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## More Food, Fun and Adventure on the Apple Pie Trail

Discover New Stops and New Shops for Families and Foodies

**Blue Mountains, Ontario. September 22, 2022** --- Nature's fiery Fall palette, a teasing nip in the air, and that Autumn only aroma rising from the orchards, letting you know that you're in apple country. For 15 years, thousands of people seeking a new and exciting experience have flocked to the Blue Mountain area, one of Southern Ontario's most beautiful and inviting destinations, and the largest apple growing region in the province. Now it's your turn.

The award-winning Apple Pie Trail is 28 stops from Blue Mountain Village through the Beaver Valley to Thornbury and Meaford showcasing all that is apple. Discover restaurants, orchards, vineyards, cideries, galleries, museums, artisan products and argri-tourism, plus enjoy outdoor activities including hiking, biking and paddling through the spectacular autumn colours.

And like the apples, the Trail just keeps on growing. Check out what's new for 2022.

## Do I want a what on a stick?

## Cheezed Blue Mountain – Apple and Brie Grilled Cheese

Local chefs create sensational and unique grilled cheese sandwiches - all made to order in the heart of Blue Mountain Village. Try their specialty sauces and soups, hip flavoured drinks and the fan favourite Pickle on a Stick!

Put a little yodel in your strudel.

**The Alphorn Restaurant –** *Apple Strudel, Thornbury Premium Apple Cider* This kitschy and cozy dining spot has been a part of the southern Ontario ski scene since 1977 and might just be the closest you'll get to an authentic Swiss Alps dining experience outside of Geneva. Beers from around the world, fondue, raclette and authentic schnitzel – named Canada's BEST schnitzel by Ski Canada Magazine - make the Alphorn the perfect spot to meet friends - any time of day, all year long. Now open for breakfast.

## Put in your 2 cents.

# Apres at Penny's – Apple Cider Manhattan

It's more than just super-cool cocktails, but they're as good a reason as any to go there. Penny's is located in Penny's Motel, owner John Belknap's inspired and eclectic redefinition of the Motel itself. Inviting inside and out, and with a menu inspired by fresh local food – and John's passion for oysters – Penny's is a special place for friends to meet and apres.

Give those legs a workout – or not.

**Explore the Trail on a Georgian Trail e-Bike** – a great way to see more trail in a day.

Designed to go long distances on any terrain, Georgian Trail e-Bikes are available for 4 or 8 hour excursions. Each bike comes with a helmet and a lock and is equipped with a basket and water bottle holder. Download the Apple Pie Trail app or pick up the brochure with map at any of theTrail stops to plot your course through the countryside. Recommended for intermediate to advanced riders.

# More Extraordinary Experiences

From relaxation to adventure there's an experience for everyone, all year long, on the Apple Pie Trail. Explore the area and choose from amazing activities including:

- Apple Picking at Farmers Pantry with kid's activities and farm market
- E-bike Adventures self-guided tour of the area
- Educational Farm Tours experience a true working farm at Good Family Farms
- Cider Tasting on a patio or visit 6 unique cidery experiences
- Wild Edibles Experience educational and nutritious
- Paddle & Cider Tasting paddle board, kayak or canoe on the Beaver river
- Thornbury Sticky Bun Cycling Loop self-guided, heart-pumping 14 km loop
- Blue Mountain Adventure Park outdoor family exploration
- Scandinave Spa relaxation in nature
- And more!

Download the app to get the most out of your Trail adventures as it guides you easily through the countryside. Book tours, look at menus and make reservations all with just a couple of taps. To get the app and to learn more about the award-winning Apple Pie Trail including lodging information, please visit <u>applepietrail.ca</u>.

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About Blue Mountain Village:

Blue Mountain Village Association developed the Apple Pie Trail<sup>™</sup> in 2008 to introduce visitors to the extraordinary experiences in apple country. Between the foot of the Niagara Escarpment's scenic Blue Mountains and the rugged shores and crystal-clear waters of Georgian Bay, the picturesque Blue Mountain Village is Southern Ontario's premiere four-season destination. A cobblestoned pedestrian village framed by turn-of-the-century Ontario architecture, the Village offers a wide variety of accommodations, activities and attractions including over 50 unique shops and restaurants, award-winning spa, open-air gondola, 30 km of hiking trails, indoor-outdoor aqua centre, mountain attractions park and the Agora Path Of Light experience. An incredible natural retreat, the Village offers as much – or as little – as you'd like to do. For more information please visit

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