



## Activities to do in Central Manitoulin

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*This list has been compiled for your benefit and meant to provide some general information of various activities to do while in Central Manitoulin. If you would like to suggest any additions or corrections, please contact the Municipal Office.*

### Annie McNichol Playground

Located on the Providence Bay beach the playground features equipment for children aged 1½ to 12 years of age. Children can enjoy slides, swings, climbers and other fun features. The playground is also accessible for wheelchairs and other assistive devices with the addition of Mobi-Mats that lead from the parking lot and circle the equipment.

### Antiquing

Estate sales and auctions usually happen during the warmer months and are advertised in the local papers.

“Grandma had it, mom threw it out, I bought it back”

### Big Lake-Sandfield Community Association

Community activities include: euchre parties weekly, high school bursaries, annual steak dinner and silent auction, public school fair awards, fish dinners, pancake breakfasts.

Treasurer, Lois Keller, 705-377-4075

### Big Lake Playground

A small play structure is located in Big Lake at the Big Lake Community Hall.

### Big Lake Women’s Institute

For Home and Country. Empowering women to make a difference. Meetings at 12:30pm on the first Wednesday of the month, from January to May in members’ homes.

Carrene English, 705-377-5959

### Bluegrass in the Country

Event: June 7,8, 9, 2019

This bluegrass music event is the main fund raiser for the Manitoulin Special Olympics program, held in Providence Bay.

Brother John, 705-282-0368

Facebook: Bluegrass in the Country – Performance & Event Venue

[www.bluegrassinthecountry.net](http://www.bluegrassinthecountry.net)



### Brookwood Brae Golf Course

9-hole, par 36

Ladies night, Tuesday      Men's night, Wednesday      Seniors morning, Thursday

359 Ketchumkookem Trail, Mindemoya

705-377-4979

[pirates@amtelecom.net](mailto:pirates@amtelecom.net)

Facebook: Brookwood Brae Golf Course – Sports & Recreation

[www.manitouli-island.com/brookwoodbrae/](http://www.manitouli-island.com/brookwoodbrae/)

### Canada Day celebration

Join us July 1 in Providence Bay for family activities, cake and fireworks.

### Central Manitoulin Archers (membership organization)

Indoor archery

President, Jake Diebolt, 705-282-9978

[jake.diebolt@gmail.com](mailto:jake.diebolt@gmail.com)

### Central Manitoulin Historical Society

Formed in 1973 with a mission to collect and preserve artifacts and the history of local pioneer life relative to farming, fishing and lumbering.

Located at the Welcome Centre in Mindemoya on Hwy 551. Open July and August.

705-377-4383 or 705-377-5954 during the off season

Facebook: @CMHistoricalSociety

### Central Manitoulin Lions Club

Event: Homecoming Weekend, June 29-July 1, 2019

A service member club that offers volunteer opportunity to help make a difference in community of Central Manitoulin (Mindemoya). Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6pm at the Mindemoya Community Hall.

Facebook: @CentralManitoulinLions

### Central Manitoulin Lions Club Pavilion

Large covered structure located behind the Old School Building in Mindemoya. Picnic tables also available.

### Classic School of Dance

Ballet, children and youth

Production in May at Manitoulin Secondary School

Artistic Director, Maja Mielonen, 705-377-4471

### Coin and Stamp Collecting

- Mindemoya Post Office (POP 1S0)  
6166 Hwy 542
- Providence Bay Post Office (POP 1T0)  
5216 Hwy 551
- Spring Bay Post Office (POP 2B0)

9379 Hwy 542

[www.canadapost.ca/web/en/pages/collect/default.page](http://www.canadapost.ca/web/en/pages/collect/default.page)

#### Dances

Usually held at the local Community Halls in support of local events. See posters around town or hear by word of mouth. They may even be posted on social media.

#### Dark Sky Sanctuary

Manitoulin Island is sufficiently dark to promote astronomy while being aware of the sensitivity of wildlife to artificial light at night.

#### Discovery Centre

The Discovery Centre features various displays on the local history, culture and environment that is unique to the area. Take the historical walk tour.

Located inside the Harbour Centre at the Providence Bay beach. Open July and August.

705-377-5025 or contact the Municipal Office during the off season

Facebook: @ProvidenceBayICC      Twitter: @PbDiscoveryCtr

#### Euchre

Big Lake, Mondays

Bill Hay, 705-377-4696

Mindemoya, Thursdays

Marilyn Holmes, 705-377-6076

Providence Bay, Tuesdays

Marlene St.Croix, 705-377-6112

#### Fitness

Vitality Health and Fitness

6404 King Street, Mindemoya

Kyle McDermid, 705-377-5376

Flex Appeal Fitness

2236 Hwy 551, Mindemoya

Annette Pearson, 705-377-4770

Providence Bay Outdoor Fitness Park is right on the beach and features various fitness equipment stations.

#### Fossil Hunting

Due to a unique geological history, fossils can be found throughout Manitoulin Island.

You may want to check out [“A Guide to the Paleozoic Geology and Fossils of Manitoulin Island and northern Bruce Peninsula, Ontario, Canada”](#).

## Gardening

Research proves that gardening is good for the body and soul. It promotes physical and mental health through relaxation and satisfaction. Most of all, health benefits of gardening are long lasting and are created by interacting with nature.

There are different types to try: herb garden; rose garden; water garden; cactus garden; topiary garden; container garden; flower garden; and of course, vegetable garden.

Join the Central Manitoulin Community Garden; east on Hwy 542 (Community Living Manitoulin partnership) Come Grow with Us. We have individual 4 x 8 raised boxes, as well as garden plots to share, & volunteer CLM/ Foodbank donations

Contact: Sue Rumble, 705-377-4112

[elbmur@outlook.com](mailto:elbmur@outlook.com)

Join the Campbell Horticultural Society (membership organization). The objects of the Society are to encourage interest and improvement in horticulture. Members plant and maintain flower beds and planters in the communities of Evansville, Mindemoya, Providence Bay and Spring Bay.

### Events:

- Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1pm, Spring Bay Hall.
- Plant & Bulb Sale – May 25, 2019
- Flower Show – August 7, 2019

President Carol Lang, 705-282-2782

## Hiking

Maple Ridge Trails Club (membership organization)

Trailhead is at 6266 Highway 542, Mindemoya. Four well-marked trails with mild elevation changes, with a main loop 1.5km, a further 2.2km loop, and two 0.5km loops. The trails begin in an open field then gently climb through maple forest onto a limestone ridge with a view overlooking Mindemoya. You may see wildlife along the trails as well as fossils, huge boulders (glacial erratics) and even fairy homes if you look carefully. Interpretive and interactive stops are along the way. Depending on trail selected give yourself 30 min up to 1.5 hr. Day Use fee is available and sign-in at trailhead. Fee structure at trailhead or at [www.zone4.ca](http://www.zone4.ca), search Maple Ridge. Due to insurance restrictions, no biking by the public is allowed.

Email: Judy Olacke [jolacke@amtelecom.net](mailto:jolacke@amtelecom.net)

Facebook: @mapleridgetrails

### Wagg's Woods

Located right off Hwy. 542 in Mindemoya, Wagg's Woods is almost directly across the street from the Municipal Office and Library. This peaceful walk features maple, basswood, birch, and ash in a park-like setting. Moss climbs the cliffs, which are part of the Niagara Escarpment. Watch for 15 different species of ferns. The walk will take 1 to 2 hrs.

## Hunting

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry publishes an annual hunting guide that summarizes the rules and regulations for hunting in Ontario. It provides information about hunting licences and fees, as well as up-to-date regulations and seasons for each game species.

[www.ontario.ca/page/hunting](http://www.ontario.ca/page/hunting)

## Internet Perusing

The Mindemoya Library has computers connected to the internet available for use and has Wi-Fi. Hotspots may be available at local businesses or eateries.

## Island Quilters Guild (membership organization)

Our meetings are usually on the third Thursday of each month, September to June in the Mindemoya Community Hall. We welcome everyone interested in quilting, from beginners to advanced, patch workers, appliquéers, paper piecers, and we can always help you with a project.

[www.islandquiltersguild.blogspot.ca](http://www.islandquiltersguild.blogspot.ca)

## Kite Flying

A favourite pastime enjoyed by many. The winds at the Providence Bay beach make it an excellent place for kite flying.

## Lake Manitou Area Association

Lake Manitou is the largest lake of the 108 lakes on Manitoulin Island with a surface area of approximately 104 sq. km or 40.5 sq. miles. It also can lay claim to be the largest lake on a freshwater island in the world.

The LMAA is a non-profit voluntary organization dedicated to preserving the environmental integrity of the waters of Lake Manitou, its feeder streams, and outgoing rivers and partner lakes. The Lake Manitou Area Association (LMAA) was established in 1993 and currently has 231 members. We are also associated with the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations.

[www.lakemanitouca.mylaketown.com](http://www.lakemanitouca.mylaketown.com)

## Manitou Merrymakers (membership organization)

Organizes various community functions, such as strawberry social, picnic, corn boil to offset expenses of operating the Sandfield Community Hall.

President, Hal Love, 705-859-3855

To book the Hall, contact Sharon Watson, 705-859-3375

## Manitoulin Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Formed in 1988, when four local amateur radio operators got together and felt that a club involving the hobby would benefit all persons involved. The Manitoulin Amateur Radio Club Inc. (MARC) is responsible for providing integrated community services when required through ARES that support all security and public safety priorities on Manitoulin Island.

[www.ve3rmi.org](http://www.ve3rmi.org)

### Manitoulin District Cenotaph

Located on Hwy 542 at Monument Road. Veterans' Memorial Gardens is just across Monument Road and is comprised of a picnic area, parking for buses and vehicles, and a parade square.

[www.cdli.ca/monuments/on/manitou.htm](http://www.cdli.ca/monuments/on/manitou.htm)

### Manitoulin Expositor

For all your local Manitoulin Island news headlines, the Expositor is Northern Ontario's oldest newspaper, printers and publishers since 1879. Published weekly.

This is Manitoulin and Manitoulin Magazine are popular annual publications

705-368-2744

Facebook: @ManitoulinExpositor

[www.manitoulin.ca](http://www.manitoulin.ca)

### Manitoulin Fine Arts Association (membership organization)

Event: Manitoulin Art Tour, July 19, 20, 21, 2019

To encourage the development of original visual art by providing opportunities for professional development, experimentation and exhibition, and to encourage the appreciation of original visual art within the group and in the community.

President, Christie (Best) Pearson Anderson

[manitoulinart@gmail.com](mailto:manitoulinart@gmail.com)

Facebook: @ManitoulinFineArts

[www.manitoulinart.com](http://www.manitoulinart.com)

### Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA)

Event: Annual Manitoulin Passage Ride, June 1,2, 2019

Organizational Objectives: •to increase the popularity of cycling on Manitoulin Island; •to advocate for safe cycle routes and increase the amount of paved shoulders on local highways; •to encourage cycling as a safe, healthy, environmentally-friendly activity for all ages; •to educate drivers regarding cyclists and ensure proper signage in a share-the-road campaign; and, •to collaborate with other like-minded groups.

[www.manitoulincycling.com](http://www.manitoulincycling.com)

Facebook: MICA (Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates) group

### Manitoulin Nature Club (membership organization)

The Club was created to establish knowledge of nature in all its forms and to support the preservation of these elements of natural history many of which are unique to Manitoulin.

The club provides information to certain organizations including Manitoulin Planning board (wetlands), the Nature Conservancy of Canada (points of interests on Manitoulin) and Parks Ontario (Management Planning Board).

The Manitoulin Nature Club meets on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church on King Street West, in Mindemoya, and welcomes new members.

### Manitoulin West Recorder

A weekly newspaper serving Gore Bay and the Western areas of Manitoulin Island. This local paper has captured the events of the era, the happenings, the people, who was born, who was married and who dies and who visited who for the past 125 years.

705-368-2744

Facebook: @ManitoulinExpositor

[www.manitoulin.ca](http://www.manitoulin.ca)

### Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary

Collects donations and hosts fundraising events for the purchase of equipment for patient care for the hospital.

President, Judy Mackenzie

Facebook: Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary - community

### Mindemoya Classic

Event: June 30, 2019

This event is supported by the Central Manitoulin Lions Club as part of its annual Homecoming Weekend. The Mindemoya Classic is a run, canoe and bike triathlon for singles or teams of two or four – do it as a relay or in the all or nothing endurance division. The Mindemoya Classic has a challenge for everyone.

Facebook: @MindyClassic

[mindemoyaclassic.com](http://mindemoyaclassic.com)

### Mindemoya Playground

Located behind the Old School Building in Mindemoya, it features a large play structure.

### Old School Park

Located between the Arena and the Community Hall in Mindemoya. This green space features trees, shrubs and flowers. It also has a lovely new gazebo, a wishing well, and waterfall structure.

### Pioneer Museum

Welcome to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Tour a typical pioneer family log home, visit the stable, workshop and frame barn to learn how early settlers lived.

Located at the Welcome Centre in Mindemoya on Hwy 551. Open July and August.

705-377-4383 or 705-377-5954 during the off season

Facebook: @CMHistoricalSociety

### Providence Bay Agricultural Fair

Event: annually, for 3 days, beginning on the third Friday of August – 16, 17, 18, 2019  
The Providence Bay Agricultural Society was established in 1884 with the main objective of encouraging interest, promoting improvements in, and advancing the standards of agriculture, domestic industry and rural life. Organizing and holding an agricultural exhibition, encouraging young people to become interested in agriculture and domestic practices, and drawing together both rural and urban citizens for their mutual benefit.

Email: [providencebayfair@gmail.com](mailto:providencebayfair@gmail.com)

Facebook: @Providence Bay Fair  
[www.providencebayfair.com](http://www.providencebayfair.com)

#### Providence Bay Beach Boardwalk

This wheelchair accessible boardwalk is located along the beach in Providence Bay. You can begin your walk from the parking lot area and stroll past the Annie McNichol Playground, volleyball court and Harbour Centre. Traverse the bridge over the Mindemoya River and you will have access to the full length of the boardwalk that extends East over the sand dunes. The boardwalk provides access to the beach area with little disturbance of the sand dunes habitat, thereby protecting species at risk.

#### Providence Bay Coffee Club

Drop by the Curling Club each morning from 7-9:30 for a cup of coffee and a chance to catch up on the latest local news. Volunteers also host a pancake breakfast the first Thursday of the month and proceeds go to the curling club.

Becky Smith, 705-377-7106

#### Providence Bay-Spring Bay Historical Preservation Society

They keep the local history alive through the preservation of artifacts. Displays are located in the Harbour Centre in Providence Bay and open to the public during July and August.

Roxanne Reid, 705-377-5600

#### Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club

A service member club that offers volunteer opportunity to help make a difference in communities of Providence Bay and Spring Bay. Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 5pm at the Providence Bay Curling Club.

Facebook: @ProvidenceBaySpringBayLionsClub

#### Providence Bay Village Square

Located at the main corner of the Providence Bay Community Hall. This landscaped property welcomes visitors and beautifies the area.

#### Radio Stations broadcasting on Manitoulin Island

88.9 CHYF-FM  
89.9 CHEI  
97.5 CBCE  
100.7 CFRM  
102.1 CJTK  
103.1 CHAW

#### Reading

Two wonderful branches serve the Central Manitoulin Public Library, in Mindemoya and Providence Bay.

There is a book club that meets on the first Tuesday of the month beside the Mindemoya Library in the Council Chambers at 10am.

Facebook: @CentralManitoulinLibraries



[www.olsn.ca/centralmanitoulinlibraries](http://www.olsn.ca/centralmanitoulinlibraries)

### Shopping

Enjoy our shops and support our local businesses: real estate, car dealership, grocery, convenience, gas stations, clothing, furniture, gift, galleries, coffee shop, pet store, restaurants, and, hardware and building supplies.

[www.centralmanitoulin.ca/manitoulin-business/business-directory](http://www.centralmanitoulin.ca/manitoulin-business/business-directory)

### Spring Bay Playground

A small play structure is located in Spring Bay at the Community Hall.

### Sunday drive

You can travel across the 440 lane kilometres of road within Central Manitoulin to reach various destinations, such as: Spring Bay, Providence Bay, Mindemoya, Big Lake and Sandfield, Lake Huron, Mindemoya Lake, Mindemoya River, Lake Kagawong, Lake Manitou, and Manitou River, as well as various smaller lakes.

### Tent and RV Camping

- Idyll Glen Park  
Mindemoya, 705-377-4095
- Providence Bay Tent and Trailer Park  
Providence Bay, 705-377-4650
- Stanley Park Campgrounds  
Spring Bay, 705-377-4661

### Twilight Seniors Club

Providence Bay Community Hall

George Popowich, 705-377-5822

## MOTORIZED ACTIVITIES

Boat Launches are located at:

- 570 Dial Road at Windfall Lake
- 25 Hutchinson Road at Manitou Lake
- northwest end of Big Lake
- Perivale Road West at Kagawong Lake
- Ketchankookum Trail at Mindemoya Lake

### Manitoulin Island Dirt Riders Association (membership organization)

We strive to meet the needs of those who wish to participate in the super fun sport of Motocross! We also aim to provide a safe and controlled atmosphere to ride your machine for fun, or to get ready to race! The track is located in Providence Bay.

Sally Cranston, President 705-377-5520

[www.midra.ca](http://www.midra.ca)

## Manitoulin Snowdusters Club Inc.

The Manitoulin Snowdusters Club Inc. is a volunteer-based club, and they are very proud of their trail system. There are 545 km of groomed, signed trails reaching all areas of the Manitoulin, which tie into the provincial trail plan. They are part of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs. Permits are required.

## Marina

Located in Providence Bay on John Purvis Road off Government Road.  
705-377-7225

## Ride Manitoulin Motorcycle Rally 2019

Event: July 20, 21, 2019

This is one of the top motorcycle events in Ontario. Hosted in Providence Bay, enjoy riding across Manitoulin Island with proceeds going to charity.

Facebook: Ride Manitoulin group, and now Instagram @rideinjuly

Email: [rmanitoulin@gmail.com](mailto:rmanitoulin@gmail.com)

## WATER ACTIVITIES

### Canoeing/Kayaking

You can put-in at any of the local lakes or rivers.

### Fishing

There are many lakes and rivers that have a variety of species, such as pickerel, whitefish, bass, northern pike and perch.

Information on what you need to know before fishing in Ontario. Includes how to get a fishing licence, Outdoors Card, camping on crown land, and eating Ontario fish can be found at [www.ontario.ca/page/fishing](http://www.ontario.ca/page/fishing).

### Sailing

Providence Bay offers a port for sailors on Lake Huron.

[www.great-lakes-sailing.com](http://www.great-lakes-sailing.com)

### Surfing

The south shore of Manitoulin Island offers an opportunity for surfing, an increasingly popular activity.

### Swimming

The following areas have been established exclusively as swimming areas:

- Sandfield Wharf
- Young Subdivision Park, (on Big Lake)
- North of the intersection of Old Highway 551 and Ketchankookem Trail
- Mindemoya Government Dock
- Monument Road/Lake Mindemoya Beach Area
- Providence Bay Beach

There is no swimming permitted at the boat launches.

## TEAM SPORTS

### Baseball/Softball/Slo-Pitch

There is a ball diamond in Mindemoya, Providence Bay and Spring Bay.

### Beach Volleyball

There is a beach volleyball court at the Providence Bay beach. Only the net is provided and is up during July and August so bring your own volleyball.

### Pickleball/Tennis

There are two tennis courts in Mindemoya behind the Muncipal Office building. Pickleball court lines have been drawn.

## WINTER ACTIVITIES

### Cross-country skiing

Gibraltar Trails is located on Hwy 542 at Gibraltar Road across from Big Lake.

Maple Ridge Trails Club (membership organization) offers ski use. The trailhead is at the Community Living Manitoulin Office, 6266 Highway 542, Mindemoya and has maps and fee structure information.

### Ice Fishing

The rules you need to follow to ice fish in Ontario and how to register or remove your ice hut.

[www.ontario.ca/page/ice-fishing](http://www.ontario.ca/page/ice-fishing)

### J.H. Burt Memorial Arena, Mindemoya

- Minor Hockey
  - Men's and Women's Hockey League
  - Public Skating
  - Skate Canada
  - Sponge puck and shinny
- 705-377-6648

### Mindemoya Curling Club

2 sheets  
10 Thorne Street  
705-377-4772

### Mindemoya Minor Hockey Association

Tykes to Midgets  
Adam Smith, 705-377-5884

### Providence Bay War Memorial Community Arena

- Men's and Women's Hockey League
- Public Skating

- Sponge puck and shinny  
705-377-4090

Providence Bay Curling Club  
2 sheets  
84 Monroe Street  
705-377-4647

#### Snowshoeing

Use snowshoes to walk through our hiking trail at Wagg’s Woods.

Maple Ridge Trails Club (membership organization) offers snowshoe use. The trailhead is at the Community Living Manitoulin Office, 6266 Highway 542, Mindemoya and has maps and fee structure information.



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