

# Wellington County Festivals and Events Guide 2019-2020

Fall/Winter Edition

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## Experience Wellington County

Fall into Wellington County and spend the next few months enjoying the end of the harvest season and the beginning of the holidays. We invite you to join in the fun, do the monster mash and jingle all the way into the Christmas spirit. Experience events and activities that will entertain, captivate and fill you with lasting memories. Visit, visit again and make yourself at home in Wellington County.

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## Fall/Winter Must Do's

1. Experience spooky sculptures as Monster Month takes over Downtown Elora.
2. Visit the 169th Erin Fall Fair on Thanksgiving weekend.
3. Go for a hike on one of Wellington County's walking trails.
4. Tour our local taps at Royal City Brewing Company, Wellington Brewery or Elora Brewing Company.
5. Find Patriotic Murals in Arthur, Canada's most Patriotic Village.
6. Sponsor a Donkey at the Donkey Sanctuary of Canada.
7. Get festive at Rockwood's Parade of Lights.
8. Discover treasures at the Aberfoyle Antique Market.
9. Take to the ice in Puslinch and go skating at an outdoor rink.
10. Glide through a winter wonderland on the cross country ski trails at Ignatius Jesuit Centre.
11. Get historical and check out the exhibits and archives at the Wellington County Museum and Archives.

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## What's On Now Event Listings

There is always something to see and do in Wellington County. Stay up to date with our online events calendar [Experience Wellington website](#)

## Taste Real

Fall might be the most beautiful season in Ontario. It certainly is a great time to explore the countryside, visit farms and share the local harvest. Pick your own pumpkins, find your way through a corn maze, enjoy harvest festivals and more.

Did you know you can buy local food all year-round? While the winter months are traditionally a slow time for local food operations, there are plenty of great food options available in Wellington County. Discover some of the best winter eats and local food options this winter.

Find local food at [Taste Real website](#)

## Year Round

- Aberfoyle Mill Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

- Arthur Historical Society Exhibit Room
- Century Church Theatre, Hillsburgh
- Elements Casino, Elora
- Elora Acoustic Café
- Elora Cataract Trailway
- Elora Centre for the Arts
- Elora Sculpture Project
- Fergus Grand Theatre
- Grand River Raceway, Elora
- Harriston Town Hall Theatre
- Headwaters Stable Tour, Erin
- John Webb Gallery, Harriston
- Lynes Blacksmith Shop, Kenilworth
- Minto Arts Gallery, Harriston
- Mount Forest Museum and Archives
- Norgan Theatre, Palmerston
- Ontario Steam Heritage Museum, Puslinch
- Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum
- Taste Real Local Food and Farm Events
- The Gorge Cinema, Elora
- Wellington County Museum and Archives

#### Farmers' Markets

- Erin Farmers' Market McMillan Park, Village of Erin Fridays, June 28 - September 27
- The Rockwood Farmers' Market Anglican Church Grounds, 112 Guelph Street, Rockwood Wednesdays, June 12 - October 9
- Elora Farmers' Market Bissell Park, Elora Saturdays, May 4 - October 26 Paddock Building, Grand River Raceway, Elora Saturdays, November 2 - December 21
- Minto Farmers' Market Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum Saturdays, June 8 - August 31
- Aberfoyle Farmers' Market 23 Brock Road South, Aberfoyle Saturdays, May 25 - October 26
- Wellington North Farmers' Market Victory Community Centre, Mount Forest Fridays, May 31 - October 4

Dates subject to change. Please visit [Experience Wellington website](#)

#### October

October harvest is full of colourful pumpkins, fall frolics, and the historic Erin fair. But be prepared to be spooked by ghost walks, monster marches and Halloween haunts.

- October 1 – 31 Monster Month Downtown Elora
- October 5 – 6 Elora Fergus Studio Tour, Across Fergus and Elora
- October 5 – 6 Emergency 91run, Palmerston
- October 6 Horse And Hound Parade, Downtown Elora
- October 10 – 14 Erin Fall Fair, Erin Fairgrounds

- October 12 Pumpkin Day at the Elora Farmers' Market, Bissell Park, Elora
- October 14 Sensational Soup Off, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- October 19 Downtown Harriston Makers' Market, Tannery Park, Harriston
- October 18 Haunted Woods Walk For Big Brothers/Big Sisters, 7679 Sixth Line, Ennotville
- October 19 Elora Lantern Tour, Elora Fergus Info Centre, Elora
- October 19 Monster March Parade, Macdonald Square, Elora
- October 19 Mapleton Harvest Festival, Maryborough Community Centre, Moorefield
- October 19 Pancake Breakfast and Fire Prevention Day, Maryborough Community Centre, Moorefield
- October 20 Family Halloween Activities at the Museum, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- October 23 Fergus Lantern Tour, Downtown Fergus
- October 24 Wordfest, Elora Centre for the Arts
- October 25 Harriston Halloween Haunt, Downtown Harriston
- October 26 Fergus Ghost Walk, The Bookery, Fergus
- October 26 Fergus Halloween Haunt Street Walk, Downtown Fergus
- October 30 Fergus Ghost Walk, The Bookery, Fergus

### Seasonal

- Aberfoyle Antique Market Sundays, April 28 - October 27, Puslinch
- Strom's Farm Harvest Fun Area September - October, Guelph Eramosa
- Thatcher Farms' Fun Farm Yard May - October, Guelph Eramosa

### November

Take time to remember, reflect and enjoy the autumn air. Hints of Christmas being as communities start baking, crafting, decorating and parading for the holiday season.

Lest We Forget - Participate in one of the many Remembrance Day ceremonies in communities across the County.

- November 5 Remembrance Ceremony, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- November 7 Military Lecture Series, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- November 9 Mount Forest Christmas Craft Show, Mount Forest and District Sports Complex
- November 10 Remembrance Day Candle Lighting Ceremony, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- November 14 Military Lecture Series, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- November 14 Light up the Street, Downtown Clifford
- November 15 Light up the Park, Palmerston Lion's Park
- November 15 Window Wonderland and Tree Lighting, Main Street, Village Of Erin
- November 16 - December 24 Christmas in the Country, Main Street, Village Of Erin
- November 16 Annual Community Christmas Craft Show, PMD Arena, Drayton
- November 17 Arthur Lions Craft Show and Sale, Arthur And Area Community Centre
- November 19 Light up the Town, Tannery Park, Harriston
- November 21 Harriston Ladies Night, Downtown Harriston
- November 23 Erin's Santa Claus Parade, Village of Erin

- November 23 Harriston Santa Claus Parade, Downtown Harriston
- November 24 Puslinch Santa Claus Parade, Wellington Rd. 34 And 46, Aberfoyle
- November 27 Palmerston Merchants' Christmas Open House and Living Windows, Downtown Palmerston
- November 28 – 29 Starlight Shopping, Downtown Elora
- November 30 Elora Santa Claus Parade of Lights, Downtown Elora
- November 30 Clifford Santa Claus Parade, Downtown Clifford
- November 30 Arthur Opti-Mrs. Santa Claus Parade, Main Street, Arthur

## December

Winter sets in and Christmas lights shine bright. Cool parades and warm hot chocolate are waiting for you as we close out the year.

- December 6 Fergus Late Night Sip and Shop, Downtown Fergus
- December 6 Drayton Santa Claus Parade, Drayton
- December 6 Mount Forest Santa Claus Parade, Mount Forest Main Street
- December 7 Fergus Santa Claus Parade, St. Andrew St. W., Fergus
- December 7 Alma Christmas Craft Market, Alma Community Centre
- December 7 Moorefield Santa Claus Parade, Moorefield
- December 7 Palmerston Santa Claus Parade, Downtown Palmerston
- December 8 Christmas in the Village - Handel's Messiah, St Joseph's Church, Fergus
- December 12 Rockwood Farmers Parade of Lights, Rockwood
- December 13 Men's Shopping Night, Downtown Fergus
- December 15 Christmas Festival, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- December 17 – 18 Christmas in the Village - Festival of Carols, St John's Church, Elora
- December 22 Alma Santa Claus Parade, Alma
- December 31 Minto Fire and Ice Family New Year's Eve Event, Palmerston Arena

### Looking for more?

Winter in Wellington County is packed with fun. For more events listings and the latest news, visit [Experience Wellington website](#)

### Show us YOUR Wellington County

Hiking a trailway, attending a festival, visiting a new spot or a forever favourite in Wellington County? Snap a picture and share the moment with us. #experiencewellington

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