

My Parents Leave To See The

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Day 1

Base Borden Military Museum - This is a free military museum that is located on the army base, Base Borden. **WARNING:** You **MUST** obey the speed limit. Even going over by 1 KM/H WILL result in a ticket. Go painfully slow. If you see **MARCHING SOLDIERS**, they have right of way and if you pass them, go only 15 KM/H. Otherwise, have fun at this museum. There are no security checkpoints to worry about. Just drive painfully slow.

- Monday to Friday 9:00 to 3:00
- Saturday and Sunday 10:00 to 4:00
- **T**ime to drive there: 1:10 **D**istance: 88 KM **A**rrive: 9:00
Stay: 45 minutes **L**eave: 9:45
- **No point leaving your place until 8:00.**

Peacekeepers Park - A military memorial dedicated to the Canadian Peacekeepers who died. A nice park. **REMEMBER TO GO PAINFULLY SLOW AS YOU LEAVE BASE BORDEN.**

- Open 24 hours
- T: 10 min D: 6 A: 10:00 S: 15 L: 10:15

Forest Home Park - The dog needs a break. Your next stop is minutes away after here.

- T: 33 D: 48 A: 10:45 S: 15 L: 11:00

Ontario Provincial Police Museum - A small, free museum featuring the history of the OPP. Park the car at the front in the big circle. BRING YOUR ID. Unlike the army base, there is security here. You will need to show your ID to get in.

- Monday to Friday, 9:00 to 4:00
- Closed weekends and holidays
- T: 3 D: 2 A: 11:00 S: 45 L: 11:45

Lunch at Webers - This place is a very popular hamburger stop. Consider having lunch here. Picnic tables and grounds for your dog.

- Open daily until October 20th, after which it is only open weekends
- An alternative to here is to pack your own lunch or, after the OPP Museum, Google places to go since you are in Orillia.
- T: 17 D: 17 A: 12:10 S: 30 L: 12:40

Buttermilk Falls—Look for a small parking lot at this location. Bring the dog and walk across the bridge/dam. The volume of water is impressive. Continue walking down the driveway and look for a path beside the river. BRING YOUR CANE. It is not a far walk, but it is in the woods, so be careful. The volume of water at the end of the chute is HUGE!

- You will be driving on Hwy 118. It is a nice road with hills and twists and turns. It is a fun road.
- T: 1:05 D: 100 A: 1:45 S: 30 L: 2:15

Hawk Lake Log Chute—Locals try to maintain this log chute, which is a wooden slide where lumber comes down. It does occasionally get damaged, but hopefully, it will be in good repair when you arrive. It can be found just steps from the parking lot.

- Did you know you just passed Carrie's cottage?
- Just up the road from the chute is the marina where Carrie and Marc have their boat.
- T: 10 D: 7 A: 2:30 S: 10 L: 2:40

Carrie's Cottage - 1061 Cloverleaf Rd - Turn around from the log chute and pop in to see Carrie. You are here, you might as well look.

- T: 4 --- ONLY 4 minutes away!

Assuming you stay at Carrie's for a bit, you will be driving directly to Huntsville.

Lions Lookout - In Huntsville. Drive up this hill to get a great view of the town.

- Considering that others will be here for the fall colours, it may be busy.
- T: 1:00 D: 70

Swiss Chalet - Supper time.

Hotel _____

- make sure it is pet-friendly. Hotels sometimes charge extra for a dog.
- Recommendation: Knights Inn Huntsville. \$15 extra for the dog. A bit pricey but good reviews.

Day 2

I assume you people wake up early. Today, there are a lot of shopping places, but since you are up early and most stores are not open until 10:00, you will have to leave Huntsville and come back when things are open.

Wake: 7:00 **Leave:** 7:45

Time Horton's for breakfast - If you have Swiss Chalet, you would have seen this place.

- Leave: 8:30

Baysville Dam - It can be a really nice flow through this dam, or it can be completely closed. The only way to know is to drive here. You have to go this way anyways, so you might as well check it out.

- There is a parking lot. Also a place where your dog can get out and stretch.
- T: 25 D: 25 A: 9:00 S: 20 L: 9:20

Robinson's General Store - You passed this yesterday on your way from Carrie's to Huntsville. Now you get to go in and see.

- T: 21 D: 27 A: 9:45 S: 30 L: 10:15

Oxtongue River Rapid— There will be a lot of yelling, screaming, and cursing while driving on this road. It is narrow and rough, and hopefully, you won't encounter any oncoming traffic. There is a parking spot that can hold three cars. There are rapids in this location. It is a nice setting. You are not far from Algonquin Park. DO NOT RETURN THE WAY YOU CAME, it is shorter going straight ahead.

- T: 20 D: 21 A: 10:40 S: 20 L: 11:00

Downtown Huntsville—I consider this to be the best downtown core we have ever been to. There are a lot of nice gift shops. Find street parking, ideally on this road or a side street. Bring coins in case it is metered parking. Start at **Christmas Tyme** and continue spending your way through town. Remember that it is lunch time when you are here.

- T: 26 D: 27 A: 11:30 S: 2:00 L: 1:30

Brook's Falls - It is located a bit off of the main highway. It is a few minutes to walk from the parking lot to see the waterfall. Bring the dog.

- T: 23 D: 33 A: 2:00 S: 30 L: 2:30

High Rock Lookout Park - There is parking outside of the entrance and you can walk in from there, but I am almost certain you can drive in and find parking. Here you can have a great view of Lake Bernard. Bring the dog.

- T: 24 D: 30 A: 3:00 S: 20 L: 3:20

Crystal Cave Mineral Exhibit & Crystal Shop—This is an incredible store for rocks and gems. There is a museum; it used to be free, but now they charge you to go in. You are here to see the rocks. The store is small and feels crowded, but it is the best gem store I have ever seen.

- CLOSED Mondays and Tuesdays
- Wednesday to Sunday, 10:00 to 5:00
- T: 13 D: 12 A: 3:40 S: 30 L: 4:10

Wasi River Rapids - This is a fast-moving rapid/fall. This is also very challenging to get to. The road is quite narrow. Your goal when as soon as you get on Wasi Falls Road is to find a spot to park on the side of the road. It will be a short distance from the intersection. It is also where the rapids are. It is a bit steep to get down to the river but it is not too far. Great view when you get down, especially if it rained recently. Bring the dog.

- T: 28 D: 46 A: 4:40 S: 20 L: 5:00

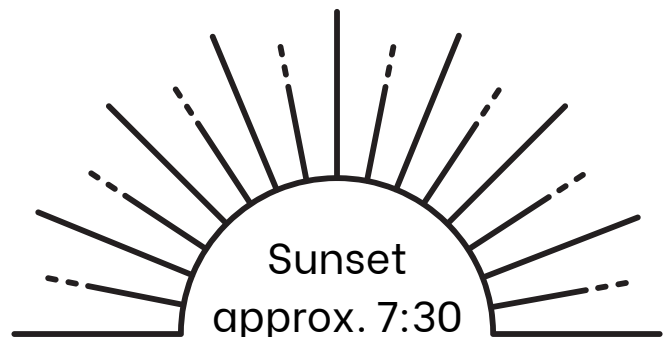
Vested Interest Trading - If you are on schedule, this place will be closed by the time you arrive. If you are ahead of schedule, you will be able to visit this gift shop.

- Sunday 11:00 - 4:00
- Monday to Saturday, 10:00 - 5:00
- T: 6 D: 6 A: 5:10

Montana's BBQ & Bar - It is supper. If this is not a good suggestion, Google restaurants near me for a different selection.

When was the last time you watched the sunset? In North Bay, the best place to see the sun setting is along the lakefront—Park at **Lakefront View** or **Waterfront Marina**.

Hotel recommendation: Ramada by Wyndham Pinewood Park Resort North Bay



Day 3

Today is more driving than anything. I hope the route that this plan takes you is nice.

Wake: 6:30 If you are at the suggested hotel, it has breakfast.

Leave: 7:30

Black Forest Park - Mom was here before. It is tall, very tall trees. Bring the dog and go for a small walk on this relatively flat area.

- T: 25 D: 20 A: 8:00 S: 30 L: 8:30

Rock Pine Motel & Restaurant - Just a statue of a fish. Take a pic.

- T24 D: 40 A: 9:00 S: 10 L: 9:10

Temagami Fire Tower - This tower is 100 feet tall and if you climb it, you can see 40 kilometres away. But you are not going to climb it, instead you will see the views from the parking lot. Don't bring the dog up the tower.

- T: 34 D: 48 A: 10:45 S: 30 L: 10:15

World's Shortest Covered Bridge - It is not often that you get to drive over a covered bridge. Here is the world's shortest one.

- T:28 D: 36 A: 10:45 S: 10 L: 11:00

Cobalt was once a silver mining community. The Heritage Silver Trail is a driving route to various sites that were once part of the silver industry. There are information plaques at each site. Take the time to read these and learn of the amazing history. Each site is different, and there is a parking lot. There is minimal walking. This has been one of my favourite heritage trails I have ever done. Start at **Heritage Silver Trail Site 1 Townsite Mine**. Keep the dog on a leash because there are forgotten tunnels and vent shafts that could swallow up dogs and people. In other word: STAY ON THE TRAILS.

- Find a lunch option in Cobalt before you start this trail.
- T: 10 D: 13 A: 11:10 S: 2:00 L: 1:10

Earl the Bison - Huge photo opportunity of a bison.

- T: 37 D: 54 A: 1:50 S: 10 L: 2:00

Esso, be sure that you have filled your tank. After this, you will head north one block to Highway 560 and then south to Sudbury. This way, there are nothing but trees and rock, but hopefully, it is scenic.

T: 10 D: 12 A: 2:10 S: 10 L: 2:20

A.Y. Jackson Lookout - From the gas station, take the route that follows Highway 560. IT IS A LONG DRIVE. The destination is a waterfall that was made into a famous painting by A.Y. Jackson. he is part of The Group of Seven. From the parking lot is a short walk to a viewing area.

- T: 3:23 D: 299 A: 5:50 S: 20 L: 6:10

It is late and past supper. In Chelmsford are many fast options all close by each other:

- Dairy Queen
- KFC
- McDonald's
- Subway
- Mary Brown's
- A&W
- T: 12 D: 16 A: 6:30 S: 30 L: 7:00

It is well past your bedtime. Time to find a hotel. My suggestion:

Quality Inn & Conference Centre Downtown.

- T: 20 D: 20 A: 7:20

Day 4

All vacations come to an end. Today, you start heading home.

Wake: 7:00 Breakfast at the hotel **Leave:** 8:00

French River Trading Post - A gift shop. Open daily at 8:00.

T: 45 D: 68 A: 8:45 S: 30 L: 9:15

Wolf Den - Another gift shop. Street parking.

- Bring coins for the parking meters.
- Monday to Saturday 9:30 - 5:00
- Sunday 11:00 to 4:00
- Check out the other shops in the area.
- T: 1:00 D: 97 A: 10:15 S: 30 L: 10:45

Tower Hill Heritage Garden - This is another lookout tower. Remember how you were NOT supposed to go up the other lookout tower, but you did anyway? Remember how much you regretted it. Do not do it again. You can see a great view of the lake from the ground. Bring your dog.

- T: 4 D: 2 A: 10:50 S: 20 L: 11:10

Lower Rosseau Falls—Before the bridge, there is a small parking lot for the falls. The road to this location is steep. If the water is not too high, it may be possible to find a small path and walk along the riverbed. Bring the dog.

- T: 34 D: 42 A: 11:45 S: 25 L: 12:10

Upper Rosseau Falls - Before the bridge is a driveway leading to a picnic area. Park in the driveway. LEAVE THE DOG IN THE CAR. The falls is best viewable from both sides of the road. Traffic drives fast so be mindful. It is possible to get closer to the falls but it is steep and not really worth it. There could be an outhouse in the picnic area, if needed.

- T: 4 D; 3 A: 12:15 S: 15 L: 12:30

Fish Hatchery Park - There is a waterfall at this park that is worth seeing. The only problem, it is a lengthy walk (over 10 minutes), through a forest where you need to climb small hills. Mom was brought here before by started to feel sick because she was wearing a heavy coat and started to overheat. You may want to skip this falls. Bring the dog if you do go.

- T: 10 D: 10 A: 12:40 S: 50 L: 1:30

High Falls Picnic Area - Drive into this picnic area to the dam. There is limited parking there. The waterfall is viewable from the top of the dam. There are two other falls but it requires going down a very steep path. If you insist of seeing these other falls, try to see if there is another access point that is not so steep.

- T: 25 D: 30 A: 2:00 S: 30 L: 2:30

Bracebridge Falls - There are 3 parking lots to get viewing of this falls.

- First parking lot is Woodchester Public Parking Lot. From here, walk down the path. It is an incline but will take you to a viewing area.
- Second option is immediately across the bridge. If you did the first parking lot, there is no need to check this one out.
- The third parking spot is Bracebridge Bay Park. From here you can see the second half of the falls, and it maybe possible to walk across a bridge for an even better view. Look toward the falls to see how to access the bridge.
- After, you are in Bracebridge and might need a snack. Keep it light. Supper will be early today at 4:30.
- T: 7 D: 7 A: 2:40 S: 30 L: 3:10

Port Carling Wall - This town is a huge tourist attraction and can get busy. There never is enough parking. The Wall is a large mural that is made up of thousands of pictures. It is nice to see but it is unlikely you will find parking to get out and have a closer look. Just continue driving to your next destination. This section of the area is fun to drive with the hills and turns.

- T: 21 D: 26 A: 3:40 Don't stop, just keep going to the next destination.

Bala Falls Parking - This is a dam. Sometimes the flow is impressive, sometimes it is not. The only way to know is to go and see.

- T: 15 D: 18 A: 4:00 S: 15 L: 4:15

Mrs. H's Fish & Chips - An early supper for the big drive ahead.

- T: 11 D: 13 A: 4:30 S: 30 L: 5:00

Home - You live here.

- T: 2:10 D: 190 A: 7:10



Bathrooms might be few and far between. Never give up an opportunity to pee. If there is a bathroom where you are, go!

Every fast food restaurant has a bathroom, most gas stations, and sometimes there are rest areas on the side of the road.