

Wellington  
County

# FESTIVALS AND EVENTS GUIDE 2016



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# IT'S IN WELLINGTON COUNTY

# YEAR-ROUND FUN LOVERS



David Rogers and Company in *The Music Man*, Drayton Entertainment, 2015 Season

Welcome to our Festivals and Events Guide for 2016!

There's always something to do or see in Wellington County!

**Exploration and adventure await you in Wellington County.** Whether it's to spend a day out with your friends or family, a new experience is waiting for you.

Our **seven municipalities** are home to great food, big celebrations, seasonal parties and an appreciation of heritage, culture and music. Fairs, concerts, activities and fun – enjoy everything our County has to offer!

Explore Wellington County at [www.experiencewellington.ca](http://www.experiencewellington.ca)

In addition to our popular seasonal celebrations, we find lots of other reasons to have a good time throughout the year! Enjoy year-round experiences like the **Drayton Festival Theatre** where you can watch the finest live performances from plush seating in a historic 1902 opera house. [www.draytonentertainment.com](http://www.draytonentertainment.com)

There are hundreds of other opportunities to let loose and enjoy festivities in Wellington County. Visit our website to find your next experience.







## An event not to miss!

Sample Wellington County for a “fresh taste of farming” at the **International Plowing Match and Rural Expo** (September 20 – 24) in the Town of Minto. From wagon tours and antiques to quilt shows and souvenirs, there’s something for everyone.

[www.plowingmatch.org](http://www.plowingmatch.org)

## Celebrate with us!

Join in the celebrations as the entire County plays host for **Canada Day** events on July 1. Thousands of friends, family and visitors gather throughout Wellington County for unique celebrations. We honour Canada’s birthday in a big way with barbecues, live music, activities and fireworks.



## CHECK OUT THESE OTHER CANADA DAY EVENTS

- Arthur Optimist Canada Day
- Drayton Canada Day
- Elora Canada Day
- Fergus Canada Day
- Harriston Canada Day, June 26
- Orton Canada Day
- Puslinch Optimist Canada Day



# CULTURAL CELEBRATORS



Enjoy intimate musical experiences like no other!

For 36 years the **Elora Festival** has been hosting three weeks of international-calibre classical, choral, world and jazz music in the month of July. Don't miss our celebration in song (July 8 – 24) in the picturesque village of Elora! [www.elorafestival.com](http://www.elorafestival.com)

**Riverfest Elora** is a summer celebration of music, food, community and art set on the banks of the Grand River in Bissell Park. Be part of this great three-day celebration (August 19 – 21). [www.riverfestelora.com](http://www.riverfestelora.com)





# DAZZLING FAMILY FUN



Ignite your summertime plans with a spectacular fireworks display!

The **16th annual Mount Forest Fireworks Festival** (July 15 – 17) has been one of Ontario's Top 100 Festivals for nine consecutive years. Ignite your weekend and enjoy family fun for all ages: Amusements, live entertainment, classic car show, kids' zone, a demolition derby, great food, great fun, and of course a spectacular fireworks display!

[www.mountforestfireworks.ca](http://www.mountforestfireworks.ca)



## MORE SPECTACULAR EVENTS

**Arthur Lions Duck Race Plus:**  
May 14, McPherson Park, Arthur

**Skyburst Elora:**  
May 28, Grand River Raceway

**Touch a Truck:**  
June 18, Harriston and Minto  
Community Centre

**Hillside Festival:**  
July 22 – 24, Guelph Lake Conservation Area



# BUFFS FOR THE CLASSICS



## Keep truckin' in Wellington County!

Relive the golden years of trucking at the **Clifford Classic Truck Show** (July 1 – 2), the largest classic and antique big rig show in Ontario. Everyone – from truck lovers and families to the curious – are welcome to enjoy good times at this informal celebration.

[www.greatlakestruckclub.com](http://www.greatlakestruckclub.com)

Enjoy an evening of great cars, live music, food and beverages under the glow of ball diamond lights at the **Mapleton Custom Rodders Car Show** (June 17). A must for car enthusiasts!

[www.mapleton.ca](http://www.mapleton.ca)



## MORE CLASSICS

### **Mount Forest Kinsmen Classic Car Show:**

July 16, Main Street, Mount Forest

### **Fergus Truck Show:**

July 22 – 24, Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus

### **Leslie Motors Classic Auto Show:**

August 13, Downtown Harriston

### **Spirit in the Hills Family Fun Day and Classic Car Show:**

August 20, Hillsburgh

### **Arthur Ford and Mercury Truck Nationals:**

August 20 – 21, Arthur Fairgrounds

### **Alma Car Show:**

August 27, Wallace Cummings Park, Alma

### **Antique and Classic Car Show:**

August 28, Wellington County Museum and Archives





## March to the beat of your own drum!

The **Hillside Festival** is one of Canada's best loved musical events! This three-day celebration (July 22 – 24) features a diverse blend of musical genres in a relaxed, festival environment. The Festival is a not-for-profit event that celebrates creativity through artistic expression, community engagement and environmental leadership.

[www.hillsidefestival.ca](http://www.hillsidefestival.ca)



**DON'T MISS OUT ON  
THESE OTHER CELEBRATIONS**

### **Splash Bash:**

June 11, Palmerston Lion's Heritage Park

### **Party in the Park:**

June 25, Palmerston Lion's Heritage Park

### **Eden Mills Writers Festival:**

September 18, Downtown Eden Mills

### **Elora Lantern Tour:**

October 24, Downtown Elora

### **Fergus Lantern Tour:**

October 28, Downtown Fergus



# HIGHLAND ENTHUSIASTS



Since 1946 we've been celebrating the best of Scottish culture!

The **Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games** is one of North America's largest and longest-running celebrations of Scottish culture. Each year more than 30,000 visitors come together in Fergus, rich in history and heritage, to visit its historic pubs and sample fine Scotch whiskies.

This three-day event (August 12 - 14) combines modern and traditional Celtic music with heavy events and dance. Research your family history, visit artisans and authors, take in a historical lecture or kilt-making lesson, take a downtown historical walking tour, salute the Highland Warrior or visit Templin Gardens. It's Scotland without the airfare.  
[www.fergusscottishfestival.com](http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com)

**CULTURE BUFFS SHOULD  
ALSO TRY THESE ON FOR SIZE**

**Rockwood Pioneer Day:**

June 11, Lloyd Dyer Park, Rockwood

**Pipes, Plaid, Pageantry Parade:**

August 11, Downtown Fergus

**Spirit Walk at the Poor House:**

October 20 – 30, Wellington County  
Museum and Archives





# FAIR FANS



Come enjoy the bounty of our County – food, fun and entertainment!



Hundreds of yearly festivals are held throughout the County, some of the most popular being our traditional Fall Fairs that celebrate the harvest, our history and community fun. The festivities, like those at the **Erin Fall Fair** (October 6 – 10), feature live entertainment, livestock and horse shows, amusements, fresh-baked food, truck and tractor pulls and demolition derbys!

THERE ARE FAIRS  
HAPPENING ALL OVER THE COUNTY

**Drayton Fair:** August 5 – 7

**Palmerston Fair:** August 26 – 28

**Mount Forest Fall Fair:** September 4 – 5

**Arthur Fall Fair:** September 8 – 11

**Aberfoyle Fall Fair:** September 9 – 10

**Fergus Fall Fair:** September 16 – 18

**Harriston-Minto Fall Fair:** September 16 – 18

**Erin Fall Fair:** October 6 – 10



# BOOK LOVERS



Scenic surroundings to enjoy great literature!

The **Eden Mills Writers' Festival** (September 18), a nationally-acclaimed literary event, is held in beautiful downtown Eden Mills along the banks of the Eramosa River. Enjoy readings and visit the authors and vendors along Publishers' Way! Come to Eden Mills and get lost in words!

[www.edenmillswritersfestival.ca](http://www.edenmillswritersfestival.ca)



**IF YOU ENJOY THE ARTS,  
TRY THESE EVENTS TOO**

**Norgan Theatre Big Film Fest:**

Year-round, Norgan Theatre, Palmerston

**Elora Acoustic Café:**

Year-round, Wellington County Museum and Archives

**Basement Café Concert:**

Featuring Katherine Wheatley  
May 14, Harriston Library

**Elora Writers' Festival:**

May 29, Wellington County Museum and Archives

**Harvest Home Festival:**

September 25, Wellington County Museum and Archives



# WELL-ROOTED



We're proud of our heritage and we show it!

**Doors Open Erin** (June 11) lets visitors “peek behind the curtains” and explore the rich heritage and architecture of the communities of the Town of Erin. Enjoy historical sites, live entertainment, art displays, gardens and more (Fergus and Elora: June 18; Wellington North: September 17).

We're known for our rich heritage and revel in it during events throughout the year such as **Culture Days** (September 30 – October 2) which celebrates art and culture with free, hands-on interactive activities throughout our communities.



YOU ARE WELCOME TO  
OUR OTHER CELEBRATIONS

### **Erin Summer Celebration:**

May 28, Downtown Erin

### **Angelstone International Show Jumping Tournaments:**

August 30 – September 4, “The International”

**Erin Studio Tour:** September 17 – 18  
and 24 – 25

### **Elora Fergus Studio Tour:**

September 24 – 25 and October 1 – 2





## Real food grown locally just tastes better!

The **Aberfoyle Farmers' Market** showcases a variety of fresh produce and prepared food, including baked goods, meat products, fruits and vegetables.

We have lots of other markets to explore.



### TASTY EXPERIENCES

#### **Elora Farmers' Market:**

April 30 – December 24, Saturdays from 9am – 1pm

#### **Wellington North Farmers' Market: Mount Forest**

May 13 – October 7, Fridays from 3pm – 6:30pm

#### **Aberfoyle Farmers' Market:**

May 28 – October 29, Saturdays from 8am – 1pm

#### **Minto Farmers' Market: Harriston**

June 3 – August 26, Fridays from 3pm – 6pm

#### **Minto Farmers' Market: Palmerston**

June 4 – August 27, Saturdays from 9am – 12pm

#### **Rockwood Farmers' Market and Live Music:**

June 15 – October 5, Wednesdays from 4pm – 7pm

#### **Erin Farmers' Market:**

June 24 – September 30, Fridays from 3pm – 7pm

#### **Mapleton Market:**

July 9 – October 1, Saturdays from 8am – 12pm





Food grown close to home!



Whether you are looking for an independent restaurant showcasing handcrafted local fare, artisan bakeries or a local food shop, **Taste Real** is here to help you find your way to great local food. When you see the Taste Real logo, you know you have found food that is grown close to home.

The **Local Food Fest** (June 26) celebrates local food with a farmers' market, hands-on food skills workshops, local food and brew, samples, local bands, kids' activities, wagon rides and more!  
[www.tastereal.ca](http://www.tastereal.ca)

## TEMPT YOUR TASTEBUDS

### **Butter Tarts and Buggies:**

Year-round, Wellington North, Minto

### **Sensational Soup Off:**

October 10, Wellington County Museum and Archives



# BUTTER TARTS AND BUGGIES



Explore the simpler life!

Explore **Butter Tarts and Buggies** in the rural areas of Minto, Wellington North and Southgate where you'll come across a variety of butter tart flavours and other dessert creations and inventions. Enjoy local food, handcrafted items and businesses connected to the horse and buggy culture. You may even get an opportunity to have a buggy ride. How sweet is that!?

[www.buttertartsandbuggies.com](http://www.buttertartsandbuggies.com)

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



We brighten up the holidays!

Carriages, tree-lighting, late-night shopping and **Santa Claus Parades** (November – December). Ring in the holiday season in the County with spectacular lights and downtown parades.

You won't want to miss the **Rockwood Farmer's Parade** (December 8) and **Erin's Window Wonderland** (November 18).

COME TO OUR  
FOOD FESTS

**taste·real**  
FROM THE GROUND UP  
GUELPH WELLINGTON LOCAL FOOD

**Spring Rural Romp:** May 28,  
Mapleton, Minto and Wellington North  
**Local Food Fest:** June 26,  
Ignatius Jesuit Centre, Guelph/Eramosa  
**Fall Rural Romp:** September 24,  
Guelph/Eramosa, Puslinch and Centre Wellington  
**Harvest Home Festival:** September 25,  
Wellington County Museum and Archives





# EVENT LISTINGS

## YEAR-ROUND

**2016 Elora Sculpture Project**  
**Aberfoyle Mill Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre**  
**Arthur Historical Rooms**  
**Butter Tarts and Buggies, Wellington North, Minto**  
**Century Church Theatre, Hillsburgh**  
**Drayton Festival Theatre**  
**Elora Acoustic Café**  
**Elora Cataract Trailway**  
**Elora Culinary Walking Tour**  
**Fergus Bridal Tour**  
**Fergus Grand Theatre**  
**Grand River Raceway, Elora**  
**Harriston Town Hall Theatre**  
**John Webb Gallery, Harriston**  
**Minto Arts Gallery, Harriston**  
**Mount Forest Museum and Archives**  
**Norgan Theatre, Palmerston**  
**OLG Slots, Elora**  
**Ontario Steam Heritage Museum, Puslinch**  
**Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum**  
**The Gorge Cinema, Elora**  
**Wellington Artists' Art Centre and Gallery, Fergus**  
**Wellington County Museum and Archives**

## SEASONAL

**Aberfoyle Antique Market**  
April 24 – October 30, 57 Brock Road South  
**Elora Farmers' Market**  
April 30 – October 22, Bissell Park  
October 29 – December 24, Grand River Raceway  
**White Rock Ostrich Farm**  
May 1 – October 1, Rockwood  
**Drayton Festival Theatre**  
May 12 – September 3, Drayton  
**Wellington North Farmers' Market**  
May 13 – October 7, King Street East,  
Mount Forest  
**Aberfoyle Farmers' Market**  
May 28 – October 29, 23 Brock Road South

## Elora Skyrider Zipline

June 1 – September 30, Elora Gorge

## McClintock's Ski School and Recreational Waterskiing

June 1 – August 31, Puslinch Lake

## Minto Farmers' Market: Harriston

June 3 – August 26, Tannery Park, Harriston

## Minto Farmers' Market: Palmerston

June 4 – August 27, Palmerston Heritage Railway Museum

## Rockwood Farmers' Market and Live Music

June 15 – October 5, 112 Main Street, Rockwood

## Erin Farmers' Market

June 24 – September 30, Erin Fairgrounds

## Mapleton Market

July 9 – October 1, Drayton Fairgrounds

## MAY

### Dollhouse Miniatures Show and Sale

May 1, Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus

### EW- CS High Tea and High Heels

May 1, St. Andrew's Church, Hillsburgh

### Fergus Lions Club Home and Leisure Show

May 4 – 6, Centre Wellington Sportsplex

### Elora Festival Annual Giant Book Sale

May 6 – 8, Elora Curling Club

### Elora Mohawks Mental Health Awareness and Charity Lacrosse Game

May 7, Arthur Community Centre

### Shimano Take a Kid Fishing Day

May 7, Belwood Lake Conservation Area

### Fish Fry

May 12, Puslinch Community Centre

### Spring Rain Weekend

May 13 – 15, Belwood Hall

### Basement Café Concert featuring Katherine Wheatley

May 14, Harriston Library

### Arthur Lions Duck Race Plus

May 14, McPherson Park, Aurthur

### Best Bloomin' Plant Sale

May 14, Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus

## **Elora en Plein Air 'Grand River Painting Festival'**

May 19 – 22, Elora

## **Musical Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre**

May 20 – 21, Grand River Raceway

## **Children's Fishing Derby**

May 28, Cosen's Pond, Moorefield

## **Belwood Lions Pike Derby**

May 28 – 29, Belwood Lake Conservation Area

## **Eden Mills Arts Festival**

May 28 – 29, Eden Mills Community Centre

## **Erin Village BIA Summer Celebration**

May 28, Downtown Erin

## **Skyburst Elora**

May 28, Grand River Raceway

## **Spring Rural Romp**

May 28, Mapleton, Minto and Wellington North

## **Elora Writers' Festival**

May 29, Wellington County Museum and Archives

## **Food Cycle Ride**

May 29, Elora Public School

## **Grand River Raceway Open House – Horse Racing**

## **Behind the Scenes**

May 29, Grand River Raceway

## **JUNE**

## **Chicken Barbeque**

June 2, Puslinch Community Centre

## **15th Annual Garden Festival**

June 4, Harriston Community Centre Pavilion

## **Emergency 91Run**

June 5, Palmerston Lion's Park

## **Splash Bash**

June 11, Palmerston Lion's Heritage Park

## **Doors Open Erin**

June 11, Town of Erin

## **Rockwood Pioneer Day**

June 11, Lloyd Dyer Park, Rockwood

## **Historical Automobile Society Antique Car Show and Sale**

June 11 – 12, Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus

## **Donkey Day**

June 12, The Donkey Sanctuary, Puslinch

## **Sensational Elora's Fabulous Fergus Pub Night**

June 16, Fergus

## **Mapleton Custom Rodders Car Show**

June 17, Moorefield Ball Diamonds

## **Doors Open Fergus and Elora**

June 18, Fergus and Elora

## **Doors Open Historical Walking Tours**

June 18, Fergus and Elora

## **Fergus Teddy Bear Caper**

June 18, Downtown Fergus

## **Touch a Truck**

June 18, Harriston and Minto Community Centre

## **Subaru Triathlon Series – Guelph Lake**

June 18 – 19, Guelph Lake Conservation Area

## **Fergus Horticultural Society Garden Tour**

June 19, Fergus

## **Party in the Park**

June 25, Palmerston Lion's Heritage Park

## **Canada Day Celebration – Harriston**

June 26, Crossroads Life Church, Harriston

## **Celebrate Sunrise Summer Fundraiser**

June 26, Sunrise Therapeutic Riding and Learning Centre, Puslinch

## **Local Food Fest**

June 26, Ignatius Jesuit Centre, Guelph/Eramosa

## **JULY**

## **Canada Day Fireworks Display**

July 1, Drayton Fairgrounds

## **Canada Day Fireworks – Fergus**

July 1, Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus

## **Dominion Day Elora**

July 1, MacDonald Square and Bissell Park

## **Orton's Annual Canada Day Celebration**

July 1, Orton

## **Puslinch Canada Day Pancake Breakfast and Fireworks**

July 1, Puslinch Community Centre

## **Arthur Optimists Canada Day Weekend Celebration**

July 1 – 3, Arthur Fairgrounds and Community Centre

## **Clifford Classic Truck Show**

July 1 – 2, Clifford Rotary Park



### **Holstein Rodeo**

July 1 – 3, A Bar K Ranch, Holstein

### **Get in Touch for Hutch**

July 2, Arthur Community Centre

### **Grassland Summer Concert Series**

July 3 – August 28, Elora

### **Simple Pleasures for the Summer**

July 6 – August 31, Wellington County Museum and Archives

### **Music at the Museum**

July 7, Wellington County Museum and Archives

### **Annual Wiener Dog Race**

July 8, Grand River Raceway, Elora

### **Drayton Kinsmen Smoke and Sounds Festival**

July 8 – 9, Drayton Fairgrounds

### **FEDS Annual Special Needs Soccer Festival**

July 9, Victoria Park, Fergus

### **Belwood Lake Triathlon**

July 9, Belwood Lake Conservation Area

### **Elora Festival**

July 8 – 24, Elora

### **Conestogo Lake Annual Fishing Derby**

July 10, Conestogo Lake Conservation Area

### **Music at the Museum**

July 14, Wellington County Museum and Archives

### **Mount Forest Fireworks Festival**

July 15 – 17, Mount Forest

### **Mount Forest Kinsmen Classic Car Show**

July 16, Main Street, Mount Forest

### **Halton Hills Rams Master Lacrosse Club Goat's Classic Tournament**

July 16 – 17, Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus

### **Music at the Museum**

July 21, Wellington County Museum and Archives

### **Fergus Truck Show**

July 22 – 24, Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus

### **Hillside Festival**

July 22 – 24, Guelph Lake Conservation Area

### **Palmerston Tractor Pull**

July 23, Palmerston

### **Music at the Museum**

July 28, Wellington County Museum and Archives

### **Jeff Davie Memorial 3-Pitch Tournament**

July 29 – August 31, Palmerston and Harriston

### **Sensational Elora's Film on a Plate**

July 30, Mill Street West, Elora

## **AUGUST**

### **Grand River Raceway Industry Day**

August 1, Grand River Raceway, Elora

### **Music at the Museum**

August 4 and 11, Wellington County Museum and Archives

### **Drayton Fair**

August 5 – 7, Drayton Fairgrounds

### **Pipes, Plaid and Pageantry Parade**

August 11, Downtown Fergus

### **Fergus Scottish Festival – Historical Walking Tours**

August 12 – 13, Downtown Fergus

### **Psychic Fair**

August 12 – 13, The Bookery, Fergus

### **Fergus Scottish Festival – Downtown Edition!**

August 12 – 14, Downtown Fergus

### **Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games**

August 12 – 14, Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus

### **Downtown Harriston Street Party**

August 13, Harriston

### **Fergus Ghost Walk**

August 13, The Bookery, Fergus

### **Leslie Motors 50th Anniversary All Ford/Mercury/**

### **Lincoln Antique Classic Car Show**

August 13, Downtown Harriston

### **Campin and Jammin in the Park**

August 19 – 21, Drayton Fairgrounds

### **Riverfest Elora**

August 19 – 21, Bissell Park, Elora

### **Spirit in the Hills Family Fun Day and Classic**

### **Car Show**

August 20, Hillsburgh

### **Arthur Ford and Mercury Truck Nationals**

August 20 – 21, Arthur Fairgrounds

### **Grand River Truck and Tractor Pull**

August 26 – 27, Grand River Raceway, Elora

### **Palmerston Fair "How Sweet It Is... Honey"**

August 26 – 28, Palmerston Fairgrounds

## **Alma Car Show**

August 27, Wallace Cummings Park, Alma

## **Antique and Classic Car Show**

August 28, Wellington County Museum and Archives

## **Tri Kids Triathlon**

August 28, Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus

## **Angelstone International Show Jumping Tournaments**

August 30 – September 4

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **Subaru Triathlon Series – Guelph Lake**

September 3, Guelph Lake Conservation Area

### **Mount Forest Fall Fair**

September 4 – 5, Mount Forest Fairgrounds

### **Arthur Fall Fair “Sew it, Grow it, Show it”**

September 8 – 11, Arthur Fairgrounds

### **Erin Garden Club’s Annual Plant Sale**

September 9, McMillan Park, Erin

### **Fergus BIA Classic Car Show**

September 9, Fergus

### **Aberfoyle Fall Fair and Tractor Pull**

September 9 – 10, Aberfoyle Fairgrounds

### **RCMP Musical Ride**

September 10, Erin Fairgrounds

### **8th Annual Road Kill Race**

September 11, Alma Community Centre

### **Fergus Fall Fair**

September 16 – 18, Centre Wellington Sportsplex

### **Harriston-Minto Fall Fair “Keep Calm and Plow On”**

September 16 – 18, Harriston

### **Doors Open Wellington North**

September 17, Various sites

### **Erin Studio Tour**

September 17 – 18 and 24 – 25, Erin

### **Carrot Fest**

September 18, Hillsburgh Community Farm

### **Eden Mills Writers’ Festival**

September 18, Downtown Eden Mills

### **International Plowing Match and Rural Expo**

September 20 – 24, 6414 Wellington Road 109

### **Musical Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre**

September 23 – 24, Grand River Raceway, Elora

## **Fall Rural Romp**

September 24, Guelph/Eramosa, Erin, Puslinch and Centre Wellington

## **Sunrise Hoofbeat Challenge Fundraiser Pledge Walk and Ride**

September 24, Sunrise Therapeutic Riding and Learning Centre, Puslinch

## **Elora Fergus Studio Tour**

September 24 – 25 and October 1 – 2, Fergus and Elora

## **Strom’s Harvest Fun Area**

September 24 – October 30, Strom’s Farm, Guelph/Eramosa

## **Harvest Home Festival**

September 25, Wellington County Museum and Archives

## **Autumn Leaves Studio Tour**

September 30 – October 2, Saugeen River Watershed

## **Culture Days in Centre Wellington**

September 30 – October 2, Centre Wellington

## **OCTOBER**

### **Cultural Days Historical Walking Tour**

October 1 – 2, Fergus and Elora

### **Fergus Ghost Walk**

October 1 and 29, The Bookery, Fergus

### **Monster Month**

October 1 – 31, Downtown Elora

### **Elora Horse and Hound Parade**

October 2, Mill Street West, Elora

### **Saugeen Valley, Fur Feather Show**

October 2, Mount Forest Fairgrounds

### **Erin Fall Fair**

October 6 – 10, Erin

### **Pumpkin Day at the Elora Farmers’ Market**

October 8, Bissell Park, Elora

### **Sensational Soup Off**

October 10, Wellington County Museum and Archives

### **Monster Month Historical Walking Tours**

October 15, 10 Mill Street East, Elora

### **Family Halloween Activities at the Museum**

October 16, Wellington County Museum and Archives

### **Strom’s Farm Moonlight Corn Maze**

October 17 – 31, Strom’s Farm, Guelph/Eramosa



### **Spirit Walk at the Poor House**

October 20 – 30, Wellington County Museum and Archives

### **Monster Month Historical Walking Tours**

October 21 – 22, Fergus and Elora

### **Monster March Parade**

October 22, MacDonald Square, Elora

### **Elora Lantern Tour**

October 24, Downtown Elora

### **Fergus Lantern Tour**

October 28, Downtown Fergus

## **NOVEMBER**

### **Military Lecture Series**

November 3 – 10, Wellington County Museum and Archives

### **Fergus Ghost Walk**

November 5, The Bookery, Fergus

### **Remembrance Ceremony**

November 5, Wellington County Museum and Archives

### **Christmas Craft Show**

November 12, Mount Forest and District Sports Complex

### **Light up the Town**

November 15, Tannery Park, Harriston

### **Harriston Ladies' Night**

November 16, Downtown Harriston

### **Window Wonderland and Tree Lighting**

November 18, Erin

### **Breakfast with Santa**

November 19, Puslinch Community Centre

### **Arthur Lions Craft Show and Sale**

November 20, Arthur and Area Community Centre

### **Puslinch Santa Claus Parade**

November 20, Aberfoyle

### **Starlight Shopping**

November 24 – 25, Downtown Elora

### **Musical Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre**

November 25 – 26, Grand River Raceway, Elora

### **Arthur Opti-Mrs. Santa Claus Parade**

November 26, Arthur Main Street

### **Clifford Santa Claus Parade**

November 26, Downtown Clifford

### **Elora Santa Claus Parade of Lights**

November 26, Downtown Elora

### **Erin's Santa Claus Parade**

November 26, Village of Erin

### **Harriston Santa Claus Parade**

November 26, Downtown Harriston

### **Palmerston Merchants' Christmas Open House**

November 30, Downtown Palmerston

## **DECEMBER**

### **Moonlight Madness**

December 1 – 2, Downtown Fergus

### **Drayton Santa Claus Parade**

December 2, Drayton

### **Fergus Christmas Tree Lighting**

December 2, Downtown Fergus

### **Mount Forest Santa Claus Parade**

December 2, Mount Forest Main Street

### **Musical Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre**

December 2 – 3, Grand River Raceway, Elora

### **Fergus Santa Claus Parade**

December 3, Fergus

### **Moorefield Santa Claus Parade**

December 3, Moorefield

### **Palmerston Santa Claus Parade**

December 3, Downtown Palmerston

### **Rockwood Farmers' Parade of Lights**

December 8, Rockwood

### **Breakfast with Santa**

December 10, Belwood Hall

### **Holstein Non-motorized Santa Claus Parade**

December 10, Holstein Main Street

### **Christmas Festival**

December 11, Wellington County Museum and Archives

### **Christmas in the Village – Handel's Messiah**

December 11, St Joseph's Church, Fergus

### **Alma Santa Claus Parade**

December 18, Alma

### **Christmas in the Village – Festival of Carols**

December 21 – 22, St John's Church, Elora

# WELLINGTON COUNTY

In the centre of it all!



International Plowing Match and Rural Expo



The Corporation of the County of Wellington Administration Centre

Kitchener-Waterloo – 50 KM  
USA (Detroit) – 320 KM





Wellington County is home to bountiful markets, rich culture, world-class festivals, holiday celebrations and stunning natural beauty.

We celebrate all that makes us unique at hundreds of festivals and events. Come and join us!

Explore all the County has to offer at  
[www.experiencewellington.ca](http://www.experiencewellington.ca)



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