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Northumberland **Insider Guide**

Just one hour east of Toronto along Lake Ontario

NORTHUMBERLAND INSIDER GUIDE

Are you ready to make a move?

Somewhere greener, with fresh air, a big back yard and way more bang for your buck? There's a place like that with a small-town vibe, comfort and quiet – and a strong sense of community. And it's closer than you think...Just an hour east of Toronto along beautiful Lake Ontario, where the sky opens up and you can see the stars at night.

This is Northumberland County.

This is where the living is good.

Northumberland County connects you with the land and wide-open spaces. There's room to grow and plant a garden, enjoy forest trails and take a dip in the lake. The county runs along the Lake Ontario shoreline to the rolling hills of Northumberland countryside. The pace is relaxed. The housing is affordable. And we're only a short drive or VIA ride to Toronto and Kingston, making it ideal to work remotely, raise a family, or put down new roots in retirement. We've got space for that home office and back yard oasis!



PORT HOPE

A pretty lakeside community with a Victorian-era downtown and sociable locals. There's great dining, arts and theatre, the renowned Trinity College School, and the beautiful Ganaraska River that runs through the heart of town. Plus, there's pristine nature right at your doorstep.



BRIGHTON

Apple orchards and pick-your-own berries. It's country living with great community spirit, and shops and restaurants in the historic downtown. You'll love the natural beauty of nearby Presqu'ile Provincial Park for walking trails, wildlife and a sandy-bottom beach.



COBOURG

A gem! Known for its prime location on the lakeshore between Toronto and Kingston, and for its fabulous waterfront and white sand beach. People surf here year-round! The town features 19th-century architecture like the impressive Victoria Hall, built in 1860, paired with new business and housing developments.



TRENT HILLS

The Trent River offers a mix of working farms, small communities, outdoor adventures, and some of the prettiest views in Ontario. Boating, fishing, standup paddle boarding, it's all here! You can enjoy nature in Ferris Provincial Park and see live shows at Westben barn theatre.



This is my kind of place

I grew up here, raised my family in Port Hope and worked in Cobourg for 20 years. I know it well, and **I'm excited to tell you and yours all about it!**

There are amazing and unique discoveries throughout the county to explore, whether you're looking for picked-from-the-field-that-morning tomatoes, vintage shops, musical theatre or a drive-in movie, or getting your glow on with trail running in the forest.

Check out some of my faves!

Farmer's Markets

Every community has one with real food – fresh, honest and straight from the source. Port Hope's market is right by the town hall with delicious perogies, crafters and buskers, and often a roving wood-fired pizza truck.

Laveanne Lavender Fields

This country farm in Campbellcroft becomes a purple haze of lavender in the summertime where you can walk the rows and try a yoga class among the blooms.

Capitol Theatre

A Port Hope destination for 90-plus years, the national historic site has a medieval courtyard setting with a starry sky (and popcorn and local craft beer on concession) where you can see live theatre and films.

Frosted Flour Co.

Get to this Port Hope bakery early on Saturday morning only for Hannah's first-come, first-served gourmet donuts in dreamy flavours like banana cream pie and cherry cheesecake.

Betty's Pies and Tarts

If you like an oozy, gooey butter tart, this is a must-stop just west of Cobourg.

The Market & Smor

Downtown Cobourg's trendy spot for fresh-picked produce and local goodness to-go, including their housemade butter chicken and vegetarian lasagna with spinach basil béchamel sauce.

Olympus Burger

Big, juicy and hot off the grill – and they have veggie options too! It's no wonder this Port Hope spot has been voted top in Canada for divine burgers named for the Greek gods.

Craft Food House

Chef Z's fresh daily creations (try the gingery Pho!) are incredible and healthy at this Cobourg resto down by the waterfront.

The Local Bloom

A great spot in Cobourg to pick up fresh flowers or a potted plant for a friend and for yourself! They specialize in Ontario-grown blooms and work with what's seasonal to create something playful and unique.

Art Gallery of Northumberland

See the gallery exhibit inside Cobourg's Victoria Hall and check out paintings, mixed media and pottery for sale by local artists at the shop in Port Hope.

Treetop Trekking

Climb 70 feet up the aerial courses in the Ganaraska Forest. What a workout – and a view!

Haute Goat Farm

Shmurple with the Nigerian Dwarf goats here and sample goat milk products like body creams and edibles.

Ste. Anne's Spa

Luxuriate in the peaceful surroundings of this popular resort in Grafton. Fine food, body treatments and outdoor hot tubs = bliss!

Come for a visit and you'll see just what I mean.

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