

# Scenic Driving Tours

## Featured Attractions

### Algonquin Visitor Centre (\$ Park Permit)

Hwy 60 (Located at km 43)  
www.algonquinpark.on.ca

See world class exhibits the Park's natural and human history adjoined by a restaurant and bookstore. Enjoy a theatre presentation and a viewing deck with a panoramic view of Algonquin's landscape.

### Algonquin Logging Museum (\$ Park Permit)

Hwy 60 (Located at km 54.5)  
www.algonquinpark.on.ca

This Museum brings to life the story of logging from the early square timber days to the last of the great river drives. Complete with a video presentation, this easy-to-walk 1.5 km trail of displays is a great adventure.

### Dorset Scenic Lookout Tower (\$)

1191 Dorset Scenic Tower Rd.  
www.algonquinhighlands.ca



This 100 foot tower used to be used as a fire lookout tower but is open for the enjoyment to climb to the observation deck which is 465 feet above the Lake of Bays. Fantastic view in peak Fall Colours season. Caution: Use at your own risk.

### Dorset Heritage Museum

1040 Main Street, Dorset  
www.dorsetheritagemuseum.ca



"Our Past, Present and Future"-At the Dorset Heritage Museum you will find exhibits of early pioneer life, traditional logging practices, transportation and photographs pertaining to the Dorset area.

### Algonquin Highlands Trails Office (\$)

20130 Hwy 35  
www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Take a break from the ride and enjoy a relaxing canoe rental on the crystal clear waters of Lake St. Nora or take a self-guided interpretive hike on the Geomorphology Trail. Haliburton Highlands is home to many of the best water and hiking trails in the Ontario Highlands Region. Information for all of the outdoor adventure opportunities in the area can be found at this location.

### Hawk Lake Log Chute

1584 Little Hawk Rd. (Country Rd. #13)  
www.stanhopemusuem.on.ca



A truly Canadian icon, a log chute is a man-made trough that was used to carry logs over rough river landscape to a sawmill. This historic site is a testament to the tenacity and perseverance of the tens of thousands of men who made their living in the logging industry, and whose courage helped forged the communities of rural Ontario.

### Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve (\$)

1095 Redkenn Drive  
www.haliburtonforest.com

Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve is a unique, privately owned forest located on 28,328 hectares of rolling hardwood forests, beautiful lakes, meandering rivers and extensive wetlands. In addition to the Wolf Centre you can also add into your itinerary a Walk in The Clouds Tour and much more. The forest is a "must see" in the Haliburton Highlands!



### Haliburton-Stanhope Airport

1168 Stanhope Airport Rd.  
www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Stop by the Haliburton/Stanhope Municipal Airport while touring the south-central area of The Haliburton Highlands and see our 762 metre runway that provides community services to the residents and visitors to the area.

### Stanhope Museum

1123 North Shore Rd.  
www.stanhopemusuem.on.ca



This quaint little building is filled with wonderful tidbits and tales. The Heritage Garden pays homage to those settlers who adapted their farming and gardening knowledge to this climate at the height of settlement in the late 1800s and early 1900s. "Their Struggle,

Our history." The World's Largest Lumberjack is just waiting for a photo op.

### Places to Eat? Where to Stay?

Accommodations: B & B's, Motels, Resorts and Camping with over 80 places to stay.  
**www.MyHaliburtonHighlands.com**

1.800.461.7677

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### Buttermilk Falls

Hwy 35

This interesting waterfall is not natural, but is unique and interesting. This concrete sluiceway is approximately 30 metres long and creates a 4-5 metre drop before firing the water out onto natural bedrock. The water is moving quite fast and has some serious force behind it. At the top of the waterfall there is a bridge that crosses over from the parking lot to a walking trail. There is also a small walking trail that runs parallel to the water flow with benches along the way.



### Haliburton Fish Hatchery

6712 Gelert Road www.hhoa.on.ca

The centre features displays about hunting and fishing heritage, fish populations, the Haliburton Gold-Lake Trout Project and Aquaculture. The hatchery sits on a 10 hectare property located south of the Village of Haliburton with grounds that contain an archery range and extensive trail system. Some of the trails traverse 3 pocket wetlands and provide ample opportunities for education on wetland structure, functions, wildlife and waterfowl.



### Ritchie Falls

Ritchie Falls Road

This beautiful spectacle of rushing waters is perhaps one of the Highlands' most photographed places and well worth a visit.

### Snowdon Park

Gelert Road

Snowdon Park is a wetland and forest preserve established through the cooperation of the Township of Minden Hills and the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists. Providing a self-guided, level route through an upland mixed forest. The main Wetland Trail is about 2.9 km. There are several short side trails and loops. Along the route are excellent examples of a large fen complex, a swamp hardwood forest and wetlands, including a shallow open water marsh adjacent to a viewing platform which is wheelchair accessible.



### Minden Wild Water Preserve

Horseshoe Lake Road

This 0.8km trail treats visitors to the raw beauty of whitewater rapids, natural caves and exposed granite rock. The Gull River's 800 metre white water section is a popular destination for recreational kayaking, canoeing, sightseeing and is a site host for the 2015 PAN AM Games.

### Dahl Forest Nature Reserve

1307 Geeza Road

www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca/nature-reserves/dahl-forest/

The Dahl Forest is approximately 202 hectares and straddles 2.7 km of the Burnt River in Haliburton Highlands south of Gelert. The ecological significance of the Dahl Forest is evident in the diversity of species and habitats found on the property. Enjoy 7 self guided trail systems.



### Furnace Falls

Hwy 503

The falls are visible from the bridge as you cross the Irondale river, with a small drop of 1 to 2m. The passive park surrounding the site is a great place for a rest stop and the falls, while small, are picturesque.

### Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Museum

2314 Loop Road

www.redcrossoutpost.org

"A National Historic Sites of Canada"-Considered the best preserved Red Cross Outpost building in Canada by the National Historic Sites and Monuments Board. On display are many original artifacts including a maternity kit, baby scales, bed pans and other items used by the nurses who worked from -and lived at-the Outpost between 1922 and 1963.

### High Falls (\$)

Elephant Lake Road



The 2km trail follows an old road through a Red Pine plantation. It then becomes a footpath northward through hardwood forests on the west side of the York River. The trail connects with the first portage on the river then branches off to a rock point north of High Falls. From the end of the trail

you have a view of the top of the rapids upstream of High Falls and a view downstream towards the falls.

### Kidd Schoolhouse Museum

5375 Loop Road

This little Heritage Museum is the original log building schoolhouse built by Walter Kidd in 1890 to serve the tiny community of Kidd's Corners. It is the oldest surviving schoolhouse in



Cardiff Township. After closing in the 1920s, it later became a hunt camp and then an information booth.

**Enjoy the ride, watch for wildlife and abide by safety rules of the road. Haliburton Highlands is the perfect place for touring. Our topography of rolling hills and breathtaking views make the experience memorable.**

Use routes at your own risk! (\$) Minimal Charges

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### Ragged Falls (\$)

Hwy 60



Its proximity to Algonquin Provincial Park makes this protected waterway almost an Algonquin appendage, but it's a park in its own right, and for good reason. Oxtongue River - Ragged Falls contains many features of local significance. The

small plunge basin at Gravel Falls demonstrates the powerful, erosive force of glacial meltwater. Nine distinct forest communities lie within the park. Plenty of parking, washrooms available, marked 1km hiking trails and lookout over the falls. Spectacular!

### Haliburton Sculpture Forest

College Drive, beside Haliburton School of The Arts.

www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca

"A Natural Work of Art" can be felt at the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. A unique outdoor collection of 22 sculptures created by Canadian and international artists is located on approximately 1.8km of forest trails providing changing perspectives of the forest and the sculptures in each of the seasons.



### Minden Hills Cultural Centre

www.mindenculturalcentre.com

Connecting the Cultural Centre to the downtown is a 2.5km circuitous walk that runs along the Gull River. The boardwalk section, elevated through pristine wetlands is a wonderful opportunity for nature lovers.

### Sir Sam's Ski Area (\$)

www.sirsams.com

Discover the best kept secret in Haliburton Highlands. Stop at this destination for a trip up the unique



covered surface lift (the first of its kind in Canada) to experience the reach to the top of the hill. At the top, you will discover a panoramic view of foliage and the crystal waters of Eagle Lake.

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## Transportation

- Kings Highway
- County Road
- Township Road
- Seasonal Township Road
- Forest Access Road
- Rail Trail

## Scenic Motorbike Routes

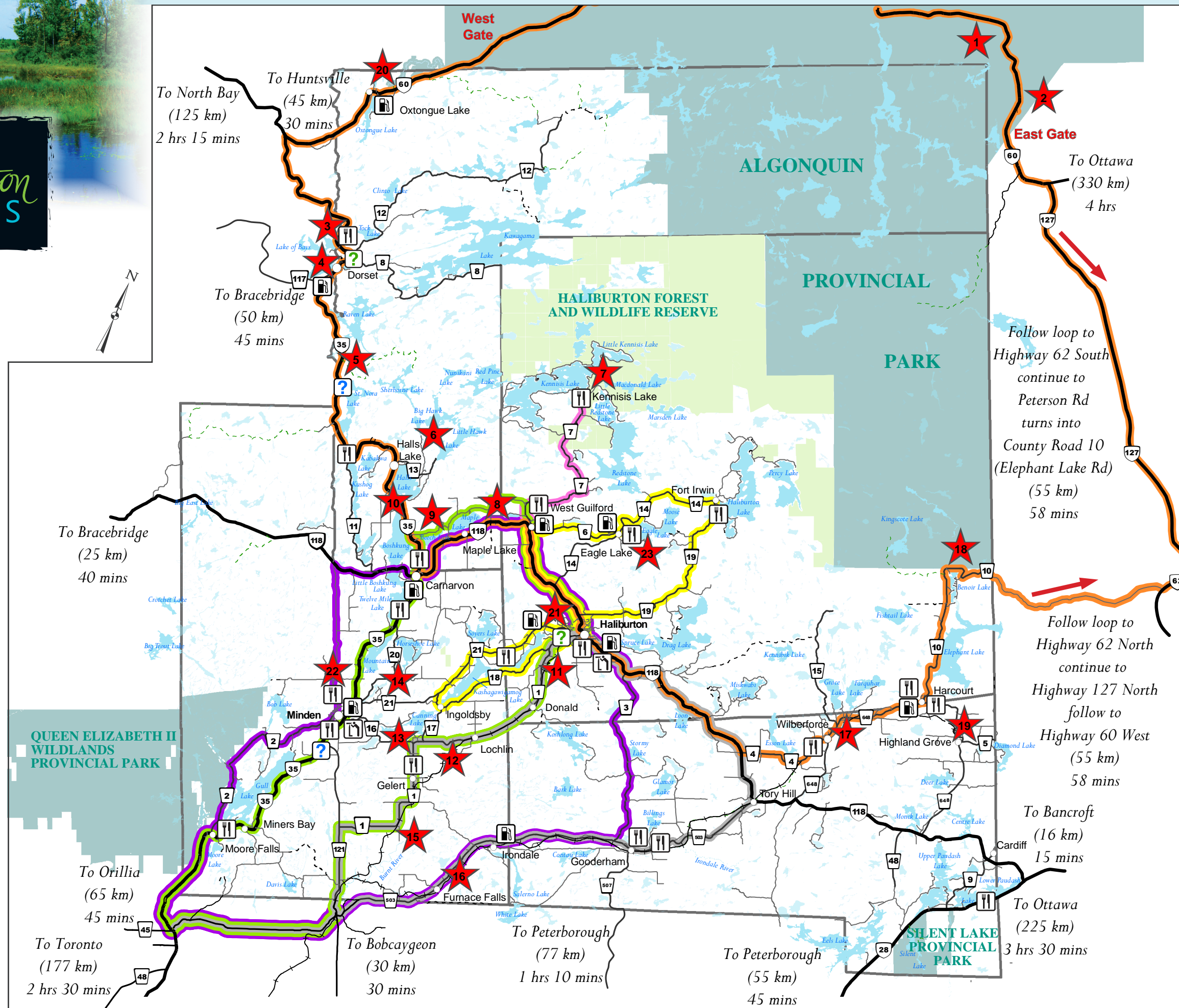
- R.R. Ride~Rural Route Tour
- Algonquin Loop Tour
- Haliburton Gold Loop
- The Wolf Run
- Rail Trail Ride
- Shoreline to Hilltop Ride

## Selected Features

- Point of Interest
- Restaurant
- Gas Station
- Look-out
- Seasonal Information Centre
- Information Centre

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## Route Descriptions

Explore 6 routes through the curves and rolling hills of the Haliburton Highlands. Whether you are seeking a day trip or extended excursion, you will find The Highlands filled with breathtaking scenic views and attractions along the way.

### Rural Ride (Purple Route)

Approx. 2 hours - 136 km

This route reveals the true meaning of our tagline, "A Natural Work of Art" It not only describes the true artistry in the area, but also defines the topography of rolling hills, rock cuts, crystal clear waterways and exceptional woodlands. Passing through both Haliburton and Minden be sure to stop by the lookouts for a full panoramic view of each village.

### Algonquin Loop Tour (Orange Route)

Approx. 3 1/2 hours - 272 km

This big, striking tour is sure to catch your attention. From the wildlife, scenic-rock cuts and shorelines, be sure to bring your camera and capture the beauty of nature. With many points of interest along the way for a photo op and a chance to stretch your legs on a hike.

### Haliburton Gold Loop (Green Route)

Approx. 2 hours - 128 km

Haliburton Highlands is known for its gold, but not the kind of gold you would normally be thinking of. Stop by the Haliburton Fish Hatchery to discover "Haliburton Gold" for yourself.

### The Wolf Run (Pink Route)

Approx. 25 minutes - 20 km

The Forest special extension route is a great add on to any of the other loops attached. You just can't leave beautiful Haliburton Highlands without experiencing Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve. The drive alone is quite an experience of bends, inclines and foliage colours sharply following waterways up to the destination. Featuring The Wolf Centre, hiking trails and much, much more.

### Rail Trail Tour (Grey Route)

Approx. 1 hour, 45 minutes - 120 km

This well-paved route is full of twists and also piggybacks on two old rail lines throughout the County.

### Shorelines to Hilltop Ride (Yellow Route)

Approx. 1 hour, 15 minutes - 85 km

Be sure to bring your camera on this ride, as it provides many breathtaking scenic views. Following around Kashagawigamog Lake shorelines and up through the narrow hills of the Eagle Lake. These roads are more on the rugged side, much like the terrain... a true beauty at the peak of the hills overlooking Eagle Lake.