



Float your Boat

Home to the Grand River, a Canadian Heritage River, Lake Ontario as well as a variety of smaller inland lakes, Hamilton Halton Brant is a great destination for paddlers. Visitors can bring their own watercraft or rent one for the day from an area outfitter or conservation area. Use these resources to plan a paddling adventure:

Pick a Paddle

- Canoe
- Kayak
- River Raft
- Stand Up Paddleboard

Grand River Outfitters

- Blue Heron Rafting
- Grand Experiences
- Grand River Rafting
- Heritage River Canoe and Kayak Co.
- Treks in the Wild

Paddling Sites & Attractions

- Voyage Into Paradise
- Kelso Conservation Area
- Pinehurst Lake Conservation Area
- Valens Lake Conservation Area
- Christie Lake Conservation Area
- Mounstberg Conservation Area
- Brant Conservation Area

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Trip Ideas

Paddling With Pals

Looking for a fun getaway with the gang? Make it a learning experience. Local outfitters offer a range of unique experiences on the Grand River including Stand Up Paddleboard lessons and paddling excursions combined with photography workshops, yoga classes, edible plant hikes and more.

Cootes Paradise

Nestled between Lake Ontario and the Niagara Escarpment, Royal Botanical Gardens' Cootes Paradise offers nature lovers access to a 320-hectare river-mouth marsh, glacial plateaus, 16 creeks and 25 kilometres of shoreline through its 18-kilometre trail system. The Marsh Boardwalk provides access to the Spencer Creek Delta, one of the largest creek deltas on Lake Ontario.

Look closely and discover some new residents that have created quite a stir with local birdwatchers: the first bald eagles to hatch on the Canadian shoreline of Lake Ontario in over 50 years! Paddlers will want to make use of the canoe launch located at Princess Point.

Voyage Into Paradise

Voyage Into Paradise is a fabulous two-day, two-night luxury Grand River and Cootes Paradise paddling experience featuring a guided Voyageur Canoe trip, First Nations storytelling, music and dance, a behind-the-scenes canoe tour of the world-famous Royal Botanical Gardens, two nights at a luxurious hotel and gourmet meals. Trip dates for 2015 are available at www.ourtruenature.ca.

Grand River Rafting

Floating down the gentle currents of the Grand River is a fun, relaxing way to experience the scenery and wildlife of this Canadian Heritage River. The hefty rafts used by area outfitters are virtually unflippable, making it a great activity for not-so-strong swimmers. Children as young as two have been known to enjoy the glide! Float down the river while the guide points out interesting sights and wildlife along the way.

Head Out for a Family Paddle

There are several outfitters in Paris and Brant County that make family paddling adventures a breeze. Leave the gear and guiding up to a skilled expert and discover the joy of a few hours on the Grand River.

Whitewater Rush

For a rafting experience that's more rapid than relaxing, take an early spring trip when melting snow creates high waters on the Nith River, a tributary of the Grand River near Paris. The Nith River's Class One and Two rapids produce an exciting whitewater rafting experience that is free from some of the rock hazards associated with rafting in Canadian Shield rivers.

For great savings on outdoor adventures in Hamilton Halton Brant, please visit our Special Offers page at www.ourtruenature.ca/offers. For a step-by-step approach to planning the perfect outdoor escape for families, new explorers and avid adventurers, download our Nature Unexpected magazine at www.ourtruenature.ca/magazine.

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