

World Fishing Network

Top 10 Fishing Towns of 2011

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Tell us why your town is WFN's Ultimate Fishing Town?

Memories keep people going and always bring smiles to your face. Remember being young and catching worms to go fishing? Remember warm nights at the cottage listening to the bull frogs? Bonfires and guitars? Oh the child hood memories....Todays society is so fast paced with cell phones and computers that people forget to take time to smell the roses. However, there is a place in Ontario that makes you remember and create those old memories for your family! From far and wide people flock in the summer months to Hastings, ontario. Why? you may ask, because Hastings is the ultimate fishing spot in Ontario. Where else can you fish from the main bridge? Where else can you find people so friendly and welcoming? Located on the Trent-Severn Waterway Hastings has a population of just over 1,200 people.

All summer long Hastings hosts various activities for the fishing enthusiast. On opening night you can find the locals fishing for the first catch of the year. From childrens fishing derbies to professional competitions, Hastings has it all. Bring the whole family there is fun for everyone in Hastings. Hastings has the biggest and best tasting muskie, pickerel, small and large mouth bass, catfish, perch, crappie and bluegill, no one ever goes home empty handed!! The beautiful Gazebo which is located on the banks of the river host live entertainment all summer long. Our wonderful weekend farmers market boasts local crafts, produce and arts at reasonable prices.

The Waterfront festival in the summer is a must see event. With live entertainment and events running all weekend long. Tuesday nights will find most locals at the local auction hall where there is always great deals to be found. You can't forget the amazing firework show on the July 1st weekend, it is the best to be seen in Ontario!! Local kids can be found all summer long jumping from the train bridge and enjoying their summer swimming in the river. As well there is a local wake board school where people of all ages can learn.

How would your town benefit from a \$25,000 donation? What cause(s) do you think the money should go towards? If we were crowned the Ultimate fishing town the money would go towards the various events that keeps bringing people back to Hastings year after year. The waterfront festival, the parades and the amazing fireworks display!!