

SCUGOG ISLAND DRIVING TOUR

Scugog Island Our Story

The Island was original surveyed by Major S. Wilmot in 1816 but European settlement didn't happen until 1834.

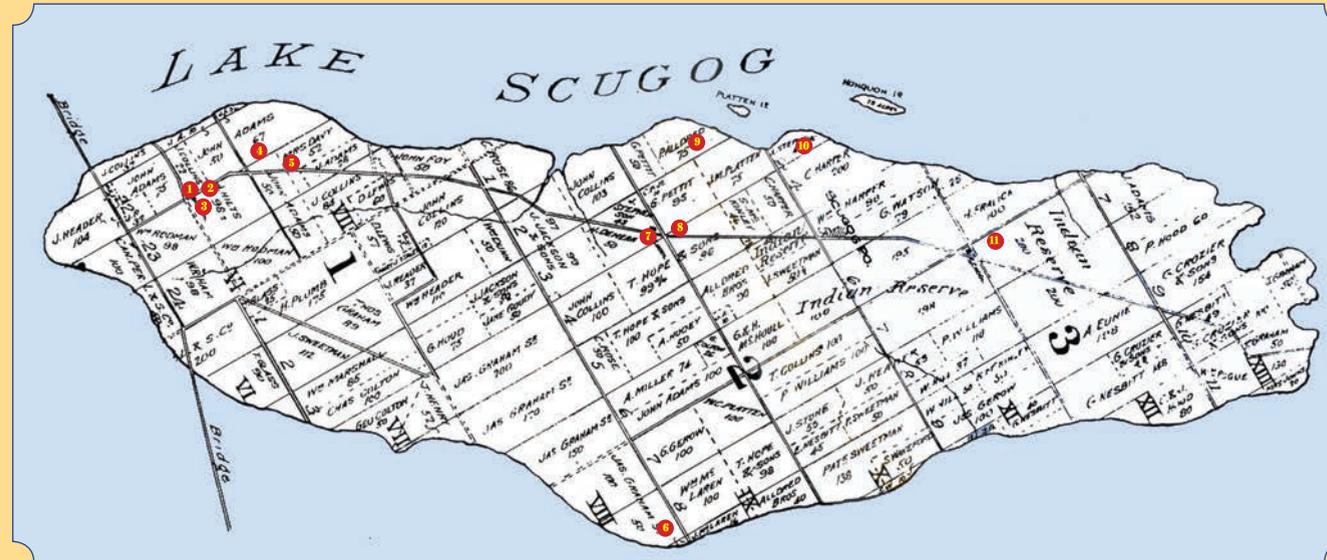
The first settler is believed to have been Joseph Graxton followed by the Readers, Rodmans, Pickles, Scovilles, Nesbitts, Sweetmans, Hoods, Aldreds, Fralicks, Jacksons and Grahams.

By 1866 there 800 inhabitants on the Island and today over 2000.

Story of the Ghost Road

One of the most famous Island legends is that of Ghost Road. Over the years many people have visited this location on a deserted island sideroad (now Mississauga Trail) to experience a mysterious light that many believe is the spirit of a headless motorcycle rider killed in an accident in the late 1960s.

Many 'Islanders' believe this ghost actually exists and numerous psychics have visited and agreed that there is a "presence" on this road. Skeptics are convinced the ghost light is just car headlights travelling along the hilly West Quarter Line to the south. Investigations into whether there was an actual accident near here revealed none were recorded but videos exist of the strong white light featuring a "fuzzy" image of a human. A unique story from Island History!!



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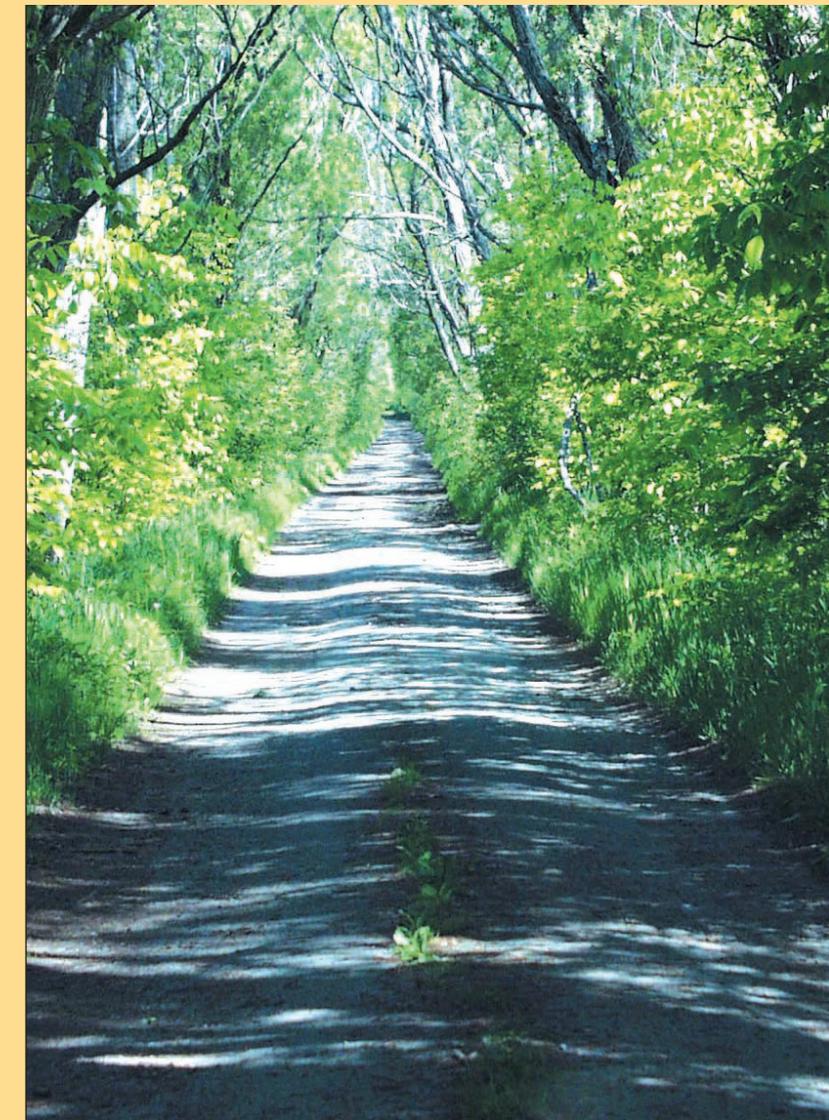
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1 Museum - Head School

16210 Island Road
Port Perry

A one-room frame building built in 1866. It was originally topped by a bell tower. In 1926 the school burned down and this brick building opened in 1929. In 1966, the 3 Island schools were closed and students were bussed to Port Perry. It opened as the Museum in 1969.



2 Head Church & Cemetery

16210 Island Road
Port Perry

Built in 1860 this simple frame structure accommodates 100 people. The front vestibule was added in 1905, the tea room at the back in 1914. Church closed in 1967. Cemetery lands purchased in 1870 and contains 4 original monuments plus a Cairn dedicated in 1973.



3 Jimmy Frise Historical Plaque

16210 Island Road
Port Perry

Plaque dedicated in 1971 to recognize renowned Canadian illustrator who first went to school at this site. Frise created the Toronto Star cartoon series "Birdseye Centre" which represents life in rural Ontario. Born in 1891 near this site and he died in 1948.



4 Ambleside Homestead

65 Gerrow Road
Port Perry

This property dates back to 1843 when 36 acres were granted to John Thompson. House built in 1869 and John Adams purchased in 1871, improvements completed by 1873. This colonial style 40'x30' red brick house is surrounded by a ground level verandah. Presently a private residence.



5 Scoville Cemetery

17100 Island Road
Port Perry

Began as family cemetery. In 1836, Thomas Pickle, son-in-law of Stephen Scoville was 1st known burial here. In 1864, Stephen Scoville and son-in-law, Richard Davey donated 1/2 acre for a public cemetery with earliest recorded burial as 1847 and latest 1974. An existing plot map is dated 1936.



6 Pine Point Cottages

Pine Point Road
Port Perry

The history of this area dates back to 1856 but was not surveyed until 1861. By 1890 this area was an active public camping, fishing and hunting destination. In 1891 The Pine Point Development Co. began building cabins. More than 25 cottages on property. Privately owned.



7 Scugog Island Hall

2710 Demara Road
Port Perry

Township of Scugog Island was founded in 1856 with a five person Council. This site was purchased in 1869 and the building opened in 1884. It became the Twp. Office and Community Hall, hosting many community events, Additions were added in 1974 and remains a community centre.



8 Scugog Island United Church

19100 Island Road
Port Perry

Built further east as a frame Bible Christian Church in 1868. Moved to its present location in 1896. In 1941 church was destroyed by fire. Re-built and dedicated in 1943. As other Scugog Island churches closed the Grace or Center Church became the sole church for their congregations.



9 Scugog Landing

225 Platten Blvd.
Port Perry

Lakeside Beach was a popular recreational site in the 1920s. In 1940s George Freeman opened a dance pavilion. In 1963 the beach and surrounding area were purchased & developed by Phil Goreski as a summer resort. Resort sold in 2003 and is one of the largest RV resorts in Ontario.

Formerly Goreski Marina & Resort



10 Seven Mile Island

Seven Mile Island Rd.
Port Perry

Originally founded in 1880's as Nonquon Island, a fishing & hunting camp, later called Delmonte Cottage. Alex Wilson developed gardens, stately buildings and Cigar Stone Pillars. Has been a hotel, a restaurant, a school for troubled boys and an art school. Now owned by the MSIFN.



11 Mississaugas Scugog Island

22521 Island Road
Port Perry

In the 1700's MSIFN camped along the waterfront in Port Perry but under the leadership of Chief Jacob Crane purchased land on the Island in 1843. In 1997 the Great Blue Heron Casino opened. The MSIFN host an Annual Summer PowWow in July and are very generous to their communities.

