

A Day In Haldimand: Low Banks/Port Maitland/Byng Area

This week we are exploring the town of Dunnville! Dunnville and surrounding areas have beautiful trails, outdoor historical sites, facilities for the public to utilize and many locally-owned businesses and restaurants to enjoy.

Reminders:

- Haldimand County is now in Stage 3 of re-opening, which means that more restrictions will be lifted and nearly all businesses and public spaces may re-open as long as they follow the public health guidelines. We can make Stage 3 a success when engaging in our virtual summer programming by:
 - o Maintaining physical distancing of at least two metres from people outside of your household or social circle, wearing a face covering when physical distancing is a challenge, washing your hands frequently and limiting indoor gatherings to a maximum of 50 people and outdoor gatherings to 100 people.
- For more information, visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/framework-reopening-our-province-stage-3>.

Morning

- For Breakfast:
 - o **Potho's:** Potho's is a beautiful café with a great patio and the option for take out. The café is open early Saturday through Thursday from 6am to 3pm and Friday from 6am to 7pm. They serve omelets, breakfast poutine, sides, pancakes, wraps, pitas, burgers, sandwiches and more! Pothos Café is located on 225 Queen St.
 - o **Flyer's Bakery and Café:** Flyers Bakery and Cafe is a family oriented cafe that is located in the heart of Dunnville just off Highway 3, at 144 Queen St. Its a great place to grab an amazing breakfast and home baked goods. The café serves a large variety of breakfast and lunch options, as well as delicious bakery items. The ingredients are locally sourced and the café is rich in its history. The building of Flyer's Bakery and Cafe (also known as 144 Queen Street) has a long and unique history. The building was constructed in the 1850's and opened to the public in 1860. They're open Wednesday through Saturday 8am to 3pm and Sundays 9am to 2pm.
 - o **The Minga Café:** The Minga Café is a local café, located on 146 Queen St. They have daily specials, delicious salads, wraps and amazing cold drink menu. The Minga Café is open Monday-Friday from 8am-8pm and Saturdays from 9am- 3pm. They are a great place to stop by for breakfast, lunch or dinner or even just to grab a beverage.
 - o **Town Café:** Towne Cafe & Bake Shoppe, located at 304 Broad Street East, offers freshly made natural food for your sit down meal or take-out lunch. Enjoy there cinnamon swirls, coffee, specialty salads, paninis and gluten-free and homemade baked goods. TOWNE CAFE & BAKE SHOPPE believes in making our customer's safety a priority. By adhering to the COVID-19, stage 3, policies and procedures, the main floor is now available for dining. Because of their limited seating, they ask that you call (905-701-8696) for reservations. Take out is also available at this location. The café is open Monday through Friday from 8:45am to 1:45pm.
- Exploring:
 - o **No. 6 RCAF Museum:** If you are in the Port Maitland area on a Tuesday morning and book a reservation in advance. You have your own private tour of the No.6 RCAF

Dunnville Museum. This museum is full of history relating to the No.6 Serving and Training School, world wars, RAF and RCAF, aircrafts, and men and women that served in the air force. This is a super fun and cool experience. The museum is owned and operated by a dedicated group of members and volunteers, that are passionate and knowledgeable about the history of the No. 6 Service Flying and Training School, the aircrafts, artifacts, and individual who served in the air force. If you do book on a Tuesday, this museum requires face coverings and you must sanitize upon entering. Stay up to date with their websites for event details and for updated tour availability. Donations are greatly appreciated.

- **Byng Island Conservation Area:** Byng Island Conservation Areas is a great place to spend your day! They offer many activities such as camping, canoeing, boating, sailing, fishing, hiking, cycling, swimming, picnicking and birding and wildlife viewing. Bying has a boat concession, food concession, public rest rooms, a gatehouse, and group facilities. Bying is open until October 15th, and their hours for day use is 8am to 9pm. Gatehouse operation hours are from 8am to 6pm. Bying Island conservation is located at 4969 Haldimand Rd.20, Dunnville Ont. The pool at Bying is closed for the remainder of 2020. There is limited capacity for camping and day passes. Please, check their website for more details.
 - Our parks are operating at a reduced capacity and we have implemented a number of measures to address overcrowding and promote physical distancing, including limiting the number of daily visitors. If capacity is reached, our parks will close and not reopen for the rest of the day. Our parks are very busy on weekends and more likely to reach capacity. Consider planning your visit during the week when our parks are less busy. To check the capacity status of our parks in real-time, visit www.grandriver.ca/parkstatus.

Afternoon

- For Lunch:
 - **Mohawk Marina & Hippos Lake Erie Perch:** Mohawk Marina & Hippos Lake Erie Perch is located at 2472 N Shore Dr #2464, Lowbanks, ON N0A 1K0. They are open from 11am to 9pm daily. Hippos is offering both dine-in and take away options. They have a gorgeous patio with a beautiful view of the water. Hippos is a great spot to stop for lunch or a sweet treat. They serve fish, chicken fingers, fries, hot dogs, burgers, grilled cheese sandwiches, ice cream, milkshakes and more.
- Exploring:
 - **Richardson's Farmers Market:** Richardson's Farm is a local family owned farm in Haldimand County's Dunnville, Ontario. They are open Monday through Friday from 9am to 6pm and Saturdays from 9am to 5pm. They are currently not offering pick your own berry services but are still open with fresh produce daily. We have a variety of local produce from our own farm, as well as other local farms, in addition to maple syrup, jams, preserves, baking and more. You can drop in, call ahead to see if the item you are looking for is in stock, or order online for curbside pick up! Richardson's farms is located at 131 River Rd. Dunnville
 - **Blueberry Knoll Berry Farm:** Blueberry Knoll Berry Farm offers a quaint market to purchase local products, baked goods, and farm fresh sweet corn, blueberries, raspberries, and . Their U-pick services are finished for the season but their market is open all year. Blueberry Knoll Berry Farm is located at 1091 Hutchinson Rd, Lowbanks,

ON N0A 1K0. It is open Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm and Saturdays from 8am to 5pm.

- **Mudcat Bowling and Entertainment Centre:** The Mudcat Bowling and Entertainment Centre is located at 1123 Broad St E. They have bowling, outdoor mini-putt, and also a restaurant inside for food and ice cream! Their bowling alley is 10 lanes and 5 pin bowling, and their mini-putt course is 18 holes. They serve soft serve and hard ice-cream! Right now they are open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 pm – 9:00pm for bowling and mini-putt. Take-out is available between these hours. People can order food and eat at their bowling lane! Please continue to check their social media for any updates on hours, and for the opening of the arcade and indoor dining area.

Evening

- For Dinner:
 - **New Amsterdam Pub:** New Amsterdam Pub is a great place to stop to eat for dinner. They are now serving both inside and on their spacious patio as well as offering takeout. They are limiting seating to maintain a safe capacity. They have a large variety of pub style food including Appetizers, salads, wraps, fish, wings, burgers and more. They are open from Monday to Wednesday 11am to 11pm, Thursday through Saturday 11am to 1:30am, and Sunday from 11am to 9pm. New Amsterdam Pub is located at 223 Queen St. #215.
 - **Queen's Merritt Room:** Queen's Merritt Room is a great restaurant to stop by for dinner. They have a great list of menu options including appetizers, salads, burgers, pasta, sandwiches, steak and more. For those over the age of 19, there is also a bar located inside the Queen's. The kitchen and bar do have different hours. Monday through Saturday the bar and kitchen are open from 11:30am-9pm, however on Thursday through Saturday the bar is open until 2am. On Sundays both kitchen and bar are open from 12pm to 9pm. Queens Merritt Room is located on 121 Main St. E.
 - **Debb's Cuisine on Queen:** Visit Debb's Cuisine on Queen, they have delicious food, perfect for lunch and dinner. They take great pride in ensuring the safety of their customers, therefore they are only offering curb-side pick up and patio options at the moment. They are open Thursday through Saturday from 12pm to 8pm and Sundays 12pm to 7pm. Debb's is located at 109 Queen St, in the heart of Dunnville. Call ahead to book your patio time as there is limited seating. Visit www.DEBBS.ca to learn more about them and for any updates on hours and dining options.
 - **Pazzo's Pizza:** Pazzo's Pizza is a great option for take out. Pizza and wings are their specialty. They are open Monday to Friday from 10am to 7pm and Saturday to Sunday from 9am to 6pm. Pazzo's Pizzeria is located at 602 Main St. W.
 - **If you would prefer a quick fast food pick up you can drop by** KFC (311 Main St E- Monday-Sunday from 12pm to 7pm) or Pizza Hut (217 Broad St E Unit 2 Mon-Thurs from 11am to 10pm, Friday & Saturday from 11am to 11pm, and Sundays from 12pm-10pm).

Make sure you are taking pictures of what you are doing in and around Lowbanks/Byng areas for a chance to win a \$25 gift card to a restaurant! Have a great time exploring! ☺

