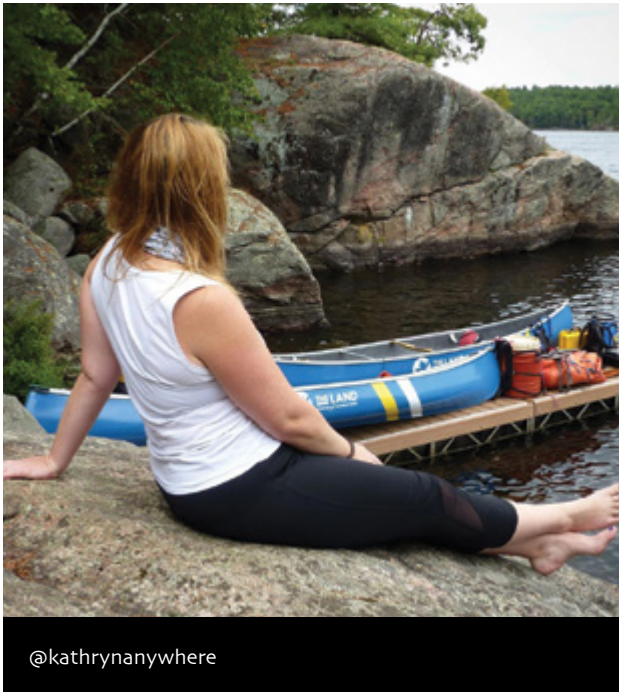
The Vineyard is closed in January and February, but they offer regular hours and special events throughout the rest of the year. The Harvest Party takes place every Fall.

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Travel Inspiration

It's not just our locals that think Peterborough & the Kawarthas is one of the most fresh, natural and inspiring places in Ontario! Check out our Instagram feed for year-round travel inspiration and tag **@thekawarthas** using **#Thisisptbo** so we can share yours too!



The Historic Trent-Severn Waterway

Canada's Treasured Waterway

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Discover Canada's first Waterway Trail Town program along the Trent-Severn Waterway. Boat, paddle, cycle, hike or drive along this renowned inland passageway. Don't miss the picturesque village of Lakefield nestled on the shore of the Otonabee River, just south of Katchewanooka Lake or one of the busiest locks on the system located in the heart of beautiful Buckhorn which draws anglers from all over the world for it's superior fishing, year round.

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Live Chat

Hi! I'm planning a family camping trip next year and would like to know more about Warsaw Caves.

I'm happy to help! Spelunking at Warsaw Caves is a unique outdoor experience, and the scenic lookout is a must!

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