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Toronto Caribbean festival
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Guelph Victory Public School, one of the locations at the Doors Open Guelph event.
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Bracebridge Fire and Ice Festival
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king and a slice of musical history. This year marks the festival's 25th anniversary and will follow the theme "Homecoming", which reflects on Elvis' passion for his family and fans. Held in various venues across downtown Collingwood, the festival includes concerts, competitions, vendors and much more. The 2019 festival runs from Friday to Sunday, July 26, 27 & 28. For more information, visit collingwoodelvisfestival.com.

Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games:

With a focus on all things Scottish, the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games has been a popular cultural event since it began in 1946. The festival includes dancing, pipe and drum bands, family fun and Scottish-centric events. Formally held in Victoria Park and now held in the Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex, the event features music and performances, tug of war competitions, a highland pub and much more to celebrate local Scottish heritage. It's a chance to enjoy the best of Scotland without having to leave Ontario. This year's festival is from Friday to Sunday, August 9, 10 & 11. For more information, visit fergusscottishfestival.com.

Dundas Cactus Festival:

Internationally recognized for Cacti production by local Ben Veldhuis Cactus Greenhouses, Dundas became home to its own Cactus Festival. The first festival more than 40 years ago lasted nine days. Today, the free family festival is three days long and runs the third weekend in August. The 2019 event will be held Friday to Sunday, August 16, 17 & 18 and will feature four entertainment stages, event zones, more than 100 vendors and a midway. The Thursday night parade beginning at 6:45 p.m. kicks off the festival each year. For more information, visit dundascactusfestival.ca.

Canadian National Exhibition:

Originally called the Toronto Industrial Exhibition when it was founded in 1879, the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) was meant to foster development of agriculture, industry and the arts. By 1912, the festival was renamed to better represent what the annual event had become. Seen as an end-of-summer ritual by many, the CNE takes place over 18 days leading up to and including Labour Day. To close off each summer, visitors can enjoy rides and games, concerts, shopping and some of the tastiest and most unusual food options.

This year's festival is held from August 16 to September 2. For more information, visit theex.com.

Port Elgin Pumpkinfest:

The first Port Elgin Pumpkinfest in 1986 attracted about 200 people to the town to increase tourism. In 1991 it expanded to a two-day festival and continued to grow, with crowds of 22,000 visitors at the 1994 event. This year's festival includes a Practically Hip concert, a petting zoo, pumpkin carving, a pub-kin crawl, a marketplace and food vendors. This year's event is on Saturday and Sunday, October 5 & 6. For more information, visit pumpkinfest.org.

Bracebridge Fire and Ice Festival:

Hosting its 5th annual event, the Fire and Ice Festival brings in more than 50 truckloads of snow to create a huge snow tubing hill in the heart of downtown Bracebridge. As its name suggests, there is a 'fire' element that includes performances by talented fire artists and a fireworks display. The 'ice' reference includes the tubing hill, ice displays, ice sculpture carvings and a children's igloo activity centre.



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