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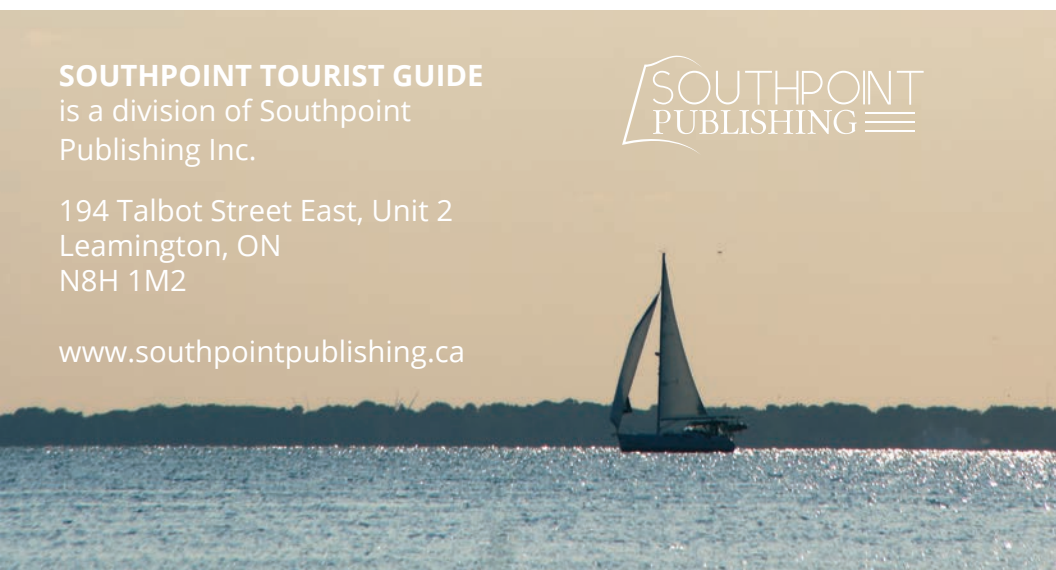
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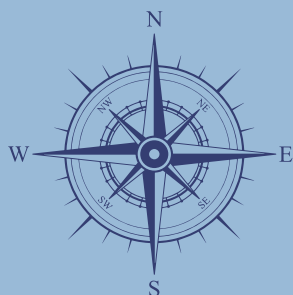
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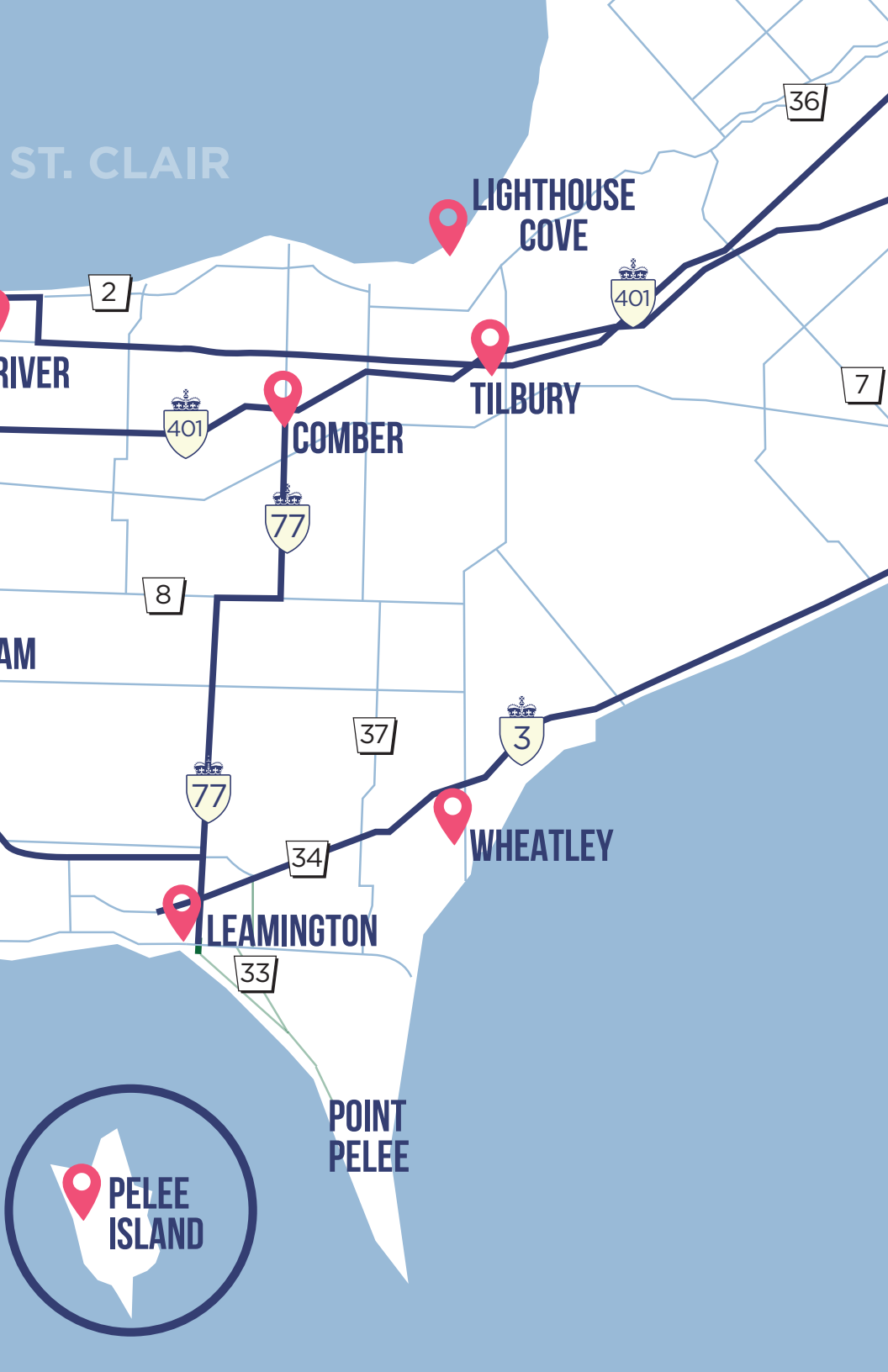
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# OVERVIEW

**POPULATION: 29,700**

- Leamington is home to the largest concentration of greenhouses in North America.
- Leamington is a popular area for birders, with large numbers of avian enthusiasts “flocking” to the area each May.

## HISTORY

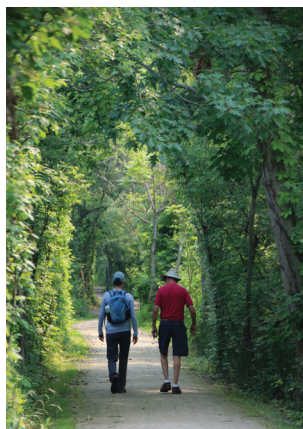
- In 2010, an F1 tornado ripped through the south part of town along the Lake Erie shoreline.
- The Heinz factory operated in Leamington for 105 years, opening in 1909 and closing in 2014. You can still see the massive smoke stack near the corner of Oak St. and Erie St. The factory is now owned and operated by Highbury Canco.



Seacliff Beach

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- In 2024, Leamington celebrated its 150th anniversary with a summer full of celebrations.
- Leamington is called the “Tomato Capital of Canada”. In honour of this nickname, you will find a giant tomato in the middle of town at the intersection of Talbot St., Mill St. and Fox St.
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Point Pelee National Park

## ATTRACTIONS

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- Leamington Marina
- Point Pelee National Park
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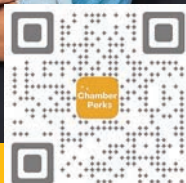


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# OVERVIEW

POPULATION: 22,100

- Kingsville is known for its quaint downtown area filled with restaurants, breweries and shops.
- The town features many historic Victorian homes including a number that have received official heritage designation.

## HISTORY

- In the late 19th century, Kingsville became a popular destination for Canadian and American tourists. Entrepreneur Hiram Walker established a rail line from Windsor to Kingsville and built the Mettawas Hotel in Kingsville in 1889.
- Jack Miner, known as “the father of conservation”, established his famous bird sanctuary in Kingsville in 1904.



Jack Miner Sanctuary

## FUN FACTS

- A number of local breweries are named after the history of Kingsville, including The Banded Goose Brewery, named in honour of conservationist Jack Miner, and The Grove Brew House, named after a wooded area of Kingsville that was nicknamed Paradise Grove in the late 19th century.
- On the third Saturday in the summer months, the Kingsville Block Party takes place with certain streets closed to traffic in the evening to allow for dining and activities on the streets.



Lakeside Park

## ATTRACTIONS

- Cedar Beach
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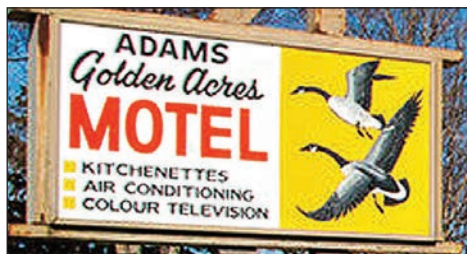


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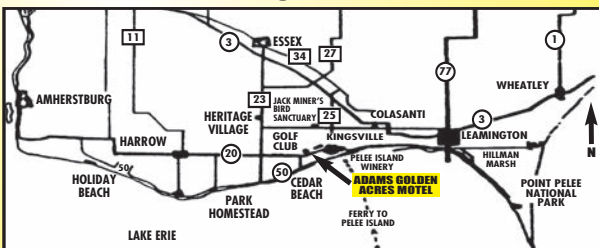
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## OVERVIEW

POPULATION: 1,000

- Cottam is a mostly residential hamlet with a growing number of shops and establishments.
- It is a popular residential area due to the town's central location in Essex County and its proximity to Highway 3, allowing for easy access to Windsor and other parts of the county.



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## OVERVIEW

POPULATION OF COLCHESTER: 2,300

POPULATION OF HARROW: 2,600

- Colchester has a rich history including involvement in the Proclamation of 1792, the War of 1812 and the Underground Railroad.
- Harrow is a community rich in agriculture.
- The town is a popular stop for those taking a trip to the local wineries.
- The Harrow Fair, established in 1854, is one of Ontario's oldest fairs. It runs Labour Day weekend and features events like tractor pull, horse show, lawnmower races, mom calling contest, pie auction, crafters alley, food and entertainment.



Colchester Beach



Harrow Fair

## ATTRACTIONS

- Colchester Beach
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POPULATION: 3,060

- Wheatley is known as the “Freshwater Fishing Capital of the World”. It is the largest fresh water commercial fishing port in the world and it is home to a number of fish processing facilities.

## HISTORY

- Wheatley was named after the first settler, Richard Wheatley. Prior to being incorporated as Wheatley, the village was called Pegtown.
- Wheatley has been the site of two explosions that have caused extensive damage to the downtown area. The first occurred in 1936 and the second occurred in August 2021. Despite the setback, the town has rallied and many of the businesses affected have re-opened. A large green space now sits in the middle of town with plans to further develop.



Wheatley Harbour

## FUN FACTS

- Wheatley was once featured as an answer on Jeopardy.
- The iconic Maid of the Mist sightseeing boat that brought tourists to the base of Niagara Falls was built at Hike Metal in Wheatley. Hike Metal also built the boat that replaced the Maid of the Mist when it was retired in 2013.



Wheatley Arena Splash Pad

## ATTRACTIONS


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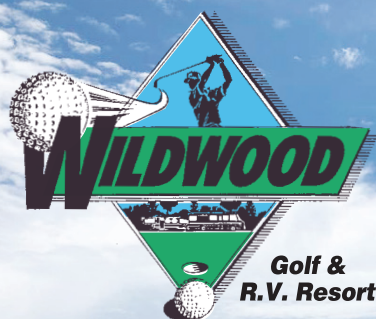


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# OVERVIEW

**POPULATION:** 300 permanent residents / approximately 1,500 in summer

- Pelee Island is 30 km south of Leamington and covers 10,000 acres. It is 12.5 km long and 6 km wide.
- Pelee Island is known for its natural beauty and ecological importance. It is home to several unique plant and animal species, including the endangered Blue Racer snake and the Pelee Island sow-thistle, a rare flowering plant.

## GETTING THERE

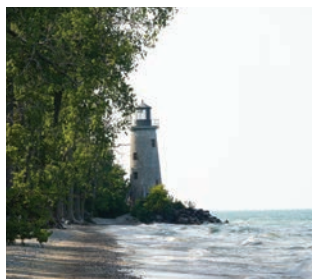
- The island is accessible by ferry service, with the ferry departing Leamington from April until late July, and after that leaving from Kingsville until early December.
- Cars can be brought over on the ferry, however, spaces are limited and often sell out.
- Pelee Island can also be accessed by personal watercraft or by flying into Pelee Island Airport.



Ferry to Pelee Island

## HISTORY

- Pelee Island was the home of Canada's first commercial winery, Vin Villa, founded in 1866. The island's climate and soil conditions are conducive to grape cultivation, making it an ideal location for viticulture.



Pelee Island Lighthouse

## FUN FACTS

- Pelee Island is home to some of the most provincially rare plants and animals.
- More than 300 species of birds have been spotted on Pelee Island.
- The annual Pelee Island Winery Half Marathon is Canada's most southerly half marathon. The popular event sells out quickly each year and has participants run around the island with the finish line at the winery.



*Photo courtesy of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee*

For more information visit [PELEE.ORG](http://PELEE.ORG)





PLEASE NOTE: The following is a list of events that were scheduled as of press time in early spring. As dates may change and events may be added or cancelled, please refer to the websites below for the most up-to-date information.

Municipality of Kingsville: [kingsville.ca](http://kingsville.ca) | [visitkingsvilleontario.ca](http://visitkingsvilleontario.ca)

Municipality of Leamington: [leamington.ca](http://leamington.ca) | [visitleamington.ca](http://visitleamington.ca)

Municipality of Essex: [essex.ca](http://essex.ca)

Municipality of Chatham-Kent: [chatham-kent.ca](http://chatham-kent.ca) | [visitck.ca](http://visitck.ca)

Township of Pelee: [pelee.org](http://pelee.org)

Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island: [visitwindsoressex.com](http://visitwindsoressex.com)

EPIC Wineries: [epicwineries.com](http://epicwineries.com)



Leamington Fair

## MAY

### Festival of Birds

May 1 - 19

Point Pelee National Park

### WODL Drama Festival

May 14-18

The Bank Theatre, Leamington

### Leamington Fair

May 22 - 25

Leamington Fairgrounds



Festival of Birds



Cottam Block Party

## JUNE

### Cottam Block Party

June 21

### Lavender Festival

June 21 - 22

Serenity Lavender Farm, Harrow

### Wheatley Fish Festival

June 27 - 29 Wheatley Harbour,

Downtown, Arena



Fish Festival



Canada Day

## JULY

### Canada Day Celebrations

July 1 - Canada Day Concert

Seacliff Park, Leamington

Kingsville Canada Day events



Canada Day

### Arts At The Marina

July 26 - 27

Lakeside Marina, Leamington

### Kingsville Pro Rodeo

July 25 - 27

County Road 27, Woodslee



Arts At The Marina



Rodeo





Hogs For Hospice



Harrow Fair



Migration Festival



OnThe42 Concert Series



Harness Racing

## AUGUST

### Big Boyz Fishing Derby

August 1 - 4  
Wheatley Harbour

### Hogs For Hospice

August 1 - 3  
Seacliff Park, Leamington

### Leamington Ribfest

August 1 - 3  
Seacliff Park, Leamington

### Harrow Fair

August 28 - 31  
Harrow Fairgrounds

## SEPTEMBER

### Ruthven Apple Festival

Sept. 27 - 28  
Colasanti's Tropical Gardens

## OCTOBER

### Migration Festival

October 16 - 19  
Various locations, Kingsville

## MULTIPLE DATES

### Two Creeks Concert Series

Every Sunday, June 1 - Aug. 31  
Two Creeks Conservation Area

### Marina Patio Nights

Friday nights in the summer  
Leamington Marina

### Music OnThe42 concert series

July 1, 19 • August 9, 16, 30  
Leamington's SUNSET®  
Amphitheatre

### Mill Street Market

June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12  
Mill Street, Leamington

### Kingsville Block Party

July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20

### Harness Racing

Aug. 10 - Nov. 2  
Leamington Raceway



Kingsville Music Festival



Ribfest



Apple Festival



Mill Street Market



Kingsville Block Party





# PARKS & GREEN SPACE

## COLCHESTER

Colchester Park - 100 Jackson Street

## COTTAM

Rotary Park - County Road 34

Ridgeview Park - 124 Fox Street

## HARROW

Fairgrounds Park - 243 McAfee Street

## KINGSVILLE

Cedar Creek Conservation Area - 1559 Arner Townline

Cedar Island Park & Beach - 851 Cedar Island Drive

Lakeside Park - 315 Queen Street

Kennedy Woods - 332 Road 3 West

## LEAMINGTON

Hillman Marsh - 1826 Mersea Road 2

Kopegaron Woods - County Road 34

Mersea Park - 651 Point Pelee Drive

Point Pelee National Park - 1118 Point Pelee Drive

Seacliff Park - 24 Seacliff Drive West

## WHEATLEY

Two Creeks Conservation Area - 21638 1 Kent Road

Wheatley Arboretum and Learning Trail - 196 Erie N.

Wheatley Provincial Park - 21116 Klondyke Road

## CHRYSLER CANADA GREENWAY

The Chrysler Canada Greenway is a 48km multi-use trail that was previously an abandoned railway.

The popular nature trail spans a large section of Essex County, passing through the communities of Ruthven, Kingsville and Harrow. It is most often used for hiking, biking, running and birding.



Colchester Park



Point Pelee National Park



Chrysler Greenway

# DOG PARKS

## KINGSVILLE

Linden Beach Dog Park - 103 Golfview Drive

Repko Dog Park - 440 Rd 2 East

## LEAMINGTON

Rotary Leash Free Dog Park - 435 Bevel Line





# BEACHES

## COLCHESTER

Colchester Park - 100 Jackson Street

## KINGSVILLE

Cedar Beach Conservation Area - 1031 Heritage Road

Cedar Island Beach - 851 Cedar Island Drive

## LEAMINGTON

Point Pelee National Park - 1118 Point Pelee Drive

Seacliff Park - 24 Seacliff Drive West

## WHEATLEY

Getty's Beach - 22 Kay Avenue



Cedar Island Beach

# SPLASH PADS

## COLCHESTER

Colchester Park - 100 Jackson Street

## COTTAM

Ridgeview Park - 124 Fox Street

## HARROW

Fairgrounds Park - 243 McAfee Street

## KINGSVILLE

Lakeside Park - 315 Queen Street

## LEAMINGTON

Seacliff Park - 24 Seacliff Drive West

Mersea Park - 651 Point Pelee Drive

## WHEATLEY

Wheatley Arena - 196 Erie Street North



Seacliff Park

# PLAYGROUNDS

## COLCHESTER

Colchester Park - 100 Jackson Street

## COTTAM

Ridgeview Park - 124 Fox Street

## HARROW

Fairgrounds Park - 243 McAfee Street

## KINGSVILLE

Cedar Island Park & Beach - 851 Cedar Island Drive

Kingsville Recreation Complex - 1471 Jasperson Lane

Lakeside Park - 315 Queen Street

## LEAMINGTON

Leamington Marina - 90 Robson Road

Mersea Park - 651 Point Pelee Drive

Seacliff Park - 24 Seacliff Drive West



Mersea Park Playground



Kingsville Recreation Complex







## ART GALLERIES

### KINGSVILLE

Carnegie Arts & Visitor Centre  
28 Division Street South

### LEAMINGTON

Leamington Arts Centre  
72 Talbot Street West



Leamington Arts Centre

## THEATRES

### LEAMINGTON

The Bank Theatre  
10 Erie Street South



The Bank Theatre

## MUSEUMS

### ESSEX

John R. Park Homestead  
915 Essex County Road 50

### KINGSVILLE

Canadian Transportation Museum  
6155 Arner Townline

Kingsville Military Museum  
145 Division Street South



John R. Park Homestead

## CONCERT VENUES

### KINGSVILLE

Grovedale Arts & Culture Centre  
103 Park Street

### LEAMINGTON

Leamington Marina and Rick Atkin Park  
90 Robson Road

Sunset Amphitheatre  
24 Seaciff Drive West

The Bank Theatre  
10 Erie Street South

### WHEATLEY

Two Creeks Conservation Area  
21638 Kent Road 1



Sunset Amphitheatre



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