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# BEACHES

Your go-to spots for sun-soaked adventures on Lake Erie!

From sun-kissed sands to exciting coastal escapes, South Coast beaches invite you to create your own travel story. Our beaches are a playground for the carefree and a canvas for unforgettable moments. So, grab your shades, kick off your shoes, and let the waves be your soundtrack.

## Port Colborne

### Centennial-Cedar Bay Beach

2767 Vimy Road (off Hwy #3),  
Port Colborne, 905-835-2900

 Free access and parking fees apply

### Nickel Beach

Located at the southern end of  
Welland Street at Lake Street,  
Port Colborne, 905-835-2900

 Free access and parking fees apply

## Fort Erie

### Bay Beach (Crystal Beach)

4155 Erie Road, Fort Erie,  
905-871-1600

 Day passes and parking fees apply

### Waverly Beach Park

280 Helena Street, Fort Erie,  
905-871-1600

 Free admission and parking

## Wainfleet

### Long Beach Conservation Area

12965 Lakeshore Road, Wainfleet,  
905-788-3135

 Admission fees apply and  
season passes available

### Reebs Bay Beach

607 Lakeshore Road, Wainfleet,  
905-899-3452

 Limited parking and  
washroom facilities available



# FUN ON THE WATER FRONT

The South Coast's waterfront is a sanctuary for those in search of a harmonious blend of tranquility and adventure.



## Boating

Whether you're into the thrill of water sports, chilling on the deck with a cold drink, or casting a line to reel in the day's catch, Lake Erie has got you covered.

**Bertie Boating Club** 1010 Point Abino Rd S, Ridgeway 905-894-3223

**Buffalo Canoe Club** 4475 Erie Rd, Ridgeway 905-894-2750

**Buffalo Yacht Club** 1007 Point Abino Rd, Ridgeway 905-894-6111

**Niagara Parks Marina at Miller's Creek** 2400 Niagara River Pkwy, Fort Erie, 1-877-642-7275

**Sugarloaf Marina** 3 Marina Dr, Port Colborne, 905-835-6644

## Fishing

With its open waters and scenic shoreline, each fishing expedition becomes a unique experience, blending the thrill of the catch with the beauty of nature.

**Crystal Beach Waterfront Park and Boat Launch Ramp**  
3875 Terrace Lane, Fort Erie, 905-871-1600

**H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park and Boat Launch Ramp**  
160 Sugarloaf Street, Port Colborne, 905-835-2900

**Wainfleet Wetlands Conservation Area**  
10632 Quarry Road, Wainfleet, 905-788-3135



# TRAILS AND CONSERVATION AREAS

The South Coast of Niagara beckons nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers with a tapestry of trails and conservation areas that showcase the area's natural splendor.

From lush forests to scenic shorelines, the area features an array of outdoor havens waiting to be explored. Hiking and cycling enthusiasts can traverse the meandering paths, immersing themselves in the glory of the majestic surroundings.



## Cycling Trails

Friendship Trail  
Gord Harry Conservation Trail  
Niagara River Recreation Trail and Riverwalk  
Steve Bauer Trail  
Welland Canals Parkway Trail

## Conservation Areas

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Comfort Maple     | Mud Lake           |
| Gainsborough      | Stevensville       |
| Humberstone Marsh | St. Johns          |
| Long Beach        | Wainfleet Bog      |
| Morgan's Point    | Wainfleet Wetlands |



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## Battle of Ridgeway Heritage Park

The Battle of Ridgeway took place on June 2, 1866, and was a significant event during the Fenian Raids, which were a series of raids by Irish-American insurgents into British North America, particularly Canada, in an attempt to influence British policy towards Ireland.

**i** 3408 Garrison Road, Ridgeway, 905-894-5322  
Hours: The outdoor exhibits are open year-round



## Old Fort Erie and Annual Siege of Fort Erie Battle Re-enactment

Old Fort Erie is a well-preserved historic site that played a significant role in various military conflicts, particularly during the War of 1812 and the Fenian Raids of 1866. The Annual Siege of Fort Erie Battle Re-enactment takes place every year in the summer.

**i** 350 Lakeshore Road, Fort Erie, 905-871-0540  
Tickets available through [niagaraparks.com](http://niagaraparks.com)



# OUR HERITAGE

Nestled along the shores of Lake Erie, Niagara's South Coast boasts a heritage as diverse and dynamic as its breathtaking landscapes.

## Welland Canal

The 19th century marked a significant turning point with the completion of the Welland Canal in 1829. A marvel of engineering, the Welland Canal links Lake Erie to Lake Ontario and has transformed the region into a vital transportation corridor.





## Fort Erie and Niagara Railway Museums

All aboard for a train-tastic time! These museums aren't just about trains; they're a full-throttle adventure into the locomotive world.

**i** 400 Central Ave, Fort Erie, 905-894-5322  
21 Warren St, Fort Erie, 905-357-6539

## Fort Erie Historical Museum

The Fort Erie Historical Museum is a treasure trove of lively history and engaging exhibits, making it a must-visit attraction for history enthusiasts and casual explorers alike.

**i** 402 Ridge Rd N, Ridgeway, 905-894-5322

# MUSEUMS

Embarking on a museum-hopping spree through Fort Erie and Port Colborne promises a double dose of historical fun.



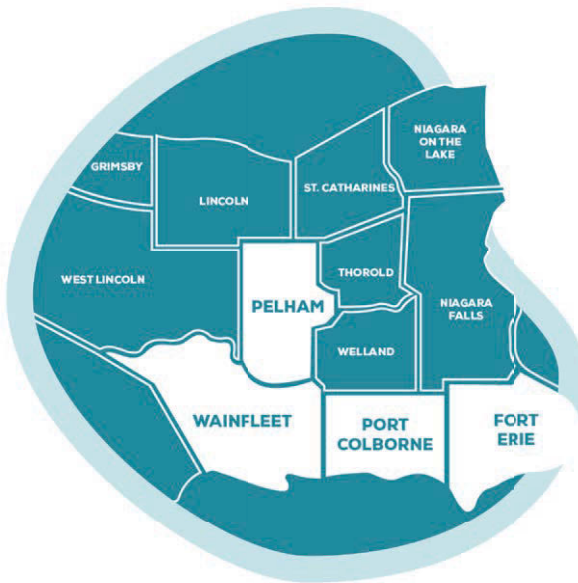
## Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum

Get ready for a maritime adventure at the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum, where history meets fun and hijinks. Dive into the fascinating world of the Welland Canal with interactive exhibits that spill the secrets of this engineering marvel.

**i** 280 King St, Port Colborne, 905-834-7604

# PLACES

For us, there's no place like home, and that home is Niagara. We can't wait to take you beyond the usual and show you a different side of this region. A well-kept secret, you could say. Now that you're in the know, you're ready to go.



## FORT ERIE

Cross into this busy border town where kilometres of Lake Erie shoreline meet the grand Niagara River



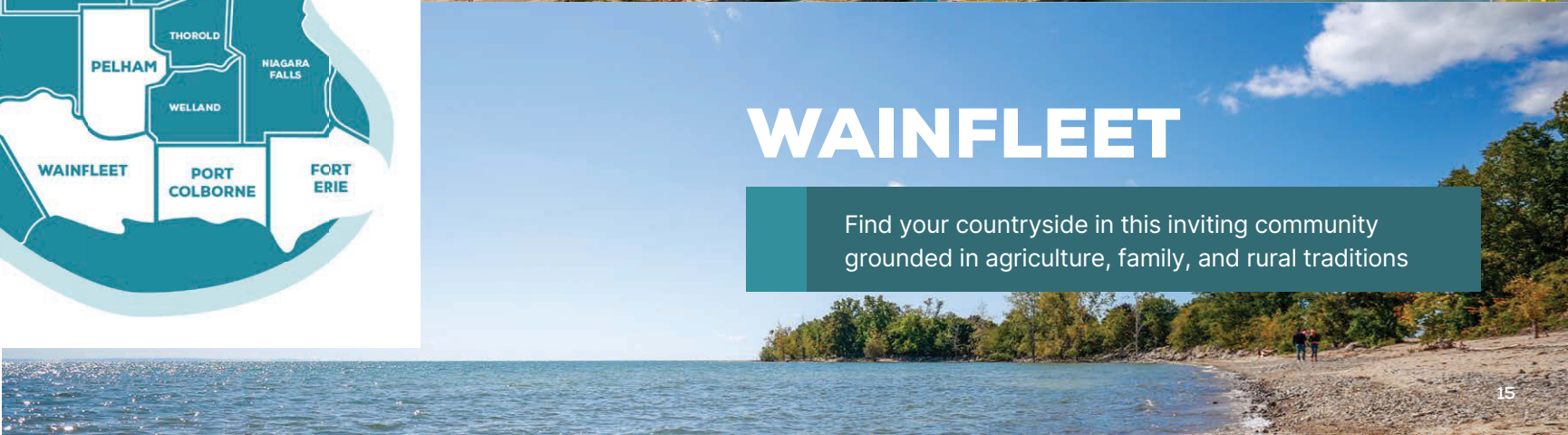
## PORT COLBORNE

Its hallmark is a commitment to providing an exceptional small-town experience in a big way



## WAINFLEET

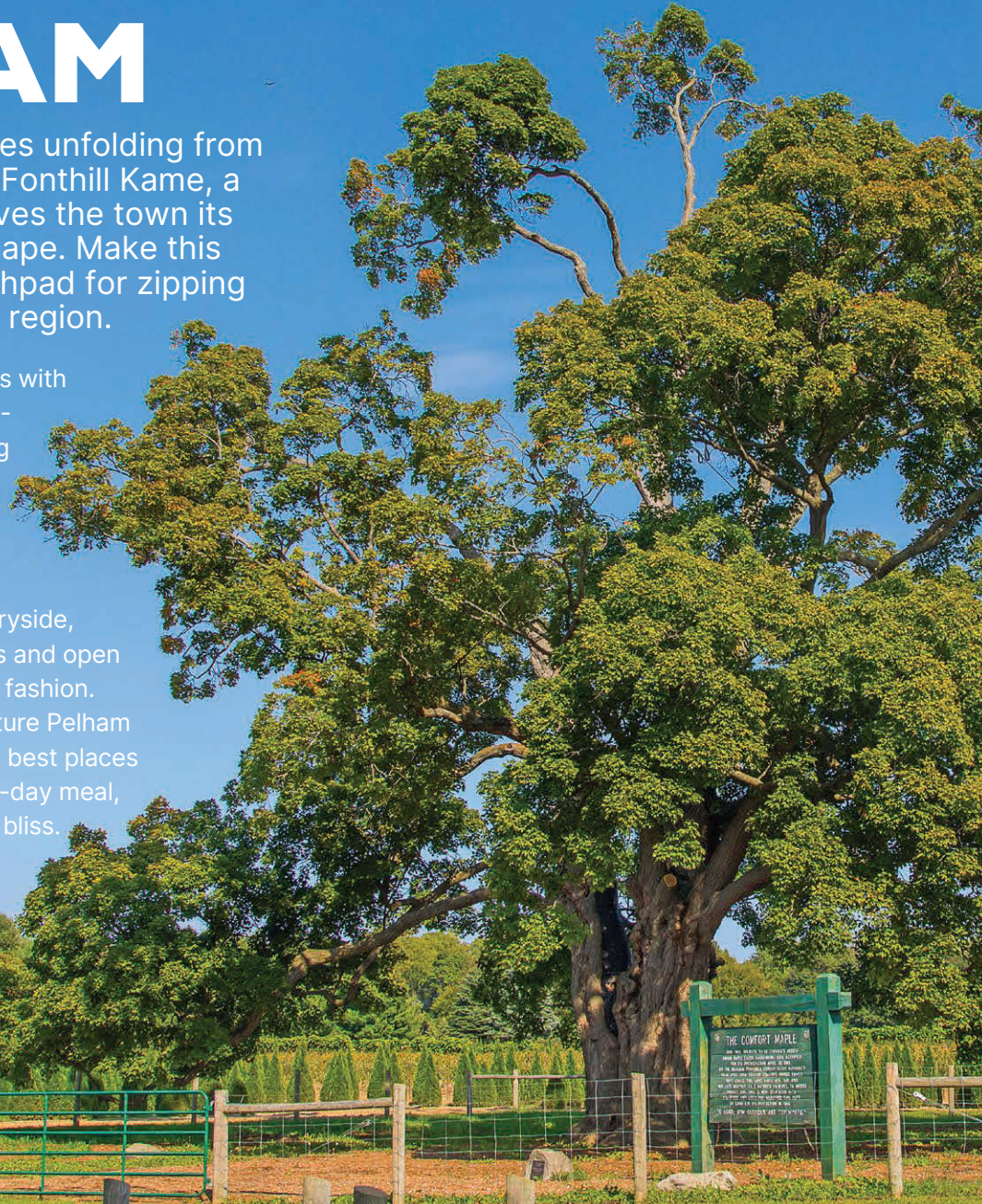
Find your countryside in this inviting community grounded in agriculture, family, and rural traditions



# PELHAM

Imagine storybook scenes unfolding from each rise and fall of the Fonthill Kame, a glacial formation that gives the town its distinctive rolling landscape. Make this special place your launchpad for zipping and zooming across the region.

Set in motion your morning plans with delicious delights from a tucked-away cafe nook. After all, golfing at one of the region's most sought-after courses requires an active spirit and a happy heart. You'll also want to save some energy to cycle the countryside, where the sights of flower farms and open orchards emerge in spectacular fashion. Back in town, look for the signature Pelham arches to point you towards the best places for a local craft beverage, a mid-day meal, and a couple hours of shopping bliss.



Blink twice and you might just miss your chance to wander through Short Hills Provincial Park or marvel at the majestic **Comfort Maple**, a sugar maple believed to be Canada's oldest. Both are only a stone's throw from a wildly popular working sugarbush. Linger for a little longer in Pelham by escaping to a nearby camping resort for moments of pure relaxation under a blanket of stars.

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## Pelham Summerfest

Beyond shining the spotlight on its artist community's exceptional talents, the festivities in Pelham spill onto the streets every year in July for four days of music and entertainment, children's activities, featured retail and food vendors, and a thrilling showcase of automotive power and beauty.

## BREWERIES & WINERIES



**Breakwall Brewing Company**  
46 Clarence St., Port Colborne  
289-836-8181



**Brimstone Brewing Company**  
209 Ridge Rd. N, Ridgeway  
289-876-8657



**Kame and Kettle Beer Works**  
25 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill  
289-273-2550

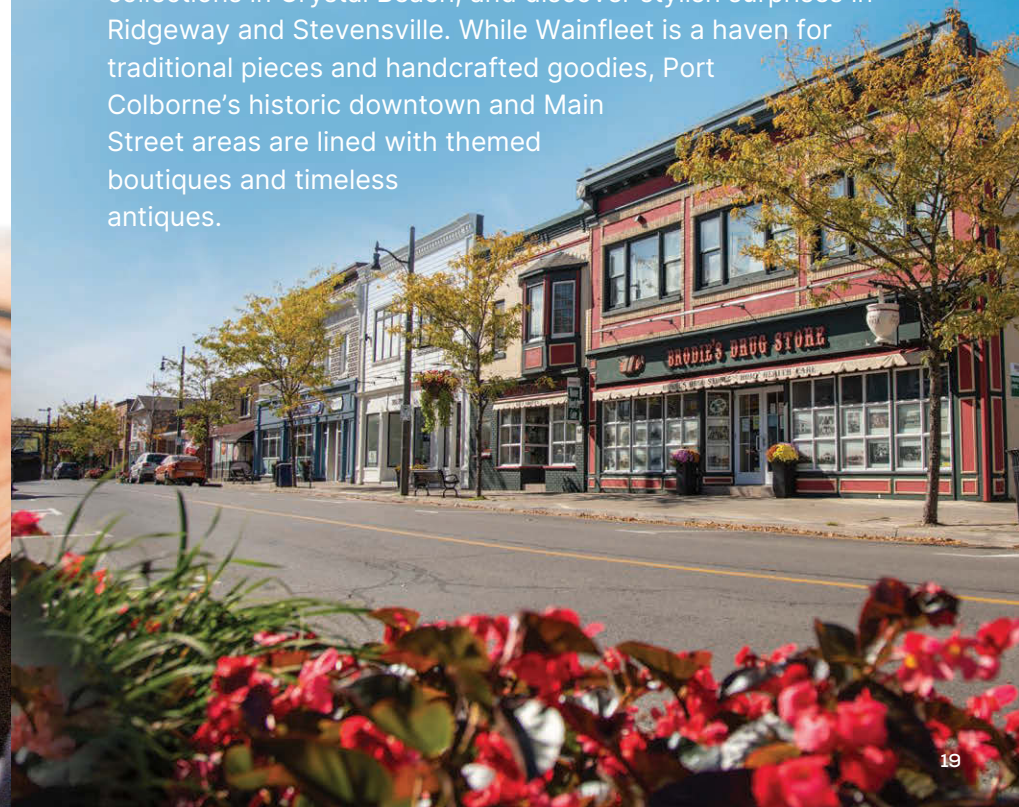


**Sons & Daughters Winery**  
1389 Effingham St., Ridgeway  
905-407-7426

# SHOPPING DISTRICTS

Strollable streets that are perfectly suited for your shopping splurges.

Behind every unique find is a local person who loves what they do. That chat with the retailers of Ridgeway, the farm owners of Fenwick, the artisans of Fonthill – it's all part of the treasure you take with you. Hit the South Coast shopping circuit to snag some quality buys in Garrison and Bridgeburg, track down cool collections in Crystal Beach, and discover stylish surprises in Ridgeway and Stevensville. While Wainfleet is a haven for traditional pieces and handcrafted goodies, Port Colborne's historic downtown and Main Street areas are lined with themed boutiques and timeless antiques.



**SCAN  
FOR FOOD  
& DRINK  
MAP**

# CULTURE

Niagara's South Coast boasts a rich cultural scene, encompassing a blend of maritime heritage and artistic endeavours.



Together, these cultural attractions contribute to the identity of Niagara's South Coast, offering visitors and residents an enriching experience that celebrates both the destination's heritage and its creative spirit.

## Lighthouse Festival

Lighthouse Festival is a celebration that delivers high-calibre Canadian theatre while also showcasing the talents of established and emerging artists. The festival offers an array of performances, art exhibits, and activities, drawing in visitors from far and wide.

## The Sanctuary - Centre for the Arts

Step into a world of entertainment and community spirit at The Sanctuary - Centre for the Arts, your go-to venue for live performances and events. Adjoined to Brimstone Brewing Co., The Sanctuary offers an everchanging lineup of concerts, theatre plays, and comedy shows, guaranteeing something for everyone.

## Community Concerts

Live music in the park – it's a true highlight of the summer! Port Colborne, Pelham, and Crystal Beach give the gift of free outdoor concerts to anyone looking to move, groove, and sing the night away. Simply check your schedule, show up, and let the good times roll.



## Golfing

Niagara's South Coast offers golfing experiences that combine spectacular scenery with challenging courses, making it a haven for golf enthusiasts. With lush landscapes and panoramic views of Lake Erie, golfers can enjoy a round in a picturesque setting.

Whisky Run Golf Club

Port Colborne Country Club

Fort Erie Golf Club

Bridgewater Country Club

Cherry Hill Club

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The Hawk Golf Club

Lookout Point Country Club

Sawmill Golf Course

Pelham Hills Golf & Country Club

Riverview Golf Course

Long Beach Country Club



## Farmers' Markets

Visiting the farmers' markets of Niagara's South Coast offers the chance to explore these vibrant hubs of local culture and culinary treasures. Featuring an abundance of fresh, locally grown produce bursting with flavour and nutrients, these markets provide an opportunity to connect directly with the local farmers and producers who cultivate the food we eat.

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EVENTS  
CALENDAR**



## Point Abino Lighthouse Tours

Embark on a journey through history with tours of the Point Abino Lighthouse, where the charm of yesteryear meets the beauty of Lake Erie. Step foot onto this iconic landmark, steeped in maritime lore and architectural splendor, and uncover the secrets of its fascinating past. Guided tours in the summer offer a unique opportunity to explore the inner workings of this historic beacon, from its towering structure to breathtaking views from the top.

Lighthouse tours are currently on hold for the 2026 season.



# EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

There's always something exciting happening along the shores of Lake Erie!

Whether you're seeking family-friendly fun, cultural enrichment or outdoor thrills, Niagara's South Coast has an event or entertainment option to suit every preference, making it a dynamic and vibrant year-round destination.



## Canal Days

Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival in Port Colborne is a beloved early August celebration that draws locals and tourists to experience the city's maritime charm, vibrant atmosphere, and array of entertainment options. The waterfront buzzes with live music performances, street and food vendors, historic boat tours, and fireworks displays that light up the night sky.



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## Marshville Heritage Festival

This annual celebration in September honours the rich history and cultural heritage of a delightful rural community. The event offers a diverse range of activities and attractions for attendees of all ages to enjoy. Visitors can immerse themselves in the traditions and customs of Wainfleet through live music performances, historical re-enactments, and interactive exhibits.



## Ridgefest

Hosted in the heart of downtown, followers of the two-day festival love seeing the village come alive with musical entertainment, family-friendly activities, and a whole variety of artisan and food vendors. Of the many street festivals you can choose from, this is one you definitely want to include on your list.

# ACCOMMODATIONS AND MAPS



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Maps



Accommodations



**We're here to help you navigate the region's amazing attractions and hidden gems.**

Following this QR code to key points of interest such as scenic viewpoints, historical sites, recreational activities, and culinary delights allows you to tailor an itinerary to your specific interests.

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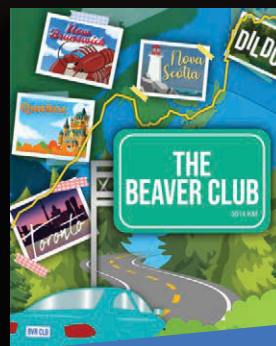
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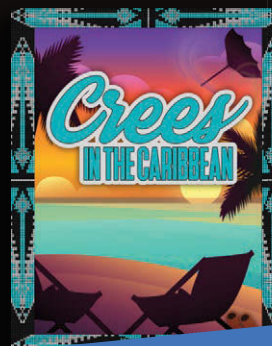
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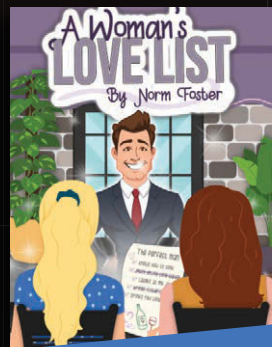
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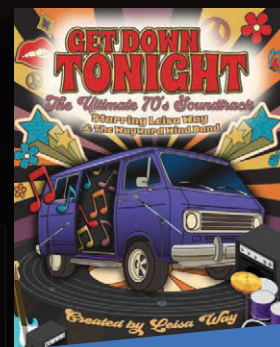
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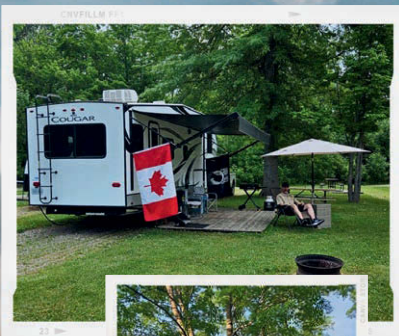
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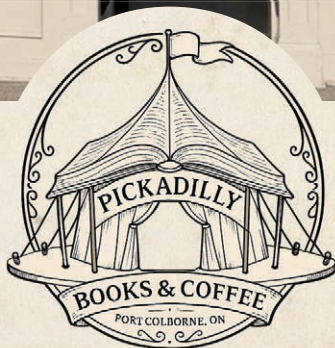
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