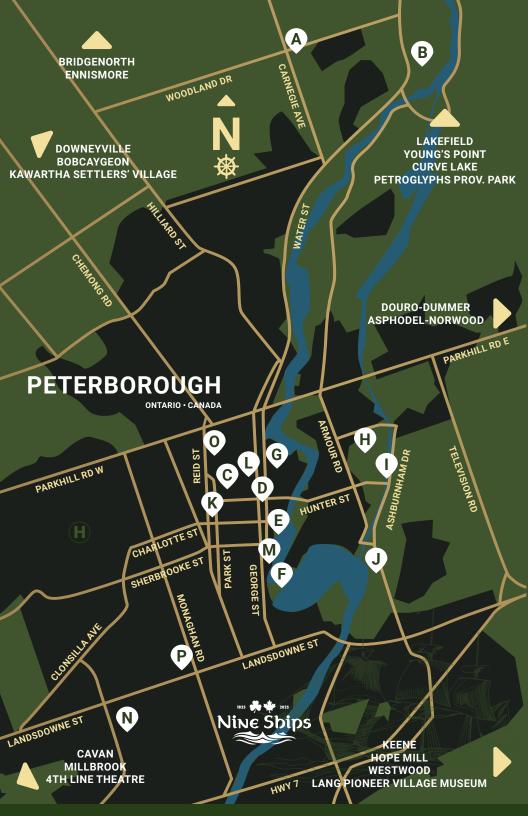


AUG 1 - 10, 2025 BICENTENNIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES PROGRAM





POINTS OF INTEREST IN PETERBOROUGH

- A TRENT VALLEY ARCHIVES 567 CARNEGIE AVE
- **B TRENT UNIVERSITY 1600 W BANK DR**
- C HUTCHISON HOUSE MUSEUM 270 BROCK ST
- D GOVERNMENT HOUSE PLAQUE 123 SIMCOE ST
- E MILLENNIUM PARK PETER ROBINSON MONUMENT 51 SIMCOE ST
- F DEL CRARY PARK & PETERBOROUGH MARINA (LITTLE LAKE) AREA
 - F1 · LIFTLOCK CRUISES · 92 GEORGE ST N
 - F2 · GREAT FAMINE MONUMENT · DEL CRARY PARK
 - F3 PETERBOROUGH MUSICFEST DEL CRARY PARK
 - F4 ART GALLERY OF PETERBOROUGH 250 CRESCENT ST
- G THE ROBINSON SETTLEMENT MONUMENT VICTORIA PARK
- H PETERBOROUGH MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES 300 HUNTER ST E
- I TRENT-SEVERN WATERWAY, LOCK 21 PETERBOROUGH LIFT LOCK
- J · CANADIAN CANOE MUSEUM · 2077 ASHBURNHAM DR
- **K• REID AND HUNTER ST AREA**
 - K1 · BICENTENNIAL HERITAGE FAIR · KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL · 317 HUNTER ST
 - K2 · CATHEDRAL OF ST PETER-IN-CHAINS · 411 REID ST
- L CONFEDERATION SQUARE 499 GEORGE ST N
- M HOLIDAY INN PETERBOROUGH-WATERFRONT 150 GEORGE ST N
- N KAWARTHA ANCESTRAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION 730 THE KINGSWAY #3
- 0 CATHARINE PARR TRAILL COLLEGE & BAGNANI HALL 315 DUBLIN ST
- P ST. PETER'S CEMETERY 870 HIGH ST.

SELF GUIDED EXPLORATION: GIS MAPS & STORY MAPS

Settlement maps show names, lots and concessions from 1825. Story maps tell details of the emigrant's journey in 1825 from Ireland to Peterborough. An excellent source for personal and family research from afar and also for those looking to explore the region independently.



We invite you to visit other communities and organizations who are commemorating their historic connections to the Peter Robinson Emigration throughout the year. Please refer to our 2025 Community Events Calendar for more details.

- DOURO
- ASPHODEL-NORWOOD
- KEENE
- DOWNEYVILLE
- ENNISMORE
- YOUNG'S POINT
- FORT HENRY IN KINGSTON
- HOPE MILL
- 4TH LINE THEATRE (MILLBROOK)
- CANADIAN CANOE MUSEUM

- KAWARTHA SETTLERS VILLAGE
- LIFTLOCK CRUISES
- LANG PIONEER VILLAGE MUSEUM
- HUTCHISON HOUSE MUSEUM
- PETERBOROUGH MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES (PMA)
- TRENT VALLEY ARCHIVES (TVA)
 KAWARTHA ANCESTRY RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (KARA)
- TRENT LAKES

MULTI-DAY & ALL WEEK ACTIVITIES

Independently visit museums, landmarks and archives that give renewed life to the history, heritage and culture of the region. Further your own research on the Peter Robinson Emigration and quench your curiosity at the following locations open to the public during the dates of August 1-10th. We recommend to reconfirm opening hours directly on websites or by phone in advance of visits.



NINE SHIPS 1825 • BICENTENNIAL HERITAGE FAIR

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall • 317 Hunter St. W. • Peterborough Operating Hours: Friday, August 1st - see Heritage Fair Opening & Blessing event (3-5PM) Saturday, August 2nd - Friday, August 8th (10AM to 4PM). August 9th & 10th (Closed). Details: A headquarters for resources on local history, heritage or tourism related to the Emigration. Stop by for social time with visitors, locals, descendants and history aficionados alike!

TRENT VALLEY ARCHIVES (TVA)

Location: 567 Carnegie Ave • Peterborough Operating Hours: Tuesday to Saturday (10AM to 4PM) Details: Advocating for the preservation and accessibility of regional historic archives since 1989. Doors open to the public during operating hours, with volunteers on site to help with historical, genealogical and property research. For extensive research, an appointment is recommended.

KAWARTHA ANCESTRAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (KARA)

Location: 730 The Kingsway #3 • Peterborough

Operating Hours: August 1st - 10th (10AM to 4PM)

Details: A genealogical and heritage organization in the region for family historians. Stop by any time during operating hours to chat with KARA about your Family Connections to the Robinson Settlers of 1825 and further your research with their array of excellent resources.

PETERBOROUGH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES (PMA)

Location: 300 Hunter St E • Peterborough

Operating Hours: Monday to Friday (9AM to 5PM), Saturday & Sunday (12PM to 5PM)

Details: A visit to their exhibit focused on the Peter Robinson migration illustrates ship and shanty conditions. For viewing original ship list documents and/or researching families, researchers must contact the on-site Archivist to schedule an appointment in advance.

KINOOMAAGE WAAPKONG AND PETROGLYPHS PROVINCIAL PARK

Location: 2249 Northeys Bay Road • Woodview Operating Hours: Monday – Sunday (10AM – 5PM), from second half of June to September. No vehicle entry after 4PM.

Details: Experience the largest concentration of pre-contact First Nations petroglyphs in Canada and learn from teachings that have been passed from one generation to the next for millennia.

CURVE LAKE FIRST NATION CULTURAL CENTRE

Location: 22 Winookeedaa Road • Curve Lake Operating Hours: Monday to Friday Details: Curve Lake First Nation has one of the only First Nation owned and operated Cultural Centres in Ontario. Collections and exhibits are available for walk-in visitors (self-guided).

4TH LINE THEATRE: WILD IRISH GEESE

Location: The Winslow Farm • 779 Zion Line • Millbrook Dates & Time: Tuesdays to Saturdays (6PM), from July 29th through August 30th. Additional performance Monday, August 25th. Details: A play by local playwright Megan Murphy that tells of the impoverished Irish emigrants' journey to settle in the region in 1825. Set in the breath-taking backdrop of 4th Line's open air stage.

LIFTLOCK CRUISES

Location: Liftlock Cruises Dock • 92 George St. N. • Peterborough Operating Hours: call office for scheduling details and reservations (705-742-9912) Details: "Explore the beautiful Trent Severn Waterway aboard The Island Princess. This is a small family run business that promotes a fun-loving and friendly atmosphere."

HUTCHISON HOUSE MUSEUM

Location: 270 Brock St • Peterborough Operating Hours: Tuesday to Sunday (10AM to 4PM) for guided and self-guided visits.

Scottish Tea available Tuesday to Saturday (1PM to 4PM).

Details: One of Peterborough's oldest stone buildings, initially inhabited by the town's first resident doctor who provided care for some of the Peter Robinson immigrants after their arrival. Reservations required for groups of more than four.

LANG PIONEER VILLAGE MUSEUM

Location: 104 Lang Rd · Keene

Operating Hours: Wednesday to Sunday (10AM to 4PM) during summer months **Details**: A 19th century, open air museum. Explore many historic buildings built between 1825 and 1910. Visit exhibit, "Aabnaabin", focusing on 'the major impacts that settlement had on the local indigenous population'.

HOPE MILL

Location: Hope Mill, 3414 Hope Mill Rd. • Otonabee-South Monaghan Operating Hours: Thursdays 9:30AM to 4:00PM (mid-April to late October). Details: This water-powered mill, established circa 1835 offers free guided tours and demonstrations. The site and the location alone on the Indian River are well worth the drive, especially if you are visiting nearby Lang Pioneer Village Museum.

KAWARTHA SETTLERS VILLAGE (BOBCAYGEON)

Location: 85 Dunn St • Bobcaygeon

Operating Hours: *Daily (10AM to 4PM). Appointments in advance recommended for groups.* **Details**: Showcasing over 20 historic homes and buildings that offer a glimpse into the lives of pioneers in the Kawarthas from 1830 to 1935. Combine with a visit to beautiful Bobcaygeon.

CANADIAN CANOE MUSEUM

Location: 2077 Ashburnham Dr. • Peterborough Operating Hours: Monday to Sunday (10AM - 5PM) Details: Visit the stunning collection of paddled watercraft and gain insight into the vital role that these vessels have had. Enjoy on-site cafe and waterfront trails. Within walking distance of the

Peterborough Liftlocks (Lock 21).

PETERBOROUGH LIFT LOCK - LOCK 21 TRENT-SEVERN WATERWAY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Location: 354 Hunter Street East • Peterborough

Operating Hours: Monday to Thursday (9AM – 5:30PM).

Friday to Sunday (9AM - 6:30PM) through July and August.

View Lock 21 any time by walking along the canal, drive by, or take a cruise with Liftlock Cruises. Details: This hydraulic lock on the Trent Severn Waterway opened in 1904 and is quintessential to Peterborough's architectural landscape, representing engineering feats of the early 20th century. Close to PMA and the Canadian Canoe Museum.

WESTWOOD HERITAGE CENTRE

Location: Westwood. 1818, 3rd Concession of Asphodel-Norwood Operating Hours: Call Paula Warr to make an appointment at 705-772-0136 or visit their Facebook page: Asphodel-Norwood Historical Society.

Details: Presented by Asphodel-Norwood Cultural and Heritage Committee, the Heritage Centre opens to visitors with a variety of historical resources, artifacts and documents related to the Peter Robinson immigrants that arrived to Asphodel Norwood.

OTONABEE SOUTH-MONAGHAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Location: 3252 County Road 2 • Keene Operating Hours: Visiting hours for Aug. 1-10th to be confirmed at a later date, please check their website.

BICENTENNIAL EVENTS: AUGUST 1ST - 10TH

Explore the rich heritage and history of the region in relation to the Peter Robinson emigration of 1825 through guided tours, day trips, and events.

FRIDAY August 1

PETER ROBINSON'S PETERBOROUGH - WALKING TOUR*

Location: Confederation Square • 499 George St. N. • Peterborough To Princess Gardens • 100 Charlotte St. • Peterborough Details: Explore historic locations significant to the Peter Robinson immigration in Peterborough's contemporary downtown with historians from Trent Valley Archives.

BICENTENNIAL OFFICIAL OPENING - CEREMONY & IRISH FLAG RAISING* 1:00PM

Location: Peterborough Armoury National Historic Site of Canada • 220 Murray St. • Peterborough Details: Join the official opening of the Bicentennial in commemoration of the Peter Robinson settlers. Following speeches from dignitaries, along with traditional music, the Irish flag will be raised outside City Hall.

BICENTENNIAL HERITAGE FAIR & WELCOME HUB - OPENING AND BLESSING* 3:00PM

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall • 317 Hunter St. W. • Peterborough Details: Enjoy an official and warm welcome at your Bicentennial Heritage Fair & Welcome Hub for the week. Opening event includes live music, speeches and social time.

SATURDAY August 2

ARCHIVES & OPEN AIR MUSEUMS – BUS TOUR*

Location: Pickup and drop off at Holiday Inn • 150 George St. N. • Peterborough Details: Visit with the keepers of museums and heritage sites in Peterborough City and County, in connection with the Peter Robinson emigration; Peterborough Museum & Archives, Lang Pioneer Village Museum and Hope Mill on the scenic Indian River.

GRAND IRISH GATHERING – CANADIAN CANOE MUSEUM*

Location: Canadian Canoe Museum • 2077 Ashburnham Dr. • Peterborough Details: An evening of socializing, live music and sumptuous appetizers within Peterborough's iconic Canadian Canoe Museum, hosted by the Peterborough Canadian Irish Club. Throughout the event, enjoy after hours access to the museum's stunning exhibit.

PETERBOROUGH MUSICFEST: ACROBAT – THE U2 TRIBUTE BAND - LIVE OUTDOOR CONCERT

Location: Del Crary Park • 100 George St. N. • Peterborough

Details: Listen to timeless U2 hits like With or Without You, Where the Streets Have No Name, and Beautiful Day, to deeper cuts that hardcore fans will love. At Canada's longestrunning free-admission music festival by the shore of scenic Little Lake.

9:30AM

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7:00PM

8:00PM

calendar of events, purchase tickets or register for events, visit us online.

* An asterisk beside an event means that it requires ticket purchase or registration in advance and is subject to availability. To see the detailed

August 3

MASS AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL IN YOUNG'S POINT – ATTEND INDEPENDENTLY

Location: 2761 River Rd • Young's Point

Details: Held in the small church where many descendants of Peter Robinson emigrants attended for generations. Homily given by Fr. Keith Wallace, descendant of Young's Point. Following mass, guests are welcome to do a self-guided cemetery walk. Please note: capacity and seating inside church is quite limited.

GAELIC FOOTBALL: DEMONSTRATIONS AND FRIENDLY MATCH

Location: Nicholls Oval Park, 725 Armour Rd, Peterborough Details: The Peterborough Gaelic Football Association and its members will present demonstrations and a friendly match for the public's enjoyment.

YOUNG'S POINT: 200 YEARS ON THE WATER - BUS TRIP*

Location: Pickup and drop off at Holiday Inn • 150 George Street N. • Peterborough Details: A day trip to Young's Point during the community's outdoor commemoration of '200 Years on the Water'. Including a Nine Canoe Flotilla, opening ceremonies. Then at your leisure, enjoy exhibits on traditional hunting, trapping, live music etc.

DOWNEYVILLE HOMECOMING AND JAMBOREE AND KAWARTHA SETTLERS' VILLAGE – BUS TRIP*

Location: Pickup and drop off at Holiday Inn • 150 George Street N. • Peterborough Details: A day trip to enjoy the activities happening in Downeyville at their annual 'Homecoming & Jamboree'. This is the settlement area where the largest group of Peter Robinson Settlers made their home. On-site BBQ and historic exhibits.

VISIT INDEPENDENTLY

YOUNG'S POINT: 200 YEARS ON THE WATER - VISIT INDEPENDENTLY

Location: Young's Point at Lock 27 Details: With your own transportation, visit the com

Details: With your own transportation, visit the community of Young's Point during its commemoration of '200 Years on the Water'. Outdoor activities include a Nine Canoe Flotilla (at 12:15), opening ceremonies, exhibits and live music.

DOWNEYVILLE: HOMECOMING & JAMBOREE – VISIT INDEPENDENTLY

Location: 340 St. Lukes Rd. • Downeyville (between St. Luke's Church and Hall) Details: With your own transportation, enjoy the activities happening in Downeyville at their annual 'Homecoming & Jamboree'. This is the settlement area where the largest group of Peter Robinson Settlers made their home. On-site BBQ and historic exhibits.

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12:00PM ONWARD

4:00PM



BICENTENNIAL EVENTS: AUGUST 1ST - 10TH

MONDAY

August 4

THE STORY OF PETERBOROUGH'S FIRST CEMETERY - WALK & TALK TOUR* 10:00AM

Location: Starting & Ending Point – Confederation Square • 499 George St. N. • Peterborough Details: This tour highlights the history of the cemetery, and its subsequent histories as fallow ground, a militia drill hall, the local fair, the current buildings and the War Memorial and other monuments.

THE PETER ROBINSON EMIGRATION EXPERIMENT – TALK AND MUSICAL PRESENTATION*

Location: Market Hall • 140 Charlotte St. • Peterborough Details: Learn the compelling details of the 1825 British sponsored emigration scheme. Co-hosted by historians Elwood Jones and Dennis Carter-Edwards. To follow, a fascinating musical presentation by Glen Caradus, featuring local folk songs and his 'Crankie Theatre'.

TEATIME TOUR: HUTCHISON HOUSE, KARA, TVA, LIFTLOCKS – BUS TOUR* 3:00PM

Location: Pick Up Outside Galaxy Cinemas • 320 Water St. • Peterborough (100m from doors of Market Hall). Drop Off: Holiday Inn • 150 George Street N. • Peterborough **Details**: An afternoon tea and tour in one of Peterborough' oldest stone buildings. Followed by intriguing visits to regional archival and genealogical organizations Kawartha Ancestral Research Association and Trent Valley Archives.

BEYOND THE SHIPS' LISTS: ST. PETER'S CEMETERY – WALKING TOUR*

3:00PM

1:00PM

Location: St. Peter's Cemetery • 870 High St. • Peterborough

Details: St. Peter's Cemetery opened in 1859 and has served the Catholic community in Peterborough City and County ever since. Learn the names and stories of some of the Peter Robinson emigrants and their descendants that are laid to rest there.

TUESDAY August 5

COMMUNITY ROOTS: ENNISMORE & YOUNG'S POINT - BUS TOUR*

9:00AM

Location: Location: Pickup & drop off at Holiday Inn • 150 George Street N. • Peterborough Details: Explore communities of Ennismore & Young's Point. Visit locations that provide both historic and present day contexts for those looking to reconnect with the land and people of their ancestral roots in the region. Hosted by community members.

TRANS-ATLANTIC COLONIZATION & CONSEQUENCE: IMPACTS OF THE7:00PM1825 PETER ROBINSON IMMIGRATION – A PANEL DISCUSSION*7:00PM

Location: Bagnani Hall • Traill College • 311 Dublin St. • Peterborough

Details: This discussion examines the impact of the Peter Robinson emigration experiment on the First Nations and Irish communities. Moderated by Dr. Michael Eamon (Principal of Catharine Parr Traill College, Trent University), the panel includes Jack Hoggarth (Trent University), Dr. Laura Peers (Trent University & University of Oxford) and Dr. Mark McGowan (St. Michael's College, University of Toronto).

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COMMUNITY ROOTS: KEENE, WESTWOOD, NORWOOD & DOURO – BUS TOUR* 8:30AM

Location: Pickup and drop off at Holiday Inn • 150 George Street N. • Peterborough Details: Explore the communities of Keene, Asphodel-Norwood and Douro. Visit locations that provide both historic and present day contexts for those looking to reconnect with the land and people of their ancestral roots in the region. Hosted by community members.

4TH LINE THEATRE: 'WILD IRISH GEESE' - OUTDOOR THEATRE WITH TRANSPORTATION*

Location: Pickup and drop off at Holiday Inn • 150 George Street N. • Peterborough Details: A play by local playwright Megan Murphy that tells of the impoverished Irish emigrants' journey to settle in the region in 1825. Set in the breath-taking backdrop of 4th Line's open air stage.

With your own transportation, purchase theatre tickets directly through 4thlinetheatre.on.ca

COMMUNITY ROOTS: DOWNEYVILLE – BUS TOUR*

Location: Pickup and drop off at Holiday Inn • 150 George Street N. • Peterborough Details: Explore the community of Downeyville. Visit locations that provide both historic and present day contexts for those looking to reconnect with the land and people of their ancestral roots in the region. Hosted by community members.

THE FINAL TRAVERSE: TRACING THE 1825 ARRIVAL ON THE SOLD OUT **OTONABEE RIVER – HISTORIC BOAT TOUR***

Location: Liftlock Cruises dock • 92 George St. N. • Peterborough Details: The Peterborough Canadian Irish Club presents this historic boat tour, to trace the final stretch of migrants' grueling journey from Ireland in 1825. While aboard, enjoy scenic views and live entertainment.

PETERBOROUGH MUSICFEST: MUDMEN WITH SPECIAL GUEST **IRISH MILLIE – LIVE OUTDOOR CONCERT**

Location: Del Crary Park • 100 George St. N. • Peterborough

Details: A powerful night of Celtic rock and fiddling finesse as Mudmen take the stage, with opening act by special guest and rising fiddler, Irish Millie. At Canada's longest-running freeadmission music festival by the shore of scenic Little Lake.

THURSDAY

WEDNESDAY August 6

August 7



8:00PM

4:30PM

2:30PM

FRIDAY August 8

KINGSTON ENCAMPMENT & THOUSAND ISLANDS – TOUR BY BUS & BOAT* 8:00AM

Location: *Pickup and drop off at Holiday Inn* • 150 *George Street N.* • *Peterborough* **Details:** A day trip to experience the grounds at Fort Henry and Point Frederick, where the Irish migrants encamped for over a month waiting to begin the next leg of their journey towards Scott's Plains. Followed by a cruise through the spectacular Thousand Islands.

PETER ROBINSON'S PETERBOROUGH - WALKING TOUR*

10:00AM

Location: Starts at Confederation Square • 499 George St. N. • Peterborough Ends at Princess Gardens •100 Charlotte St. • Peterborough Details: Explore historic locations significant to the Peter Robinson immigration in Peterborough's contemporary downtown with historians from Trent Valley Archives.

TEATIME TOUR: HUTCHISON HOUSE, KARA, TVA, LIFTLOCKS – BUS TOUR* 2:00PM

Location: *Pickup & drop off at Holiday Inn* • 150 *George Street N.* • *Peterborough* **Details:** An afternoon tea and tour in Hutchison House, one of Peterborough's oldest stone buildings. Followed by intriguing visits to regional archival and genealogical organizations, Kawartha Ancestral Research Association (KARA) and Trent Valley Archives (TVA).



saturday August 9

KINOOMAAGE WAAPKONG AND PETROGLYPHS PROVINCIAL PARK - BUS TOUR*

Location: Pickup & drop off at Holiday Inn • 150 George Street N. • Peterborough Details: A guided visit of the largest concentration of pre-contact First Nations petroglyphs in Canada. An opportunity to learn from teachings that have been passed from one generation to the next for millennia.

PETERBOROUGH MUSICFEST: THE CELTIC TENORS – LIVE OUTDOOR CONCERT

Location: Del Crary Park \cdot 100 George St. N. \cdot Peterborough Details: Join us for an unforgettable evening with The Celtic Tenors—a world-renowned trio whose music and message beautifully honour the Irish spirit, past and present. At Canada's longest-running free-admission music festival by the shore of scenic Little Lake.

sunday
August 10

MASS OF CELEBRATION & FAREWELL

Location: St. Peter's in Chains Cathedral • 411 Reid St. • Peterborough Details: Mass of Celebration and Farewell celebrated by Bishop Daniel Miehm at the location of the first church built by Peter Robinson settlers and where many descendants were baptized, married, and buried.

BEYOND THE SHIPS' LISTS: ST. PETER'S CEMETERY - WALKING TOUR*

Location: St. Peter's Cemetery • 870 High St. • Peterborough (Lansdowne & Monaghan) Details: St. Peter's Cemetery opened in 1859 and has served the Catholic community in Peterborough City and County ever since. Learn the names and stories of some of the Peter Robinson emigrants and their descendants laid to rest there.



THE COAST OF COUNTY CLARE (FROM ABOVE), IRELAND PHOTOGRAPHY BY KELLY M LACY

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