

12 Tips for a memorable festival weekend

Plan now and enjoy a wonderful visit to Niagara Celtic

1. Save Time, Save Money!

Online tickets are cheaper, and allow you to skip the long ticket booth lines. Order at niagaraceltic.com/fest_tickets_entrance.html

**Gate tickets will be cash only and cost more, so don't delay and order online today!*

2. Stay nearby

With both days offering unique schedules, it's worth taking advantage of weekend passes. There are plenty of great lodging options nearby if needed. Many places do sell out quickly (some already have), so don't delay- order discounted tickets and [book your reservations](#) today.

3. Use ridesharing

Skip the hassles of parking! Use Uber or Lyft and you'll get dropped off and picked up at the festival gate. Plus you'll skip the worry of driving and have the safety of a DD!

4. Dress for weather and fun

You don't have to come in Celtic attire, but it's great to join in the fun with everyone else! We also encourage guests to wear layers and bring a coat or sweater for the evening. Our festival is held in Autumn, so we've seen all types of weather and know being prepared for anything is the best plan.

5. Get a lay of the land when you first arrive

Use our guidebook (handed out free at the entrance) or on-site maps to get to know the grounds. Figure out where everything is you want to see, or try, or taste, and learn all the bathroom locations. This will make your visit smoother and help you time the distance between everything you'll experience.

6. Pace yourself

Our grounds are a healthy size, which allows us to offer a lot for the price of admission. With that comes a little more walking to see all the fun, so it's okay to take a break and relax. You'll find a variety of places to sit, buildings for shelter, and plenty of trees to enjoy. No matter where you stop you won't be far from festival action.

7. Are you a returning guest? Change your schedule

Your habits may leave you missing out on amazing memories. We jam pack our schedule so if you come the same time or day each year you may not be fully experiencing Niagara Celtic. Arrive in the afternoon? You'll miss the best parking, sun-high parades and special ceremonies. Leave on Saturday before dinner? You're missing the Ceilidh, a beloved party of the weekend. Consider changing up your usual plan and discovering a new side to Niagara Celtic.

8. Our volunteers can help you during your visit

Guest Services is at the entrance to assist with questions, lost and found, and tips for navigation and enjoying everything to the fullest. Volunteers are also all over the grounds and will do their best to assist you as well.

The poster for the Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games, celebrating 20 years, is held at Niagara County Fairgrounds in Lockport, NY, from September 18-19, 2021. It features a collage of festival activities and lists the following events:

- SATURDAY 18th** (10:00am-10:30pm): Highland Games | Vendor | Pipe Band | Special Events | History Groups | Food & Drink | Storytellers | Artisans | Pipe Bands | Animals | Attractions | Calling of the Clans Ceremony | Haggis Eating Competition | Parades | Wee Folk Shire for Kids | Clans | Saturday Ceilidh Celebration
- SUNDAY 19th** (10:00am-6:30pm): Highland Games | Vendor | Pipe Band | Special Events | Food & Drink | Clans | Wee Folk Shire for Kids | Attractions | History Groups | Storytellers | Animals | Memorial Service | Pipe Bands | Artisans | The Piping Club | Grand Finale Concert

Additional features include: Two Event Fields, Five Music Stages, Featruing Seven Nations, Tuatha Dea, Syr, Penny Whiskey, McCarthyzim, Catch & Release, 40+ Music & Dance Groups, Five Regions to explore, and Sixty+ Vendors. It also promotes local lodging, online ticket purchases, and a volunteer program where volunteers earn free admission + perks. The website NiagaraCeltic.com is listed for more information.

9. Come and go as you please all day

Once you have your wristband on, feel free to visit the parking lot as often as needed. You can also leave the fairgrounds and return on the same day; just keep your wristband on and show it at the entrance.

10. Know Niagara Celtic's rules and regulations

Are there ATMs? Can I bring my dog? Do you allow lawn chairs? Niagara Celtic is complex, so a little research before arriving goes a long way. We also have rules to abide by during the festival, which are listed on our website, posted at the entrance, and printed on your ticket. We appreciate everyone for following our policies and helping our event run smoothly.

11. Protect your kids: take a photo

When you arrive at the fairgrounds, take a quick photo of your group. That way if anyone wanders off you'll have easy access to what they look like and are wearing. If anyone in your party goes missing, please notify the nearest security staff who will work with the entire festival staff to assist you.

12. Have fun!

We hope guests find their time at Niagara Celtic as an escape from regular life. Relax, stroll, explore and discover, all with plenty of guests who are doing the same! We're grateful to the many friendly attendees who let loose and have a good time, and encourage those around them to do the same. Trust us: go with the flow, try something new...we guarantee you'll never forget it.

For more Frequently Asked Questions, [visit our website](#).