



# 10 THINGS YOU SHOULD DO THIS SUMMER!

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Everyone has favourite things they want to do in the summer. For the budget conscious or for the individual or family that is looking for something different to do this July & August, here are some suggestions of Events/Places/and Attractions you may want to find out about in our area!

- 10** Take a drive to **Lyndhurst & Seeleys Bay** to enjoy picnicking along the Rideau Heritage route. Lyndhurst is home to the oldest bridge in existence in Ontario, with some quaint village stores, like the Green Gecko, with great giftware & home décor. Wings Bait & Tackle, for the hunter & fisherman, they also carry comfortable Canadian made Moccasins. Lyndhurst Home Hardware Building Supply also has some interesting product for home, landscape, and renovation projects. Also, don't forget to visit Wendy's Country Market on Fortune Rd for great fresh local produce and meat. Seeleys Bay also offers some great hiking and paddling spots for the outdoor enthusiast.
- 9** **The Galop Canal – Cardinal.** The Galop Canal is a popular location amongst locals for swimming and picnics, as well as diving. The wreck of the Weehawk is located in Lock 27 at Galop Canal; divers are able to view this site and drift with the current of the St. Lawrence River to the nearby Conestoga dive site.
- 8** In **Athens**, check out the 11 Murals on a walking tour and visit various landmarks and sites in this quaint town. Athens is celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year, so please visit the town and its sites, the 36th Annual Farmersville Exhibition, on July 19-21st weekend & the 35th Annual Cornfest on Saturday August 15th. Check out the websites for further information. [www.athenslions.org/steamfair](http://www.athenslions.org/steamfair) or [www.cornfest.ca](http://www.cornfest.ca)
- 7** **Spencerville Mill** is an interesting spot to visit with daily tours from July 2nd-September 6th 10am-4pm. Check out their exhibits, the turbine and a whole lot more. On July 25 & Aug 15, 8am-12 noon, an English Car Boot Sale-Vendors selling goods from the trunks of their cars. [www.spencervillemill.ca](http://www.spencervillemill.ca)
- 6** In **Lansdowne**, there is the 151st fair on July 17-19th & a family favourite. Delta is celebrating its 185th anniversary as well this year on July 23-26. Go to [www.lansdownefair.com](http://www.lansdownefair.com) or [www.deltafair.com](http://www.deltafair.com) for more info. Check out Wiltse Creek Studio on 2935 Outlet Rd @ Charleston Lake. For locally made art/jewelry /woodcrafts [www.wiltsecreekstudio.ca](http://www.wiltsecreekstudio.ca)
- 5** **Gourmets of Gananoque** is being held this year on Saturday Aug 8th in the downtown with a delicious assortment of foods, terrific crafts and super tunes!! This is one of the most, be there events, of the year in the area for the day, and a lot of fun. [www.gananaquedowntown.com](http://www.gananaquedowntown.com)
- 4** Visit **Fort Wellington, Prescott**, and take part in an historic tour of history of one of Canada's National Historic Parks. It was built in 1812 to defend the St. Lawrence River shipping route between Montreal and Kingston from possible attack by the United States. These tours are being held on weekends in July and August. Explore Fort Wellington's history with your own guide! For only \$7.80 per person, you can be escorted on a 1 1/2 hour journey back in time with a soldier or his wife who will share exciting tales of Prescott's past. Visits are also available daily without a guide for \$3.90 per person.
- 3** **Downtown Brockville's Summer Sidewalk sales**-Check out the great sales this summer on Saturday July 11 & August 15th as merchants in the downtown bring merchandise outside. There will be entertainment, and fun family activities, offered by the DBIA Brockville as the downtown streets will be full of activity.
- 2** **Mallorytown Landing, 1000 Islands National Park**-Visit its 2-km trail with easy & moderate hiking loops, Geocaches, Visitor centre with live animals, hands-on exhibits, Aboriginal stories, children's activities, outdoor exhibits and artwork, interpretive programs, playground, boat launch, picnic area and a great scenic river view. The Visitor Centre is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, from June 27 to September 7th. Also visit the Mallorytown Fair on August 22nd, 9am - 4pm
- 1** **Sunday Concerts in the Park in Brockville.** From July 12 to August 30th, a showcase of different music will be at 7pm-8pm @ Hardy Park. These are incredible performances by various musicians and best of all it is all Free! Bring your lawn chair or blanket. In case of rain the concerts will be held at St. John's United Church, located at the corner of King Street East and Park Street. Check out the schedule @ [www.brockvilletourism.com](http://www.brockvilletourism.com).