

## INDIAN FALLS The falls that rock

Indian Falls is the most remote waterfall on the Grey County tour. The walk to the falls requires following the banks of the Indian River and making a fairly steep ascent up the side of the gorge. It is rough underfoot, but there are stairs that make the climb up the gorge manageable. The view of the falls is more likely to make you breathless than the 10-15 minute hike!

Indian Falls is horseshoe-shaped with "bridal veil" falling water similar to Niagara Falls, although on a much smaller scale. The classic plunge waterfall of Indian Falls drops 15 meters into an amphitheatre-shaped

In the summer months, the falls can dry up to a mere trickle, but Indian Falls is still worth a visit as it is an opportunity to see the interesting composition of the rock formation. Indian Falls was formed when the soft red Queenston Formation shale layers eroded exposing the Manitoulin dolomite cap rock. There are signs of the ongoing geological process as the falling water gradually undercuts the harder rock creating a deep hole in the bedrock at the bottom.

The trail leads upstream to a beautiful meadow where the peace is only interrupted by the rhythmic drumming of the falls.

#### **Nearby Points of Interest**

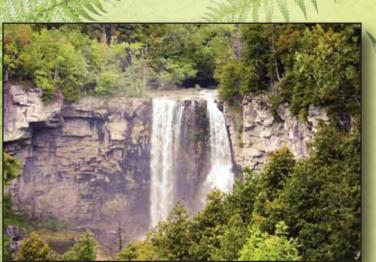
The Kemble Women's Institute Lookout and Teapot Cairn built to honour the world's longest active Women's Institute is a wonderful place to take in the spectacular scenic views across Georgian Bay to Christian Island. Cobble Beach Inn offers a full-service spa and a restaurant with a patio overlooking the bay, and the Cobble Beach Golf Links course has been voted one of the top new courses in Canada.

Open Season: Spring, summer, autumn Level of Difficulty: Challenging Walking Time (Parking to Falls): 15 minutes River: Indian River



Coordinates: LON -80.94749085 LAT 44.61943121

Directions: From Owen Sound take Grey Road 1 north towards Balmy Beach (5kms). Parking entrance is on the left hand side, just after Indian River General Store.



#### **EUGENIA FALLS** Sparkling Waters

A five-minute walk along a path shaded by a heavy tree canopy brings visitors to the dramatic view of Eugenia Falls plunging 30 metres into the Cuckoo Valley gorge below. On a sunny day, the light dances on the falling water, hence the First Nations people named it Sparkling Waters.

This is an area rich in history. The falls once supported five mills and was the site of Ontario's second hydro-electric plant. There was even a short-lived gold rush and although the "gold" turned out to be iron pyrite fool's gold, the falls themselves are a treasure well worth a visit.

As much of the water from the Beaver River is diverted by the hydroelectric power station, the result is visitors are treated to a spectacular view of a tall and narrow waterfall that disappears into the forested gorge. It's suggested that you stay behind the stone wall safely from the edge of the vertical cliffs. It is possible to follow a path to the bottom of the falls, but this route is only suitable for experienced hikers. Less demanding is a section of the Bruce Trail that leads down to Hoggs Falls. The round trip to Hoggs Falls is about 3 hours and includes a steep climb on the way back.

#### **Nearby Points of Interest**

The Beaver River Grill and Eugenia Falls Emporium across from the falls boasts an old-fashioned soda and ice cream counter and is a great place to stop for locally produced honey, maple syrup, pickles and other

Head South on Grey County 13 to nearby Lake Eugenia and enjoy the views from the causeway that stretches across the lake, or north on 13 to the village of Kimberley to where high above the valley sits the Old Baldy lookout offering stunning views.

Open Season: Spring, summer, autumn Level of Difficulty: Easy Walking Time (Parking to Falls): 5 minutes

River: Beaver River



Washrooms: Yes - Pit Privy

Coordinates: LON -80.52660217 LAT 44.31325230 Directions: Take Grey Road 13 south into the village of Eugenia. The entrance to Eugenia Falls Conservation Area is on the right side of the road, diagonally across from the Eugenia Falls Emporium/Beaver River Grill.



## JONES FALLS Don't leave town without seeing it

As you drive up the hill from downtown Owen Sound heading west toward Southampton or north to Wiarton it's easy to miss Jones Falls in the hamlet of Springmount. It's well worth swinging into the parking lot just north of the intersection of Highway 6 and 21 to have a look.

Here in the Pottawatomi Conservation Area, a one-kilometer trail leads to Jones Falls where the Pottawatomi River cascades 12 meters over the Niagara Escarpment. This spot has been a favourite with locals and photographers for decades and many of the early postcards from the Owen Sound area featured stunning scenic shots of Jones Falls.

The walk along the trail to the waterfall is easy underfoot and leads through a beautiful old-growth forest. Cross the arched bridge to the south side of the falls to get the best view. Here among the giant boulders you can look back and get spectacular views of the falls. The falls can also be viewed by following the Bruce Trail along the other side of the river.

Although named after Samuel Jones, who built a sawmill on the river in 1849, the history of the falls goes back to Charles Rankin who surveyed the falls in 1833 after being appointed Deputy Provincial Surveyor of Upper Canada.

#### **Nearby Points of Interest**

Don't leave town without seeing the Billy Bishop Home and Museum which tells the life of Canada's World War II flying ace William Avery Bishop V.C. and the Owen Sound Marine & Rail Museum located right on the harbour.

Visit the Tom Thompson Art Gallery, home to a large permanent collection of works by the artist who inspired the Group of Seven plus a revolving program of historic and contemporary exhibitions.

Class: Cascade Admission Fee: No

Open Season: Spring, summer, autumn Level of Difficulty: Moderate

Walking Time (Parking to Falls): 5 minutes River: Pottawatomi River

Washrooms: Yes - in Info Centre

Coordinates: LON -80.98551972 LAT 44.55836179

Directions: From Owen Sound, head west on Highway 21 to Springmount, at the lights turn right heading north on Highway 6, parking for Jones Falls is on the right hand side. There is a Visitor Info Centre onsite. (There is roadside access from Highway 21, prior to Springmount lights)



Washrooms: Yes Coordinates: LON -80.93414450 LAT 44.52641132 Directions: From Rockford head west on Grey Road 18 to Inglis Falls Road, turn right, Conservation Area entrance is on the right, follow to parking.



# INGLIS FALLS

Centre Piece of the Waterfall Tour

Inglis Falls has long been a major tourist attraction and a must-see for tours to Owen Sound and a major highlight of any hike along the Bruce Trail, and it never fails to awe.

The Sydenham River pours over a stunning fan-like rock formation of limestone shelves creating an 18-meter high cascade that has carved a deep gorge at the base of the falls. Inglis Falls can be appreciated from the paved walkway or the viewing platform where you can look over the tree canopy above the valley below.

Inglis Falls is the perfect illustration of the breathtaking power of a waterfall. It's easy to imagine how Peter Inglis felt when he saw the jaw-dropping potential of the falls when he purchased the property in 1845. For the next 87 years, the Inglis family ran mills producing flour, bran

Inglis Falls is situated in a conservation area that has more than seven kilometers of trails that boast more than 20 species of ferns, bird watching and a series of fascinating geological potholes. There are also the historical remains of a grist mill and a picnic area.

#### **Nearby Points of Interest**

Class: Cascade

Admission Fee: \$3.00 Open Season: Four Seasons

River: Sydenham River

Walking Time (Parking to Falls): 1 minute

Head west on Grey County 18 and you'll find the Grey Roots Museum and Archives featuring an indoor waterfall and Moreston Heritage Village. Follow the path from the falls down to Harrison Park for a picnic lunch by the river or a meal at the Harrison Park Inn.

Owen Sound has many fine restaurants that are proud to serve foods from Grey Bruce. Watch for "Buy Local, Buy Fresh" signs to guide you to restaurants serving local foods.



Coordinates: LON -80.71173144 LAT 44.48902940

Walking Time (Parking to Falls): 1 minute

WALTER'S FALLS

a version of his name.

power its turbines.

yourself to a delicious meal at the Inn.

church was built on a hill overlooking the village.

**Nearby Points of Interest** 

Open Season: Four Seasons

Level of Difficulty: Easy

River: Walter's Creek

Washrooms: No

A village as well as a waterfalt

Walter's Falls is a spectacular double plunge waterfall where a tributary

of the Big Head River drops 14 meters into the gorge below. John Walter

discovered the falls in 1852 and the village, the creek and the falls all bear

Walter's Falls has become a tourist destination since the opening of the

Falls Inn in 2005. The Inn has earned a place in Ontario's Finest Inns

There is a viewing platform built out above the falls that gives an

excellent up close look at the falls. A bridge crosses the falls giving easy

access to the far side riverbank to get a different perspective of the twin

falls. Of special interest to the mechanically-inclined is the Walter's Falls

Milling Company, one the last remaining mills in Ontario to use water to

The Walter's Creek Side Trail is a loop of the Bruce Trail which can be

hiked in either direction from the Inn, and is a 2-4 hour hike depending on

the route taken. Pick up a map at the front desk and after your hike, treat

A must-see in the village is St. Phillips Anglican Church – a pretty stone

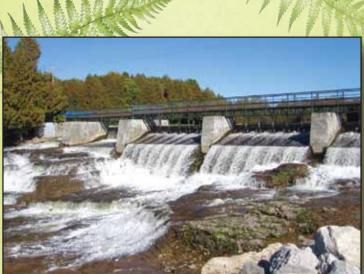
The picturesque Bognor Marsh is nearby, located on Grey Road 18, one

of Ontario's most easily accessible areas of wildlife, with about 12

kilometers of trails, boardwalks with interpretive signs, and a viewing

directory and has become a hot destination for weddings.

Directions: In the village of Walter's Falls, turn north onto Front Street (across from The Store) and follow the road right to parking area beside The Falls Inn. The falls are right there at the edge of the parking lot.



### **HOGGS FALLS**

Grey County's Best Kept Secret

Hidden from view by a vibrant foliage of cedar trees and ferns, the roar of cascading water that can be heard long before Hoggs Falls come into view, holds a promise of a dramatic waterfall. Hoggs Falls, which is considered one of Grey County's best kept secrets, doesn't disappoint.

Although the falls is only seven metres high, the volume of water from the Boyne River pouring over these falls against a backdrop of lush greenery, creates a breathtaking scene that is picture postcard perfect.

Although Hoggs Falls is located a mere five-minute walk from the parking lot, it's an undeveloped site that gives visitors the opportunity to view a spectacular waterfall close up in a natural setting. It is possible to reach the river and view the falls from below, but the path is slippery and often wet so extreme caution must be taken.

Hoggs Falls is named for William Hogg, of the illustrious Hogg family of York (after whom Toronto's Hoggs Hollow is named), who settled in Eugenia in the 1870s.

#### **Nearby Points of Interest**

Open Season: Four Seasons

River: Boyne River

Washrooms: No

Level of Difficulty: Moderate

Walking Time (Parking to Falls): 5 minutes

Watch for the parking lot on your left.

Coordinates: LON -80.54204084 LAT 44.28865596

Hoggs Falls is also on the Bruce Trail. Together with Eugenia Falls it forms two of the spectacular highlights of the Falling Water Trail which winds its way through the stunning scenery of the Beaver Valley.

There are some great restaurants, art galleries, antique and curio shops in the nearby historic village of Flesherton, which is officially designated as a walking village.

Directions: Head west on Grey Road 4 from Grey Road 13 and turn right

onto East Back Line North. Then turn east (right) onto Lower Valley Road.



The unexpected falls

As you head up the hill out of the scenic Grey County town of Durham and travel along a residential street, you might not expect to find a waterfall, but the scenery soon opens up and there among the cedars you find McGowan Falls at the Durham Conservation Area.

With just a three-meter drop, McGowan Falls is not as dramatic as some of the other Grey County Falls, but its location on a picturesque stretch of the Saugeen River makes McGowan Falls well worth a visit. There is a bridge across the crest of the falls and this is the ideal place to view the Saugeen River winding its way through the wooded countryside.

The conservation area boasts 60 hectares including three kilometers of river frontage making it a popular spot for sports anglers of all ages who fish the river for salmon and trout. There is also a beautiful partially shaded swimming beach that is the perfect place for a cool dip on a hot summer's day. The adventurous visitor may want to enjoy a "whirlpool" in the natural limestone pools below the falls. The park offers 200 campsites and there are also picnic shelters and several hiking and walking trails that lead past giant boulders and six-meter tall limestone bluff.

#### **Nearby Points of Interest**

The falls is portrayed in one of the several murals that can be seen on the downtown buildings of Durham.

The Durham Art Gallery is also well-worth a visit, and don't miss a stroll along the bridge leading out to Garafraxa Street (Hwy. 6). Several interesting artisans' studios, cafés and stores grace the downtown area.

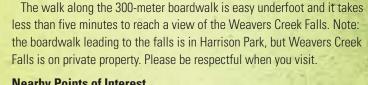


Walking Time (Parking to Falls): 1 minute River: Saugeen River

Coordinates: LON -80.80959003 LAT 44.17891974

Directions: At top of the hill in Durham, turn east onto Historic Durham Road (Grey Road 27) and drive 1.6 km to the Conservation Area entrance. Alternate entrance off Grey Road 4 at George Street.





riverbed creating a symphony of the sound of falling water.

#### **Nearby Points of Interest**

boardwalk that leads to the falls.

Weavers Creek is located in the middle of Harrison Park, which is home to the Black History Cairn. The cairn marks the northernmost terminus of the Underground Railroad that brought escaped slaves from the United States to freedom in Canada.

The park also offers canoeing on the river, picnic shelters, a bird sanctuary along with a family restaurant, the Harrison Park Inn.

Class: Plunge & Cascade Open Season: Four Seasons

Level of Difficulty: Moderate

Walking Time (Parking to Falls): 5 minutes River: Weavers Creek

Coordinates: LON -80.93723109 LAT 44.54544184

Directions: Take 2nd Avenue East through Owen Sound and turn into Harrison Park just south of the downtown core. Follow driveway to parking area beside the Harrison Park Inn. Follow the marked trails to the back of the park and look for the boardwalk to the right of the Public Pool. Follow the marked trail to the falls.



The trek begins in the city's 40-hectare park where Weavers Creek feeds

water that flows through the bird sanctuary before joining the Sydenham

River. Following the creek upstream as it winds through the campground

where it is spanned by wooden bridges, you eventually reach the park's

swimming pool and it is here off to the far right (west) corner you find the

The boardwalk allows people to enjoy a wilderness area right within the

city limits as it passes through an un-spoiled mini gorge under a canopy of

old growth forest. To the left of the boardwalk, the creek tumbles over the

are and what time you are expected back;

- Hike in pairs or small groups; ensure that someone knows where you may be helpful for longer hikes;
- Wear appropriate footwear and clothing to suit the weather; snowshoes cliff edges, etc.;
  - Be alert to dangers along the trails such as ice, falling snow, marked paths;
  - Follow the signs along trails and roadways and do not venture off

When visiting waterfalls in winter, remember to:



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copy from www.visitgrey.ca/winter-waterfalls and plan your winter about where to eat and rent snowshoes near the falls. Download your descriptionsof six winter-safe waterfall hikes. It also includes suggestions We've created a handy downloadable PDF with maps and detailed six waterfalls on our tour.

afternoon outing, or plan your route and spend a weekend visiting all waterfall. Bring your camera and a flask of hot chocolate for a perfect your boots or strap on some snowshoes and hike to a twinkling frozen Grey County's waterfalls are every bit as beautiful in the winter. Pull on

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don't miss Bruce County's Lighthouse Tour. If you enjoyed the Grey County Waterfall Tour are a few who made Grey County home. Tom Thomson, Billy Bishop and Agnes Macphail beach, breakfast in the sugar bush or fishing Enjoy events in great locations: music on the spectacular views. Tour the open, winding roads to enjoy 🚺 🌅 Visit over 30 landscaped gardens in beautiful wind throughout Grey County. Hike some of the 250kms of Bruce trail that the woods or overlooking Georgian Bay. Play our premier golf courses, many nestled in or sea kayak Georgian Bay. Paddle the Beaver and Saugeen Rivers by canoe

Blue Mountain. adrenaline of off-road biking at Cycle our quiet backroads or feel the

one-of-a-kind works to cherish.

and varied rural settings.

See artists at work and bring home

many restaurants that make local & fresh foods their specialty. here, be sure to sample some regional cuisine at one of the accommodations near the waterfalls on the tour. While you<mark>'re</mark> Enjoy small town hospitality by staying at one of the local

some of the must-see attractions along the way. and really enjoy each site; do some exploring and check out driving tour in one day, but why hurry? Take two or three days The entire waterfall tour covers 220kms. You can complete a

Grey Roots Museum and Archives makes for a total of 10. at a ninth waterfall in Bruce County. The indoor waterfall at the Durham through the Beaver Valley up to Owen Sound, and ends Our tour covers eight waterfalls in Grey County, winding from

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over the edges of the Niagara Escarpment. Feel the rush as the sparkling rivers of Grey County tumble



- When visiting the waterfalls, please remember to follow the signs along
- the trail or roadway and do not venture off marked paths. Leave only footprints and take only photographs when you leave. Please
- do not litter or damage the natural setting of the waterfalls. Be sure to wear appropriate footwear as most of the falls require walking
- for viewing and most have access to hiking trails. Be alert to dangers along the trails such as poisonous plants, wildlife and
- Please adhere to all posted 'permitted activities' signs at each waterfall. (swimming/climbing are not permitted)

#### **TOURING NOTES:**

- The full duration of the waterfalls tour is 220kms
- (McGowan to Sauble Falls) and is best enjoyed over two days.
- Most of the waterfalls have interpretive signage onsite and directional signage on the roadways to assist and complete your experience.
- We recommend visiting in spring for increased water flow.
- To capture the best photo of a waterfall, choose an overcast day.



#### FOR COMPLETE WATERFALL TOUR INFORMATION www.visitgrey.ca/waterfalls 1-877-733-4739

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Indoor Waterfall

Explore the rich heritage of Grey County at Grey Roots Museum & Archives. Enter the world of the past, present, and future with new original exhibits, exclusive events, blockbuster summer exhibits, and interactive programs designed to delight, inspire, and entertain.

The large facility offers six galleries, a theatre, café, indoor waterfall, tourist information centre, meeting rooms, archives, and Moreston Heritage Village (July-August).

Grey Roots Museum and Archives is located just south of Owen Sound on Grey Road 18 near Inglis Falls.

- Open year-round.
- Motor-coach friendly.
- Summer admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$4 for children 5-12.
- Children under 5 are free.

#### **Grey Roots Museum & Archives**

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# SAUBLE FALLS A falls and a fish ladder all in one

With a 10-meter drop, Sauble Falls on the Lake Huron shoreline of Bruce County is not a tall waterfall, but what it lacks in height, it more than makes up for in width. This crescent shaped cascading waterfall is about three times as wide as it is tall.

There is a boardwalk that leads visitors to a viewing platform where there are great views of the falls, which are surrounded by colourful rust

It is a great treat to watch spawning fish climb a fish ladder, and there's no better place to watch this spectacle than at Sauble Falls, which is upstream from where the Rankin River joins the Sauble River. Every spring and fall, rainbow trout and Chinook salmon leap and thrash as they make their way up the cascading waterfall to their spawning grounds.

In the summer months, the scenic vista of the falls takes on the appearance of a lace bridal veil. In winter the ice formations created by the spray from the river form stunningly beautiful pinnacles and icicles.

#### **Nearby Points of Interest**

Sauble Falls and the Ontario Provincial Park of the same name are well worth a visit at anytime of the year. Summer activities include camping, canoeing, hiking and fishing. Also worth checking out is the nearby red pine plantation, which is home to white tail deer and foxes.

In winter, the park roads are open for snowshoeing and skiing, making this a true four-season destination.

Sauble Beach is considered by many to be one of the best beaches in Canada. It is an excellent place to enjoy kite surfing, kayaking, boating, wake-boarding, sun-bathing and some of the best sunsets anywhere.

Directions: Follow Bruce Road 13 north from Sauble Beach. Turn west onto

uble Falls Road and follow Provincial Park signs to parking area.

Class: Step Admission Fee: \$5.00 Open Season: Four Seasons Level of Difficulty: Moderate Walking Time (Parking to Falls): 1 minute River: Sauble River

Coordinates: LON -81.22069417 LAT 44.23825028

Washrooms: Yes



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