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INTEREST:

- Shaw Kenora Bass International August 6 - 8
- Farmers Market August 12, 19, 26
- Shoal Lake 39 Pow Wow August 7 - 9
- Dragon Boat Festival August 9
- Movies under the Stars! August 18, 19, 21, 22

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Geocaching in Kenora and LOW Region

Article by Julie Briggs

Love the outdoors? Love being connected with the rest of the world? Good with a GPS? Well we've got a great activity for you. Geocaching is a new way to play the classic hide and seek, but it has been updated and is now something you can play with the rest of the world.

Small containers have been placed all over the world, and using your Global Positioning System, you search for them. There are over 820,000 of these containers spread over the 7 continents in over 100 countries. Someone places a waterproof container, and in it they can put whatever they choose, most commonly a

journal with a pen and paper for the finder to document their trip, or personal items like unusual coins, retro toys



Geocaching - just use your GPS unit!

or something even simpler as most of the items are low in monetary value and are left for you to have and for you to leave something of your own for the next person.

There are many varia-

tions from the traditional log book, to putting in tradable items to having multistage caches where one will lead you to a false location with directions to the real geocache.

You can find websites with different geographical locations and from there you begin your search. They always encourage safety first though, so don't forget to tell someone where you're going and how long you'll be, and always bring food, water, a second set of clothing, a compass and a map along with your GPS.

For more information, and for details on where geocaches are in Kenora, visit geocaching.com.

Interesting Facts about Kenora and Area

Article by Whitney VanBellegem

History tells us how we came to be, who we are, and whether you are a visitor, or a resident of Kenora learning the City's history can be a very rewarding process.

Lake of the Woods contains over 14 000 islands, it is a huge lake, a remnant of the glacial lake Agassiz. The first humans to take up residence in the area were the Paleo Indians who came to the area to hunt the mammoth and

other giant species of the time, somewhere around 6000 BC.

Lake of the Woods would become extremely important during the fur trade and in 1878 Rat Portage lots were surveyed by the Hudson's Bay Company. In the beginning, like so many other towns in Canada, Kenora was just a clearing in the bush with a few shanties lined up along the shoreline.

It wasn't until 1883 that the first municipal govern-

ment was formed with its first mayor W.L. Baker. Originally Kenora's name was "Waszush Unigum" which later through English translation became Rat Portage. In 1892 the Newspaper ran a poll to choose a new name, with the most popular choice being Sultana. It wasn't until after the Maple Leaf Flour company refused to build here in 1905 because they didn't want the word "rat" on their flour bags that the name

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“Trotting” Along in Kenora!

**Article by
Greg Cederwall**



Summer or Winter - horse activities abound!

Horseback riding is a fun activity for all ages in Kenora. Whether new or experienced in equestrianism, you are sure to have a great time!

Beaver Creek Ranch is a four season recreational equestrian centre just minutes from downtown Kenora down the Anderson Road. Beaver Creek has over a hundred acres of field and forest with groomed trails that wind through the forest teaming with wildlife. At

Beaver Creek, no matter what your level of involvement with horses has been you are welcome to take a lesson, lease, buy, board a horse, travel our trail system (if over 10 years old), or just come out to visit.

Day camp, offered daily Monday through Friday at Beaver Creek, is a fun and active way for kids to spend their time out of school. Children are not required to have any previous experience riding and will learn horsemanship skills, partake in crafts, and games, and learn

some new skills such as playing horseshoes, and roping. Birthday parties and wagon rides are also offered. For more information on Beaver Creek Ranch call 468-1103 or visit www.beavercreekkenora.ca.

Sunny Brook Farm, located on Transmitter Road, is another great option for horseback riding in Kenora. Sunny Brook offers riding lessons for ages 5 & up, which includes 1 hour of riding time, school horse, helmet, and the horse's

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Interesting Historical Facts.....



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officially became Kenora. This name was created by combining the first two letters from the name of Keewatin, Norman, and Rat Portage.

As many locals know, Kenora was once at the

heart of a major boundary dispute, lasting from 1870-1884. Both Ontario and Manitoba had staked claim to land in Kenora with both having their own jails etc. The issue was taken to the Privy Council of England in 1884, which ruled in favour

of Ontario with it becoming official in 1889.

Since then Kenora has grown exponentially, blooming into a beautiful tourist attraction, and stable community, with much to offer both locals and visitors to the area.

Enjoy the Parks and Beaches in Kenora

**Article by
Meadow Ne-nadov**



Beaches, Parks and Trails - Open and available in Kenora

This article is being continued from a previous issue of Talking Tourism.

Garrow Beach
Sharing Rabbit Lake with The Kenora Rowing Club, Garrow Beach is perfect for

everyone. A whole body workout is right next to a children's playground and beach. Feel free to kayak and swim safely on this small lake with restricted boating access.

Located on Rabbit Lake at the end of Birchwood Crescent- off of Rabbit Lake Road, just minutes from the downtown centre.

Jack Robinson Park

A short drive from the Trans Canada Highway, Jack Robinson Park is the perfect place to stop and stretch your legs on your journey through Canada. The picnic area is just minutes off your route and with little traffic this park is the perfect save haven from

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Movies under the Stars Returns in 2009

“The voting has concluded and the winning movies are.....”

Article by Carlee Hakenson

Do you like watching movies? How about outside under the stars on a 41ft movie screen? Well if so join us on Tuesday August 18th, Wednesday the 19th, Friday the 21st and Saturday the 22nd at 8:45 p.m. on Lakewood School’s field. If the weather interferes, Movies under the Stars will be moved to the Kenora Recreation Centre’s arena.

There will be a \$5.00 fee per person that will provide one bag of popcorn/chips or candy and your choice of beverage. Additional beverages and snack food can be purchased by not-for-profit community groups at the movie site.

You are asked to bring your own lawn chair, blanket, bug repellent as well as wear warm clothing. And of course....keep your fingers crossed for warm weather!

The voting has concluded and the winning movies are:

Tuesday, August 18th
Up!

This is an animated movie that kids will love.

Rated G

Wednesday, August 19th
Mamma Mia

This musical is sure to get everyone up and dancing. A not-to-classic love story!

Rated - PG 13

Thursday, August 20th

Movie night will be held in Nestor Falls.

Friday, August 21st
Twilight

Vampires and love....interesting combination!

Rated - PG 13

Saturday, August 22nd
Jurassic Park

Can you imagine a 41 foot dinosaur? Come on out for Movies under the Stars and see this and more on screen!

Rated: PG - 13

Movies under the Stars is hosted by Tourism Kenora and supported through funding by the government of Ontario’s

“Celebrate Ontario 2009” festival and event program and the City of Kenora. The Saturday night movie is sponsored by the Kenora Municipal Workers, CUPE Local 191!

This year there will be a shuttle service available from various hotels/motels, restaurants and docks (Harbourfront and Keewatin). Parking at Lakewood School is limited so everyone is encouraged to take advantage of the FREE shuttle service. A map and times will be available on line at www.kenora.ca on the 13th of August. Or by calling Tourism Kenora at 467-4637.

Packages with various hotels are also available. Take some time and encourage your friends to come to Kenora for the movies! Package details available at www.kenora.ca.

So come sit under the stars and enjoy the movie entertainment with your family and friends. We hope to see everyone there!

Learn to Ride.....a Horse.....in Kenora!

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equipment.

On July 27-31, Sunny Brook hosts a Summer Riding Camp. Each day includes one lesson and workshop with lunch and snacks provided in addition to other activities including crafts, games and Carriage ride.

Sunny Brook also offers

riding lessons for ages 5 & up, which includes 1hr of riding time, school horse and the horse’s equipment. For additional details on Sunny Brook Farm call 548-4017 or visit www.sunnybrookfarm.ca.

What are you waiting for? Try horseback riding in Kenora this summer!





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A Natural Attraction

Shaw Kenora Bass International

The activities taking place during the Shaw Kenora Bass International (SKBI) are sure to please everyone! Starting on August 6th, the flights start and over 125 teams will hit the water in the hopes of landing the big fish of the day. Weigh-in will take place at 4 pm. The Ukrainian dinner will take place at the Harbourfront that evening - tickets \$14. Evening entertainment will be local band Fat City - sponsored by KMTS. On Friday, August 7th, Kids's SKBI will take place as well as a dinner fish fry and evening guitar hero contest.

Saturday will showcase the kid's winners (11 am) and adult weigh-ins at 3 pm. There will also be a Dance, Dance revolution contest and cash bar available throughout the day.

The Top 10 anglers will parade through the tent starting (approx) 5:00 pm. The awards will be presented, starting at 7:00 pm with musical entertainment in the evening by Star Syndicate.

For more information and the full schedule of events, visit www.kbifishing.com or contact Tourism Kenora at 467-4637.



Outdoor Activity in Kenora - Parks & More!

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the worries of travel dead lines and cramped seating.

This park is located at the junction of Melick Avenue, Rabbit Lake Road and Veterans Drive.

McLeod Park

40 foot "Husky the Muskie" is the unwritten star of this park, but do not lose out on seeing the other attractions that can be seen from this park. One can also see the Kenora Rotary Goodwill Geyser that shoots water 200 feet in the air for 15 minutes every hour from 8am till 11pm, across the road- or under the bridge is the James McMillan Tug Boat. This tug made its mark hauling logs to the local paper mill. Parking can be found on this side of the park as well as restrooms. McLeod Park is located off Lakeview Drive and is part of

Kenora's greenbelt.

Norman Park

Is the perfect location for an afternoon of fun. Not only does this park have a beach, restrooms, picnic shelter and playground its neighbours are fun filled as well. Kenora's Railway Museum and Dairy Queen are only minutes away. Stop for a ice cold treat and sit and admire the engine and caboose of Canadian Rail.

This park is located just off of Lakeview Drive (Hwy 17 West) on Minnesota Street.

Keewatin Central Park

There is a playground and sand box as well as an open grassy area. This open area is ideal for games of Frisbee or quick pick up games of soccer. Located on the corner of 10th Street and Superior Street.

Keewatin Beach

Keewatin Beach is ideal for a day of family fun. The soft sandy beach has restrooms, docks, shaded picnic areas and a playground. There is wheelchair and stroller access to the entrance and restrooms.

Found off of Lakeview Drive (Hwy 17 West) on Beach Road.

Keewatin Rock Holes

The Keewatin Rock Holes or "Pot Holes" as there are affectionately called are a geological attraction. The holes are up to four feet wide and seven feet deep were created by glacier movement thousands of years ago. Feel free see this phenomenon from a sheltered picnic and lookout area.

Found on the south side of Sixth Street, in Keewatin.