

## 2023 Key Events for Tour Guide

Date	Name of Event	Time	Location	Description	Website
February 20	Family Day at the Museum	1pm-4pm	Elgin County Heritage Centre 450 Sunset Drive	Crafts and activities with a cycling theme for all ages; see "high wheels" and "safeties" in the new cycling exhibit.	<a href="http://elgincounty.ca/museum">elgincounty.ca/museum</a>
March 11-19th	Springwater Maple Syrup Festival		Springwater Conservation Area 8079 Springwater Road, Aylmer	Enjoy wagon rides throughout the Springwater Forest. Tour the old-fashioned sugar shanty for demonstrations on maple syrup production. Maple products are available for sale. Dine at our pancake house which is operated by local community organizations.	<a href="http://catfishcreek.ca">catfishcreek.ca</a>
Apr-22	Annual Port Stanley Spring Fashion Show	9am	Kettle Creek Golf and Country Club, Port Stanley	Spring Fever is a one-day event created to showcase the village and the wonderful shopping boutiques.	<a href="http://www.ywcaste.ca">www.ywcaste.ca</a>
08-Apr	11th Annual Vimy Lecture	2pm	Elgin County Heritage Centre 450 Sunset Drive	Commemorates Wallacetown native Ellis Sifton, posthumously awarded a Victoria Cross for his actions at Vimy Ridge which is on display during the lecture	<a href="http://elgincounty.ca/museum">elgincounty.ca/museum</a>
08-Jul	Beer-lesque & Carnivale	11am - 4 pm & 5pm - 10 pm	Elgin County Railway Museum 225 Wellington St, St. Thomas	Sample libations from local Ontario brewers & distillers. Explore our artisan marketplace! The worlds of Steampunk & Sideshow blend together to create a tantalizing extravaganza of vendors, exhibitors & live entertainment!	<a href="http://beerlesque.ca">beerlesque.ca</a>
03-Jun	Vienna EdisonFest	9am - 7pm	Vienna Memorial Park 6226 Plank Road, Vienna	BBQ/Food options, vendors, lotteries, silent auction & free draws. Kid games, air bouncers, contests, music & much more!	<a href="http://bayham.on.ca">bayham.on.ca</a>
13-May	Association of Port Stanley Artists - Show & Sale	10am-7pm	Royal Canadian Legion 310 George Street, Port Stanley	The Port Stanley Artists' Guild presents their Show and Sale of fine arts in a variety of mediums. Admission and parking is free. Please enter at side door of Legion.	<a href="http://portstanleyartists.com">portstanleyartists.com</a>
June 8-10	Port Stanley Artists' Guild - Annual Show & Sale		Royal Canadian Legion 310 George Street, Port Stanley	The Port Stanley Artists' Guild presents their Annual Show and Sale of fine arts in a variety of mediums. Admission and parking is free. Please enter at side door of Legion.	<a href="http://portstanleyartguild.com">portstanleyartguild.com</a>
June 9-11	Van Fest	10am - 4pm	Springwater Conservation Area 8079 Springwater Road, Aylmer	Come see Canada's Premiere Truck Show, including custom vans, pick-ups, and 4x4's. Show and Shine is Saturday 10am - 4pm.	<a href="http://catfishcreek.ca">catfishcreek.ca</a>
Father's Day Weekend	Shedden Truck & Tractor Pull	Contact <a href="mailto:info@sheddentruckandtractorpull.com">info@sheddentruckandtractorpull.com</a> for more details	Shedden Keystone Complex 35921 Talbot Line, Shedden	It's fun, it's loud and it's exciting! Come for the pull, stay for the party! Visit <a href="http://sheddentruckandtractorpull.com">sheddentruckandtractorpull.com</a> for more details.	<a href="http://sheddentruckandtractorpull.com">sheddentruckandtractorpull.com</a>
June 10 & 11	Rosy Rhubarb Festival		Shedden Keystone Complex 35921 Talbot Line, Shedden	Community yard sales Saturday, vendors, food trucks, groups and businesses display and sell at Complex grounds. Entertainment for all ages, classic car show Sunday.	<a href="http://rosyrhubarbfestival.com">rosyrhubarbfestival.com</a>
June 17th	Springfield Family Fun Day		Malahide Community Place	Springfield Family Fun Day provides a day of fun activities for the entire family	
June 17th & 18th	Military From The Talbot Settlement	10am - 4pm	Backus Page House 29424 Lakeview Line, Wallacetown	200+ years of Canadian history all in one location.	<a href="http://backuspagehouse.ca">backuspagehouse.ca</a>
June 17th	Kettle Creek Food Truck Festival	11am-7pm	Dan Patterson Conservation Area	The Kettle Creek Environmental Trust is serving up some real must-eats. Enjoy great food trucks, live music, lawn games & more! Admission is free.	<a href="http://kettlecreektrust.com">kettlecreektrust.com</a>
June 17th	Dutton Night Market	4-9pm	1 Scotland Street Dutton.	Over 70 vendors, live music by Leave Those Kids Alone, Tasting Lounge and more	Facebook: Dutton Night Market
June 30 & July 1	Aylmer Annual Truck & Tractor Pull		Aylmer Fair Grounds 139 Pine St E, Aylmer	Do you love noise? Join us for this annual event! Mini rods, superstock, super street, local dump trucks, and local pick-ups	<a href="http://aylmerfair.ca">aylmerfair.ca</a>
June 30th	Canada Day Celebrations & Fireworks	Fireworks at Dusk	Fingal Ball Park	Enjoy music, games, face painting, cake, and fireworks!	<a href="http://southwold.ca">southwold.ca</a>
July 8, 15, & 22	Bee Beard Challenge		Clovermead Adventure Farm	Each day, a courageous person will compete for the title of Bee Beard Champion of the year! Using live honeybees with real stingers, they adorn their faces with crawling bees to get the best bee beard. Limited tickets are available for this event, so be sure to pre-	<a href="http://www.clovermead.com">www.clovermead.com</a>
01-Jul	Canada Day Celebrations & Parade in Port Burwell	Parade at 11:30am See website for more details	Port Burwell	Parade followed by Flag raising, dignitary greetings, music, food & refreshments. Children's activities at the Museum & Lighthouse. Free parking at the beach.	<a href="http://bayham.on.ca">bayham.on.ca</a>

July 8	The Kiwanis Club of Rodney Fishing Derby	10am-1pm	Port Glasgow Yacht Club & Marina 8536 Haven's Lake Rd, Rodney	A free event for families and children, with prizes for all and trophies for catching fish in various categories: Ages 3-6, 7-10, 11-14. Free lunch with registration.	Facebook: Kiwanis Club of Rodney
July 8	Nostalgia Nights Car Show	3-9pm	Downtown St. Thomas	Visit Downtown St. Thomas to view 1,000's of classic cars and take a free ride on the L&PS Train. Great music and food makes this a perfect family event.	nostalgianights.ca
July 22	Pawsitively Elgin Dog Festival	10am-5pm	Springwater Conservation Area 8079 Springwater Road, Aylmer	Come out and see Ontario Dock Dogs in action, Agility Dogs running their courses, and even take the opportunity to give your dog the chance to try all the events that are coming. Food, Prizes, Draws, Entertainment, Family activities to last the day.	pawsitivelyelgin.com
August 5 & 6	Bayham Beachfest		Village of Port Burwell	Bayham Beachfest, connecting people and community. Enjoy a fun filled Civic Holiday weekend in beautiful Port Burwell. Something for everyone including a fantastic fireworks display.	bayhambeachfest.com
August 5th	Colours On The Beach	<a href="#">05-Dec</a>	Port Stanley Main Beach	Presenting Holi Festivals of colour- Colours On The Beach! A celebration of culture with music, dancing, and food.	
August 4-7	CALIPSO Festival		Village of Port Stanley	Events, exhibitors, art show, boat parade, and more! Explore all that Port Stanley has to offer.	
August 8	Toonie Tuesday	5-8pm	Furnival Rd, Rodney	A fun-filled annual community gathering, with entertainment, \$2 hot dogs, \$2 pop and chips, \$2 ice cream. Free books for all children.	Facebook: Kiwanis Club of Rodney
August 11-13	Elgin Historical Show		Dan Patteson Conservation Area Highbury Ave	The Elgin Historical Show is always the second full weekend in August. An antique show to demonstrate how farming was done during the pioneer days.	kettlecreekconservation.on.ca
August 11-13	Aylmer Fair		Aylmer Fair Grounds 139 Pine St E, Aylmer	Something for everyone! Cattle show, homecrafts, midway, food, demo derby, 4H exhibits, and lots of local vendors.	<a href="#">aylmerfair.ca</a>
August 7-13	Elgin County Pride 2023		Various locations in Elgin-St. Thomas	Elgin County Pride is a week-long celebration for the LGBTQ+ communities, their families and the Elgin County community. Equity is for all.	rainbowoptimistclub.com
August 19	3 Port Tour Bicycle Ride		Start/Finish at East Elgin Community Complex	50, 100 and 160 km routes throughout Elgin County's quiet roads and beautiful scenery. Fully supported ride includes lunch at Port Bruce and a t-shirt. Best ride in Southwestern Ontario. Start and finish at East Elgin Community Complex in Aylmer.	threeporttour.com
26-Aug	Straffordville Watermelon Fest		Straffordville Community Centre 56169 Heritage Line	Fire Hall breakfast, silent auction, food & craft vendors, face painting, free kids activities, petting zoo, music, midway rides & MORE! Family movie at dark.	bayham.on.ca
August 26 and 27	Shedden Fair		Keystone Complex, Shedden	Fair food, tug of war, demolition derby, cattle and horse shows, poultry display, craft exhibits, baby show and much more!	sheddenfair.com
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September 2 & 3	19th Annual Heritage Farm Show		Backus Page House 29424 Lakeview Line, Wallacetown	Antique and vintage tractors, farm equipment, agricultural displays and activities, music, food, and more.	backuspagehouse.ca
September 9th	Dog Agility Show at Clovermead	3 Shows throughout the Day	Clovermead Adventure Farm 11302 Imperial Road, Aylmer	Flying Furballs will be showing off their skills at Clovermead! Along with Dog Agility Shows, Clovermead also has over 50 attractions on the Adventure Farm, so you and your family can burn energy in a healthy and naturally interactive way!	<a href="#">www.clovermead.com</a>
September 9 & 10	She Rises		8059 Springwater Rd, Aylmer, ON N5H 2R4	A two-day festival for women on the rise. She Rises is the culmination of dedicated years of collaboration in the community all working within the healing arts.	<a href="#">www.sherises.ca</a>
September 15-17	Rodney Fair		Rodney Recreation Centre 135 Queens St, Rodney	The Fair includes a tractor pull, parade, sheep show, miniature horse & cattle show, demo derby & lots of entertainment.	rodneyfair.ca

September 28-30	Wallacetown Fair		Wallacetown Fairgrounds 24 Argyle Street Wallacetown, ON N0L 2M0	Come on out for three days of fun at the Wallacetown Fair! There will be: vendors, demolition derby, Junior Ambassador Competition, car & antique show, dairy exhibit, face painting, balloon artists, talent show, tractor pull, freestyle motor-cross & much more!	
Saturdays in September & October (starting Sept 16)	Clovermead Pumpkin Festival	9am - 5pm	Clovermead Adventure Farm 11302 Imperial Road, Aylmer	Celebrate the wonderful world of pumpkins this fall! Enjoy a wagon ride, visit the farm animals, get lost in the corn maze, go pumpkin picking, and enjoy the fall decorations and family photo spots. Bee sure not to miss the Pumpkin Cannon Show and Candy Cannon Show!	clovermead.com
22-Oct	Doors Open Dutton Dunwich		Various Locations	Natural heritage is on display at select parks, trails and conservation areas from 10am-4pm	
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Weekends in November	Canadale Christmas Open House	Sat 9am - 5pm Sun 9am - 4pm	Canadale Nurseries Ltd 269 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas	Celebrate the Christmas season with photos with Santa, festive make & take workshops, kids crafts, local vendors, charity raffle and so much more!	canadale.com
Nov 17-19	Country Holiday Tour		Rodney, West Lorne, Dutton & Wallacetown	Enjoy shopping at unique, small businesses in West Elgin County and Chatham-Kent	westelgin.net
18-Nov	Rodney Night Market			Downtown Rodney will be transformed into a fun outdoor holiday shopping event for the whole family! Vendors, food trucks, storytime and more. <a href="https://facebook.com/kiwanisclubofrodney">facebook.com/kiwanisclubofrodney</a>	
December 2nd	Rural Roots Christmas Market	9-2pm	Dutton Dunwich Community Centre	Indoor and Outdoor local vendors, Free Admission to public with donation of non perishable item. 50/50 draw, non-profit displays and more!	facebook page - "Rural Roots Public Market"
December 2nd	Christmas Spirit Walk	6pm - 8pm	Springwater Conservation Area 8079 Springwater Road, Aylmer	Stroll through the candlelit paths at Springwater Forest and let the sound of seasonal music under the stars put you in the Christmas spirit. Enjoy the story of the Grinch and Hoppy the Magician. Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies and meet Santa.	catfishcreek.ca
December 2 & 3	Christmas Dinner in the Museum		Backus Page House 29424 Lakeview Line, Wallacetown	An historic multi course dinner served in the front rooms of the museum.	backuspagehouse.ca