

LOCAL MUSEUMS & SIGHTS

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The areas between Prescott and Gananoque are rich in our Canadian Heritage. From the battlefield of the War of 1812 to the local grist mill, there are plenty of sites to visit this summer just outside your door.

ARTHUR CHILD HERITAGE MUSEUM

Gananoque

This museum in Gananoque features permanent and seasonal exhibits that present the cultural and natural history of the 1000 Islands. The permanent exhibits invite visitors to learn about the local ecosystems, First Nations people, early settlers, and military leaders. This summer, enjoy two new seasonal exhibits:

Through The Lens: *Revisit Gananoque's past through the photography of Lorne Prosser. As well, you will find his cameras and other memorabilia on display.*

Remembering WWI: The 100th Anniversary: *An exhibit that commemorates the sacrifices of the men and women of Gananoque during WWI.*

Where: 125 Water Street, Gananoque ON

Hours: Daily from 10-4pm

Admission: By donation

Contact: (613) 382-2535

Website:

www.1000islandsheritagemuseum.com

BROCKVILLE MUSEUM

Brockville

This museum is located in the historic downtown of Brockville. It features exhibits and programming relating to Brockville's social and commercial history on the St. Lawrence River. Here you will find displayed both early carriages and the story of Stetson Hats, a true reflection of the varied past in this city. This summer they are featuring a travelling exhibit on "Public Health" from the Ontario Archives.

Where: 5 Henry Street, Brockville ON

Hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 1-5, Victoria Day through Labour Day

Admission: Adults \$4.50

Seniors/Youth \$3.50

Children \$2.50

Family \$11.50

Contact: (613) 342-4397

Website: www.brockvillemuseum.com



FORT WELLINGTON

Prescott

Fort Wellington was built to defend the shipping route between Montreal and Kingston from possible attack by the United States during the War of 1812. It is located in the small town of Prescott, and boasts a beautiful view of the St. Lawrence River. For an additional cost, the fort offers various programs this summer, such as:

Fort Kids: *On Tuesdays from July 8th to August 19th enlist your children as a British Soldier. With this one day program, your child will experience life as it was in the 1840s.*

Guided Tour: *At 1:30pm on weekends be escorted throughout the fort by a costumed interpreter who will share exciting tales of the past. It features a 1½ hour tour of the site with period refreshments at the conclusion.*

Sunset Tour: *On July 19th and August 9th experience the fort by candlelight by taking this tour with a costumed guide at 8pm.*

Where: 370 VanKoughnet Street
Prescott ON

Hours: 10 – 5pm daily from
Canada Day to Labour Day

Admission: Adult \$3.90

Senior \$3.40

Youth \$1.90

Family \$9.80

(Up to seven people, with a maximum of two adults)

Contact: (613) 925-2896

Website: www.pc.gc.ca/eng/lhn-nhs/on/wellington/index.aspx



FULFORD PLACE MUSEUM

Brockville

Fulford Place is an incredible Edwardian mansion that overlooks the St. Lawrence River. Here you will experience the grandeur of the lavish furnishings and decor, as well as learn about the life of Senator George Taylor Fulford and his "Pink Pills for Pale People". This mansion was built between 1899-1901, and also features beautiful gardens and a tea room.

Special Events over the summer include: What They Wore to Roar - A fashion show and talk by Norma Shephard of the Mobile Millinery Museum and Costume Archives featuring clothing from the flapper era. Tickets are \$20.

Where: 287 King Street East, Brockville ON

Hours: Museum – Daily 11-4pm,
with the last tour leaving at 3:10pm,

July 1st to August 31st
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 July 1st to August 31st
Admission: Adults \$6
 Seniors/Students \$5
 Children FREE (6 and Under)
 Family \$15
 (two adults and two children/students)
 Passport \$6 (combined admission to
 Homewood and Fulford Place)
Contact: (613) 498-3003
Website: [www.heritagetrust.on.ca/
 Fulford-Place/Home.aspx](http://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/Fulford-Place/Home.aspx)



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 by the Ontario Heritage Trust*

HERITAGE PLACE MUSEUM

Lyn

In the small village of Lyn we can find the Heritage Place Museum. This 19th century building houses many artifacts and photos from Lyn's historical industrial past. It also features a working blacksmith shop.

Where: 19 Main Street West, Lyn ON
Hours: Sundays from 1-4pm,
 May to October
Admission: By donation
Contact: (613) 342-3785

HOMWOOD MUSEUM

Maitland

Located just outside of Maitland, this two-storey stone house was built in 1800 and reflects the lives of the Jones family. This site contains original furnishings and instruments of Dr. Solomon Jones. This summer, Homewood is featuring several new exhibits, including one that showcases clothing the Jones family wore. This summer, check out their special events which include:

Family Day: *On July 27th, which includes wagon rides, a pie eating contest, games, and crafts.*
Victorian Medical Show: *On July 6th at 1:30pm, there will be a presentation on Victorian medical procedures and Victorian medical equipment.*

Victorian Fashion Show: *On August 10th at 1:30pm is a Victorian Fashion Show featuring clothing from the 1860s, which some audience members will get a chance to wear.*

Where: North side of Highway 2,
 Maitland ON
Hours: 10-4pm Wednesday to Sunday,
 June 15 to September 1
Admission: Adults \$3
 Students \$1.50 (Under 16)
 Passport \$6
 (combined admission to Homewood
 and Fulford Place)
Contact: (613)498-3003
Website: [www.heritagetrust.on.ca/
 Conservation/Museums/Homewood-
 Museum.aspx](http://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/Conservation/Museums/Homewood-Museum.aspx)



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MALLORY COACH HOUSE

Mallorytown

This small house built in 1853 features a WWI exhibit honouring the 156th battalion. It also contains displays on the history of Mallorytown Glass Works. There are a number of special events this summer, including:

Blueberry Social: *On August 3rd from 1-4pm featuring live music by Fiddlers Plus. Bring a chair and spend a relaxing afternoon in the gardens.*
Mallorytown Village Fair: *On August 23rd from 9-4pm is an old fashioned fair which includes children's games, horse and wagon rides, artisans, vendors, and heritage demonstrators.*

Where: 1523 Leeds and Grenville 2,
 Mallorytown ON
Hours: Sundays from 1-4pm, until
 September 14th
Admission: By donation
Contact: (613) 923-2251



THE SPENCERVILLE MILL

Spencerville

In the small village of Spencerville one can find the Spencerville Mill. This once operational grist turned feed mill is now the last standing mill on the South Nation River. The building that we can visit today was originally built in 1864 by Robert Fairbairn, and was operational until 1972. Although the mill no longer is in operation, there are turbine demonstrations throughout the summer months during tours. Also onsite is a beautiful park with seating, and a boat launch for canoeing or kayaking on the South Nation River. Special events this summer include a music series: July 12th Music and Moonlight with Catalina, July 17th Neil Diamond Tribute Show, and July 24th Mally Krock (additional cost).

Where: 11 Water Street, Spencerville ON
Hours: 10-4pm Daily, July 1st to
 September 1st
Admission: By donation
Contact: (613) 658-5885
Website: www.spencervillemill.ca

