

Some Interesting Facts About Leamington...did you know?

- The town is named after Royal Leamington Spa, England
- Leamington is located on the 42nd parallel as is Northern California and Rome, Italy
- Leamington is further south than 13 American States
- Leamington is the Tomato Capital of Canada and is home to the world's largest tomato which serves as our tourist information centre
- Leamington is the site of the only H.J. Heinz Canadian manufacturing facility, producing ketchup, paste products, pastas, beans, vinegar, and baby foods
- Leamington area plants process over 60% of Canada's harvest tomatoes
- Point Pelee National Park is at our doorstep. It is the smallest of Canada's national parks but features more rare plants and animal species than any of the others
- Point Pelee attracts over 30,000 visitors from around during the month of May to view the hundreds of bird species that visit during the spring migration
- In the fall you can witness the phenomenal display of migrating Monarch Butterflies that come to rest here before starting their journey to South America
- World renowned environmentalist and scientist David Suzuki spend some of his childhood years in Leamington and attended Leamington District High School
- Internationally acclaimed author, Nino Ricci is from Leamington
- Up and coming rock star, Jodi Raffoul calls Leamington his home town
- Margaret Attwood has a summer home on nearby Pelee Island
- Leamington is sister city to Holly, Michigan; Sandusky, Ohio; and Port Clinton, OH
- The Leamington area is home to the largest concentration of greenhouses in North America growing produce virtually year round. With over 1500 acres in production the industry is larger than the entire US greenhouse industry combined.
- You can enjoy over 25 miles of sandy beaches, dock at over 500 boat slips, and stay in nearly 500 hotel or bed and breakfast rooms or dine at 75 restaurants.
- There are dozens of fruit stands and pick your own farms allowing you to enjoy everything from apples to zucchini during Essex County's bountiful harvest season.
- Ferry service is available to Pelee Island, Canada's southern most inhabited point
- Leamington is only 40 minutes away from the Windsor-Detroit Border

The Leamington and south Essex County area offer a wealth of great things to do and see. Whether planning a day trip or something a little longer you'll find lots of things to fill your itinerary. For a detailed tourist information package email the [Leamington District Chamber of Commerce](mailto:sally@leamingtonchamber.com), sally@leamingtonchamber.com or visit their site at: leamingtonchamber.com. More information on things to do and see in Leamington, Essex County and Windsor can also be obtained by contacting the Visitors' and Convention Bureau of Windsor-Essex County and Pelee Island at 1-800-265-3633 or visit www.visitwindsorsex.com

Getting to Leamington by Ferry

The Owen Sound Transportation Company offers ferry service to and from Leamington so you and your family or group can bring your car or bike with you when you cross Lake Erie. The Leamington ferry offers a relaxing, leisurely trip to Pelee Island as well as Sandusky, Ohio, with regular schedules from April to December. Our exceptional hotel is just seven minutes from the Leamington ferry dock and offers comfortable accommodations and unparalleled on-site recreation in a location convenient to Point Pelee National Park and fabulous wineries and vineyards. For more information about the Leamington ferry service, visit www.ontarioferries.com.

Getting Around Leamington

By Bus

Leamington Transit offers public transportation by micro coach to all major areas in the city, including shopping malls and the downtown area. For more information, visit www.learmington.ca.

By Rental Car

[Enterprise Rent-A-Car](#) | 519-322-2600 | 215 Talbot St. W., Leamington

[Discount Car and Truck Rentals](#) | 519-326-1613 | 224 Talbot St. W., Leamington

By Taxi

Leamington Taxi offers service for both short trips around Leamington as well as long-distance service and operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Visit their website at www.learmingtontaxi.com or call 1-877-322-1441 for more information.

Ferry Rides to Pelee Island

Pelee Island is situated in Lake Erie with access by ferry from Leamington as well as Sandusky, Ohio. Getting to and from Pelee Island is easy and fun, with the most practical mode of transport being one of the ferries, although you can also reach the island by private boat or plane. Located in the western half of Lake Erie, Pelee Island is a lovely retreat full of natural beauty with a mild, almost Mediterranean climate. Depending where you're coming from, you can reach the island by the Leamington, Ontario ferry, Sandusky, Ohio Pelee ferry or a ferry from Kingsville, Ontario. A ferry ride to Pelee Island from Leamington takes about one and a half hours.

Shopping

Leamington has great shopping whether it's in our quaint uptown or in our other commercial districts. Great stores, services and restaurants. Visit www.uptownlearmington.ca for a glimpse at the uptown.

Leamington Attractions

The Arts Centre:

72 Talbot St. W. (519) 326-2711. The Arts Centre hosts numerous art shows and special events. A variety of classes in many mediums of art are also available. Open Tuesday to Saturday from 12-4 pm. and Sunday from 1-4pm.

ErieQuest Marine Heritage Museum:

Located in the Arts Centre at 72 Talbot St. W. (see above for hours). ErieQuest houses the nautical history of the Pelee Passage. Informative displays and shipwreck discoveries.

Point Pelee National Park

Visit Southwestern Ontario's most southern tip, [Point Pelee National Park](#), where you can be one with nature. Bird watching at its finest, spectacular sunsets and nature's serene surroundings will be your vacation paradise at Point Pelee. Rent bicycles, go on nature walks or simply have a picnic or relax in the sun.

The Leamington Tomato Festival:

Every third weekend in August, Leamington pays its respects to the red globe that made us famous. Watch the parade, listen to great music, enjoy the Tomato Stomp or just have fun. Contact the [Leamington District Chamber of Commerce](#) for more information.

Canadian Transportation & Historical Village

The Canadian Transportation Museum is a state-of-the-art 25,000 sq. ft facility. It houses various modes of transportation, from the mid 1800s up to the 1992 Dodge Viper. The museum includes horse and oxen drawn carts, a 1904 Mitchell horse drawn hearse, fire trucks, Ford Model Ts and As, hot rods, Corvettes, T-Birds and more. **The Heritage Village** features over a dozen buildings of local significance. All buildings have been relocated to the village and display artifacts from a bygone era: a one room schoolhouse, general store, barbershop, train station and numerous log homes to name a few.

Canada's Beautiful Wine Country

Discover a winemaker's paradise blessed with exceptional conditions that have helped create Canada's most southerly coastal winery district. In September, enjoy live entertainment, cooking demonstrations, wine seminars and wine tasting at the Shores of Erie International Wine Festival, and the rest of the year, explore the fabulous vineyards and wineries in the Leamington area. Discover more at

- [Coliowinery.com](#) 1 Colio Drive, Harrow 519-738-2241
- [Colchester Ridge Estate Winery](#) | 108 County Road 50, Harrow 519-738-9800
- [D'Angelo Estate Winery](#) | 5141 Concession 5, Amherstburg 519-736-7959
- [Erie Shore Vineyard](#) | 410 County Road 50 W., Harrow 519-738-9858
- [Muscedere Vineyards](#) | 7457 County Road 18, Harrow 519-965-1075
- [Pelee Island Pavilion](#) | Pelee Island 519-724-2469
- [Sanson Estate Winery](#) | 9238 Walker Road, McGregor 519-726-9606
- [Smith & Wilson Estate Wines](#) | 8368 Water Street, Blenheim 519-676-5867
- [Sprucewood Shores Estate Winery](#) | 7258 County Road 50 W. Harrow 519-738-9253
- [Wagner Orchards & Estate Winery](#) | 1222 8th Concession, Maidstone 519-723-4807
- [Viewpointwinery.com](#) 151 County Road 50 East, Harrow, 1-866-372-8439
- [Mastronardiwinery.com](#) 1193 Road 3 East, Kingsville, 519-733-9463
- [Aleksanderestate.com](#) 1542 County Road #24, Ruthven, 519-326-2024
- [Peleeisland.com](#) 455 Seacliff Drive, Kingsland, 1-800-597-3533
- [Blackbearfarms.ca](#) 1137 County Rd 20 W, Kingsville, 519-733-6289
- [Coopershawvineyards.com](#) 1425 Iler Road, Harrow, 519-738-4295
- [Oxleyestatewinery.com](#) 533 County Road 50 East, RR#1 Harrow, 519-564-8914

Colasanti's Tropical Gardens

Only minutes from the marina, [Colasanti's Tropical Gardens](#) offers fun and excitement for the entire family. Specializing in tropical plants and cacti, Colasanti's grows and sells a wide variety of beautiful and exotic plants. Not only does this Leamington area attraction offer attractive flora, it also offers fun for kids of all ages. Play a round of indoor miniature golf, take a spin in the bumper cars, let the kids go wild in the bouncy house, play some video games in the arcade, then check out the rabbits, goats, lemurs and the alligator at the park's petting zoo. An on-site restaurant offers casual fare when you work up an appetite, and the home decor and collectibles shop sells garden decor, vases, mirrors and art if you want to pick up a gift or item for your home while you're here.

Cindy's Garden

Located on the north shore of Lake Erie, in the quaint Victorian town of Kingsville, Cindy's Home & Garden is the area's premier garden centre and gift shop. From its humble beginnings as a one greenhouse operation that began in 1989, Cindy's Home & Garden has blossomed into a 4000 square ft gift & garden shop

including an active seasonal garden centre. When people walk into Cindy's for the first time, they are often in awe of how spacious and beautiful the store is. From a real mulberry root ball hanging from the 16ft high ceilings, to a stone-look floor, Cindy's takes shopping to a whole new level. Open all year long, Cindy's attributes its success to friendly service, quality, value, and uniqueness. In their quest to discover the ultimate home and garden centre, Ken and Christine Martin have traveled to various locations throughout North America. Recently, their search has brought them much closer to home...their own backyard! Situated behind their home on Seacliff Drive in the Town of Kingsville sits Cindy's Home and Garden. The newly erected 4000 square foot gift shop is backed by numerous greenhouses loaded with an array of plants, flowers, and garden accessories. Ken Martin, owner of Cindy's believes his unique gift shop will satisfy many visitors. "This is a one-of-a-kind gift shop with a variety of top quality merchandise," says Martin. "We want to make it an experience for all the customers who visit."

Erie Shores Golf & Country Club

Located only minutes from the marina, the Erie Shores Golf & Country Club offers 18 holes of golf on pristine fairways and gorgeous greens. With a full-service golf shop and snack bar on site, as well as an upscale restaurant and bar overlooking Lake Erie and practice facilities complete with staff pros, you may never want to leave.

Kingsville Golf and Country Club

36 holes of golf with a GPS golf cart system (Only one in the area that offers this service!).

Mini-Golf

Miniature golf is something that Point Pelee Karting takes quite serious. Point Pelee Karting has taken time to construct a course that is challenging, yet fun for the whole family. Point Pelee Karting offers an eighteen hole course. Our greens have many contours, leaving you to read you're put with a little more thought. Point Pelee Karting has the course that will definitely improve your putting game. Point Pelee Karting's miniature golf course will challenge the serious golfer, as well as provide fun for the children with its display of animated characters. We have created a pleasant atmosphere with professionally landscaped ponds and gardens for your viewing pleasure.

Go-Kart Rentals

Point Pelee Karting provides a safe government inspected track to all their customers. Point Pelee Karting also promotes an exciting and challenging road course for every driver. The staff at Point Pelee Karting would like to invite everyone to come experience the thrill of Karting. Provided and maintained at track side are a fleet of double seated and single passenger karts for your entertainment. Our karts have passed all government regulations, and are inspected and maintained on a daily basis. This ensures that every customer will receive a safe and exciting ride. Our staff is trained and committed to ensure customer satisfaction. We at Point Pelee Karting also take that extra step to ensure that our novice drivers never leave our finger tips. What we mean by that is our remote control system can aid drivers to slow down or shut off the karts if necessary. Our Pit Crew at Point Pelee Karting welcomes all drivers to try our facility. To drive a go-kart you must be at least 52 inches tall, if not you can be accompanied by an adult for free.