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VACATION

Waterfront Getaways



Ontario's
Southwest
Shaped by nature

If you're looking for a special water experience close to home it's along the stunning shoreline of Ontario's Southwest. Whether it's the thrills and excitement of watersports, an expedition, pristine adventure or you just want to enjoy the soothing effects of the surf, it's all here waiting for you to explore.

Water is such a big part of the Ontario geography and lifestyle that the name Ontario itself is derived from the Iroquois word meaning "beautiful water". Ontario's Southwest is favourably located along the north shore of Lake Erie and hosts the longest shoreline in Ontario fronting six bodies of water. Its geographic position as the peninsula tip of the province and Canada's most southern point encompasses a portion of Lake Huron, Lake St. Clair, St. Clair River, Detroit River, Thames River, Grand River, and other areas ideal for waterfront experiences. It's no wonder there's so much to see and do.

Ontario's Southwest is blessed with amazing beaches within its many beautiful parks including the shoreline around Sarnia-Lambton, Long Point and Turkey Point. It also has charming fishing villages like Eriean, Port Stanley, Port Dover and the countless wonders of Point Pelee. Plus it's got just what you need for water activities with marinas and docking facilities, boat ramps, fishing charters, paddling trails, small cruise boats, outfitters and all sorts of entertainment to suit whatever your passion for a water getaway.





Beach Breaks

Break away for a weekend of fun in the sun and enjoy the sandy beaches of Ontario's Southwest.

Come with family and friends and try a bit of stand-up paddleboarding, beach volleyball, sailing and jet skiing. Bring your bike and cycle some of the waterfront trails or just relax with a good book and listen to the soothing sound of the gentle surf. Stay in a quaint waterfront village or port town and indulge in the best fish and chips around. Whatever you choose to do, don't miss our spectacular sunsets and don't forget the sunscreen.



↑ Port Dover



↑ GT's, Port Stanley

↓ Port Stanley Beach





Boating Excursions

Arouse your pioneer spirit and traverse the wilderness lakes and rivers by kayak, canoe, motorboat or sailboat. Spot shorebirds, raptors and songbirds amidst towering oaks and pines. Wend your way through the Carolinian forest with its extensive coastal wetlands and unique flora and fauna. Set out on a day of discovery in our pristine Provincial Parks and Conservation Areas and find time to portage at small towns and villages along the way. Have a drink with the locals on a patio overlooking the water and tell them where you've been and what you've seen.



↑ *Sarnia-Lambton*



↑ *Lake Huron*



↑ *Canatara Park Beach*



↑ *Trip to the Tip*



Lower Grand River →





Fishing Hideaways

Find yourself far from the madding crowd in the fresh-water lakes of Ontario's Southwest and experience world-renowned sport and game fishing. Hire one of the many charter companies to take you to the best spots around to find walleye, perch, muskie and salmon. Or venture out on your own with best friends and go to the many bays where you'll find small-mouth bass and catfish. Try camping walking distance from a sandy beach and prime fishing location. Take your catch to a restaurant where they'll cook it up for you and serve it along with local craft beers and a whole lot of fish stories.



↑ *Chatham-Kent Fishing Charter*



↑ *The Grand River* →



↑ *Perch*





Blue Flag Beaches



The Blue Flag is awarded to more than 4,000 beaches in 48 countries for sustainable development of beaches and marinas. Strict criteria relate to Water Quality, Environmental Education, Environmental Management and Safety. Blue Flag beaches and marinas in Ontario's Southwest are marked on the map.



Sand Hill Park ↓



Canatara Park ↑

← Canatara Park Beach

BEACHES

Blue Flag Beaches

- 1 Port Stanley Main Beach
- 2 Canatara Park Beach
- 3 Grand Bend Beach (North)



Beaches

- 1 Port Glasgow Beach 
- 2 Erieau Beach 
- 3 Point Pelee National Park
- 4 Sturgeon Woods Campground and Marina
- 5 Seacliffe Park
- 6 Colchester Harbour and Beach
- 7 Sandpoint Park
- 8 Bright's Grove Beach
- 9 Ipperwash Beach
- 10 Grand Bend (South Beach)
- 11 Lakeside Camping Resort
- 12 Park Haven Lake
- 13 Port Dover Beach
- 14 Port Stanley Little Beach
- 15 Fish Point Nature Reserve
- 16 Port Burwell East Beach
- 17 Turkey Point Beach
- 18 Knights Beach Resort
- 19 Port Maitland
- 20 Sand Hill Park
- 21 West Beach



Candidate for becoming BlueFlag Beach.

CONSERVATION AREAS



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| 1 Ausable River Cut | 16 A.W. Campbell |
| 2 Springwater | 17 Highland Glen |
| 3 Cedar Beach | 18 Lorne C Henderson |
| 4 Cedar Creek | 19 Wawanosh Wetlands |
| 5 Hilman Marsh | 20 Byng Island |
| 6 Holiday Beach | 21 Backus Heritage |
| 7 Tremblay Beach | 22 Deer Creek |
| 8 White Sands | 23 Haldimand |
| 9 Dalewood | 24 Hay Creek |
| 10 Lake Whittaker | 25 Norfolk |
| 11 Dutton/Dunwich | 26 Waterford North |
| 12 C.M. Wilson | 27 Fanshawe |
| 13 E.M. Warwick | 28 Pittock |
| 14 McGeachy Pond | 29 Wildwood |
| 15 Sharon Creek | 30 Rock Glen Conservation Area |

Conservation Areas are ideal for those seeking a variety of waterfront activities as many of them include sandy beaches most desirable for swimming and other water sports.

FISHING

Shore Fishing Site

- 1 Summer Place Marina & Campground
- 2 Mitchell's Bay Marine Park
- 3 Sturgeon Woods Campground and Marina
- 4 Point Edward Waterfront Park
- 5 Port Maitland
- 6 Port Dover Pier
- 7 Lynn River
- 8 Port Bruce Pier
- 9 Caledonia Accessible Platform
- 10 Port Rowan Pier



Offshore Fishing Site

- 1 Mitchell's Bay
- 2 Point Pelee National Park
- 3 Trout Haven Park
- 4 Caledonia Kinsmen Park
- 5 Lake Sunova
- 6 Grand River - Dunnville below dam
- 7 Grand River - Caledonia below dam
- 8 Big Creek National Wildlife Area
- 9 Long Point Bay
- 10 Port Bruce
- 11 Port Glasgow
- 12 Port Burwell
- 13 Port Stanley
- 14 Rondeau Bay
- 15 Erieau
- 16 Detroit River



Fishing Charters



Locations for fishing charters are marked on the maps. For specific details visit OntariosSouthwest.com

↓ Port Stanley



PROVINCIAL PARKS

Provincial Parks are a must with 10 to choose from nicely located along the waterfront. With their majestic beauty and pristine environment, you'll find the perfect trails for cycling, hiking and birding together with secluded bays ideal for fishing and paddling and other water activities.

For more information on things to do in Provincial Parks and Conservation Areas, visit OntariosSouthwest.com

BOATING

Marinas

- 1 Erieau Marina
- 2 Summer Place Marina & Campground
- 3 Mitchell's Bay Marine Park
- 4 Leamington Marina
- 5 Cedar Island Municipal Marina
- 6 Colchester Harbour and Beach
- 7 Erie View Marina
- 8 Island View Marine Store & Marina
- 9 Bru Mon Harbour Marina
- 10 Acali Place Marina
- 11 Lakeview Park Marina
- 12 Park Haven Marina
- 13 Westport Marina
- 14 Holiday Harbour Marina
- 15 Puce River Harbour Inc.
- 16 Belle River Marina
- 17 Cove Marina
- 18 Scudder Marina
- 19 Bridgeview Marina
- 20 Sarnia Bay Marina
- 21 Ecarte Marine
- 22 Grand Bend Harbour & Marina ▶
- 23 Port Franks Marina ▶
- 24 Wildwood Conservation Area
- 25 Port Glasgow Yacht Club & Marina
- 26 Kettle Creek Marina
- 27 Stan's Marina
- 28 Bradfield Marina
- 29 North Erie Marina and Trailer
- 30 Rushcreek Marina and Trailer
- 31 Big Otter Marina and Campground
- 32 Bayview Harbour Marina
- 33 Booth's Harbour
- 34 Old Cut Marina
- 35 Port Dover Harbour Marina
- 36 Port Rowan Harbour Marina
- 37 MacDonald Turkey Point Marina
- 38 Sandboy Marina
- 39 Port Dover Yacht Club & Sailing School
- 40 Dovercraft Marine
- 41 Marina Shores Limited
- 42 Riverside Marina of Dunnville
- 43 Mohawk Marina
- 44 Hoover's Marina
- 45 Harrison's Landing

▶ Blue Flag Marina.



Power Rentals/Charters

- 1 Cronmiller's "At The Bridge"
- 2 Old Cut Marina
- 3 River Rider
- 4 Sandboy Marina
- 5 Turkey Point Watersports
- 6 Waveline Rentals
- 7 Long Point Zodiac Boat Tours
- 8 Grand River Dinner Cruise
- 9 Boss Wakeboarding
- 10 Sunova Water Sports



Self-Propelled Sites

- 1 Wallaceburg Water Trails
- 2 Point Pelee National Park
- 3 Sturgeon Woods Campground and Marina
- 4 Centennial Park
- 5 Big Creek National Wildlife Area
- 6 Lake Sunova
- 7 Grand River
- 8 Big Otter River



Self-Propelled Rentals/Tours

- 1 Sports in Port
- 2 Boarder Pass
- 3 Port Stanley Main Beach
- 4 Cronmiller's "At The Bridge"
- 5 Old Cut Marina
- 6 Turkey Point Watersports
- 7 South Coast Watersports
- 8 Baer Fishing Adventures
- 9 Harrison's Landing
- 10 Grand River Kayak
- 11 Grand Paddle Sports
- 12 Urban Surf



Lighthouse



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Canatara Park Beach


Renew your spirit for adventure along the waterfront of Ontario's Southwest.





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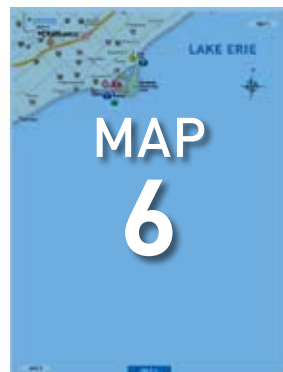
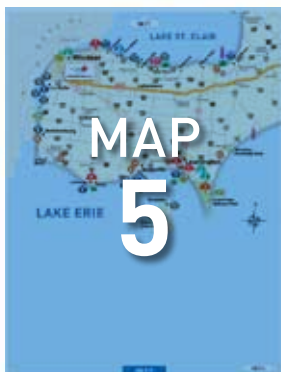
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↑ *Pinery Provincial Park*

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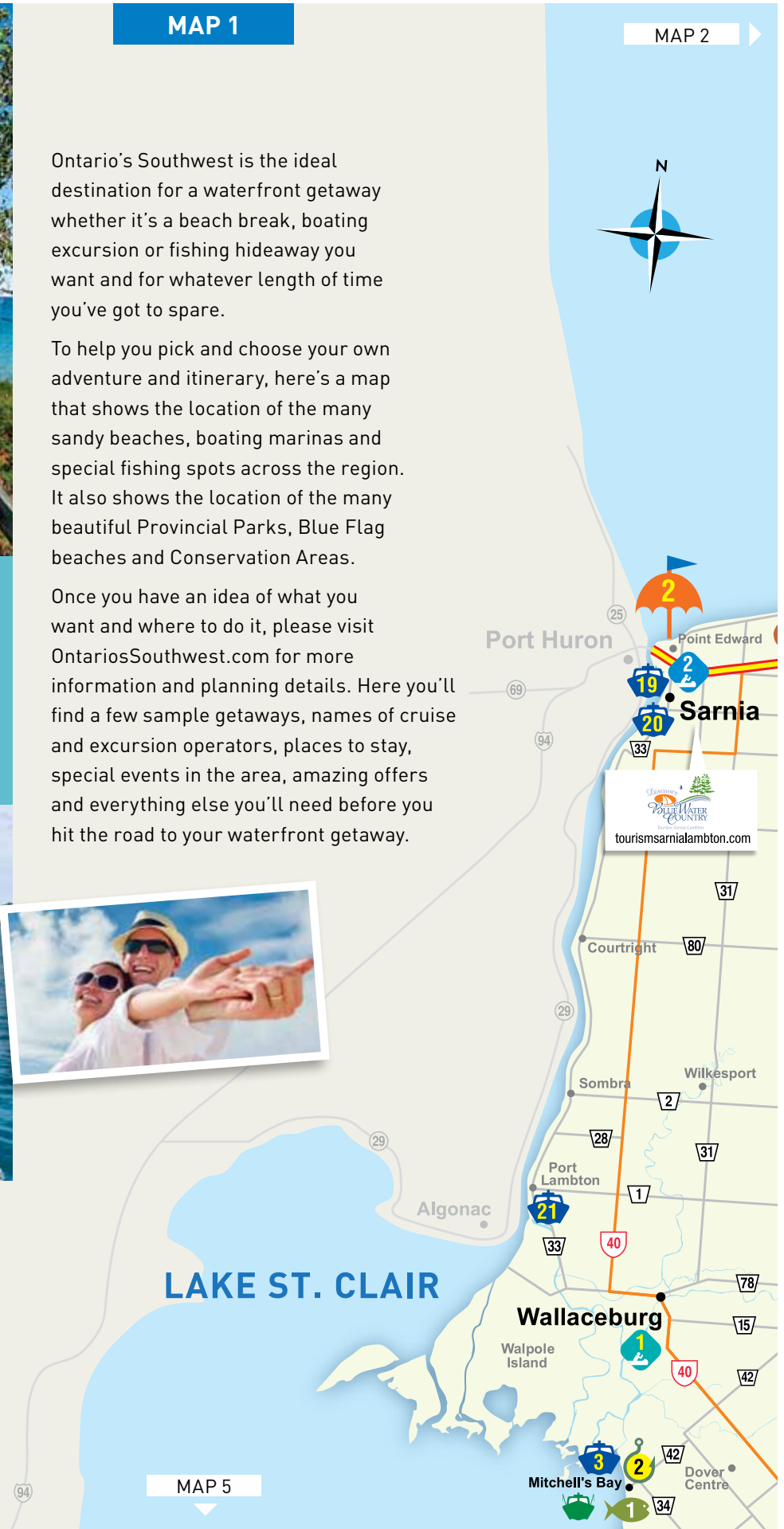
MAP 1

Ontario's Southwest is the ideal destination for a waterfront getaway whether it's a beach break, boating excursion or fishing hideaway you want and for whatever length of time you've got to spare.

To help you pick and choose your own adventure and itinerary, here's a map that shows the location of the many sandy beaches, boating marinas and special fishing spots across the region. It also shows the location of the many beautiful Provincial Parks, Blue Flag beaches and Conservation Areas.

Once you have an idea of what you want and where to do it, please visit Ontariosouthwest.com for more information and planning details. Here you'll find a few sample getaways, names of cruise and excursion operators, places to stay, special events in the area, amazing offers and everything else you'll need before you hit the road to your waterfront getaway.

MAP 2



MAP 5



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Long Point Provincial Park



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