



WELCOME TO SIMCOE COUNTY!

We're so happy that you're here and excited to share our region's finest experiences with you!

In Simcoe County, you'll find big city amenities mixed with small town charm. There are cute downtown cores, amazing historic attractions, and some pretty cool festivals too.

Did we mention that we are home to the longest freshwater beach in the world? That's right! Bordered by the shores of Georgian Bay and Lake Simcoe, Simcoe County is a boater's paradise!

Friendly people, farm fresh food, beautiful forests and trails, and grassroots arts and culture. Bike. Ski. Golf. Snowboard. Hike. Fish. Shop. Eat. Paddle. Skate. Swim.

You're going to have the best time. We promise. Welcome!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR WHERE YOU WANT TO GO

Here are a few options on how you can get here, and how to get around. Safe travels!

Train & Bus
Travel from Toronto by GO Train or Bus to Bradford, Innisfil, or Barrie. Visit gotransit.com for schedules. VIA RAIL also stops in Washago. Visit ViaRail.ca. Simcoe County LINX connects bus routes throughout the county. Visit [LINX \(simcoe.ca/dpt/linx\)](http://LINX(simcoe.ca/dpt/linx)) for more info. For local bus services, see municipal websites.
Car, Cab, or Uber
Drive yourself, rent a car, call a cab, or book a driver any time of the day. Some services include Uber, Lyft, Designated Driver, Keys Please, and Driverseat to name a few. Please drive sober and share the road with cyclists and pedestrians!

Bike
Did you know the county is connected by safe cycling road routes and multi-use rail trails? Check out [Cycle Simcoe \(cyclesimcoe.ca\)](http://CycleSimcoe(cyclesimcoe.ca)) for bike rentals, repair stations, routes, and more!
Boat
We don't have a ferry service, but Simcoe County has plenty of transient slips. So if you have your own boat and want to visit us, we're accessible from Georgian Bay, Lake Simcoe, and the Trent-Severn Waterway.
Airplane
Travel by air into one of our many regional airports! The Lake Simcoe Regional Airport provides fast, flexible, cost effective and convenient access to global markets. Additional airports in Simcoe County include: Collingwood Regional Airport, Huronia Airport, Edenvale Aerodrome, and Orillia Rama Regional Airport.



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NINE REASONS TO VISIT SIMCOE COUNTY THIS WINTER

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GET READY TO RIDE

Pick the best motorcycle route for you and your crew, with these two signature loops

The Chute Loop
250km | One Day
Highlights: Upper Big Chute Road, Georgian Bay, Coldwater, Midland, Martyrs' Shrine
Named after the popular Upper Big Chute Road, this super scenic ride takes you through the northeastern portion of Simcoe County along winding roads and into old port towns including Midland and Penetanguishene. It's a historic route featuring the 101-year old Trent Severn Waterway, Martyrs' Shrine and several heritage towns. Grab some baked goods and great coffee along the way. This day ride is perfect for those who need a little helmet time and a break from the daily grind.

The Big Chute Loop
400km | Two Days
Highlights: Niagara Escarpment, Upper Big Chute Road, Georgian Bay
This two-day ride takes you through Simcoe County's diverse landscape, including the grand vistas from the Niagara Escarpment, the shores of Georgian Bay and Lake Simcoe, rolling farmland and the memorable Upper Big Chute Road. While this ride can technically be completed in two days, we suggest adding a day to your trip so you can take your time cruising through quaint towns, enjoying delicious food and great patios, and discovering unique historic attractions along the way.



For more information on routes, rest stops, events, and motorcycle-friendly businesses, pick up a Simcoe County Motorcycle Map or visit: experience.simcoe.ca/motorcycle

COUNTY OF SIMCOE GUIDE MAP

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Top 9 Experiences | Fun on the Farm | Take A Hike

IF GOLF IS YOUR CUP OF TEE

Can you believe that Simcoe County is home to more than 50 golf courses? It's true! Hit the links with colleagues or friends, or tee it up alone to enjoy a serene, peaceful escape. Play the rolling bent grass of traditional fairways or choose the postcard-perfect layout of North American style courses. Check out the many stay-and-play packages available. The most challenging part will be deciding which course to play first.

For more information on courses, number of holes, par, and yardage, golf simulators, or mini putt courses, pick up a Simcoe County Golf Guide or visit: experience.simcoe.ca/golf

HERE, FISHY FISHY

Top 5 Fishing Spots

- Cook's Bay, Lake Simcoe**
The best spot for perch, shallow areas for pike and an overall great spot for largemouth bass.
- Atherley Narrows, Lake Couchiching**
A great spot to fish for perch from the shoreline.
- South Basin, Penetanguishene Bay**
Filled to the gills with pike and bass varieties.
- Honey Harbour, Georgian Bay**
A popular spot for catching giant muskie!
- Wasaga Beach, Georgian Bay**
Shoreline fishing for salmon on Wasaga Beach is flaming hot.

New to Fishing?

Check out the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's Learn to Fish Program every summer at Earl Rowe Provincial Park in Alliston. Call Earl Rowe Provincial Park at 705-435-2498 or visit ontarioparks.com for more information.

If you don't have your own gear, check out The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) TackleShare Program, by visiting tackleshare.com.

For more information on Fishing in Simcoe County, visit: experience.simcoe.ca

Get Hooked on Simcoe County!

GRAB LIFE BY THE PADDLE

Coldwater River, North River, Matchedash Bay
13km Loop | 3 - 4 hours | Easy/Intermediate
The Coldwater River starts just down the road from the heart of the Coldwater Village where you can stop and pick up refreshments and other products prior to your paddle. This is a scenic and easy route that connects to the North River and Matchedash Bay with several different launch point options. There is wildlife galore along this river with many species of ducks and other birds and animals spotted along the way. See the wood duck boxes along the Coldwater River route and an osprey nest at the start of the North River route. If you are an angler, this is also a great opportunity to hook a steelhead or salmon. If you're up for a challenge, paddle out into the open waters of Georgian Bay, to Green Island another route available in this guide.

Wasaga Beach Sports Park to Schooner Town
10 km | 2 hours | Easy/Beginner
Home to the largest group of parabolic sand dunes in the entire province, this section of the river meanders along sandy shores, where you can get lost in the beauty of the crest shaped sand sculpted by glaciers and rimmed with dense vegetation. The Wasaga Beach Sports Park offers an ideal launching point due to its many amenities.

For more paddling routes, launch points, and points of interest, pick up a copy of the **Simcoe County Paddling Guide** or visit our website at experience.simcoe.ca

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HOW WE ROLL

A SAMPLE OF CYCLING ROUTES

Simcoe County Loop Trail
160 KM | OFF ROAD/RAIL TRAIL | FLAT/EASY
The Simcoe County Loop Trail is a 160-kilometre loop that travels through nine municipalities, reaches three major bodies of water, including Georgian Bay, Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching. And is primarily on off-road, multi-use rail trail! The route is flat, scenic and available as a multi-day tour.

Creemore Loop Trail
60 KM | ROAD | MODERATE/ADVANCED
The first portion is relatively flat and perfect for your warmup. After crossing County Road 91 you enter more challenging rolling terrain overlooking the Mad River. If you are looking for an opportunity to stop, be sure to take a break in Creemore, approximately halfway through your ride. This town, known for its beer, has some great shops too! On your way back into Collingwood, be sure your legs are ready for a short climb to a fantastic view of Georgian Bay.

For more information about cycling routes, rides, races, cycling-friendly businesses, and other points of interest, pick up a Simcoe County Cycling Map or visit CycleSimcoe.ca

FUN ON THE FARM

Enjoy the beautiful Simcoe County countryside with the kiddos in tow! From apple-picking to boo barns and everything in between – Simcoe County’s farm scene is pretty incredible and really fun! We have pumpkin patches galore, lavender fields you won’t want to miss, sunflowers, corn mazes, tractor rides, pony rides, and all sorts of magical activities.

For more information on fun on the farm, please visit: experience.simcoe.ca/funonthefarm

The Barn Quilt Trail
The Simcoe County Barn Quilt Trail is a self-guided experience and provides a new approach to exploring the area by navigating between 163 quilt locations. It highlights the county’s many farm-based businesses and tell stories that are intrinsic to the rich fabric of Simcoe County. But what is a barn quilt, exactly? Each quilt block is painted, not sewn, as many first think, on 8x8’ aluminum panels. Using aluminum ensures that the quilts will last. The panels are attached to a wood frame and lag bolted to the structure to make sure they stand the test of the gustiest of Georgian Bay breezes.

For more information on the quilts, barn quilt locations, quilt or farm history, pick up a Simcoe County Barn Quilt Map or visit: experience.simcoe.ca/barn-quilts

U-Pick
A summer time favourite that never gets old. With your friends and basket in tow, delight in incredible scenery and never-ending Instagram worthy photo-ops! From apple-picking to strawberry fields, raspberry and blueberry bushes galore; to pumpkin patches, asparagus, peas, popping and sweet corn, and even green and yellow beans! Grab your kids or make it a day date! Jump on a wagon and fill your baskets, quite literally.

For more information on u-pick locations, please visit: experience.simcoe.ca/u-pick

TAKE A HIKE

10 MUST-DO HIKES IN SIMCOE COUNTY

Looking to get out of Dodge and disconnect from the world a little? Simcoe County is the perfect place! We have some amazingly superb trails for that much-needed “me-time” you’ve been craving. So, go on. Get out there and take a hike!

- 1) **Tiny Trail**, 23km, Moderate
Known for: 14 historic bridges and railway
Location: Wyevale – Penetanguishene

2) **Grants Woods Loop**, 1.9km, Easy
Known for: trees over 200 years old
Location: 1485 Division Rd. W., Severn

3) **Nottawasaga Bluffs**, 3.5km, Moderate
Known for: vistas and lookouts
Location: 8861 Sdrd. 15 & 16, Glen Huron

4) **Scanlon Creek Loop**, 3.5km, Moderate
Known for: wetlands and wildlife
Location: 2450 9th Line, Bradford

5) **Scouts Valley Loop**, 2km, Moderate
Known for: forest songbirds and streams
Location: 15th Line N, Orillia
- 6) **Tiffin Centre Loop**, 5km, Easy
Known for: ancient lake beds & family fun
Location: 8195 8th Line, Utopia

7) **Tottenham C.A. Loop**, 2.2km, Moderate
Known for: picnic areas, pond & beach
Location: 6787 4th Line, Tottenham

8) **Warbler Way**, 3.1 km, Easy
Known for: international forest restoration
Location: 1151 Hwy 26, Midhurst

9) **Thornton-Cookstown Trail**, 15.6km, Moderate.
Known for: “Tree Spirit” carvings
Location: 5th Sdrd. & Innisfil Bch. Rd., Essa

10) **Tiny Marsh Loop Trail**, 1.3km, Easy
Known for: birdhouses and dams
Location: 500 Tiny Flos Townline, Elmvale

For more information on all things trails, visit trails.simcoe.ca or pick up a copy of The Simcoe County Trails Guide.

