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2026 Summer Outings Edition

NAPA Outings List

Linette Mori and Dave Bauer have done an outstanding job researching and assembling this excellent collection of outings available to all of us—please take advantage of as many as you can. Each outing is detailed in the pages below.

- Tuesday April 21 - Short Hills Hike/Waterfalls (light tripod if you like)
- Thursday, May 7 - Casa Loma (Toronto Trek III) No tripods
- Saturday, May 16 - Niagara Renaissance Faire at Fireman's Park
- Saturday, May 30 - Toronto Architectural Photography Walk (Karen Fulham)
- Friday, June 5 - Niagara Falls Clifton Hill night photography (bonus scavenger hunt)
- Saturday, July 4 - Niagara Antique Power Association Tractor pull & Antiques displays
- Saturday, July 11 - Point Abino Lighthouse Tour (tour tickets available at forterrie.ca)
- Monday, July 20 - Fort Erie Race Track Live horse racing
- Sunday, July 26 - St. John's Conservation Area (Birds, bugs and flora)
- Saturday, August 1 - Stevensville Ram Rodeo
- Sunday, August 16 - Walton, Ontario, TransCanada professional championship finals

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SWAYZE FALLS

Trail Type: Shared Use

Trail Marker: Yellow # 1

Trail Length: 6.2 km (3 hours)

Trail Difficulty: More Difficult

The Swayze Falls Trail is a shared use trail to accommodate hikers, horseback riders and mountain bikers. This natural terrain trail can be accessed from the Pelham Road or Roland Road entrances. Some of the most notable features along the trail include Swayze Falls, natural vegetation including Sugar Maple, Black Maple, and Black Walnut. The Swayze Falls Trail loops through both fields and forests.

SHORT HILLS PROVINCIAL PARK 193, ROLAND RD. RIDGEVILLE ON. (PARKING LOT B)

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 -

Short Hills Provincial Park is a 735-hectare natural environment park. Geographically, the park is situated in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, spanning St. Catharines, Pelham and Thorold. Notable features such as the Niagara Escarpment and Carolinian Forests are protected in the park as they are provincially significant earth science and life science features. The park has 7 different hiking trails.

We will be taking the Swayze Falls Trail (see map above). We will not hike the entire trail, but rather will hike to the waterfalls and slightly beyond.

Due to the location of the park in the Carolinian Forest Zone, approximately 50% of the park's vegetation is considered to be exotic. The park is home to many rare plant species, such as Sassafras and Black Gum trees. One of the most noticeable plants in the park includes the Trillium (*Trillium gandiflorum*), the emblem of Ontario. Please remember that it is illegal to pick a Trillium plant in Ontario.

The Carolinian Forest brings many unique and common wildlife species to Short Hills Provincial Park. Mammal species include: Brush Wolves, White-tailed Deer, Red Fox, Chipmunk, and the Meadow Vole. Significant Bird species include: Great Horned Owl, Indigo Bunting, Bobolink, Baltimore Oriole, and the Scarlet Tanager.

You may choose to bring your tripod if you're interested in getting long exposure images of the waterfalls. After the morning of hiking and shooting, we will head over to The Pelham Street Grille for lunch at 1507 Pelham St, Fonthill.

Please RSVP to Linette at Imori@niagaraphoto.org.



**CASA LOMA
1 AUSTIN TERRACE, TORONTO, ON**

Thursday, May 7, 2026 -

Casa Loma was built in 1914 by financier Sir Henry Pellatt. Located in midtown Toronto, the castle is now owned by the City of Toronto and is recognized as a treasured heritage landmark.

The distinctive architecture of Casa Loma, along with its estate gardens, has made it a leading tourist attraction, a sought-after hospitality venue, and a popular setting for film, television, and photography. The castle is thoughtfully curated to offer visitors a unique glimpse into life in Toronto and North America during the early 20th century.

Toronto's "castle" invites exploration, with hidden passageways, soaring towers, and sweeping views of the city skyline. The historic stables at Casa Loma house a collection of antique cars in pristine condition, reflecting the elegance and spirit of the castle's era. [Click here for more history.](#)

The Liberty Café is the ideal spot for a coffee with a fresh pastry or a warm, hearty pasta for lunch. This charming café features pressed sandwiches, fresh pastas, pastries, specialty coffees and juices.

General Admission Tickets (includes taxes & fees)

Adults \$52.34

Seniors (65+) \$47.17

[Purchase tickets online here](#)

Public transportation will be used for this event.



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**FIREMEN'S PARK
2275 DORCHESTER ROAD, NIAGARA FALLS, ON**

Saturday, May 16, 2026 -

Experience the Renaissance Festivities....

Gather with us and partake in the revels of the Renaissance, where valiant Knights and their noble Coursers clash in feats of sword and skill, where thou may'st test thy mettle in "Fight the Knight," and behold stirring contests upon horseback! Try thy hand at Archery and the throwing of the axe; marvel at the Birds of Prey in flight; witness the forge aflame in the Blacksmith's art; and wander the living Medieval Encampment!

Delight in merriments aplenty, with performances by Zoltan the Adequate, the wondrous Aerialist Kai in Wonderland, MacLeod the Bard, the sweet strains of Harpist Carol Farrar, and lively music from bands such as Thunder Glove and Whiskey Business! Peruse the wares of merchants, crafters, readers, and skilled artisans! Feast upon roast pig, mighty turkey legs, and a bounty of victuals fit for lord and commoner alike!



Adult Day Pass (Ages 19+) \$25.57 (Sat includes Pub Night) - Rain or Shine.

[Purchase tickets online here](#) Sales end on May 15, 2026

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TORONTO ARCHITECTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY WALK

Saturday, May 30, 2026 -

The Toronto Architectural Photography Walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, with a rain date of Sunday, May 31.

The walk will run for approximately four hours, beginning with a meetup at 11:00 a.m. at Union Station, where we will connect with Todd. Participants are encouraged to bring a light lunch, as we will take a break at an outdoor park location to rest and eat.

This event is currently full with 16 participants. If you would like to be added to the waiting list in case of cancellations, please contact Karen Fulham (see email address at the bottom of this page).

Approximately one week prior to the event, Todd will send out an information package that will include the planned route, sample images, and a glossary of architectural photography terms and techniques.

For those who are registered, payment of \$40 + HST (\$45.20 total) should be made through our club treasurer, Michelle Stranges.

Please RSVP to Karen at kfulham@niagaraphoto.org



CLIFTON HILL, NIAGARA FALLS, ON

Friday, June 5, 2026 -

We will begin the evening with dinner at 6:30 pm at a restaurant TBA

After dinner, we will do night photography on Clifton Hill and the area.

There will be a scavenger hunt and a map with a list of items to photograph if you are interested in participating. Try to get them all!

Bring a tripod if you want to do slow shutter action.



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July Outing - Contact Linette - Imori@niagaraphoto.org



**NIAGARA ANTIQUE POWER ASSOC
ANNUAL HERITAGE SHOW (TRACTOR PULL & ANTIQUES)
LEARN HERITAGE FARM
1957 WILHELM RD, SHERKSTON, ON**

Saturday, July 4, 2026 -

Discover a celebration of heritage and craftsmanship, featuring working antique steam engines in full operation, alongside a showcase of antique tractors, classic cars, and vintage trucks. Browse a variety of antique and specialty vendors, and enjoy a wide selection of food offerings throughout the grounds.

Explore the working blacksmith shop, where traditional skills come to life, and take in live musical entertainment. Experience the power and excitement of tractor pulls, admire a display of vintage motorcycles, and witness a fully operational sawmill driven by an antique tractor.



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**POINT ABINO LIGHTHOUSE BUS TOUR
POINT ABINO RD S., FORT ERIE. ON - 1:45 PM**

Saturday, July 11, 2026 -

The Point Abino Lighthouse is on the rocky north shore of Lake Erie in Fort Erie. It was constructed in 1917 by the Department of Marine and Fisheries in response to increased traffic at the east end of Lake Erie, located between the high and low water marks on the rocky shoreline of Point Abino. Since its decommissioning in 1995 it was designated as a 'Classified' Heritage Building, a National Historic Site and a Classified Federal Building.

For more information about the lighthouse, click <https://palps.ca/>

The tour bus leaves promptly from the parking area next to the Bertie Boating Club at 1036 Point Abino Road. Please arrive 10-15 minutes prior to your tour time to avoid missing the tour.

Please book the 1:45 pm tour. Tickets are \$6.00 and must be purchased online, click here [Eventbright](#).



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**LIVE RACING
FORT ERIE RACE TRACK
230 CATHERINE STREET, FORT ERIE, ON**

Monday, July 20, 2026 -

Catch live horse racing at Fort Erie Race Track. Free admission. Free parking. Free fun

Fort Erie Race Track is one of the most exciting tourism destinations in Niagara. First opened in 1897, the historic border oval is regarded as having one of the most picturesque infields in North America.



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**ST. JOHN'S CONSERVATION AREA
3101 BARRON RD, FONTHILL, ON**

Sunday, July 26, 2026 -

Located within the Niagara Escarpment and Twelve Mile Creek valley, this natural area provides a tranquil setting for wildlife.

St. John's Conservation Area was established to protect the Carolinian Forest as well as plant and wildlife. The area has a scenic pond that is teeming with wildlife, such as fish, turtles, dragonflies and a variety of bird life.

Boasting four trails of varying lengths and difficulty: The Tulip Tree, Sassafras, Horseshoe, and St. Johns Ridge trails, each wind their way through this large interior forest.



August Outing - Contact Linette - Imori@niagaraphoto.org



**STEVENSVILLE RAM RODEO
MONTASOLA FARM
1500 STEVENSVILLE RD, FORT ERIE, ON**

Saturday, August 1, 2026 -

It's time to dust off your boots, put your cowboy hat on and saddle up because the RAM Rodeo Tour is returning to Montasola Farm.

We'll meet at the Rodeo at 3:00 pm, the rodeo starts at 4:00, and there's a live country concert at 6:30. Tickets are \$43.35 available at the gate or [Online Here](#)

Click here for [More Rodeo Information](#)



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**TRANSCAN MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIPS
WALTON RACEWAY
42932 WALTON RD, WALTON, ON**

Sunday, August 16, 2026 -

The 2026 Triple Crown Series reaches its climax at the most iconic venue in Canadian motocross. The track is built into the rolling Ontario countryside with massive elevation changes, high-speed downhill sections, deep sand corners, and the famous Walton hillside that has served as a natural grandstand for generations of fans

Come photograph some exciting motorcycle action during the Canadian National Championships. Lots of photographic opportunities and vantage points in a photo-friendly park. The pits are fully accessible, and there are no restrictions on camera gear.

Click here for [More Information](#)



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