

WELLINGTON COUNTY FESTIVALS AND EVENTS GUIDE

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EXPERIENCE

WELLINGTON COUNTY

Welcome to Wellington County. Get to know us better as you explore our back roads, visit our quaint towns and find your escape in our rural Ontario countryside. We have food that will require a second helping, breathtaking natural landscapes, an arts and culture scene to be envied and some of the coolest people you have yet to meet. Visit, visit again and make yourself at home.

Show us your Wellington County. Get social and use hashtags for your chance to win.

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CULTURE

HIGHLAND GAMES

WHERE TRADITIONS ARE TRADITION. You may feel like you have been transported to another time or place, but don't worry there are many opportunities to experience remarkable events in Wellington County. Find your festival at [Visit the Experience Wellington Website](#)

Gather, compete and celebrate at the Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Fergus, Ontario.

FOOD AND DRINK

FOODIE FEST

THE TABLE IS SET and the food is ready. Pull up your chair, we have a place waiting for you. In Wellington County we turn ingredients into adventure, find your new favourite and taste your way across the County.

The Taste Real Local Food Fest celebrates all things food in Guelph and Wellington County. Visit [Visit the Taste Real website](#)

RURAL ROOTS

ON THE FARM

A NEW EXPERIENCE can be found at each bend in the road. Wellington County offers a chance to plant your feet, breathe in the fresh air and see what life on the farm really means. Let the Taste Real Local Food Map be your guide. Get yours at [Visit the Taste Real Website](#)

Take part in the Spring and Fall Rural Romps, self-guided farm and food tours.

NATURAL LANDSCAPES

GET OUTSIDE

A MORNING OUT on the lake, an afternoon hike through the forest, or an evening under the stars. Wellington County gives you time to slow down, reconnect with nature and escape your everyday.

Guelph Lake is one of five Grand River Parks in Wellington County, [Visit the Grand River Website](#)

MUSIC

FESTIVAL FAVOURITES

THE SOUNDTRACK in Wellington County is rich, diverse and eclectic. Find the beat and be prepared to have the music take you away.

This summer plan to attend Hillside Festival, Riverfest Elora and Elora Festival. Check out [Visit the Experience Wellington Website](#)

CHARM

COUNTY TREASURES

SPEND SOME TIME roaming through antique shops, strolling village streets and cruising County roads. Stay over in a charming bed and breakfast and become part of the family.

Stumble upon a treasure at the Aberfoyle Antique Market or a treat on the Butter Tarts and Buggies Trail.

TOP TEN MUST SEE EVENTS

1. LOCAL FOOD FEST June 24, www.tastereal.ca
2. CLIFFORD CLASSIC TRUCK AND CAR SHOW June 29 – 30, www.greatlakestruckclub.com
3. ELORA FESTIVAL July 13 – 29, www.elorafestival.com
4. HILLSIDE MUSIC FESTIVAL July 13 – 15, www.hillsidefestival.ca
5. MOUNT FOREST FIREWORKS FESTIVAL July 20 – 22, www.mountforestfireworks.ca
6. FERGUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES August 10 – 12, www.fergusscottishfestival.com
7. RIVERFEST ELORA August 17 – 19, www.riverfestelora.com
8. EDEN MILLS WRITERS' FESTIVAL September 7 – 9, www.edenmillswritersfestival.ca
9. FALL RURAL ROMP September 29, www.tastereal.ca
10. ERIN FALL FAIR October 4 – 8, [Visit the Erin Fair Website](#)

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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 [Visit the Experience Wellington Website](#)

YEAR ROUND

- Aberfoyle Mill Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre
- Arthur Historical Society Exhibit Room
- Butter Tarts and Buggies: Explore the Simpler Life, Northern Wellington County
- Century Church Theatre, Hillsburgh
- Downtown Erin Heritage Walking Trail
- Elora Acoustic Café
- Elora Cataract Trailway
- Elora Centre for the Arts

- Elora Culinary Walking Tour
- Elora Sculpture Project
- Fergus Grand Theatre
- Grand River Raceway, Elora
- Harriston Town Hall Theatre
- Headwaters Stable Tour, Erin
- Hillsburgh Heritage Walking Trail
- John Webb Gallery, Harriston
- Minto Arts Gallery, Harriston
- Mount Forest Museum and Archives
- Norgan Theatre, Palmerston
- OLG Slots, Elora
- Ontario Steam Heritage Museum, Puslinch
- Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum
- The Gorge Cinema, Elora
- Wellington County Museum and Archives

SEASONAL

- Aberfoyle Antique Market Sundays, April 29 - October 28, Puslinch
- Donkey Sanctuary Sundays, May - October, Puslinch
- Drayton Festival Theatre May 16 - October 14, Drayton
- Elora Skyrider Zipline June 2 - September 30, Elora Gorge
- Lynes Blacksmith Shop By appointment, June 1 - September 30, Kenilworth
- McClintock's Water Ski School May 15 - October 15, Puslinch Lake
- Monster Month October 1 - 31, Downtown Elora
- Strom's Farm Harvest Fun Area September - October, Guelph Eramosa
- Simple Pleasures for the Summer Wednesdays, July 4 - August 29, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- White Rock Ostrich Farm May - September, Rockwood

FARMERS' MARKETS

- Erin Farmers' Market McMillan Park, Village of Erin FRIDAYS, June 22 - September 29
- Rockwood Farmers' Market and Live Music, 112 Main Street, Rockwood WEDNESDAYS, June 13 - October 3
- Elora Farmers' Market Bissell Park, Elora SATURDAYS, May 5 - October 13
- Elora Farmers' Market, Paddock Building, Grand River Raceway, Elora SATURDAYS, October 20 - December 22
- Minto Farmers' Market, Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum SATURDAYS, June 2 - August 25
- Aberfoyle Farmers' Market, 23 Brock Road South, Aberfoyle SATURDAYS, May 26 - October 27
- Wellington North Farmers' Market, Victory Community Centre, Mount Forest FRIDAYS, May 25 - October 5

Dates subject to change. Please visit [Visit the Experience Wellington Website](#)

APRIL

- APRIL 6 National Tartan Day Concert, Fergus Grand Theatre
- APRIL 8 Gallery Concert Series, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- APRIL 8 Tartan Day, Downtown Fergus
- APRIL 8 Tartan Day Historical Walking Tour, Downtown Fergus
- APRIL 14 – 15 Elora Vintage and Antique Show, Elora Community Centre
- APRIL 20 – 22 Guelph and District Kennel Club Dog Show, Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus
- APRIL 20 – 28 Musical Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, Grand River Raceway, Elora
- APRIL 26 Wordfest, Elora Centre For the Arts
- APRIL 29 Grand Taste, Grand River Raceway, Elora

MAY

- MAY 3 Flutters, Frocks and Flowers, Main Street, Village of Erin
- MAY 4 – 6 Elora Festival Annual Giant Book Sale, Elora Curling Club
- MAY 4 – 6 Spring Rain Weekend, Belwood Hall
- MAY 6 Dollhouse Miniatures Show and Sale, Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus
- MAY 6 EW-CS High Tea and High Heels, St. Andrew's Church, Hillsburgh
- MAY 6 Elora Writers' Festival, Wellington County Museum and Archives MAY 9 - 11 Fergus Lions Club Home and Leisure Show, Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus
- MAY 10 Optimist Fish Fry, Puslinch Community Centre
- MAY 12 Arthur Lions Duck Race McPherson Park, Arthur
- MAY 12 Best Bloomin' Plant Sale, Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus
- MAY 12 Drayton Kinettes, Duck Race, Drayton Fairgrounds
- MAY 17 – 20 Elora en Plein Air 'Grand River Painting Festival', Elora
- MAY 17 Sensational Elora's Film on a Plate, The Gorge Cinema, Elora
- MAY 19 Hillsburgh Garden Club Plant Sale, St. Andrew's Church, Hillsburgh
- MAY 26 – 27 Eden Mills Arts Festival, Eden Mills Community Centre
- MAY 26 Erin Village Summer Celebration, Main Street, Village of Erin
- MAY 26 – 27 Belwood Lions Pike Derby, Belwood Lake Conservation Area
- MAY 26 Skyburst Elora, Grand River Raceway, Elora
- MAY 26 Spring Rural Romp, Northern Wellington County
- MAY 26 50 Years of Drayton Kinsmen Anniversary, PMD Arena, Drayton
- MAY 27 Food Cycle Ride, Elora Public School
- MAY 27 Grand River Raceway Open House, Horse Racing Behind The Scenes, Grand River Raceway, Elora

JUNE

- JUNE 1 - 3 Historical Automobile Society Antique Car Show and Sale, Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus
- JUNE 2 16th Annual Garden Festival, Harriston Community Centre
- JUNE 3 Emergency 91Run, Palmerston Lion's Park
- JUNE 3 Planet Youth Elora Historical Walking Tour, Elora Centre For the Arts
- JUNE 3 Shimano Take a Kid Fishing Day, Belwood Lake Conservation Area

- JUNE 6 - 8 Canadian National Fly-Fishing Championships, Centre Wellington
- JUNE 9 Doors Open Erin, Various locations in the Town of Erin
- JUNE 9 Drayton Kinettes, Super Hero Soiree, Ag Hall, Drayton Fairgrounds
- JUNE 10 Donkey Day, The Donkey Sanctuary, Puslinch
- JUNE 14 Aberfoyle Agricultural Society Chicken Barbeque, Puslinch Community Centre
- JUNE 15 Mapleton Custom Rodders Car Show, Moorefield Ball Diamonds
- JUNE 16 Rotary Club of Erin presents "Ribfest", McMillan Park, Village of Erin
- JUNE 16 Doors Open Fergus and Elora, Various Locations across Fergus and Elora
- JUNE 16 Doors Open Historical Walking Tours, Fergus and Elora
- JUNE 16 Subaru Triathlon Series at Guelph Lake, Guelph Lake Conservation Area
- JUNE 16 Touch a Truck, Harriston and Minto Community Centre, Harriston
- JUNE 20 - SEPTEMBER 1 Insights, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- JUNE 21 Sensational Elora's Fabulous Fergus Pub Night, Four pubs throughout Fergus
- JUNE 23 Puslinch Lake Alive Living Home Tour, Old Marina Restaurant, Puslinch
- JUNE 23 Palmerston Handcar Races, Palmerston Railway Museum
- JUNE 23 Party in the Park, Palmerston Lion's Heritage Park
- JUNE 24 Local Food Fest, Ignatius Jesuit Centre
- JUNE 24 Celebrate Sunrise Summer Fundraiser, Sunrise Therapeutic Riding and Learning Centre, Puslinch
- JUNE 24 Fergus Horticultural Society Garden Tour, Various locations across Fergus
- JUNE 29 - 30 Clifford Classic Truck Show, Clifford Rotary Park
- JUNE 29 - JULY 2 Arthur Optimists Canada Day Weekend Celebration, Arthur Fairgrounds and Community Centre
- JUNE 30 Drayton Kinsmen Wing Night and Concert, Drayton Fairgrounds

JULY

- JULY 1 Orton's Annual Canada Day Celebration, Orton
- JULY 1 Get in Touch for Hutch, Arthur Community Centre
- JULY 1 Puslinch Canada Day Pancake Breakfast and Fireworks, Puslinch Community Centre
- JULY 1, Canada Day Fireworks, Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus
- JULY 1 Dominion Day Elora, Downtown Elora and Bissell Park
- JULY 1 Canada Day Celebration, Crossroads Life Church, Harriston
- JULY 1 Canada Day Fireworks Display, Drayton Fairgrounds
- JULY 2 - 6 Arthur SU Sports Camp, Arthur Community Centre
- JULY 4 - AUGUST 29 Twilight at Templin, Templin Gardens, Fergus
- JULY 5 Music at the Museum, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- JULY 6 Annual Wiener Dog Race, Grand River Raceway, Elora
- JULY 6 - 15 Elora Community Theatre's Shakespeare in the Park, Bissell Park, Elora
- JULY 7 FEDS Annual Special Needs Soccer Festival, Victoria Park, Fergus
- JULY 7 - 8 Black Sheep Contemporary Textile Festival, Elora Centre For the Arts
- JULY 8 Conestogo Lake Annual Fishing Derby, Conestogo Lake Conservation Area
- JULY 12 Music at the Museum, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- JULY 13 - 15 Hillside Festival, Guelph Lake Conservation Area

- JULY 13 - 29 Elora Festival, Various locations in Elora
- JULY 19 Music at the Museum, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- JULY 20 - 22 Mount Forest Fireworks Festival, 514 Main Street North, Mount Forest
- JULY 26 Music at the Museum, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- JULY 28 Fergus Ghost Walk, The Bookery, Fergus
- JULY 28 Fergus Medieval Faire, Downtown Fergus

AUGUST

- AUGUST 2 Music at the Museum, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- AUGUST 3 - 5 Jeff Davie Memorial 3-Pitch Tournament, Palmerston and Harriston Ball Diamonds
- AUGUST 4 - 6 Pirate Fest, Marden Park
- AUGUST 4 Sensational Elora's Film on a Plate, The Gorge Cinema, Elora
- AUGUST 6 Grand River Raceway Industry Day, Grand River Raceway, Elora
- AUGUST 9 Music at the Museum, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- AUGUST 9 Pipes, Plaid and Pageantry Parade, Downtown Fergus
- AUGUST 10 Fergus Ghost Walk, The Bookery, Fergus
- AUGUST 10 - 12 Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games, Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus
- AUGUST 10 - 11 Fergus Scottish Festival, Downtown Edition!, Downtown Fergus
- AUGUST 10 - 11 Fergus Scottish Festival, Historical Walking Tours, Downtown Fergus
- AUGUST 10 - 11 Psychic Fair, The Bookery, Fergus
- AUGUST 10 - 12 Drayton 161st Fair, 'Best Pickin' in Mapleton, Drayton Fairgrounds
- AUGUST 11 Fergus Ghost Walk, The Bookery, Fergus
- AUGUST 11 Downtown Harriston Street Party, Savour in the Street and Street Dance, Elora St. S, Harriston
- AUGUST 17 -19 Riverfest Elora, Bissell Park, Elora
- AUGUST 18 Spirit in the Hills Family Fun Day and Classic Car Show, Main Street, Hillsburgh
- AUGUST 18 - 19 Classic Ford Truck Show, Arthur Fairgrounds
- AUGUST 18 Mount Forest Agricultural Society 159th Annual Fall Fair, Mount Forest and District Sports Complex
- AUGUST 22 - 26 Annual Palmerston Fair, Palmerston Fairgrounds
- AUGUST 24 - 25 Grand River Truck and Tractor Pull, Grand River Raceway, Elora
- AUGUST 24 - 25 Campin' and Jammin' in the Park, Drayton Fairground
- AUGUST 25 Alma Car Show, Wallace Cummings Park, Alma
- AUGUST 26 Antique and Classic Car Show, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- AUGUST 26 Tri Kids Triathlon, Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus

SEPTEMBER

- SEPTEMBER 1 Subaru Triathlon Series at Guelph Lake, Guelph Lake Conservation Area
- SEPTEMBER 6 – 9 162nd Arthur Agricultural Society Fall Fair, Arthur Fairgrounds
- SEPTEMBER 7 - 8 Erin Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale, McMillan Park, Village of Erin
- SEPTEMBER 7 - 8 Aberfoyle Fall Fair and Tractor Pull, Puslinch Community Centre
- SEPTEMBER 7 - 9 Eden Mills Writers' Festival, Eden Mills Community Centre
- SEPTEMBER 7 Fergus BIA Classic Car Show, St. Andrew St. W., Fergus

- SEPTEMBER 9 Fergus Whole Hog BBQ, Wellington Centre for Sustainable Agriculture, Fergus
- SEPTEMBER 14 - 16 Fergus Fall Fair, Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus
- SEPTEMBER 14 - 16 Harriston-Minto 159th Fall Fair, Harriston and Minto Community Centre, Harriston
- SEPTEMBER 21 - 29 Musical Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, Grand River Raceway, Elora
- SEPTEMBER 22 - 23 Elora Fergus Studio Tour, Various Locations around Fergus and Elora
- SEPTEMBER 23 Rotary Club of Erin presents "Feast of Hops", Erin Agricultural Society Hall
- SEPTEMBER 23 Harvest Home Festival, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- SEPTEMBER 28 - 30 Minto Culture Days, Across Minto
- SEPTEMBER 28 - 30 Wellington North Culture Days, Across Wellington North
- SEPTEMBER 28 - 30 Autumn Leaves Studio Tour, Saugeen River Watershed
- SEPTEMBER 29 Fergus Ghost Walk, The Bookery, Fergus
- SEPTEMBER 29 Fall Rural Romp, Guelph and Southern Wellington County
- SEPTEMBER 29 Sunrise Hoofbeat Challenge Fundraiser Pledge Walk and Ride, Sunrise Therapeutic Riding and Learning Centre, Puslinch
- SEPTEMBER 29 - 30 Cultural Days Historical Walking Tour, Fergus and Elora
- SEPTEMBER 29 - 30 Elora Fergus Studio Tour, Various locations around Fergus and Elora
- SEPTEMBER 30 Saugeen Valley, Fur Feather Show, Mount Forest Fairgrounds
- SEPTEMBER 30 Elora Horse and Hound Parade, Mill Street West, Elora

OCTOBER

- OCTOBER 4 - 8 Erin Fall Fair, 190 Main Street, Erin
- OCTOBER 6 Pumpkin Day at the Elora Farmers' Market, Bissell Park, Elora
- OCTOBER 8 Sensational Soup Off, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- OCTOBER 12 - 14 Fall Frolic, Across Northern Wellington County
- OCTOBER 13 Pancake Breakfast and Fire Prevention Day, PMD Arena, Drayton
- OCTOBER 14 Family Halloween Activities at the Museum, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- OCTOBER 18 - 26 Spirit Walk at the Poor House and Cemetery Walks, Wellington County Museum and Archives
- OCTOBER 19 - 27 Musical Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, Grand River Raceway, Elora
- OCTOBER 20 Elora Lantern Tour, Elora Fergus Information Centre, Elora
- OCTOBER 22 Monster March Parade, MacDonald Square, Elora
- OCTOBER 24 Fergus Lantern Tour, Downtown Fergus
- OCTOBER 25 Wordfest, Elora Centre For the Arts
- OCTOBER 27 Fergus Ghost Walk, The Bookery, Fergus
- OCTOBER 27 Halloween Haunt, Downtown Fergus
- OCTOBER 29 Fergus Ghost Walk, The Bookery, Fergus

UPCOMING EVENTS

What's happening this Winter?

Winter in Wellington County is packed with events, parades and cool moments you will remember for a lifetime, visit [Visit the Experience Wellington Website](#)

Show us YOUR Wellington County 2018

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 for a chance to win. **#experiencewellington**

- Snap Your photo
- Tag #experiencewellington
- Win Great prizes

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