

SPORT

— TOURISM —
THUNDER BAY

SPORTS CENTRAL
WHERE ATHLETES
COME TO PLAY

CITY OF THUNDER BAY

POPULATION: **120,000+**

- One of Canada's Best Outdoor Cities
- Regional Centre for Northwest Ontario
- International Airport



WHY THUNDER BAY?

- Excellent sports facilities and affordable accommodations
- Friendly, accessible community
- Skilled volunteers and inspired spectators with a passion for sports
- Northern hospitality where athletes take centre stage

CONNECTING TO THE CENTRE OF CANADA

Thunder Bay International Airport is the third busiest airport in Ontario

- Air Canada, Westjet, Porter & Flair (Domestic)
Daily connections: Toronto -10 (Air Canada – Porter),
Ottawa - 2 (Porter) and Winnipeg - 2 (Westjet)
Weekly Connections: Toronto - 4 (Flair) and
Calgary - 3 (Westjet – summer)
- Bearskin Airlines & Wasaya Airways (Regional)
Daily connections, Northern Ontario and Northwestern Ontario



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ADVANTAGE



DRIVE

All roads connect to Thunder Bay – Trans Canada
Highway (east-west) and Highway 61 (south).



SUCCESS STORIES

A proven track record for championship sports events.

2024

Ontario Winter Games
World Taijiquan Championships

2023

All-Ontario U13 AAA Hockey Championships
Canadian Cross Country Ski Championships
Canadian Disc Golf Championships

2022

Scotties Tournament of Hearts
Canadian WUSHU Championships

2020

Special Olympics Canada Winter Games

2019

TELUS Cup – Canadian Midget Hockey Championships

2018

Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling – Tour Challenge
Canadian Cross Country Ski Championships
Canadian Firefighters Curling Championships

2017

U-18 IBAF Baseball World Cup
U-16 Canadian Alpine Ski Championships

2016

Can-Am Police-Fire Games
PGA TOUR Canada – Staal Foundation Open

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES

No trip to Thunder Bay is complete without
experiencing these iconic attractions.

- The Sleeping Giant
- Terry Fox Monument
- Fort William Historical Park
- Kakabeka Falls



FIRST RATE FACILITIES

Thunder Bay offers a wide range of venues to host sports events:

Fort William Gardens – 3,371-seat, multi-purpose facility (hockey, curling, figure skating); new video scoreboard & digital upgrades.

Thunder Bay Tournament Centre – A twin-pad arena with seating for 1,100 in the main arena and 300 in the second pad. Next to full service conference hotel with 89 rooms.

Fort William First Nation Arena – A twin pad arena with one full size NHL sized rink (200 x85) - with seating for 800-1,000. The second rink is 185 x 85 with limited seating.

Port Arthur Stadium – 5,400-seat, natural-grass baseball facility, lights & scoreboard; two additional world-class lighted diamonds at Baseball Central.

Fort William Stadium – Multi-use facility with 400m track and artificial turf field for football & soccer.

Chapples Park Stadium – 1,000-seat, natural-turf premier soccer stadium; two adjacent practice fields.

Canada Games Complex – 77m eight-lane pool, diving towers, spring boards, indoor track & squash courts.

Lakehead University – Four connected multi-use indoor facilities. The Fieldhouse – 15,000 sq. ft. gym for varsity basketball and volleyball. The Hangar – 50,000 sq. ft. pro-grade artificial turf field with 200m track. Upgraded 50m, eight-lane swimming pool. Wolf Den – 30,000 sq. ft. multi-purpose gym – new build (2020).

Lappe & Kamview Nordic Centres – X-ski facilities with over 45 km of groomed trails combined.

St. Ignatius / St. Patricks – Two new (2017) FIFA certified turf fields with 400m tracks at local high schools. Soccer, football, ultimate, track & field.

OTHER VENUES

- Two Alpine ski/snowboard areas with 25-plus runs
- Three curling clubs with 20 sheets of ice
- Lighted outdoor tennis facility with nine hard courts (Tennis Centre)
- 18-hole championship golf course; additional three 18-hole venues
- Expanded 20k mountain bike trails – (IMBA Ride Centre standard 2023)



AFFORDABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Events Big or Small

- 2,400 guest rooms (73 accessible) with 3,200 beds at 40 hotels/motels
- Seven full service hotels with banquet/meeting facilities plus 13 other branded properties.
- Residences at Lakehead University (1,000 rooms for late spring, summer events)
- Accommodations are within a 5 to 20 minute drive of the airport and sport venues

Wherever you decide to stay, you will always be assured of warm hospitality and comfortable lodgings.



CHOOSE THUNDER BAY FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT!

Tourism Thunder Bay – CEDC is proud to support the hosting of successful championship events with funding available through the CEDC Tourism Event Fund.



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MARCH

Sleeping Giant Loppet
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MAY

Firefighters Ten Mile Road Race
10MILEROADRACE.ORG

SEPTEMBER

Shuniah 40 Miner Mountain
Bike XC Marathon
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