

Destination Pickering





Message from the Mayor

City of
PICKERING

Welcome to Pickering, where unforgettable experiences await and expectations are exceeded at every turn!

Frenchman's Bay, the shimmering jewel of our city, is the heart of our waterfront, while the charming Nautical Village and scenic hiking trails offer picturesque escapes that showcase Pickering's natural splendour.

For those seeking excitement, the Pickering Casino Resort & Hotel pulses with fun and energy, while the brand-new Porsche Experience Centre immerses enthusiasts in the power, prestige, and performance of this iconic brand, as they test precision and speed on its thrilling 2 km serpentine track.

Pickering is a metropolitan city where past and present converge, creating a truly dynamic experience. Our vibrant culinary scene offers flavours from around the world to delight every palate and craving. History comes to life at Pickering Museum Village, where our rich heritage is preserved and celebrated. Take a walk inside Pickering's landmark pedestrian bridge, recognized by Guinness World Records as the largest structure of its kind, as you cross over Canada's busiest highway.

Whether you're visiting for a weekend getaway or looking for your next great adventure, Pickering is ready to welcome you with open arms. Come explore all our city has to offer!

Mayor Kevin Ashe



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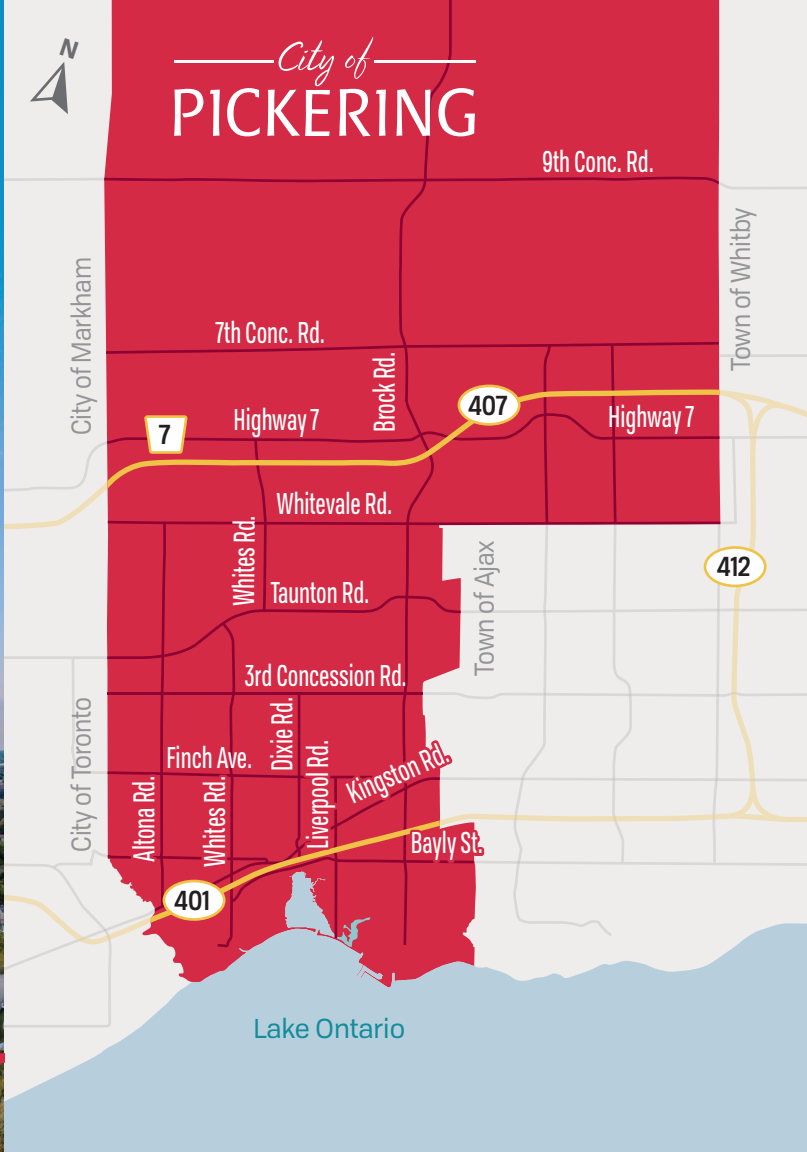
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10 Facts About Pickering

Here are some fascinating facts that showcase the unique history, culture and character of the City of Pickering.



The City was named after the town of Pickering in Yorkshire, England.



The City has an estimated population of 100,000+.



The number of languages spoken by Pickering's diverse population.



visitors attended City of Pickering in-person events in 2021.



The first season of Amazon's Jack Reacher was mainly shot at the William F. White Backlot located in North Pickering.



The Salmon Run can be spotted in Duffins Creek every fall.



Notable Olympians from Pickering include Nikkita Holder and Perdita Felicien.



The City will be introducing its first net zero facility, the Pickering Heritage & Community Centre



The Pickering Pedestrian Bridge holds the Guinness World Record as the world's longest enclosed pedestrian bridge.



The Great Blue Heron can be seen along Pickering's waterfront, hydro marsh, Frenchman's Bay and along the City's river systems.

Community Festivals & Events

Looking for a reason to get out and explore? Experience outdoor celebrations, live music and one-of-a-kind local traditions happening all year long.



SPRING

Artfest

Esplanade Park, One The Esplanade
Annually in May

Every summer, Esplanade Park comes alive with art, music and dance. This event showcases artists from across the province who show and sell a variety of original work.

Petapolooza

Esplanade Park
One The Esplanade
Annually in May

Petapolooza is a community event that unites pet owners and enthusiasts, attracting over 5,000 attendees and featuring over 50 exhibitors and rescue groups, with exciting giveaways, entertainment, and activities for the whole family.



Pickering City Centre Farmers' Market

North West parking lot at the Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex
1867 Valley Farm Rd.

June to October

Discover the Pickering City Centre Farmers' Market, offering a delightful array of fresh produce, baked goods, meats, and more, nestled in our vibrant City Centre.

SUMMER

Canada Day Celebration

12 to 5 pm Esplanade Park
7 to 10 pm Kinsmen Park

July 1

Join the City of Pickering to celebrate Canada Day with activities and games in Esplanade Park, then in Kinsmen Park for the annual concert and firework show.



Summer Concerts Millennium Square & Esplanade Park July & August

You'll find us rocking out all summer long down at the waterfront and Esplanade Park. Enjoy a new concert each week in July and August.



Pickering Food Truck Festival Esplanade Park One The Esplanade Annually in August

You'll want to bring your friends and family for some unbelievable food! Esplanade Park will be transformed into a foodie haven, jam-packed with a children's village, beer garden and live entertainment stage.





FALL



Cultural Fusion Fair

Esplanade Park
One The Esplanade

Annually in September

Experience the vibrancy of Pickering at the Cultural Fusion Fair, where attendees can celebrate and engage with the diverse cultures and traditions that contribute to the city's unique identity.

Fall Fling

Millennium Square
Bottom of Liverpool Rd.

Annually in October

New to Millennium Square, this event will take place on two Saturdays in October and offer lots of Fall activities for families.

DISCOVER MORE EVENTS!

These are just some of our favourite seasonal events. Visit events.pickering.ca to discover more.

WINTER

Winter Nights, City Lights

Esplanade Park
One The Esplanade

Annually in November

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY ELEXICON

Brave the colder weather for the annual Winter Nights, City Lights experience at City hall – the perfect place to experience the magic of the holiday season.

Winter Illuminations

Annually from November to January 31

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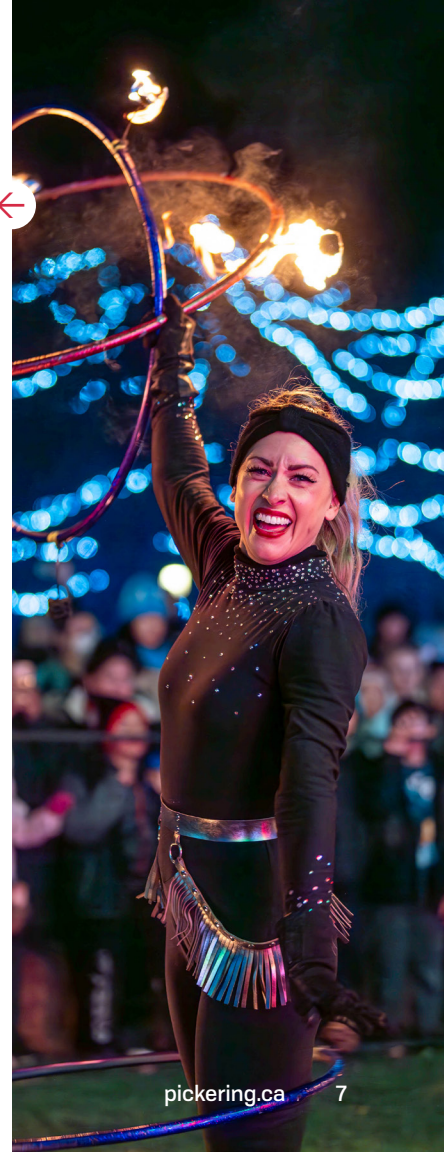
Visit Esplanade Park all season long to visit holiday lights, illuminated public art and selfie stations.

Winter Wonderland

Millennium Square
Bottom of Liverpool Rd.

Annually in December

New to Millennium Square, this event will take place on two Saturdays in December. The event will include winter fun!



Vibrant Venues & Social Hubs

Grab your friends and family and try out some of the city's most exciting spots for fun and adventure.

Porsche Experience Centre

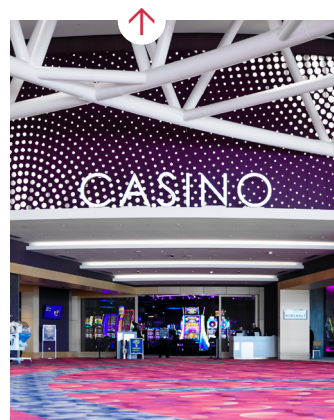
356 Porsche Dr.

Porsche Experience Centre (PEC) Toronto is a world-class destination where the thrill of driving meets the pinnacle of design, engineering, and culture. PEC Toronto offers a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the Porsche brand like never before in Canada.

Pickering Casino Resort

888 Durham Live Ave.

Experience the energy at Pickering Casino Resort, a premier entertainment destination just east of Toronto. Enjoy over 2,200 slot machines, 90+ table games, a 2,500-seat theatre, diverse dining options, and luxurious hotel suites.



Pickering Playing Fields

1610 Bayly St.

A go-to family entertainment centre, Pickering Playing Fields offers mini golf, a driving range, batting cages, and beach volleyball. Bring the whole family for some fun this summer!





BATL Axe Throwing 813 Brock Rd.

BATL Axe Throwing is the top destination for axe throwing in the US and Canada, offering a range of events from date nights to corporate team-building, with expert coaches available for beginners and experienced throwers.



Shops at Pickering City Centre 1355 Kingston Rd.

A vibrant shopping destination blending fashion, food, and fun. With over 200 stores, a Cineplex theatre, and attractions like the Pickleplex indoor courts, it's the perfect spot for family outings.

Activate

1899 Brock Rd.

Step into the world of Activate, an interactive gaming experience where teams complete high-tech challenges in real-life game rooms. Perfect for friends, families, and groups seeking immersive fun and friendly competition.



Archers Battlefield 1735 Bayly St.

Unleash your inner warrior at Archers Battlefield, a premier facility offering archery tag, dodgeball, Nerf battles, and ping pong. This dynamic attraction provides an unforgettable experience for guests of all ages.

Culinary Experiences

Enjoy a lazy Sunday brunch with family,
a romantic dinner for two or a pub night out
with friends.

Affy's Premium Grill

2200 Brock Rd.

Amici

1305 Pickering Pkwy.

The Burger's Priest

1355 Kingston Rd.

Butt Karahi

820 Kingston Rd.

Charminar Indian Cuisine Express

2460 Brock Rd.

Chúuk

774 Liverpool Rd.

Daves Hot Chicken

1355 Kingston Rd.

The Fox Goes Free

339 Kingston Rd.

Heavenly Desserts

1755 Pickering Pkwy.

Hot Mama Noi's Thai On The Fly

1410 Bayly St.

Island Mix

1050 Brock Rd.

The Kabab Shoppe

1450 Kingston Rd.

Kobo Gourmet

512 Kingston Rd.

Kung Fu Tea

2460 Brock Rd.

Mansion Kitchen + Bar

1294 Kingston Rd.

Open Studio Art Café

617 Liverpool Rd.

Pig Out BBQ

780 Kingston Rd.

PORT

1289 Wharf St.

Sakura Sushi Japanese Restaurant

1550 Kingston Rd.

Silver Spoon

2200 Brock Rd.

Thairoomgrand

1899 Brock Rd.

Wingstop

1105 Kingston Rd.

Yakyoto Japanese Grill and Bar

2460 Brock Rd.



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HEAVENLY DESSERTS



OPEN STUDIO ART CAFÉ



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Natural Escapes

Get outside and connect in the great outdoors.

Rouge Park

Zoo Rd., Toronto

Rouge Park, one of the largest urban parks in North America, offers a multitude of recreational activities such as fishing, canoeing, swimming, and camping, providing an opportunity to reconnect with nature while enjoying quality time with family and friends.



Alex Robertson Park

700 Sandy Beach Rd.

The 48-acre park along Pickering's Waterfront Trail is a hub for outdoor enthusiasts with its hiking and running trails, and showcases a collection of carvings by Dorsey James depicting the symbolic Kijimba Kind spirits, representing unity and repurposing old trees into meaningful art.

Altona Forest

1883 Altona Rd.

The 53-hectare forest is an Environmentally Significant Area, celebrated for its ecological and historical significance, attracting bird lovers and photographers with its diverse wildlife.



Waterfront Trail

Looking for something more active? Pick up a paddle and launch your canoe, kayak or wind sail and enjoy the breezes on Frenchman's Bay. Enjoy good food and friends, as you watch the yachts hoist their sails and set out to Lake Ontario.



Petticoat Creek Conservation Area

1100 Whites Rd. S.

Petticoat's 70-acre park provides a range of outdoor activities including cycling, walking, running trails, and a state-of-the-art aquatic facility, complemented by 11 picnic areas and stunning bluff views.



DID YOU KNOW?

Pickering is home to over 85 parks, numerous sports fields and trails, 4 conservation areas, and 3 designated leash free areas where dog owners can safely let their dog run around in fully fenced in areas. Visit pickering.ca and find your favourite spot.



Seaton Hiking Trail

Concession 3 Rd.

The 12.7 km trail located along West Duffins Creek is an ideal destination for hiking, cycling, and cross-country skiing, featuring historic hunting and fishing routes, diverse terrain, and varying difficulty levels.



Golf

Pickering has a wide selection of beautiful and magnificent courses, with several courses to choose from, book your tee time at one of these locations now!

Pickering Golf Club

2575 William Jackson Dr.

Cherry Downs Golf Club

2110 Concession 7 Rd.

Watson's Glen Golf Club

3430 Concession 7 Rd.

4 Seasons Country Club

1900 Concession 8 Rd.

Bunker Hill Golf Club

3695 Sideline 4

Pickering Glen Golf Club

230 Concession 7 Rd.

Spring Creek Golf Club

2425 Concession 9 Rd.

Hy-Hope Golf Course

5450 Lake Ridge Rd.

Hawthorne Valley Golf Club

3470 Salem Rd.

Fishing

Fishing is a great way to disconnect, enjoy time with friends and family, and explore the outdoors. Pickering is home to many waterways that are excellent for recreational fishing.

Load up your gear and check out the following local fishing spots:

- Rouge River
- Frenchman's Bay
- Duffins Creek



REEL IN AN ADVENTURE!

We have all the information you need to get started on your fishing adventure. Visit pickering.ca.



Pickering Museum Village

2365 Concession 6 Rd.,
Greenwood

Think History is boring? Think again! Nestled on the banks of Duffins Creek, Pickering Museum Village is the largest community museum in Durham Region. Discover interactive, hands-on exhibits in our heritage buildings, such as the Greenwood Blacksmith Shop or Fun on the Farm Combination Barn. Explore the museum on your own or learn a skill in one of our unique heritage programs. Test your knowledge with an Escape Room, or be thrilled with one of our Ghost Walks.



Tranquility Trail Farms

5240 Lake Ridge Rd.

Tranquility Trails Farm is a cherished family-run haven for lavender and elderberry enthusiasts. The farm provides a peaceful retreat for all who visit. Our mission is to create a harmonious space where people can reconnect with nature, find inner peace, and rejuvenate their spirits



Pickering Nautical Village

Intersection of Liverpool Rd. & Wharf St.

Pickering's waterfront community offers a refreshing escape from urban living, inviting visitors to explore charming shops and cafes, indulge in the scents of fresh baking and ice cream, take a leisurely stroll along the Waterfront Trail, or relax with a sunset concert at Millennium Square.



For a complete guide to the city, visit pickering.ca

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