

NEWS RELEASE

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DOORS OPEN HALDIMAND COUNTY 2015
Experience Haldimand's Healthy, Active
History of Sport

Saturday September 19, 2015
10 am to 4 pm
"See, Hear, Try and Do It"

This year, Doors Open Haldimand County explores Ontario's sport heritage. Discover all that Haldimand County has to offer through its towns and waterways and learn about this sporting past while participating in activities.

This year's sites:

Haldimand County Caledonia Centre, 100 Haddington St., Caledonia, ON

The Caledonia Ringette Club, the Caledonia Minor Hockey Association, Caledonia Figure Skating Club, Caledonia Pro-Fit Corvairs Junior B hockey team and Haldimand Girls Hockey all use this centre. This site will feature an exhibit on the history of hockey in Caledonia, as well as on-ice demonstrations about the development of hockey through the ages.

Haldimand County Library Caledonia, 100 Haddington St., Caledonia, ON

The Caledonia branch of the Haldimand County Public Library will be hosting a variety of big games during Doors Open – come in and play! Get a healthy dose of Caledonia's vivid history by browsing the library's local history collection, which will be on display all day. Haldimand County Public Library, celebrating Haldimand's healthy, active history of sport.

Caledonia Lawn Bowling Club, 80 Caithness St., E, Caledonia, ON

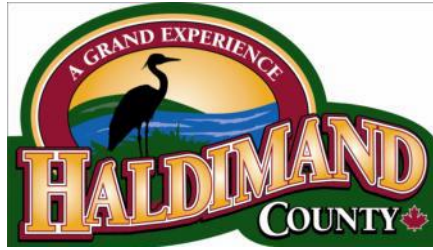
Four leading businessmen established this club in 1915, and the green was built a year later. The club has passed many important milestones – women joining in the 1930s, fundraising tournaments during the Second World War, provincial and national championships won in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, and the 100th anniversary this year. Members will demonstrate the sport during Doors Open.

Edinburgh Square Heritage and Cultural Centre, 80 Caithness St E., Caledonia, ON

Built in 1857, the Edinburgh Square Heritage and Cultural Centre (formerly the Caledonia Town Hall and jail) was designed by noted architect John Turner. The centre presents the history of Caledonia through educational and outreach activities, as well as permanent and temporary exhibits. During Doors Open, exhibits about the history of lawn bowling and other sports will be on display.

Dunnville Memorial Arena and Community Lifespan Centre 275 Ramsey Drive, Dunnville, ON

The Dunnville Minor Hockey Association, the Dunnville Figure Skating Club and the Dunnville Jr C Mudcats hockey team call this arena home. Through the years, the sport of hockey has played a key role in this community. For Doors Open, local historians will be on hand to discuss the exhibit on the history of sport in Dunnville.



Cayuga Memorial Arena, 55 Thorburn St S, Cayuga, ON

An arena – home to the Cayuga Minor Hockey Association, the Cayuga Curling Club and the Haldimand Girls Hockey Association – has been in existence within the town of Cayuga for over 40 years. For Doors Open this year, the arena will feature the history of curling and also celebrate the history of hockey. Come for a visit and enjoy skills competitions and exhibits.

Cayuga Fire Station #4, 11 Thorburn St S., Cayuga, ON

Twelve fire stations with 300 volunteer firefighters comprise the Haldimand County Fire Department – one of Ontario’s largest volunteer fire departments. The Cayuga station houses Haldimand’s emergency services headquarters. The early fire brigade began here in the 1850s. In 1876, they purchased a Perry Pumper – restored in 1982 and showcased at this new station. Demonstrations, tours, exhibits and firemen games!

Jarvis Lion’s Park, 1 James St S., Jarvis, ON

This large park features two baseball diamonds, a lawn bowling club, tennis courts, a playground and a pavilion. Displays for Doors Open will include sports memorabilia, trophies from championship teams and team sweaters. Some players from championship teams will be on hand.

R.C.A.F #6, 536 Port Maitland Rd., Dunnville, ON,

Preserved here are the history and artifacts – mementos, photographs, and vintage aircraft – of the No. 6 Service Flying Training School, built in 1940 to train Commonwealth pilots who would serve in Europe. Competitive sports took place at the base with both civilian teams and teams from nearby bases. Exhibits of photos and other memorabilia about these sports will be part of the day.

Wilson MacDonald Memorial School Museum, 3513 Rainham Rd., Selkirk, ON

The museum is dedicated to preserving the history of rural education, the heritage of the surrounding community and the memory of poet Wilson Pugsley MacDonald. Step into a classroom from 1925, when the Union Jack waved over the schoolhouse and classes started with “God Save the King.” Demonstrations and playground games of the 1920s will be featured throughout the day.

Cottonwood Mansion, 740 Haldimand Rd 53, Selkirk, ON

William Holmes built Cottonwood Mansion from 1865 -1870 on a farm originally established by Jakub Huber (Hoover) in the 1790s. Hoover’s descendants – including Holmes, who was Hoover’s son-in-law – lived in the mansion until selling it in 1911. It is this connection with the Hoover family – and, by extension, other early Haldimand County settlers – that defines Cottonwood’s historical place in the area. Participate in a croquet match during Doors Open.

Haldimand County Trails - Blue Heron Way, Chippewa Trail and Rotary Trail - will also be part of this active day

Bring the entire family to this **free** day of exploring Haldimand County and its sporting history. For further information contact Karen Richardson, 905-772-5880, or by email at krichardson@haldimandcounty.on.ca.