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**Grey County Tourism Winter 2011**

**Friday November 25**



GREY COUNTY, ONTARIO



*Four season fun... as close as this weekend.*

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## **The Magic Season Begins!**

It's holiday time in Grey County. A twinkle of frost is on the trees, stars sparkle brightly in the crisp night sky. Come celebrate the best of the season with any number of wonderful seasonal events.





*Festival of Northern Lights*



*Parade in the Country*



*Winter Wonderland*



*Winter Fun!*

Find the [Santa Claus Parade nearest you](#) on our website. This year, many towns have opted for evening parades, including Dundalk, Meaford, Warton and Hanover, all on December 3rd.

If you only have time for one this year, consider the [Holstein Non-Motorized Santa Claus Parade](#) on December 10. This playful and picturesque event features floats pulled by draft animals of all kinds, from perfectly matched teams of Clydesdales and Percherons to miniature horses, dogs and even goats! Truly a delight for all ages. Hot lunches and beverages are available in the village starting at 11am, the parade starts at 1pm.

If an evening stroll is more your style, visit downtown Owen Sound until January 2nd to enjoy the [Festival of Northern Lights](#). Enjoy the sparkle of the season each evening from 5pm to 11pm, as 18+ kilometers of lights illuminate the harbour, the Sydenham riverbanks, the downtown core, and Harrison Park.

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## Get Outside and Enjoy



**Night-time skiing** Why not enjoy two of winter's greatest wonders – snow and the night sky – at the same time? Night-time skiing from 4:30 to 10pm starts at [Blue Mountain](#) on December 15 (weather permitting).

**Sleigh Rides** Winter is a great time to enjoy a [sleigh ride!](#) [Dual Acres](#) is offering a Sleigh Ride with Santa complete with hot chocolate and cookies on December 17. On January 1st and 3rd [Whinny Acres](#) has New Year's rides to lunch cooked over a bonfire in the forest.

**Ice rinks** Indoor and outdoor rinks are open around the County: for hours of operation, locations and contact info, have a look at our [rinks page](#).

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## Great Gifts from Grey

**Studio Shows & Sales** November 26 and 27, 2011- It's the last [Art Map Open Studio weekend](#) of the year! Impress your friends and relatives with your impeccable taste while supporting local artisans and businesses. Creative gift ideas include jewelry, glasswork, pottery, paintings, drawings, cards and calendars.

**More Gift Ideas** How about gift certificates to the [Scandinave Spa](#), a getaway to [Blue Mountain Village](#), or a New Year's Eve dinner or New Year's Day brunch at [Cobble Beach](#)? Other great options include a private tasting party at [Georgian Hills Vineyards](#), tickets to the famous [Banff Mountain Film Festival](#) or the [Seeing Red](#) burlesque show, both coming up at Owen Sound's [Roxy Theatre](#) in the new year, or tickets to any number of great concerts at the [Meaford Hall](#).

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## Holiday Concerts, Open Houses and More

**There are concerts,  
performances and  
open houses celebrating  
the season**

**[all around the County.](#)**



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- November 26, [Eine Kleine Kosher Kitchen](#), a celebration of Jewish food, music and spirit at the Historic Beth Ezekiel Synagogue.

- November 26 and 27, [Victorian Christmas at the Billy Bishop Home and Museum](#) with live music, hot cider, baked trees and sleigh rides.

- December 3, [Edgehill Country School Advent Fair](#) with local arts vendors, live music and lunch. Activities include candle dipping, carnival games, gingerbread decorating and a puppet show.

- December 3, [Flesherton Fling](#) tree lighting and carol singing in the village.

- December 7, the annual [Heritage Bridge Lighting](#) ceremony and [Durham Art Gallery Open House](#) in Durham.

- December 8 to 11, [A Neverland Christmas Carol](#) mixes Peter Pan with the Dickens classic at the Hanover Civic Theatre.

- December 10, **Holstein Non-Motorized Santa Claus Parade** (see above for details).

- December 10, [Moreston by Candlelight](#), all ages can enjoy hot cider, sleigh rides and caroling; tour the decorated buildings of the historic village at Grey Roots Museum.

- December 11, [Santa Brunch at Cobble](#), two sittings with Santa and gifts for all children.

- December 18, [The 14th Annual Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, Readings, Carols & Advent Music](#) is a beautiful lamplit service with readings and carol singing at the Historic Leith Church.

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## More Winter Still to Come



Coming in January: the **Grey County Winter Waterfalls Snowshoe Hiking Guide**

Until then, visit our [snowshoeing page](#).

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