

The Harbour Story

In 1855, a railroad was completed to what we call Collingwood today. The port predates the building of the first docks in 1883, the year local mariners and business leaders succeeded in opening the Queen's Dry Dock. It quickly developed into a centre for shipbuilding and shipping.

Shipbuilding boomed for 103 years – More than 200 steel ships were built by the hands and hearts of Collingwood men and women. All of the ships were launched sideways, typically around 12 noon.

Today, the Port of Collingwood and the larger harbour area are full of activities, offering breathtaking views, romantic sunsets, countless places to explore, boat launch areas and charter tours, spectacular places to sail and windsurf, trails upon trails for hiking, remote fishing areas, exciting paddling adventures and much more!

The harbour sits at the north end of historic downtown Collingwood, all within easy reach from Collingwood's downtown core. You'll discover a collection of upscale shops, inviting restaurants and cafés, a liquor store, drug stores, one stop grocery stores and Collingwood's historic Gayety Theatre and Simcoe Street Theatre.

discover COLLINGWOOD



EXPLORE THE HARBOUR

April-October

A guide to all the fun activities
available in and around the harbour



the COLLINGWOOD
MUSEUM



Collingwood
DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

take a walk around
COLLINGWOOD

More Discover Collingwood walks are available at:
www.discovercollingwood.ca



Boating Basics

Collingwood harbour is the perfect place for big-lake boating with islands, small harbours, great fishing, and beaches all within reach.

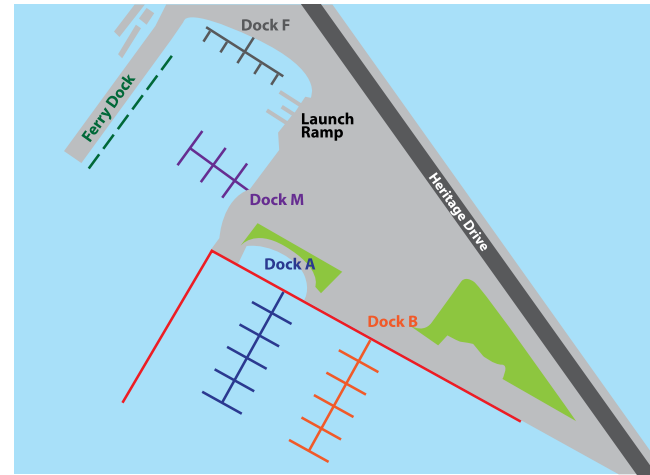
PORT OF COLLINGWOOD

Docking Rates (tax included)

- Launching per day \$9.00
- Launching per season (includes parking) \$55.00 for residents, \$65 for non-residents
- Overnight docking (transient) \$2.26 per foot
- Monthly docking \$339 for vessels under 25'; \$13.56 per foot for vessels over 25'
- Seasonal docking \$1,073.5 for vessels under 18'; \$59.50 per foot for vessels over 18'

Dock Bookings

For seasonal docking wait list, Commercial rates and Hydro rates please contact the PRC office
Email: prc@collingwood.ca
705-444-2500 x3382



Harbour Master

- Harbour Attendant April – October 705-441-2109
- We monitor VHF Channel 68

911 Address

45 Heritage Drive, Collingwood, ON
GPS coordinates 44° 31.084N 80° 13.55W

Launch Ramps

Just off Heritage Drive with parking for vehicles with trailers or try Harbour Street East beside Living Water Resort with parking for up to 5 vehicles with trailers.

Gas

Living Water Marina at Living Water Resort & Spa in Collingwood offers ethanol free gas and low sulfur diesel to members and the public. Boat access: Located at channel marker, TN22 (Starboard side).

Navigation Tips

Speed limit: No wake zone upon entering the Port of Collingwood, along channel to docks and within Living Water Marina. Please keep your speed under 3knots, max – 7 knots.

Safe Boating Tips

Boating preparation is a must for safety. Equip your boat with the necessary supplies including navigation equipment, lifejackets, drinking water and first aid kit.

Other Important Tips

- Ensure your CO detector is working
- Watch for paddlers and sailors/right of way
- Slow down at night /turn your lights on
- Never cruise with booze
- Travel with Pleasure Craft Operator card at all times
- Always check the weather
- Let someone know where you are going

Get Out on the Water



Fishing

Anglers are welcome to fish anywhere along Collingwood's iconic waterfront. Fishing pole mounts are available at Millennium Park and the east end of Sunset Point. Fish cleaning stations are adjacent to the launch ramps on Heritage Drive. Be sure to talk to the

harbour master for direction on finding the best fishing spots to catch that "big one".



Paddling

There's some awesome sheltered paddling along the shores of the western end of Birch Street amongst the grassland, all the way to Hen & Chickens. Paddlers are welcome to go out on the Bay; however, please take caution because of rapidly changing weather conditions.



Sailing

The Collingwood Yacht Club promotes boating and sailing on Georgian Bay. www.collingwoodyachtclub.com. The Collingwood Sailing School offers weekly youth programs and evening adult sessions. www.collingwood.ca/sailing.



Where to Stay

Indulge in the utopia of rejuvenation at Living Water Resort!

LIVING WATER
RESORT & SPA

Overlooking Georgian Bay, nestled along the waterfront, you'll find casual fare to fine dining at Lakeside Seafood & Grill

Restaurant. This long-awaited waterfront restaurant is the only waterfront dining facility in the Collingwood and Blue Mountain area making for a truly unforgettable dining experience. With a focus on an earth to table menu approach, the restaurant has seating for 120 indoors along with numerous tables outside on the patio. To book your visit: www.LivingWaterResorts.com

LIVING WATER MARINA



Operated by Southwinds Marine, the marina has spaces available for seasonal boat rentals and limited day rentals. It is a five-anchor rated marina offering:

- Gas • Mechanical repairs
- Store • Pumpouts • Rentals

www.LivingWaterResorts.com
705-444-1251
9 Harbour Street East



Hike the Harbour

Harbour Circle Route – 4.2 km (1+ hour walk)



and enjoy a perfect view of the town, the Collingwood Terminals, and the ski runs at Blue Mountain. Or extend your hike by heading around the northwest side of the harbour along the Hen & Chickens Trail. www.collingwood.ca/trails

Millennium Park

The park provides an astonishing panorama of Georgian Bay, the Niagara Escarpment to the west, and Wasaga Beach to the east. It's the perfect place to fly a kite!



30 Interpretive signs along the trails – www.collingwood.ca/trails



The Collingwood Trails encompass over 60 kilometres and feature interpretive signs on the flora and fauna, wildlife, and history across the entire trail system. Walkers, joggers and cyclists are welcome to enjoy the Collingwood Trails.



Cruises



Collingwood Adventure Voyages offers truly unique cruises and boat tours throughout Georgian Bay departing from the Collingwood Harbour, daily. They pride themselves in providing a personable experience with

small groups so you and your family get the most value possible. Lighthouse & Collingwood Heritage Tour, Sunset Cruises, Guided Fishing Adventures, Shipwreck Exploring/Snorkeling, Group & Corporate packages. For more information and bookings: www.osmadventuretravel.com or call 705.444.9451

Collingwood Charters

provides quality waterfront tours, dinner cruises, sunset tours, local wine or beer tasting and private parties.

The charter tour promotes friends, family and coworkers spending time together and enjoying the scenic views of Collingwood Harbour, the Nottawasaga Lighthouse and the Escarpment as they cruise the Southern Coast of Georgian Bay! For more information please visit: www.CollingwoodCharters.ca or call 705-443-1124.



Collingwood Harbour Highlights

1. 30 Interpretive signs along the trails

The Collingwood Trails encompass over 60 kilometres and feature interpretive signs on the flora and fauna, wildlife, and history across entire trail system. The Harbour Hike connects to the Collingwood Trails system for walkers, joggers and cyclists to enjoy.

2. Motorized boat launch locations

Boats can be launched at 45 Heritage Drive and at Living Water Marina at 9 Harbour Street East. April 1st to October 31st. Rates apply.

3. Paddling launch

Take advantage of the self serve paddling launch area with a parking lot conveniently located near the pristine western marshes and bays of the harbour. Parking and access located at the north end of North Birch Street.

4. Amphitheatre

This summer, follow the music and sit back to relax on Georgian Bay's sparkling shoreline; from spring to fall - the Shipyards Amphitheatre presents quality entertainment for you and your family to enjoy with the backdrop of South Georgian Bay and The Blue Mountains! 2 North Maple Street.

5. Hen & Chickens Islands

Collingwood was formerly known as Hen and Chickens Harbour: a fitting description of one large and four small off shore islands. The first settler arrived in the area in 1835; by 1852 - a steam sawmill was purchased and built. This became the monetary nucleus of today's town. Access trail from end of Balsam Street.

6. Living Water Resort & Spa

Indulge in the utopia of rejuvenation at Living Water Resort! The resort marina is one of Living Water's amenity landmarks offering gas, boating supplies and seemingly endless views of Georgian Bay.

7. Yacht Club

The Collingwood Yacht Club promotes boating in Georgian Bay. It offers summer docking, winter storage, a club house, races and lots more for its club members. 15 Heritage Drive.

8. Train Trail on Heritage Drive

This trail starts at the Museum and continues all the way to Millennium Park. This trail is suitable for cyclists as well. Check out the five uniquely designed Public Art bike racks along the Eastern side of the trail.

19. Historic Harbourfront Downtown Collingwood

Downtown Collingwood is only steps away...less than 1/2 mile from the town docks and about a mile from Cranberry Marina, is accessible by beautiful trails and pathways. Downtown Collingwood might just surprise you with 30 plus restaurants, 60 plus boutique shops, spas for relaxing, live music for grooving...all in the only downtown core recognized in Canada's Registrar of Historic Places!

In Downtown Collingwood you will

also find the services you need...from a Loblaw supermarket, pharmacies and LCBO store to seven major banks. On Saturday mornings from the Victoria Day holiday weekend through to Thanksgiving, a farmers' market is held at Pine and Second Street from 8:30AM - 1PM. Details at www.collingwooddowntown.com.

For more information about these and other activities visit the Tourist Information Centre.

www.visitsouthgeorgianbay.ca
1-888-227-8667



9. Walk The 400' Gallery

The Walk 'The 400' Gallery is a temporary installation of artwork to showcase local artists, promote creativity and enhance our picturesque harbour - displayed along the waterfront Promenade at the end of Hurontario Street. 111 Sidelaunch Way.

10. Nature watching

From cute to extraordinary, Collingwood is home to various mammals, reptiles and amphibians, and several diverse bird types. Boasting impressive diversity, fauna in the area is abundant so keep your eyes peeled and take pleasure in our natural environments and plentiful wildlife habitats.

18. Sesqui panels and Art on the Street in Downtown Collingwood

Collingwood Art on the Street features works of many talented artists. Also on display are four sesquicentennial panels with artwork and timelines on the history of Collingwood with five accompanying murals that represent Collingwood's heritage.

17. Labyrinth

The Collingwood Labyrinth located at Harbourview Park replicates an 800 year old stone floor labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in France. It is a clearly defined pathway that finds the centre and returns to the beginning. 7 Hickory Street.

16. Arboretum

The Collingwood Arboretum is a vital botanical park complete with historical records of coniferous and deciduous trees and offers both paved and natural trails for hiking and biking. 7 Hickory Street.

15. Harbourlands Walk of History

Take a walk on the memorial walkway through Shipbuilder's Park along Heritage Drive. The pathway has over 60 memorial plaques commemorating the ships built in Collingwood.

14. Fishing area and cleaning tables

Fish cleaning stations are adjacent to the boat launch ramps on Heritage Drive by the harbour attendant building in Harbourlands Park. 45 Heritage Drive.

13. Museum

Set sail with 150 years of marine heritage and explore the history of Collingwood at the Collingwood Museum. Offering exhibits, special events, education programs, archives and research facilities, the museum also features a charming retail store. 45 St. Paul Street.

12. Drydock Area

During the shipbuilding days this area was drained to allow boats to rest on a dry platform. This allowed for maintenance and repair of ships.

11. Tourism Office

The office provides maps, visitor guides, brochures and the assistance of tourism experts. It is located inside the Museum at 45 St. Paul Street in Collingwood.