



**Simcoe County
Museum**
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Canadian Festival of Old Cars **August 22 and 23, 2026 at the Simcoe County Museum** **Participant Information Guide**

Summary

The Canadian Festival of Old Cars is an event where people will have the rare opportunity to see a large selection of pre-war cars in action.

For years car owners have been working tirelessly to restore historic vehicles back to their original state of glory. This event will give participants not only the chance to showcase their vehicle, but to also drive their vehicle safely around the Museum grounds.

When participants are not touring or showcasing their vehicle they will also be able to explore the event including the Simcoe County Museum's heritage buildings and indoor galleries.

Application & Participant Information

For Application please visit: [Canadian Festival of Old Cars - Simcoe County Museum](#)

Please check the above link frequently, as this page will be updated with the most current information as it comes in.

PARTICIPANT MIXER: Please plan to join us on Saturday, August 22 from 4 – 7 p.m. for an informal meet-and-greet. Light food, beverage and music will be provided at a small cost.

Registration Fees

Tour Registration Fee (Includes car, driver and 3 extra passes) \$ 30.00 x 1 = \$ 30.00

Any additional passengers will be charged Events Admission and will be processed at the Front Desk on the day of the event. Prices can be found below.

Adults (21 – 64)	\$10
Seniors (65+)	\$8
Youth (12 – 20)	\$8
Child (4 – 11)	\$5
Preschool (0-3)	Free

Check-In Procedure & Credentials

All participants in the 2026 Canadian Festival of Old Cars must pick up their packet at Check-In. Stop at Check-In and pick up your participant packet. Walk-up registrations will not be considered.



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Check-In Procedure:

To ensure proper social distancing measures, please follow the check-in process. The Simcoe County Museum will send out the details about the check-in procedure at the beginning of August. If you do not receive this information please contact Meredith Patterson at education@simcoe.ca

YOU MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ARRIVE DURING CHECK-IN HOURS. If you have an emergency on the way and will be arriving after check-in, you must call the Museum at 705-728-3721.

Credentials & Packets:

Each accepted participant will receive a packet at Check-in containing the following items:

- Participant Wristbands – These are your credentials for the weekend. They identify you as a participant, allowing you admittance to the Museum. Your wristband must be securely worn on your wrist for the duration of the weekend.
- Participants will receive four wristbands per single accepted application. No additional wristbands will be provided, so please plan accordingly. Any additional visitors will have to be processed with the public at the front desk on the day of the event.
- Wristbands are your credentials for the weekend. They identify you as a participant, allowing you admission to the Museum on Saturday and Sunday of the event.
- Your wristband must be securely worn on your wrist for the duration of the weekend.
- Only registered participants with wristbands will be allowed to enter the Museum grounds through alternative gates (as outlined in the check-in procedures package)
- **Vehicle Placard Card** – Unique to you and your vehicle, your dash card provides important information for both Museum staff and the public. Place the card in a visible location on your vehicle as soon as possible. Please leave it in place at all times while on the Museum grounds.
- Popular Choice Ballot - Use this to vote for your favourite vehicles at the event. (Yes, you can vote for your own.)

After Check-In:

Please contact Museum staff at 705-728-3721 to receive their directions on how to access the grounds

Modern Vehicles and Parking

We will be accommodating overnight trailer parking

If you need to bring any modern vehicles or trailers into the Village, please be aware:

Modern vehicles of any kind are not allowed on the Museum grounds during these hours:

- Before 5 pm on FRIDAY
- 10 am – 4 pm on SATURDAY
- 10 am – 4 pm on SUNDAY



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For any accessibility accommodations please contact the staff at the Simcoe County Museum

During the Event

- Vintage vehicles will be displayed on the Museum grounds and will be kept on the grounds the entire weekend. Ramps or docks for unloading and loading are not available, nor is covered parking.
- All period vehicles will be on display in rough chronological order throughout the Museum grounds along the roads for guest viewing.
- You may cover your vehicle while parked overnight; however, it must be uncovered before 10 am the following morning, when the Museum opens to guests.
- The Simcoe County Museum will be open to the public 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

All participants are expected to showcase their vehicle during the times of the event.

- Selling of any kind is not allowed except by approved vendors.

Pass-In-Review:

Pass and Review is an activity offered at the event where some of the vehicles will be showcased. Participants that have indicated their interest to be included will be contacted. Museum staff will notify participants when it's time to proceed to the main stage with their vehicle. Once at the stage, our speaker provide information about your vehicle type to the crowd of spectators. This will include vehicle information that you have included in your application.

Activities:

Automotive Demonstrations

Car Games

Other Activities - Please check your program for times and locations of other fun activities for the whole family.

Awards:

Popular Choice - Guests and vehicle owners cast their vote for their favourite vehicle by filling in the ballot using the participant number shown on the Dash Card displayed on your vehicle. The winner will be revealed on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Junior Judges Award – young visitors will be able to select their choice for Junior Judges after inspecting 10 different pre-selected vehicles. These young judges will be given an activity booklet that will help guide them in their adjudication. Participants that have indicated that they would like to be in the Pass and Review may be included in this award.

Special Considerations:

Please remember that as a participant of the event, you are a representative of the Simcoe County Museum with responsibilities to the guests. Please make the guests' experience here memorable by sharing in their excitement and engaging in friendly conversation.

General Safety Guidelines:



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The safety of participants, guests and staff is our number one priority. If you are observed failing to follow the below-mentioned guidelines you will be asked to leave the premises and not allowed to return. Depending on the circumstances, you may lose your invitation to participate in future programs at the Museum. Safety policies are aimed at preventing any employee, volunteer, guest, or participant from being subjected to any unusual health and/or safety risks. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

- Please be patient. There are many vehicles on the ground this weekend.
- Please observe the 10 km/h speed limit on all roads: pedestrian rights-of-way, traffic patterns, and stop signs.
- Please follow directions given by Museum staff.
- All passengers of historic vehicles must be seated within the vehicle or within a secure area (in the case of commercial vehicles). Please, no riding on running boards.
- Please demonstrate proper respect for the Simcoe County Museum and equipment.
- Potentially dangerous horseplay and practical jokes are not acceptable behavior.
- Shoes **MUST** be worn at all times during the event.

Alcoholic Beverages:

- For the days that you are here and part of our public programming, you represent the Simcoe County Museum. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited while on the property of the Simcoe County Museum.
- You are not permitted to bring any alcoholic beverages onto the property of the Simcoe County Museum and the County of Simcoe Administration Centre. Controlled substances are also not permitted **AT ANY TIME**.

Smoking:

- Smoking is not permitted on the Museum grounds

*In case of emergency, inform the nearest Simcoe County Museum employee.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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