

# Kincardine and Bluewater Country

Fri Aug 31st to Sun Sept 2nd



Phantom Piper plays atop the Kincardine Lighthouse

See Kincardine's famous piper and join in the street parade behind the Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band on Saturday night.

Friday night is Cruise Night on Queen St. We'll be there. Visit Queen Street from 6 pm to 9 pm browse the classics! Classic Cars, Special Interest Vehicles & Motorcycle Show

And there's hiking too. We'll have good hiking destinations on our way to Kincardine and on the way back.

On Saturday we'll do a sample of the trails at Inverhuron and McGregor point Provincial Parks. If the weather's warm go for a swim at Inverhuron one of the finest beaches in Ontario.

We stay for two nights at TownePlace Suites by Marriott Kincardine. Guests can enjoy the indoor pool and on-site bar. Free WiFi and a complimentary daily breakfast are also provided.

Each room offers a kitchenette equipped with a refrigerator, a dishwasher, kitchenware and cooking hobs. Every unit also features a 32-inch LCD TV with satellite and cable channels and overlook the town.

The Itinerary may be changed a little based on a scouting trip. **Check for another update**

**Friday:** We leave at 8-30 a.m. from the Laurie Branch Arena at in Burlington at Walkers Line and Mainway. Have your lunch and walking gear ready. We'll make a coffee stop on the way before arriving at Bognor Marsh where you will find 12.9 km of trails, an education shelter, boardwalks with interpretive signs, a viewing tower, access to the Bruce Trail and washrooms. This is a unique area. In a short time period you can be standing on the brow of the Niagara Escarpment and looking down on the backs of turkey vultures as they soar on air currents above the marsh. The trails are looped and we should be able to arrange wildflowering, birding, a short stroll or a hike up to about 8 km. We'll also have our lunch here

In the afternoon we'll drive over to Kincardine and get settled into our hotel. Sobeys is right opposite the hotel for anything you may need.

The bus will drop us off in town around 6 p.m. There are plenty of places to get something to eat and then take in the activities on Queen Street including Cruise Night. We'll arrange a bus pickup to bring you back to the hotel at 9 p.m. You can walk but it's 2km.

## **Saturday:**

After breakfast the coach will take us to MacGregor Point Provincial Park. It's about 30 mins drive up the coast. The varied habitat found within the park includes a seven-kilometre stretch of coast, coastal wetlands, forests, and dunes. We'll select a couple of suitable morning hikes based on weather and other conditions. Bring your lunch for a picnic in the park.

Inverhuron beach not far away is always worth a visit for a walk along the beach no matter what the weather. It's a gem with crystal clear water. If it's warm go for a swim. There are change huts etc.

Back to the hotel in late afternoon to get cleaned up and we'll go out to a local restaurant for dinner early enough to make sure we're finished before the piper and the parade. There may be a concert after the parade and we'll arrange bus transport back to the hotel afterward.

## **Sunday :**

We checkout of the hotel after breakfast and head down to the Goderich area. We will arrange a long and a short hike on the Maitland trail ending in Goderich where you can get a snack or an ice-cream before boarding the coach for the trip home arriving back in Burlington about 5-30 p.m.

**Trip Cost is \$389 per person double occupancy or \$559 per person single.**

Included are : coach transport and driver tips, 1 Dinner, hotel rooms and taxes , continental breakfasts at the hotel, park entrance fees. The only tips not covered are for the room staff who you may tip at your discretion.

Register by logging in to our website and going to the Calendar and Schedules page. You will pay for the trip in full on-line, through PayPal (no deposit required). Our goal is to have this trip available for on-line registration by June 15th Cancellation Policy: You can cancel up to Aug 1st and only be charged a \$25.00 processing fee. After Aug 1st, you will be responsible for any costs that the club incurs on your behalf. This could include transportation, accommodation, meals, leader subsidy, etc. If you cancel out of a double occupancy, you will also be responsible for the cost difference for your roommate.

**Trip leaders :Phill and Anne Armstrong**