

## LAKE ERIE NORTH SHORE & PELEE ISLAND



### COLIO ESTATE WINES

Experience the southern hospitality of Lake Erie North Shore. Enjoy a variety of special events in the outdoor pavilion. Taste award winning wines vinted with time-honoured tradition and the latest in winemaking technology.

Location: 1 Colio Drive, Harrow  
Winemaker: Carlo Negri  
Winemaker's choice: CEV Cabernet Franc Reserve  
Hours: Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–6 p.m.,  
Sat. 10 a.m.–5 p.m.,  
Sun. 12 p.m.–5 p.m.  
Tour Hours: 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily  
Phone: 519 738 9318 or 1 800 265 1322  
Web: [www.coliowines.com](http://www.coliowines.com)  
E-mail: [cheers@coliowinery.com](mailto:cheers@coliowinery.com)  
Best LCBO Brand: Colio Estate Cabernet Franc

## PELEE ISLAND WINERY

Tour the mainland winery production facilities and sample wines made from grapes grown in Pelee Island vineyards. Enjoy special events and theme dinners throughout the year. The Cellar Door and Gift Shop offer wines and gift ideas.

Location: 455 Seacliff Drive, Kingsville  
Winemakers: Walter Schmoranz, Martin Janz  
Winemaker's choice: Premium Select Chardonnay  
Hours: Mon.–Sat. 9 a.m.–6 p.m.,  
Sun. 11 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Tour Hours: 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m.  
Phone: 519 733 6551 or 1 800 597 3533  
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Best LCBO Brand: Blanc de Blanc

## PELEE ISLAND WINERY PAVILION

Vineyard tours, wine appreciation seminars and more are highlights of a visit to the pavilion on Pelee Island, Canada's most southerly inhabited point. Barbecue your own lunch and sample wines in an island wine garden.

Location: 20 East-West Road, Pelee Island  
Winemakers: Walter Schmoranz, Martin Janz  
Winemaker's choice: Cabernet Franc  
Hours: May, June, Sept. and Oct.,  
Sun.–Thur. 10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
July and Aug., Mon.–Sun. 10 a.m.–8 p.m.  
Tour Hours: May–Aug., 12 p.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.  
Phone: 519 724 2469 or 1 800 597 3533  
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Best LCBO Brand: Gamay Noir

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Approximately four hours from Toronto and half an hour from Detroit, the Wine Route continues through the Lake Erie North Shore and Pelee Island viticultural region in southwestern Ontario.

From Toronto, follow Highway 401 to Highway 77 and head south to Leamington. In Leamington you can take a ferry across to Pelee Island and the Pelee Island Winery Pavilion <http://www.peleeisland.com> or, instead, drive the Wine Route along Highway 20 to Pelee Island Winery <http://www.peleeisland.com> and board the ferry in Kingsville. On the mainland, continue driving Highway 20 to Harrow and Colio Estate Wines <http://www.coliowines.com/>.

## EN ROUTE DIVERSIONS

### Food & Wine

- A renowned restaurant to try in Kingsville is The Vintage Goose Restaurant [www.goose.on.ca](http://www.goose.on.ca) which serves fine local wines to complement an innovative menu. Cookery classes are available and visitors can purchase gourmet treats at The Piggery [www.goose.on.ca](http://www.goose.on.ca) located upstairs. On Pelee Island the same creative flair is found at companion restaurant Gooseberry's, at The Tin Goose Inn [www.goose.on.ca](http://www.goose.on.ca).

- The Pelee Island Winery Pavilion <http://www.peleeisland.com> is very casual with outdoor facilities to barbecue your own lunch, the ingredients of which can be bought onsite, and enjoy a glass of wine.

### Places to Stay

- The Vintage Goose Inn & Spa in Kingsville is a very comfortable, grand Victorian inn with full spa. On Pelee Island, the atmosphere is relaxed at the beachside Tin Goose Inn [www.goose.on.ca](http://www.goose.on.ca).
- In Leamington and Kingsville, Comfort Inns [www.choicehotelsontario.ca](http://www.choicehotelsontario.ca) offer special wine travel discounts and restful accommodations.

Visit the web sites of the Municipality of Leamington Chamber of Commerce <http://www.learmingtonchamber.com> and the Convention & Visitors Bureau of Windsor, Essex County & Pelee Island <http://www.visitwindsor.com/main.htm> for further accommodation and dining choices.

### The Great Outdoors

Lake Erie North Shore and Pelee Island are situated at Canada's most southerly point, sharing the same latitude as northern California. Hikers, birders and nature lovers can explore trails through Carolinian woodlands and, if the timing's right, watch the annual Monarch butterfly migration or sight some of the 370 species of birds that pass through the area in the spring and fall.

- Point Pelee National Park [www.parkscanada.gc.ca/pn-np/on/pelee/index\\_E.asp](http://www.parkscanada.gc.ca/pn-np/on/pelee/index_E.asp) draws visitors from around the world for its exceptional birding and unique opportunities for observing migratory Monarch butterflies. You can walk a network of trails, rent a canoe and explore the park's marshlands or swim at a pristine beach.
- The Essex Region Conservation Authority <http://www.erca.org/home.htm> oversees several Conservation areas in the region including:
  - Hillman Marsh, a wetland which can be explored by canoe or on foot along its 4.5 km trail
  - Kopegaron Woods, which has a long stretch of beach and a beautiful woodland boardwalk trail
  - Holiday Beach Conservation Area, which is a prime location for sighting migratory hawks, eagles, falcons and vultures during the fall migration
  - Cedar Beach Conservation Area, from which you can leisurely canoe through wetlands to Cedar Beach, a lovely swimming spot
  - Chrysler Canada Greenway, a 50 km public trail ideal for hiking and cycling that runs through natural areas between Windsor and Kingsville
- The region has many fine beaches suitable for swimming. Kayaking is a popular activity and charters are available for sport fishing enthusiasts.
- Relics of maritime disaster lie in the clear waters off the coast and many shipwrecks are accessible for scuba diving exploration.

### Museums & Heritage Sites

- The North American Black Historical Museum <http://www.blackhistoricalmuseum.com/> focuses on Canadian Black settlement and the significant role the area played as a key stop on the Underground Railroad.

- Southwestern Heritage Village <http://www.swoheritagevillage.ca/> comprises restored buildings from the 1800s representing pioneer life and the Transportation Museum with fine examples of various modes of transportation from the same period.
- The Park House Museum <http://www.parkhousemuseum.com/> is an original 1790s log home that was floated, by its Loyalist owners, from Detroit down the Detroit River to its site in Amherstburg.
- Fort Malden National Historic Site of Canada [http://www.parkscanada.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/on/malden/index\\_e.asp](http://www.parkscanada.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/on/malden/index_e.asp), which played a significant role in the War of 1812 and the Rebellion of 1837, has exhibits and artifacts demonstrating military life of the time.
- The John R. Park Homestead and Conservation Area <http://www.erca.org/home.htm> in Harrow gives visitors the opportunity to experience 19th century life in the restored home and farm buildings.
- The Pelee Island Heritage Centre [www.pelee.org/heritage.htm](http://www.pelee.org/heritage.htm) showcases the island's history.
- On the northwest corner of Pelee Island lie the Vin Villa [http://www.pelee.com/area\\_island.asp](http://www.pelee.com/area_island.asp) ruins, Canada's oldest recorded winery location.
- On Pelee Island's northeast point is the newly restored 1833 Pelee Lighthouse [http://www.pelee.com/area\\_island.asp](http://www.pelee.com/area_island.asp), one of the oldest lighthouses on Lake Erie.

#### Arts & Culture

- Colio Estate Wines <http://www.coliowines.com/> hosts musical events throughout the year. Contact the winery for details.
- The Arts Centre <http://www.learmington.ca> in Leamington exhibits paintings and photography and holds live theatre performances.
- Pelee Art Works [www.pelee.org/artworks.htm](http://www.pelee.org/artworks.htm) is the centre for arts and culture on Pelee Island. It's a great place to purchase unique gifts, crafts and art works.