

Municipality of *Bluewater*



Spring 2025 Recreation Guide

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Message from the Mayor

Thank you for checking out the latest edition of the Municipality's Recreation Guide.

We are happy to be able to provide you with a snapshot of what Bluewater staff, organizations and businesses have to offer the community for community programming and events!

Bluewater has many facilities all with their own unique offering. Be sure to check them out as they are great places you and your family and friends can gather.

The Municipality of Bluewater has twenty-six kilometres of Lake Huron shoreline frames our western boundary. The beautiful bluffs and beaches found along the way provide plenty of opportunities to get out and explore our beautiful, blue waters!

While we might be known for our beautiful, blue water, there's a lot more to Bluewater than watersports and gorgeous sunsets. We have several hiking trails suitable for all ages and abilities, too! If you are looking for a restful walk through the forest or want to find a place for a bit of brisk exercise, you'll find suitable trails in all seasons. Whether you wish to hike, cycle, snowshoe or cross-country ski, Bluewater trails offer a variety of surfaces from natural paths to partially paved routes.

Bluewater was awarded the Ontario Trillium Foundation Reliant Fund to hire a Community Recreation Coordinator until June 2025. Be sure to check out all the great programming that Bluewater has to offer on the municipality of Bluewater website, under Recreation Programming.

For more information on recreation programs offered by the Municipality, please visit municipalityofbluewater.ca or contact our Recreation Coordinator at reccoordinator@municipalityofbluewater.ca.

Sincerely,

Paul Klopp, Mayor



Bluewater Rental Facilities

Whether you're looking to host a small family gathering, or a large banquet, or a sports event, there are many halls in Bluewater that will meet your needs. Visit the Municipality of Bluewater website to see Bluewater facility rental fees. Book these facilities online (reference page 5).

Hensall Arena & Community Centre

157 Oxford Street West, Hensall

Hensall Arena includes a main hall with a full kitchen and bar area. On the upper level, there is a smaller size hall which includes a kitchen and bar. If you're looking to gather with friends and family outdoors, consider the pavilion that has washrooms and a concession.

In addition, the Hensall Arena has a splash pad, ball diamond, playground, beach volleyball court and disc golf.

Zurich Arena & Community Centre

15 East Street, Zurich

Zurich Community Hall/Gym includes a full kitchen, a meeting room, and sports amenities such as volleyball, badminton and pickleball which makes this location a great space for year-round events.

Stanley Complex & Community Centre

38594 Mill Road, Varna

Stanley Complex is a great place to host large events in the main hall which includes a full kitchen and bar and sport amenities such as pickleball and badminton. The property also has a pavilion, playground, ball diamonds and trails.

Pavilions

Municipality of Bluewater is responsible for the management of six pavilions:

Bayfield Arena and Agriculture Park, 4 Jane Street, Bayfield

Clan Gregor Square Gazebo, 6 The Square, Bayfield

Houston Heights Beach, 33700 Pavilion Road, Bayfield

Hensall, 157 Oxford Street West, Hensall

Stanley Community Centre Park, 38594 Mill Road, Varna

Zurich Park, 24 Main Street, Zurich

All pavilion locations have on-site parking, washroom facilities, and green or open space. Depending on the location, more amenities may be offered.



Other Rental Facilities

Hay Town Hall

10 Victoria Street, Zurich

The Hay Town Hall has begun to fulfill a renewed vision as a community gathering place! With the doors open to the public again, it has served as a rehearsal hall for actors involved in local historical plays, a meeting space for the Zurich Lions Club, Bean Festival and Chamber of Commerce, and a comfortable venue for family parties.

To Book: Contact Heather Klopp klopops@hay.net

The Bayfield Town Hall

11 The Square, PO Box 2078, Bayfield

Set alongside Clan Gregor Square on its own beautiful, landscaped grounds, the Bayfield Town Hall, once the site of Village government, is now the cornerstone of Village life. It provides the perfect venue for cultural, artistic and community events, as well as offering a unique space for events such as weddings, business meetings and parties.

To Book: Contact The Bayfield Town Hall— 519-565-5788 or visit their website <http://www.bayfieldtownhall.com>

Bayfield Arena & Community Centre

4 Jane Street, Bayfield

The Bayfield Community Centre is a 160,000 square foot multi-use facility nestled in the beach community of Bayfield. From ice time to summertime, the Community Centre hosts many recreational activities, events, and shows. The centre features an ice pad, community hall and kitchen.

To Book: Contact Bayfield Community Centre— 519-565-2121 or email info@bayfieldcommunitycentre.ca



Booking a Facility and Program Registration

Register in person: Visit the Municipality of Bluewater office in Zurich, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Register online: Visit municipalityofbluewater.ca and follow the dropdown on the Parks, Recreation & Culture page to click Recreation Programming tab. Find the program you are registering for and click Register for access to our registration site (ActiveNet).

How to Create an Account

1. Visit <https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/bluewater>
2. Click "Create an Account" in the top right corner.
 1. Enter your email address.
 3. Fill in all the required information for your account (and family members if applicable). Please list someone other than yourself as an emergency contact. Double check that all members on your account have the correct birthdate.
 4. Activate your account by following the instructions sent in the activation email.
 5. Log in to ActiveNet.

How to Register for a Program Online

1. Click on the Activities tab.
2. Choose the category you are interested in (Ex. Adult, Youth).
3. Choose the subcategory you are interested in (Ex. Yoga, Youth Sport Club, Zumba).
4. OR click on filters and search by program name/code.
5. Click "Enroll Now" on the program.
6. Enroll yourself and/or a family member in the program. You can register for multiple programs.
7. Pay online with credit card or in person at the municipal office with cash, cheque, or debit.

How to Book a Facility Online

1. Once you are logged into your account, click Facility Reservations.
2. Search for the facility you would like to book or click on the event type you are hosting.
3. Click on the appropriate facility.
4. Proceed as directed (number of attendees, date, and time of event).
5. Add event details and custom questions.
6. Read and e-sign waivers.
7. Click Reserve.
8. Make payment to finish.



Parks

Bayfield Clan Gregor Square

Located at 6 The Square, Bayfield, this park offers play equipment, a gazebo, accessible washroom facilities, open areas and green space, a splashpad, paving stone pathways and parking.

Pioneer Park

Located at 46 Bayfield Terrace, Bayfield, this park offers beach access by stairway, parking and beautiful views of the Lake Huron sunset from the bluff overlooking the lake.

Bayfield Arena and Agriculture Park

Located at 4 Jane Street, Bayfield, this park offers a pavilion, washroom facilities, open areas and green space, a baseball diamond, sports fields, access to the arena and parking.

Houston Heights Beach

Located at the end of Pavilion Road, Bluewater where the road meets the lake, this park offers a pavilion, washroom facilities, open areas and green space, a walking trail, parking and beach access. The beach is accessed by the walking trail only.

Hensall

The Hensall Kin Playground located next to the Hensall Arena at 157 Oxford Street West in Hensall offers play equipment, a pavilion, washroom facilities, open areas and green space, a baseball diamond, sports fields, splashpad, arena and parking.

St. Joseph

The Bluewater Hay Municipal Park and lookout located at the end of Campbell Ave where it dead ends at the lake offers parking and stairway access to the beach.

Varna

The Stanley Community Centre park located at 38594 Mill Road, Varna offers play equipment, a pavilion, accessible washroom facilities, open areas and green space, baseball diamonds, walking trails, a community centre and parking.

Zurich Arena

Located at 15 East Street, Zurich, this park offers washroom facilities, open areas and green space, access to the arena and parking.

Zurich Lions Park

Located at 24 Main Street, Zurich, this park offers play equipment,

a pavilion, accessible washroom facilities, open areas and green space, a baseball diamond and parking.

Splashpads

Clan Gregor Square, Bayfield

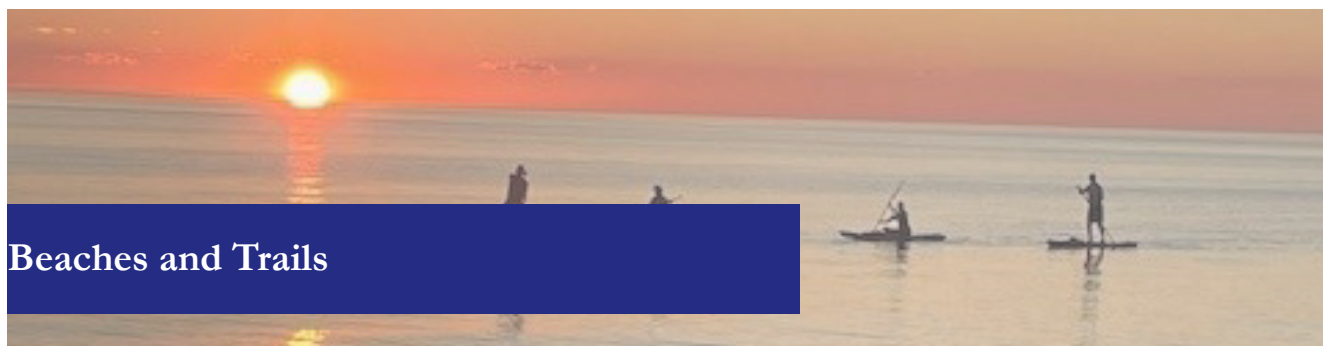
Come get your feet wet and enjoy the beauty of Bayfield from the heart of Clan Gregor Square. With open green space, accessible washroom facilities, parking, and play equipment all located in the park surrounding the splashpad, there are plenty of activities for everyone to enjoy!

Our Clan Gregor Square splashpad is located within The Square as you enter Bayfield's Heritage Main Street area from Bluewater Highway (Highway 21).

Hensall Arena Park, Hensall

The Hensall splashpad is a fun way to spend the day with the family. You can come enjoy the sunshine and cool down in the splashpad. This location offers washroom facilities, plenty of shade and green space, parking, play equipment and a pavilion.

Our Hensall splashpad is located next to the Hensall Arena at 157 Oxford Street West.



Beaches and Trails

Beaches

Bayfield Pier Beach

The most popular beach location in Bayfield is equipped with a life saving station, drive up access, parking and public washrooms. The beach is owned by the Pioneer Park Association.

Located next to the Bluewater Marina, you can enjoy a stroll on the pier, a fresh water swim or just take in the sunshine on the large sandy beach. Located a short walk from the historic Village of Bayfield's restaurants and boutiques, this beach is a great option for those looking to enjoy a day on the shores of Lake Huron!

Houston Heights Beach

Located at the end of Pavilion Road, just south of Bayfield, Houston Heights Beach offers parking, a large picnic pavilion, washrooms, play equipment and a walking trail. There is no stairway beach access, but a pathway winds down to the sandy shores.

This location is great for families looking to escape the crowds.

sand and shoreline at Howard St. Beach, Bayfield

Howard Street Beach

This sandy beach is located just south of Bayfield Pier Beach at the end of Howard Street West, Bayfield. There is plenty of parking at this location.

Please note, the beach is accessed by stairs. There are no washrooms at this location.

Hay Township Beach

At the end of Sararas Road, on a bluff overlooking Lake Huron, you'll find stairway beach access and a lookout offering awesome lake views! Roadside parking is available at the end of the municipal roadway.

Trails

Klopp Tract and Commemorative Woods

The Klopp Tract and commemorative woods is located on Zurich-Hensall Road (County Rd 84) between Hensall and Zurich.

Visitors will find a commemorative garden, walking path through a meadow and a short trail through the forest. The trail can get a little soggy after it rains, so plan accordingly!

Linfield Wildlife Area

The Linfield Wildlife Area is located south of Bayfield on Pavilion Road near the intersection of Goshen Line. Visitors can hike, bird-watch, snowshoe, cross country ski, and fish. Hikers will find maple and beech forest, brooks, a pond, and a wide diversity of birds, trees, and shrubs.

River Flats Natural Area

Located in Bayfield and managed by the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association for the Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy, this former mill site next to the Bayfield River has been transformed into a great outdoor stop. The area includes 0.7 kilometres of walking trail, picnic areas, canoe launch, butterfly meadow, and osprey nesting site. Visitors to the site will also have views of the sweeping new Bayfield River bridge.

Sawmill Trail

Located at the end of Saw Mill Road, Bayfield, Ontario

Hikers looking to explore the historic Bayfield River area might want to visit the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association's Sawmill Trail.



Beaches and Trails Continued

This loop trail beside the Bayfield River is considered moderate, but there are some steep slopes. It is about two kilometres and takes hikers through the forest to the site of a past sawmill and river crossing. Visitors can expect to pass over trail bridges and along grass and dirt paths.

Varna Nature Trails

The Varna Nature Trails are found behind the Stanley Community Centre in Varna. There are two trails for hikers to enjoy.

The Mavis trail is a 2.5 kilometre loop trail that passes through pine and deciduous forest. There are some inclines and stairs, but the trail offers beautiful views of gullies and the Bayfield river.

Woodland Trail

This five kilometre loop trail is located within a forested area in Bayfield, Ontario. The main parking area is located off David Street. It is a medium difficulty trail featuring hills, streams, a short and long trail option, and an extension to the Bayfield River.



RZone

The RZone Policy is an operating procedure that has been adopted by the Municipality of Bluewater to create a code of conduct that applies to all municipal facilities, programs, parks and trails. The RZone procedure enforces a set of expectations around violence, vandalism and inappropriate behaviour for participants and members of the public. The logo will serve as a reminder to staff and the public that the operating procedure is in effect and applies to everyone—participants, visitors, residents and employees.

The 'R' in the name and logo stands for respect and responsibility.

- Respect for yourself
- Respect for others
- Responsibility for your actions

Visit the Municipality of Bluewater website to learn how to report an act of violence, vandalism and/or inappropriate behaviour.





Sponsorships

Public Skating Sponsorship

Thank you to the following for sponsoring Bluewater Public Skating at the Hensall and/or Zurich Arena for the 2024/25 ice season!

Sponsoring a public skate not only provides your business/organization with advertising at the event and on municipal social media pages, but it also contributes to the wellbeing of our community. If you would like to sponsor a public skating date for 2025/26 season, please email the Recreation Coordinator at reccordinator@municipalityofbluewater.ca.

- Hensall and Community Horticultural Society
- Kingsfield Zurich Mennonite Church
- Zurich Minor Athletics Association
- Durand Heating and Plumbing
- Grand Bend Community Health Centre
- White Squirrel Golf Club
- Axiom Mutual Insurance
- Haskett Funeral Home
- Hay Communications
- Geo Teck
- Good Neighbours of Bluewater
- Paul Bunyan Lake Front Resort
- Metzger Meats
- Queensway
- D and D Variety
- IceCulture
- Zurich Dental
- Hensall Legion
- Hensall United Church
- Zurich Agricultural Society
- Bad Apple Brewing
- South Huron Vet Clinic
- Hensall Fire Department
- Robinson Electric
- Mayor Paul and Heather Klopp

Summer Day Camp Sponsorship

Sponsorship opportunities are available to help support our Bayfield and Hensall Summer Day Camp. We serve up to 62 children between the ages of 4-12 years for 7 weeks of the summer. During Day Camp, campers are given opportunities to participate in a wide variety of activities while promoting physical activity, healthy outdoor living, and social interaction.

In return for your sponsorship a tax receipt will be provided to you. Sponsors will be highlighted in our weekly camp calendars throughout the summer and printed in the Camper & Family Handbook. Your logo will be represented on our website, social media, printed promotion and be represented in our seasonal Recreation Guide.



Please contact reccordinator@municipalityofbluewater.ca or call 519-236-4351 ext. 248 to sponsor our municipal programs!



Advertising in Bluewater Arenas

Display your business or organization for the community and visiting teams to see! The Zurich Arena and Community Centre is the home of the Zurich Minor Hockey, Bluewater Skating Club, Zurich Women's Recreation Hockey League, Zurich Recreation Hockey League, Hasbeans and other neighbouring teams. The Hensall Arena is used by Huron Heat, Youth House League Hockey, South Huron and Mid-Huron Minor Hockey and other traveling teams. Our arenas have a constant flow of people coming and going, which makes it an excellent place to advertise!

Arena Rink Board, plus sign cost, 33" by 96" (per season)	\$262.96 + HST
Arena Wall, plus sign cost, 24" by 96" (per season)	\$131.48 + HST
Olympia, plus sign cost (per side/per season)	\$525.00 + HST
On-Ice Advertising, plus sign cost (per season)	\$435.79 + HST





Youth/Minor Sport Clubs

Zurich Minor Baseball

- Tee Ball
- Rookie Ball
- Hardball
- Fastball

Registration is open from February 1 to March 1, 2025.

Register at zurichminorbaseball.ca



Zurich Community Soccer

May to June

- Intro to Soccer
- JK/SK Division
- Gr 1-3 Division
- Gr 4-8 Division

Registration will be held Tuesday March 25th from 4:30-5:30 at Zurich Lion's Park.

Join "Zurich Community Soccer" on Facebook for more updates. This program is organized by residents of Bluewater.

Zurich Minor Hockey

Providing minor hockey programs from U6 and up.

Registration opens end of May 2025.

Follow "Zurich Minor Athletic Association" on Facebook to stay updated.



Bluewater Zurich Skating Club

- Learn to Skate ages 3+
- STAR Skate (figure skating)

Registration opens end of August.

Follow "Bluewater Zurich Skating Club" on Facebook to stay updated. Visit the website bzsc.ca for more information.



Bayfield Skating Club

- Learn to Skate
- CanSkate
- Intro to STAR
- Power Skills and Drills

The season runs October to March. Registration opens beginning of September.

Follow "Bayfield Skating Club" on Facebook to stay updated. Visit the website <https://bayfieldskatingclub.uplifterinc.com/> for more information.



Bluewater Summer Day Camp

The Municipality of Bluewater offers Outdoor Summer Day Camp to ages 4 to 12 years. Bluewater has two day camp locations; Hensall and Bayfield. Through exciting and active adventures, new friends, and caring staff, children will create wonderful memories that last a lifetime!

Online registration opens Monday, March 17 at 6:00am.

Bluewater March Break Day Camp

The Municipality of Bluewater offers March Break Day Camp at the Zurich Arena and Community Centre for ages 4 to 12 years.

Registration opens Friday, January 24 at 6:00am.

Register online on the Municipality of Bluewater website.





Children and Youth Programs

Free Youth Workshops Series

Funded by the Huron County SLED Grant, the Municipality of Bluewater will be offering youth free workshops for ages 12 to 18. Includes hands on learning and a meal!

Marketing for Teens with White Squirrel Golf Club

Thurs Mar, 27 6-8:30pm

Municipal Government 101

Wed April, 9 5:30-7:00pm

Room2Grow

A gathering time for parents and preschoolers. Drop in on Wednesdays between 9am and 3pm at Good Neighbours of Bluewater in Zurich.

Huron EarlyON

Free playgroups for parents and caregivers with children ages 0 to 6 years olds. Visit Huron EarlyON Facebook for updates!

Zurich Library Mondays at 10:00-11:30am

Hensall Community Church Tuesdays 10:00-11:30am

Bayfield Trinity St. James Anglican Church Hall Thursdays 10:00-11:30am

Ice Skating

Zurich Arena and Community Centre

Public Skating (\$2/person)
Sundays 3:30-4:50pm
Thursdays 3:30-4:50pm

Free Kids, Caregivers and Seniors
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00-11:20am

Hensall Arena and Community Centre

Public Skating (\$2/person)
Mondays and Thursdays 3:30-4:50pm
Sundays 12:00-1:20pm

Free Kids, Caregivers and Seniors
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00-11:20am

See cancellations and free skating dates on the Municipality of Bluewater website! Last day of ice is Monday, March 31.

Bayfield Arena and Community Centre

Public Skating (Free)
Sundays 1:00-3:00pm

Youth Ball Hockey

Organized by Huron Happy Sport. For more information, follow "Huron Happy Sport" on Facebook.

After School Program

Bayfield Arena and Community Centre Monday- Friday 6:30-8:00am and 3:30-6:00pm. Contact Bayfieldbasp@gmail.com if you have questions about the program.

London Bridge Child Care Services Inc.

Summer Day Camp

Bluewater Coast Elementry School Monday to Friday 7:30am-5:00pm.

Registration opens February 3, 2025.

School Age Program

Before and After school program operates during the academic school year. Locations include Bluewater Coast Elementry School and St. Boniface Catholic School.

For more information on London Bridge Programs please visit their website londonbridge.com

Intergenerational Knitting and Crocheting

From basic to experienced skill levels starting at 3:30 to 5:00pm on Wednesdays at Good Neighbours of Bluewater. Drop in for \$5.00. RSVP online at gnob.org.

Rent the Zurich, Hensall or Varna community hall for pickleball, badminton, shuffleboard or



Adult Programs

Community Pickleball

Are you looking to attend organized, indoor pickleball in Bluewater? Daily sessions available by registering online or calling the municipal office to pre-register.

\$4 + HST

Introduction to Pickleball

If you are brand-new to pickleball, we encourage you to join us! In this program, you will learn new skills, improve current skills, learn the rules, some tips & tricks of the game and have fun!

April 13 1:00-3:00pm
May 3 1:00-3:00pm

\$15 + HST

For more details and to register for Municipality of Bluewater programs, visit the Municipality of Bluewater website for more details.

Spring and Summer Bayfield Pickleball

Visit bayfieldcommunitycentre.ca for updates!

Cards and Games

Good Neighbours of Bluewater

28 Goshen Street N, Zurich

Solo Mondays 1:00-3:00pm

Euchre Thursdays 1:00pm -3:30pm

Hensall Legion Branch 468

104 King St, Hensall

- Solo Thursdays
- Pepper
- Shuffleboard

Contact the Legion for more details 519-262-2948

Coffee and Chats

Friends of Bayfield Library

18 Bayfield Main St N, Bayfield

Weekly Tuesday Coffee Chat

Tuesdays 2:00-3:30pm at the Bayfield Library Meeting Room.

Coffee and tea provided. Newcomers to the village or long-term residents are all welcome!

Good Neighbours of Bluewater

28 Goshen Street N, Zurich

Early Riser Coffee - Mondays 7:00am to 3:30pm

Coffee and Muffins - Thursdays 10:00am to 3:30pm

Intergenerational Knitting and Crocheting

From basic to experienced skill levels starting at 3:30 to 5:00pm on Wednesdays at Good Neighbours of Bluewater.. RSVP online at gnob.org.

\$5

Bluewater Line Dancing

Teaching at a beginner level. Learn easy to follow steps, no experience necessary! Expect 50s and 60s music! Register online or calling the Municipal Office to pre-register.

\$12.39 + HST

Hensall Arena and Community Centre

Wednesday, April 9 7:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, April 23 7:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, May 13 7:00-8:00pm

Bayfield Arena and Community Centre

Wednesday, May 23 7:00-8:00pm



Adult Programs Continued

Bluewater Yoga

Hensall Arena and Community Centre

Starting March 6
Thursdays 7:00-8:00pm

Zurich Arena and Community Centre

Starting March 31
Mondays 6:30-7:30pm

6 weeks \$60 + HST
Drop in \$12.39 + HST

For more details and to register visit the Municipality of Bluewater website for more details.

Yoga with Shannon

Join Shannon for a relaxing stretch at the Bayfield Arena and Community Centre Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am

Contact Shannon Malolepszy at 519-404-5199 or email shannon@saintongealliance.com for more details.

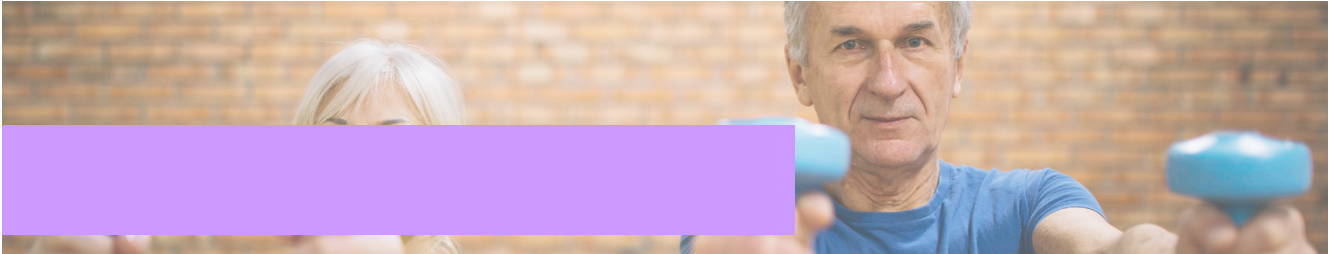
Tai Chi

Join Doug for Tai Chi on Mondays 1:30-3:00pm at the Bayfield Arena and Community Centre.

Contact Doug Brown at 519-441-1189 or email dougb1427@gmail.com for more details.

Ukulele

Bring your uke to join along or just come to sing! Wednesdays 1:30-3:00pm at the Bayfield Arena and Community Centre. Starting in May, meet at the gazebo in Clan Gregor Square Saturdays 10:00-11:30am and Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm. Follow "Bayfield Ukulele Society" on Facebook for updates.



Zurich - Community Outreach Falls & Prevention Exercise

Various exercise classes that fit your level!

Maplewood Apt

Monday 10:30am
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00am
Good Neighbours of Bluewater
Fridays 10:00am

Contact Community Outreach for more information at 519-236-4373.

Bayfield - OneCare Falls & Prevention Exercise

Various exercise classes that fit your level!

Bayfield Community Centre

Mondays and Wednesdays
9:00am Level 3
10:30am Level 2
Friday 9:30am Level 2 & 3

For questions and to register please contact Bayfield Community Centre at 519-565-2121.

Hensall - Grand Bend Community Health Centre Team Senior Programs

Hensall Senior's Exercise Class

Hensall Arena and Community Centre Mondays 1:00-2:00pm. Call Julie Datars to register 519-238-2362 ext. 243.

Hensall Walk, Talk and Coffee

Drop-in to the Hensall Arena and Community Centre for walking group on Wednesdays 10:00-11:30am.



Guided Hikes

With the warming temperatures, it is a great time to 'Take a Hike' with Bayfield River Valley Trails Association. It offers a refreshing change of scenery after a long winter and an opportunity to experience the beauty of nature re-awakening.

For a list and maps of the trails maintained by the BRVTA can be found here: <https://www.bayfieldtrails.com/our-trails>. Consider joining us for a guided hike or join the Hiking Buddies program. More information on the BRVTA website: bayfieldtrails.com

Sat. April 5 – Candlelight Memorial Walk. In its fourth annual Candlelight Memorial Walk, Huron Hospice invites families and friends to remember loved ones who have passed by donating to light a memorial candle in their name. In a special evening of remembrance, candles will line and light the way of the Taylor Trail starting at the Stanley Community Centre in Varna. The event will take place on Saturday, Apr. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Taylor Trail at 38572 Mill Road, Varna. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held Apr. 6. The Municipality of Bluewater will allow access to the Stanley Community Centre's washroom facilities for this event.

Sat. April 19 – 11th Annual Earth Day Village Cleanup. Celebrate Earth Day by pitching in to clean up the Village of Bayfield. You are asked to bring your own gloves and suitable footwear. We will meet at the Pavilion in Clan Gregor Square at 10:00 a.m.

Sat. April 26 – "Secrets of the Woods". This is an interactive family hike with environmental specialists Michele Martin and Janneke Voorsteveld. Meet at the entrance to the Sawmill trail at 1:00 p.m. (From Hwy. #21, just north of the Bayfield bridge, turn east on Old River Rd. Proceed 1/2 km and turn right at Sawmill Rd. The trail entrance is at the end of this short cul-de-sac.)

Sat. May 3 – Village History Walk. Local Historian Dave Gillians will share tales of Bayfield's colourful history as you stroll along the Heritage trail. Please meet at the pavilion in Clan Gregor Square at 10:00 a.m.

Sun. May 4 – Village Tree Walk. Sondra Buchner of the Bayfield Tree group will lead a hike through the village. Please meet at the pavilion in Clan Gregor Square.

Sat. May 24 – Garlic Mustard Pull. Join in a hike to learn more about this invasive species and to take

action by assisting in the pull of garlic mustard. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Varna trails.

Sun. June 8 – Third Annual Pride Hike. This hike will take place along the Heritage trail and is open to everyone with a special invitation to members of the LGBTQAI2S+ community. Meet at Clan Gregor Square pavilion at 11:00 a.m. and bring your own lunch for a community picnic afterwards.

Sat. June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day hike. Celebrate and learn about the rich history of Indigenous peoples in Huron County while hiking along the Sawmill trail. Please meet at 1:00 p.m. at the entrance to the trail. (From Hwy. #21, just north of the Bayfield bridge, turn east on Old River Rd. Proceed 1/2 km and turn right at Sawmill Rd. The trail entrance is at the end of this short cul-de-sac.)

Upcoming guided hikes are published in the Breeze, on the Municipality of Bluewater calendar, through monthly electronic newsletters and on the BRVTA website (www.bayfieldtrails.com)

Spring at the library

Get growing with the Huron County Library this spring!

Check out seeds from the Seed Library, connect with your community, join a book club, explore your creativity, and so much more!



For full program details, visit: www.HuronCountyLibrary.ca/Events

BAYFIELD BRANCH

Location: 18 Main St., N., Bayfield | Phone: 519-565-2886 | Email: BayfieldLibrary@HuronCounty.ca

PA Day at the Library

May 2 & June 6, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Drop in for LEGO Family Free Play.

Drop-in Play Station 5

During regular hours through April
Calling all teens 13-18! Drop in for a P55 gaming session featuring the latest action and adventure games played on the big screen.

Coffee & Chat

Tuesdays, 2-3:30 p.m.

Meet your neighbours and more!
Hosted each week by Friends of Bayfield Library.

Tech Time

Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Get support with library e-resources, email, and more.

LEGO Drop-in

Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Let your imagination run wild building with a huge selection of LEGO bricks.

Knitting Group

Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.

Knit, relax and socialize with fellow knitters.

Mahjong

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 1:30-4 p.m.

Drop in for a fun social afternoon.

Bead the Rainbow: Celebrating Pride

During regular hours through June

Drop in to craft your own bright, bold and rainbowy bracelets.

Community Conversations

April 15 & May 15, 6:30-8 p.m.

As part of the Libraries Transforming Communities project, the Huron County Library is hosting Community Conversations this spring to focus on the Bayfield community!

Adult Craft Night: Floating Teacup Terrarium

Tuesday, May 13, 5:30-6:45 p.m.
Ages: 16+ | Registration required

Get creative making your own floating teacup terrarium—a gravity-defying decoration that looks like it's pouring a cascade of greenery and blooms!

Scan for full Bayfield program details:



HENSALL BRANCH

Location: 108 King St., Hensall | Phone: 519-262-2445 | Email: HensallLibrary@HuronCounty.ca

Craftermoons

Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.

Drop in after school to unleash your creative side.

Designed for ages 6-12.

Book Club/Craft & Chat

Third Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

Bring along current craft projects to work on while socializing with other crafters.

Book Club

Third Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

Please contact the Hensall Branch for more information about joining this Book Club.

Book Social

First Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Meet like-minded readers to discuss what everyone is reading.

PD Day at the Library

May 2 & June 6

Drop into the branch during regular branch hours activities for activities and while you're there, check out a new book, borrow a favourite movie, and so much more!

Scan for full Hensall program details:



ZURICH BRANCH

Location: 10 Goshen St. N., Zurich | Phone: 519-236-4965 | Email: ZurichLibrary@HuronCounty.ca

Gentle Yoga for Adults

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2-2:45 p.m.

Thursdays only May 22-June 26

Join us each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon for a gentle yoga class for adults. Program moves to just Thursdays starting May 22.

Book Club

Third Thursdays, 7-8 p.m.

Contact branch to register.

Beekeeper Presentation

Saturday, April 12, 10-11 a.m.

Learn about the fascinating world of bees and beekeeping with Jonathan Cucksey from the Ausable Bee Club.

This is an all ages event. Please contact the branch to register.

Storytime

Fridays, 9:30-10 a.m.

Drop in for weekly story stories and crafts. For pre-school children and their parents or caregivers.

Scan for full Zurich program details:



Seed Library

Get growing this spring by checking out seeds from the Seed Library!

Library patrons can choose up to 5 different seed options that include flowers, herbs and vegetables. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are encouraged to collect seeds to donate back to the library.

Order seeds online:
HuronCountyLibrary.ca/Seed-Library

Tax Clinics

It's tax season and the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program is hosting free tax clinics to help people with a modest income and a simple tax situation file their taxes. Clinics are run at Huron County Library branches and are by appointment only. Call or email your local clinic volunteer to schedule an appointment:

- **Bayfield:** Call Sally at 519-236-4509 or email sallydesjardine@hotmail.com for appointments Monday to Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- **Hensall:** Call Lynn at 519-262-2938 or email lynnleppington@gmail.com for appointments Tuesdays, 2-6 p.m. or Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Zurich:** Call Sally at 519-236-4509 or email sallydesjardine@hotmail.com for appointments Monday to Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.





March

Bingo with Zurich Agricultural Society March 30 1:00pm

Book Reading with Jody Durand - Country Boy Soul.
Dinner at 5:30pm, reading at 7:00pm. \$20. Register with Good Neighbours of Bluewater by March 14th.

April

Muffin Time with guest Karen Radcliffe of the Bayfield International Croquet Club at Good Neighbours of Bluewater April 17.

Bingo with Zurich Agricultural Society April 27 1:00pm

May

Saturday Spring Tea with Good Neighbours May 3.

Bayfield Friday Farmer's Market Fridays in Clan Gregor Square 2:00 pm - 6:00 p.m. For more info visit bayfieldfarmersmarket.com.

Bingo with Zurich Agricultural Society May 25 1:00pm

Muffin Time with guest with Bayfield Ukulele Society at Good Neighbours of Bluewater May 29.

June

Strawberry Social at Good Neighbours of Bluewater June 19.

July

Vette Fest Bayfield Clan Gregor Square July 4-5

Zurich Fair "Barnyard Bash" July 25-27

August

Bayfield Fair Bayfield Agriculture Grounds August 15-17

Zurich Bean fest August 22-23

Sept

Second Annual Bayfield Ukulele Festival Saturday, September 27

Volk Fest 2025 Bayfield September 28

Bingo with Zurich Agricultural Society September 28 1:00pm

Looking for more information on what is happening in Bluewater?

Follow Hensall Ontario on Facebook for updates on what events and programs are available!

Follow Zurich, Ontario | Community News & Updates on Facebook for community news and events in the Village of Zurich

Go to the Village of Bayfield website under Upcoming Events for all Bayfield event details. www.villageofbayfield.com

Do you know of a program or event that should be included in our seasonal guide? Please contact the Community Recreation Coordinator by emailing reccoordinator@municipalityofbluewater.ca or call 519-236-4351 ext. 248.