



Discover Owen Sound's Bounty

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It's no accident you're here, enjoying the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular fishing derby.

Over the past 25 years, the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association has made it one of the best derbies in the province, offering not only great salmon and trout fishing, but 10 days and nights of entertainment for all ages – and all of it free.

The Owen Sound Visitor Information Centre gets calls each year months before the derby from people asking "When are the Becketts playing?" or "When is Kids' Day this year?"

It really is that popular. People plan their vacations around it, because it's an event the whole family can enjoy, whether they're seasoned anglers or novices.

You don't even need a boat – some of the biggest fish have been caught off the harbour wall.

When you're not out on the water, you can enjoy our first-class golf courses, take a hike on the Niagara Escarpment, tour Owen Sound's waterfalls, visit galleries and museums, shop and dine in downtown

Owen Sound, or stroll through Heritage Place Mall.

Owen Sound is home to the Tom Thomson Art Gallery (Tom was an avid fisherman!), the Owen Sound Marine and Rail Museum, the Billy Bishop Home and Museum and Grey Roots Museum & Archives.

If you have kids, think about taking them to Harrison Park (there's a heated pool, swans and ducks, paddle boats, mini-golf and more), or to the Kelso Beach splash pad to cool off. Storybook Park is another great place for youngsters.

Owen Sound has three golf courses in the vicinity – Cobble Beach, Legacy Ridge and Stone Tree Golf and Fitness, plus several more close by. If you prefer to swim, cycle or hike, drop by the city's Visitor Information Centre for routes, trail maps and the inside scoop on nearby beaches.

The visitor centre also has information about coming festivals and events, such as the Owen Sound Fall Fair, Canadian Spirit: The Tom Thomson Arts Festival, our popular Festival of Northern Lights in the winter, and the Lupercalia music and arts festival in February.

Thinking of relocating? We can give you a free relocation package as well.

We're currently celebrating all that Owen Sound has to offer with a new contest – I Love Owen Sound – so take lots of photos and videos while you're out fishing and send them to us for a chance to win a GoPro camera and other great prizes.

We want to hear your stories, including your fishing yarns and what you love about the Salmon Spectacular derby, whether it's your first time here or your 25th! Visit our web site, www.owensoundtourism.ca, or call 1-888-675-5555 for more information.

Enjoy the derby!

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