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**Route
Champlain**
Be the explorer!



GEORGIAN BAY COAST & LAKE SIMCOE

Explore the **French River Provincial Park** which spans 110kms from Lake Nipissing to Georgian Bay with many outlets, channels and rapids along the way.

Hartley Bay Marina is your gateway to the French River. From fishing charters to canoe and kayak rentals. Paddle through history along the Old Voyageur Channel.

Feeling adventurous? Enjoy an ATV guided tour with **Bear Claw Tours** on their 1,000 acre private Canadian shield biosphere trail. Legend says that this land was portaged by Champlain on his way to Georgian Bay.

Next stop: Parry Sound. Spend an exciting day exploring the sheltered bays and rugged islands of Georgian Bay with the **White Squall Paddling Centre** then cruise aboard the **Island Queen** and follow in the wake of early explorers like Champlain as the captain brings the ship up-close to the rugged shoreline and the Bay's remote outer islands.

Hop aboard a floatplane with **Georgian Bay Airways** from Parry Sound Harbour along Georgian Bay's rugged coastline past Parry Island and the fantastic South Channel.

Enjoy wine tasting and harvest activities like the Cranberry Plunge at the **Johnston's Cranberry Marsh** in Bala. Their Bog to Bottle Discovery tour is now a Signature Canadian Experience. Did you know cranberries were added to the Voyageur's "pemmican" ration along with other berries?

Sainte Marie among the Hurons in Midland is Ontario's first European Community and was the headquarters for the French Jesuit Mission to the Huron-Wendat people. Champlain spent 2 winters (1613-1615) there learning about this culture.

The **Martyr's Shrine** is the resting place of holy relics of Saints Jean de Bréboeuf, Gabrielle Lalemand and Charles Garnier, Jesuit missionaries working among the Huron-Wendat. Visit Caragouha where the first Mass in Ontario was celebrated August 12, 1615 by the recollet Fr. Joseph LeCaron in the presence of Champlain.

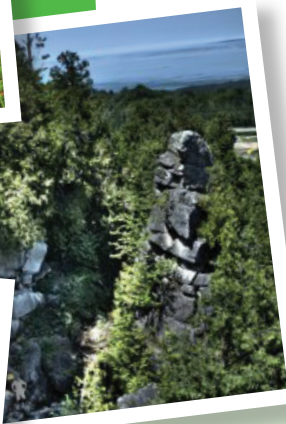
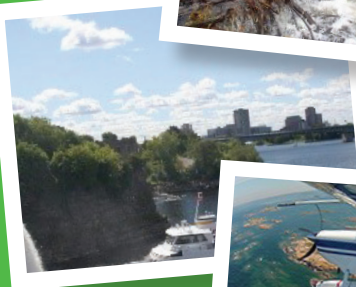
The Huron/Ouendat Village at the Huronia Museum in Midland represents life between AD 1500-1600, just prior to the arrival of Europeans.

The deep clefts and the imposing standing stone of the **Scenic Caves Nature Adventures** inspired the spiritual beliefs of the native people. Jesuit Father Jean de Brébeuf recorded and noted that the path to the Village of the Souls — the Afterlife — was marked by a rock called Ekarenniondi.

The **Nine Mile Portage Heritage Trail** in Barrie is based on an ancient overland aboriginal route. The route appears on a 1688 map as 'Portage de dix Lieues'. This portage came to be known as the 'Nine Mile Portage' by the British Military, which employed it strategically during the War of 1812.

HISTORIC SITES

- Champlain Heritage park
- St Croix Church Stained Glass
- Samuel de Champlain monument



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