

# Things to see and do

**COCHRANE RAILWAY AND PIONEER MUSEUM** began to take shape in 1971 with the opening of a Ministry of Natural Resources interpretive car, and was expanded with the co-operation of the ONR and CNR by the addition of a steam locomotive, caboose, baggage car and coach. These house artifacts, picture collections, maps, which preserve memories of the pioneer and railway-building days, a small auditorium for class visits, and displays are representative of the James Bay Frontier. The museum train is "on track", east of the Union Station.

**POPLAR PLYWOOD MILL** of Normick Perron Inc. (Cochrane Division), largest of its kind in Canada, has recently expanded with the opening of a sawmill. Guided tours are offered - see page 22 for details.

**BOTTLING PLANT** of Fortier Beverages Limited. Guided tours of Northern Ontario's only Coca Cola bottling plant. Located at 158 Second Avenue. See page 20 for details.

**MUSKEG TRAIL** runs from the highway picnic area on Trans-Canada Highway at Buskegau River, nine miles west of Cochrane. Three-quarter-mile self-guiding walking trail develops two themes: the boreal forest, and a beaver community.

**ALGOMA NORTHERN RAILROAD** is a model railroader's paradise - an operating display maintained by Mr. Dave Rudyk, 208 Second Ave. Public inspection may be arranged.

**GARDENS NORTH OF 49** - A tour of residential areas will repay garden lovers.

**PUBLIC LIBRARY** on Third Street houses circulating and reference sections, English and French, and Len Hughes Memorial Library of natural history and wildlife.

**BUS OR TAXI TOURS** may be arranged, in the immediate area of the town, or farther afield.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES PARK**, on northern boundary, groups water treatment plant and deep wells, electric substation, sewage disposal plant. Cochrane is one of the few municipalities in Ontario owning its own telephone system.

**ON THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY** of the town, on the road leading from the Trans-Canada Highway to Drury Park is a plaque commemorating the founding of Cochrane. Four miles south on the highway a plaque marks the 49th parallel. (In the West this is the boundary between Canada and the United States!). Two miles west of the town on No. 11 a plaque marks the Niven survey line, cut 75 years ago through then uninhabited bush.

**CANOE TRIPS** - A reliable, experienced guide should be hired for all trips through the area from Highway 11 north to James and Hudson Bays. Only the most experienced canoeists should attempt travel in this isolated country where a mistake could cost a life. Canoeists with limited experience should choose a shorter trip in a less remote area. Many charter air services throughout Northern Ontario can provide float plane transportation, permitting travel on selected portions of most routes. Additional information about outfitters or air transportation can be obtained from the Ministry of Natural Resources District Office, P.O. Box 730, Cochrane, Ontario. POL ICO-Telephone (705) 272-4365.

**COCHRANE AIRPORT** offers a 3500-foot asphalt runway, 100 feet wide, with 50-foot shoulders each side; landing lights, light beacons, etc. Aircraft and car parking areas. Float plane base on adjacent Lake Lillabelle.

**THE LEE GOLF CLUB** offers a sporty nine-hole course on the northern edge of town. Visiting golfers will be welcomed.

Fastball and softball diamonds.  
Swimming beach at north end of Lake Commando.

**TIM HORTON ARENA** is being adapted for lacrosse and roller skating during summer.

**SPORTSMAN'S CLUB** - Members welcome the opportunity to help visitors. Trap shooting Thursdays at 7 p.m. Handgun shooting Mondays and Wednesdays 7 p.m. Entrance through Drury Park.

**OTHER RECREATION FACILITIES** - tennis, badminton, bowling, billiards, theatre, basketball, broomball, darts, shuffleboard.

**SERVICE CLUBS**  
**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 89** meets second Wednesday each month - 8 p.m. at new Legion Hall.

**Kiwanis Club** - Tuesdays - Spinning Wheel, at noon.

**Lions Club** - first and third Tuesday - Knights of Columbus Hall, Sixth Ave., at 7 p.m.

**Kinsmen Club** - Every other second Monday at Palma's, Third Avenue, at 6:30 p.m.

**Richelieu Club** - First and third Tuesdays - Spinning Wheel, Third Street, at 6:30 p.m.

**Knights of Columbus** - First Sunday and Third Monday - Knights of Columbus Hall at 8 p.m.

**Arctic Bathing Club** - Facilities at Pooles Lake, open Sunday and Wednesday afternoons for members and guests.



## Info hut

Cochrane tourist information hut at the entrance to town on the south highway. At the hut, tourists can receive information concerning accommodation, things to do, and places to see, etc.



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