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huge success!

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Take a Hike.....Enjoy the Trails!

Article by Marcus

Take one look around, and Kenora's natural attraction will be apparent! Situated where the Canadian Shield meets the Boreal Forest, the Kenora area's unique geography provides for some of the most attractive hiking trails in Ontario!

Let the fresh air fill your lungs as you explore the many pathways that weave their

way through the city-surrounding forest! See the lofty White and Red Pines sway in the Northwestern Ontario wind, or hear the breeze whisper through the Birch and Poplar. Discover undisturbed ecosystems that surround tranquil marshland, or make your way to breathtaking vistas that overlook the region's vast waterways!

Located ten minutes down

the McKenzie Portage Road – just off Highway 17 West – the Vernon Nature Area is home to some of Kenora's best protected flora and fauna. The trail system takes her adventurers through a stunning microcosm of the greater Boreal Forest. Poplar, Birch, Red and White Pine, Marshland, and Spruce... all can be found at the Vernon Nature Area!

Not to be outdone, the Rabbit Lake Trail system boasts an impressive array of hiking opportunities, all while being close to a public beach and recreation area, Garrow Park. Located at the end of Birchwood Crescent, down the Rabbit Lake Road, this collection of trails is perfect for both the casual explorer and the outdoor enthusiast!

When most people think of the Mount Evergreen Ski Hill, they are immediately reminded of their favourite winter sports! However, this wonderfully maintained recreation area is not exclusive to that coldest of seasons, winter! In the summer months, Mount Evergreen's Nordic Ski Trails are available for hiking, and provide some of Kenora's most challenging and rewarding hiking opportunities.

So whether you're seeking an outdoor adventure, or just trying to appreciate the beauty of the Kenora area, there is a trail suitable for you! For more information on these and other trails in and around Kenora, please call (807) 467-4637.

Centennial Celebrations Continue

Article by Lindsay

You are invited to celebrate Keewatin's 100th Anniversary! Bring your friends and family to Keewatin to enjoy special events that have become a part of community traditions. Come and enjoy Keewatin's beautiful scenery as you partake in the festivities!

Keewatin's roots go back to the 1880's when a sawmill and a flour mill became the small town's first industries. Keewatin officially became a town in 1908. Since then, Keewatin has developed commercial and retail stores, as well as sports facilities and parks. Although Keewatin was amalgamated into the City of Kenora in 2000, it is still a very well known community to Kenora residents. Keewatin's community spirit

still thrives!

Keewatin's Homecoming Week is July 1-6. Celebrations began on Canada Day, beginning with a soap box derby on Ottawa Street. The Canada Day Parade with the theme "Those Were the Days" was held in Keewatin as well, starting on Ottawa Street and parading to the old baseball grounds. Other events included pony rides, family entertainment, refreshments and more! Keewatin's Mather Walls house also served Canada Day birthday cake, strawberry shortcake and tea.

This weekend will be Keewatin's anniversary celebrations! Come to Beatty Park on July 5th for an Artisan's Market with a pie sale, kid's

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Beautiful Baskets!

The staff at the Travel Information Center would like to thank Pykerman's Nursery for providing them with their lovely hanging baskets. Stop by and see them!

Visit Pykerman's for all your gardening needs!

Celebrate Super Summer Sundays

Article by Meg

Harbourtown Biz and Tourism Kenora are teaming up to bring you 7 Super Summer Sundays! What better way to bring people into our beautiful downtown core?!

We've chosen Sunday, as it will be the only day that the construction is not taking place. On select Sundays, the summer students will be organizing and holding a scavenger hunt. They invite everyone out to meet them at Memorial Park, next to the Lake Of the Woods Museum for twelve noon. Once your group is put together, a travel counselor will hand out a sheet to each group which you are

required to keep with you. This sheet will have your first riddle at the top. Once you've solved the first riddle it will land you at one of Kenora's downtown businesses. Here you will be asked a trivia question about Kenora and given a star on your paper when answered correctly. You will also be given your next riddle.

Each riddle will lead you to one of Kenora's downtown businesses. *Hint!* Each Participating business will have an orange poster in their window! However each Sunday the scavenger hunt will change so every store gets a chance to be involved. Once you've

solved all your riddles and visited each of the selected businesses throughout the downtown core, your sheet should be full of stars! The first group to be back at memorial park wins! Along with the scavenger hunts, there will be other activities such as tai chi in the park, yoga and musical events you won't want to miss!

For more information, times and dates please visit: www.bigspruce.ca Thank you to all the businesses, participants and the crew behind all the planning who are making these Super Sundays possible! This could not be done without you! We look forward to seeing you!



Glen Blerot and Brenda Gibb - first winners of the Summer Sunday Scavenger Hunt!

"The cruise passes by Coney Island beach, through the scenic channels south of Kenora, and returning through the exciting 'Devil's Gap', a channel guarded by a mythical rock bearing its name"

Set Sail on the Famous MS Kenora

Article by Greg

The M.S. Kenora is a great way for visitors to the city to experience the unsurpassed splendor of Lake of the Woods. Weighing 205 tons and accommodating a complement of up to 195 passengers, the M.S. Kenora enables tourists and residents alike to see the sights on the Lake.

Originally a freight ship on Lake Winnipeg in Manitoba, it was rechristened as the M.S. Kenora in 1984. Since that time, it has delighted passengers with its comfort and the scenic vistas it cruises past. The cruise passes by Coney Island beach, through the scenic channels south of

Kenora, and returning through the exciting 'Devil's Gap', a channel guarded by a mythical rock bearing its name. Bald eagles and wildlife can also be

sighted.

Passengers can enjoy the panoramas in air-conditioned comfort or on the outdoor deck and there

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entertainment, horse carriage rides and more! There will be a tea and tour day at the Mather Walls house, as well as a community fish fry at St. Andrews United Church. You can end the evening with a homecoming dance at the featuring local favourites, The DMen and Friends! Sunday morning,

treat yourself with a pancake breakfast and an inter-denominational church service.

So come to Keewatin to celebrate it's 100th anniversary! Whether you're familiar with Keewatin, or it's your first visit, there will be lots of fun happening in the community!

Kenora will Open its Doors and Trails for 2008

Article by Whitney

Kenora opens its doors to both locals and visitors from all walks of life. Doors Open is a worldwide program intended to allow people to view sites of historical significance. The first Doors Open day was held in France over 23 years ago in 1984. Since then this phenomenon has been expanding, and in 2002 Doors Open Ontario was launched.

2004 marked Kenora's first year participating in Doors Open Ontario; Kenora has a rich

and diverse history and this is mirrored in its many historical buildings and homes. September 12th and 13th of this year people will have an opportunity to view the interior regions of seventeen different sites such as municipal buildings, churches, private residences and other buildings of historical importance, through both tours and displays.

A children's program is also being introduced this year in order to engage young participants in Kenora's history.

As part of Doors Open there

will be an Architectural tour of Kenora which will teach people about the history and features which make the buildings so intriguing. It will run on the same dates as Doors Open and will be led by David Nelson, who is a local architect with a wealth of knowledge on the buildings of Kenora.

This year Kenora is proud to present Trails Open in conjunction with Doors open. Trails Open is a walking tour which will take participants through

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What Can We Do in Kenora?.....

A common question at the Travel Information Centre on Hwy 17 E and the Visitor Information at the Thistle Pavilion is "What can we do in Kenora?"

If you take a moment and really think, you will discover that Kenora has an amazing assortment of activities and events in natural surroundings. Whether it be a guided trip on the lake, a shuttle to Coney Island, a visit to one of the numer-

ous beaches, a hike on urban or nature trails or a golf outing, Kenora is **A Natural Attraction.**

For the family that wants to add a little culture to their trip, a stop at the Railroad Museum, Lake of the Woods Museum or the Mather-Walls House will bring history to life.

Harbourfest and KBI bring hordes of wonderful visitors to our community. Through the summer there is also the Har-

bourfront Concert Series, the Agricultural Fair, LOWISA and numerous shooting competing at the Lake of the Woods Gun Club.

"Nothing" is never an answer to the question. There is always something to see or do in Kenora!

For more ideas on what to see and do, contact the tourism department's travel counselors at 467-4637.

Mmmmm...Kenwood Steakhouse Dinner Cruise

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is a fully licensed restaurant onboard. A daily dinner cruise is offered and a Sunday brunch cruise. The spectacular scenery and nautical comfort leaves little doubt as to why the M.S. Kenora is one of the region's most popular attractions.

On Friday, July 18th, the ever-popular Kenwood Steakhouse dinner cruise will take place,

featuring celebrity chef Joey Katz.

The M.S. Kenora cruises three times daily, seven days a week from the Harbourfront during the summer months – call 468-9124 for exact daily hours.

For further information on the MS Kenora as well as the full schedule of cruise times and the on boat activities, visit them on the world wide web at www.mskenora.com.



Focus, Click and Win! - 2008 Photo Contest

Article by Marcus

Kenora's natural beauty and intriguing scenery ensnare all who visit. It is ironic, then, that the City of Kenora – in association with the Kenora Hospitality Alliance – is asking visitors and residents to “capture” that beauty with their cameras!

With its shimmering waters, mystical forests, and glacier-carved rocks, the Kenora area makes the perfect location for the photographically inclined! Whether it's a shot of the gracefully setting sun, a fleeting glimpse of a soaring eagle, or even a captured image of seasonal fun, Kenora is the perfect backdrop!

The contest, open to all residents of Canada, is divided into four categories; one for each season. Entrants may submit four images per category, and can, potentially, win multiple submissions! Submissions received by the 15th of September, 2008, with judging taking place on the 19th of that same month.



So, if you've got the perfect shot of Kenora, its wildlife, its events, or its people, please consider entering the 2008 Photo Contest. Official contest

rules and regulations (as well as entry forms) can be found at the Kenora Travel Information Centre on Hwy 17 E, Kenora Hospitality Association members, or online at:

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the urban trails of Kenora. There are four different routes on which guided tours will take place. The first one will be on Friday the 12th of September at the Rat Portage trail (starts at Husky the Muskie) from noon to 1:00pm. That same day the Mount Evergreen Ski Hill tour will also take place from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. The following day, Saturday the 13th of September, the tour of the Mink Bay trail in Keewatin will depart at 10:00am and conclude at 12:00pm and

finally on the 13th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm there will be a guided tour of the Rabbit Lake trail. Trail Brochures will be provided at the beginning of each of the tours.

For more information on Doors and Trails Open contact Lori Nelson at the Lake of the Woods Museum by phone at (807) 467 2105, or stop in at Kenora's Travel Information Center on Highway 17 East and pick up this years edition of the Kenora Stuff magazine.

Fresh Air Cinema Dates Confirmed

Tourism Kenora is happy to announce that the dates for the Fresh Air movie nights have been confirmed!

On Tuesday, August 19th and Thursday, August 21st in Kenora (and Wednesday August 20th in Sioux Narrows) movies will be shown.

What movies? That will be up to the community! Starting in mid-July a poll will be created that will allow you to vote for the movies you want to see played in Kenora. Interested in a comedy or adventure flick? - make sure you vote

for your choice!

The location for the movie night is still under discussion but an announcement will be made shortly.

Not-for-profit organizations interested in selling popcorn and potato chips at the movie nights are asked to contact Nancy Tulloch, Tourism Development Officer at 467-4655.

Funding for this event provided in part by the Lake of the Woods Business Incentive Corporation.

We're on the web!
www.kenora.ca