

A Day In Haldimand: Selkirk, Fisherville and Surrounding Areas Itinerary

This week we are exploring the towns of Selkirk, Fisherville and surrounding areas! These towns 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 **Hoover's Marina & Wharfside Restaurant:** Hoover's Marina & Wharfside Restaurant, located at 5 Erie St. in Nanticoke, serves great home-style food with a beautiful patio over looking the lake. They serve breakfast from 8:00am until 11:00am every day with great options to choose from. They highly recommend that you reserve a table to ensure you get a spot to eat upon arriving. You can call to reserve a table at 905-587-2776! You can find their menu on their website, www.hooversmarina.ca.
 - o **Sunflower Café:** The Sunflower Café, located at 1 Main Street W. in Selkirk, is a family friendly restaurant that serves all day breakfast, as well as lunch and dinner. They are open Tuesday to Saturday from 9:00am – 7:00pm. Note that they are closed Sundays and Mondays. Right now they are only offering take-out. They have a menu for viewing on their Facebook page, Sunflower Café. Please continue to check their Facebook page for any updates to their hours and dining options.
 - o **Shelly's Family Diner & Catering:** Shelly's Family Dining, located at 1192 Kohler Road, is a unique restaurant inside of a church! They serve breakfast, lunch and weekend dinners. Shelly's is open Monday through Wednesday from 7:00 am – 1:00pm, and Friday through Sunday from 7:00am – 7:00pm. Shelly's has been updating their Facebook page with specials and any changes with hours or dining. Shelly's dining room is now open, but you can also get take-out and enjoy their complimentary picnic tables outside. Shelly's breakfast often has unique and fun additions, such as three little pics and the Big Bad Wolf breakfast for children (which is a pancake and mini sausage)! You can find their menu on their Facebook page. Please call to reserve a spot in the dining room as the capacity limit has changed! Their phone number is 905-518-0024.
- For Exploring:
 - o **Cottonwood Mansion Museum:** The Cottonwood Mansion, located at 740 Haldimand 53 in Selkirk, is an Italianate-style red brick mansion built in 1860 by William Holmes Jr., as a private residence. Descendants of the family say the name came from the cottonwood trees that originally surrounded the home. The Cottonwood is a 6,000

aquare foot mansion with 15 rooms, some of which still have the original furniture. Now a living museum, the mansion is typically open for tours and rentals. However, the Cottonwood has extended their closure until April 2021. You can view the outside of the mansion and if you are looking to book a tour, check their website next year for the latest updates: [http://www.cottonwoodmansion.ca/!](http://www.cottonwoodmansion.ca/)

- **Wilson MacDonald Memorial School Museum:** The Wilson MacDonald Memorial School Museum, located at 3513 Rainham Road in Selkirk, is dedicated to preserving the history of rural education, the heritage of the community and the momory of poet Wilson Pugley MacDonald. This one-room school house was built in 1872 and was in operation until 1966. In 1967 the building re-opened as Wilson Puglsey MacDonald Memorial School Museum, dedicated to the famous poet who was born in Cheapside. This museum gives you the opportunity to step into a classroom of 1925, when c;asses started with “God Save the King” and penmanship was practiced using straight pens and black ink. Unfortunately, this summer Wilson Macdonald is under renovations, but we visited the museum and got to learn how they made butter in the 1800’s! Stay tuned for our Throwback Thursday video to learn how you can make your own butter right at home! Continue to check for updates on when the museum will be-reopening and you can book a tour.
- **Selkirk Waterfront Trail:** The Selkirk Waterfront Trail is a beautiful 2km trail that runs along Lake Erie. This trail has a parkette located at the end of Erie St S in Selkirk, and 200 metres from the parkette is the entrance to the Waterfront Trail. This trail goes through the wooded area, has historical information throughout the trail, and has a nice bridge for a lookout!
- **Selkirk Community Park:** The Selkirk Community Park, located at 17 Main St W, has a beautiful green space surrounded by farm fields, perfect for a picnic and outdoor activities. This park has a large playground, a large pavilion with picnic tables, and a baseball diamond.

Afternoon

- For Lunch:
 - **Fisherville Hotel and Tavern:** The Fisherville Hotel and Tavern, located at 2 Erie St. S, is a restaurant and hotel. They are known for their award-winning home-made soups, but have many delicious choices for lunch and dinner. They are open Wednesday through Sunday from 12:00pm – 8:00pm for takeout only at this time, and are closed Mondays and Tuesdays. You can get full access to their menu by looking at their webpage, www.thetav.ca. Continue to check their webpage and social media for any new updates on hours and the opening of the dining area.
 - **Hoover’s Marina & Wharfside Restaurant:** Wharfside Restaurant also serves a delicious lunch over looking the lake. Make sure you call to reserve a table to ensure you are able to get a spot for when you are looking to eat. You can find their menu on their website, www.hooversmarina.ca.
 - **Sunflower Café:** The Sunflower serves a great lunch. They are only open for take-out right now. Check their Facebook page for their online menu and specials for the day! Each day they post a new soup special and food special of the day.
 - **Fresh Market Kitchen:** The Fresh Market Kitchen, located at 7 Main St E. Selkirk, is a family-style kitchen that runs on a reservation service. Their email is casey@freshmarketkitchen.ca and their phone number is (289) 426-0845. Each week they post the menu for that week and you are able to email or call to reserve the food

that you are looking for. You can find these posts on their website, www.selkirk.freshmarketkitchen.ca or on their Facebook page, Fresh Market Kitchen. For lunch, they post daily and are ready for pick up from 12:30 pm – 3:00pm on the days they are open. They offer all of their dishes in single, double and family size. They also have freezer meals available in the store for drop-in pick-ups. They also have a local artisan market for shopping while you pick up. They are open Monday to Saturday from 11:00am – 6:00pm and are closed Sundays.

- **The Hen House:** The Hen House is a food truck located at 3462 Rainham Rd in Nanticoke. The Hen House is open from 10:00am – 8:00pm Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. They have a menu available for viewing on Facebook. Please call ahead to place your order for pick up as they are only doing take-out right now. Their phone number is (289) 237-7128. Please check their social media for any updates on hours and dining options.
- **Shelley's Family Diner & Catering:** Shelly's Family Dining is open for lunch. View their menu online through their Facebook page, and you can call to reserve your meal! Dine in, take-out, or enjoy your meal on their complimentary picnic tables outside! Shelly's is open Monday through Wednesday from 7:00 am – 1:00pm, and Friday through Sunday from 7:00am – 7:00pm.
- For Exploring:
 - **Selkirk Provincial Park:** Selkirk Provincial Park, located at 151 Wheeler's Sideroad along the shores of Lake Erie in Selkirk, is a provincial park that offers camping, day-use, hiking trails, a beautiful beach, a playground, green space and more! Day use is \$6.19 plus tax for ages 6-17, \$13.27 plus tax for 18+, \$8.85 plus tax for ages 65+, and \$5.31 plus tax for Ontario persons with disabilities 18+. For more information on camping, hiking trails, the beach and more, visit: <https://www.ontarioparks.com/park/selkirk>.
 - **Wyatt's Produce Stand:** Wyatt's Produce Stand, located at 3706 Rainham Rd, provides fresh, in-season, locally grown fruits and vegetables. They are open daily from 10:00 am – 6:00pm unless they sell out. Check out their Facebook page for any updates, Wyatt's Produce Stand!
 - **Selkirk Centennial Community Centre & Public Library:** The Selkirk Centennial Community Centre, located at 34 Main St W, has been an integral part of its community for almost a century. The building was first used as the Selkirk Continuation School. Today it is the choice location for wedding receptions, community events, business seminars and workshops, family parties, and many other events.
 - **The Selkirk Branch Library** is on the lower level of the Selkirk Centennial Community Centre. As of Tuesday August 4, you can enter the library to browse for books with a limited capacity! The Selkirk Public Library is open Mondays from 9:00am – 5:00pm, Tuesdays from 10:00am – 8:00pm, Wednesdays from 12:00pm – 8:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00am – 5:00pm. Please note they are not open Sundays, Thursdays or Fridays!

Evening

- For Dinner:
 - **Hoover's Marina & Wharfside Restaurant:** Wharfside Restaurant serves many different options for dinner. Wharfside is known for their fish dinners, but also serve a variety of other great options on their menu. You can find their menu on their website,

www.hooversmarina.ca. Make sure you call to reserve a table to ensure you are able to get a spot for when you are looking to eat.

- **Fisherville Hotel and Tavern:** The Fisherville Hotel and Tavern has great starters, salads, soups and mains for dinner. They feature daily specials that you can find on their Facebook Page, too! For more information and their full menu, visit their Facebook page www.thetav.ca.
- **Sunflower Café:** The Sunflower Café serves dinner, but is only takeout right now. They have daily specials and a menu available on their Facebook page. Please continue to check their Facebook page for any updates on dining options.
- **Fresh Market Kitchen:** The Fresh Market Kitchen has amazing pre-cooked meals for order. Each week they post the menu for that week and you are able to email, text or call to reserve the food that you are looking for. Their email is casey@freshmarketkitchen.ca and their phone number is (289) 426-0845. You can find these posts on their website, www.selkirk.freshmarketkitchen.ca or on their Facebook page, Fresh Market Kitchen. They offer all of their dishes in single, double and family size. They also have freezer meals available in the store for drop-in pick-ups and many yummy goodies available for purchase. They also have a local artisan market for shopping while you pick up. They are open Monday to Saturday from 11:00am – 6:00pm and are closed Sundays.
- **The Hen House:** The Hen House serves dinner, and also has Friday night dinner served from 5:00pm – 8:00pm with a menu that changes each Friday. Please continue to check their Facebook to view their menu and any changes to their dining options.
- **Shelley's Family Diner & Catering:** Shelly's Family Dining is also open for dinner on weekends. View their menu online through their Facebook page, and you can call to reserve your meal! Dine in, take-out, or enjoy your meal on their complimentary picnic tables outside! Shelly's is open for dinner Friday through Sunday from 7:00am – 7:00pm.
- For Exploring:
 - **Toronto Motorsports Park:** Toronto Motorsports Park is a dragway and 3 km road course located at 1040 Kohler Road. This summer they are running a few events and have a capacity limit for entry. The events are Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. On Fridays, they run a test & tune starting at 7:00pm. On Saturdays, they have events running throughout the day, and on Sundays they have test & tunes starting at 11:00am. To view more information on these events visit: <https://torontomotorsportspark.com/>.
 - **Canadian Drilling Rig Museum:** The Canadian Drilling Rig Museum, located at 259 Kohler Road in Rainham Centre, is a monument to the rich history of the natural gas fields of Haldimand, Norfolk and Southern Ontario. This museum has a fully functional historic drilling rig from 1896 and information on the history of the drilling and the natural gas industry. Typically this museum is open Sundays 1:00pm – 4:00pm from June 7 – August 30, however, this summer they are closed. You can visit this museum and walk around to view the historical artifacts any time, but if you would like a tour, you must contact (905) 776-0919 to see if there is any availability.
 - **Fisherville Lions Community Park:** The Fisherville Lions Community Park, located at 16 Main Avenue W, has a beautiful green space to enjoy outdoor games, a picnic in the shade and other activities. This park features a large playground, a walking trail, outdoor fitness equipment, a baseball diamond and a pavilion. This park also has a multi-purpose outdoor facility with basketball nets and hockey nets for ball hockey.

- **Selkirk Waterfront Trail:** You can end your day in Fisherville at the Lions Community Park and viewing the sunset, or you can head back to the Selkirk Waterfront trail for a beautiful view of the sunset on Lake Erie!

Make sure you are taking pictures of what you are doing in and around Selkirk, Fisherville and surrounding areas for a chance to win a \$25 gift card to a restaurant! Have a great time exploring! 😊

