

Lindsay Student Housing Guide



Welcome Home

City of Kawartha Lakes is a great place to live while you study at Fleming College!

Jump In to Kawartha Lakes

Welcome Fleming Students! In the last 20 years, Kawartha Lakes has matured into Ontario's second largest single-tier municipality and home to some of the most vibrant downtowns, abundant green spaces and diverse opportunities.

We are made up of several communities, each with its own unique personality and together we offer a network of experiences unlike anywhere else. From the downtowns of Coboconk, Norland, Omemee, Lindsay, Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon to our strong agricultural heritage, here in Kawartha Lakes is where **urban meets rural**.

Defined by our natural environment, we remain committed to protecting the land that surrounds us. With over 250 lakes and rivers winding through our towns, [trails](#) and abundant farmland, there are endless opportunities for exploration all connected by water. It's no wonder we're called Kawartha Lakes.

Working together towards our vision of **thriving and growing communities** within a healthy and natural environment, there's no telling what the next 20 years will bring.

Housing

For many of you, this will be your first time away from home. Living off-campus offers the opportunity to belong to a larger, more diverse community. You will venture into the rental world and you will be responsible for your own actions, as well as those of your guests. The rental market can be complex and there is always lots to learn. We want you to succeed as a student AND as a citizen of our community. Lindsay offers a healthy, yet competitive, rental market. The tips found in this resource will help you to become a successful tenant

Student jobs

The Fleming College Career Services team can help you explore career options by identifying your skills, values and interests, getting information about the labour market, and researching related college programs. They will also help you with the process of applying for jobs, including critiquing a resume and cover letter and advise you on Networking strategies and Interview preparation.

As our population continues to grow, we're evolving into something bigger—a place of opportunity. Our culture complements our economy and today we're seeing more growth than ever before. The municipality is ever-changing to meet the needs of our residents, and so there are often employment opportunities.

As part of the SSM, the VCCS Employment Services Job board can now be found [here](#).

or our local Workforce Development Board has a great [map of jobs](#).



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City Services

Waste and recycling

Kawartha Lakes services over 40,000 households for waste and recycling collection. In addition to curbside collection, the municipality has [five landfill locations](#). Over the course of the last five years, Kawartha Lakes has implemented a multitude of diversion programs to help achieve our goal of a diversion rate of 70% by 2048. [Learn more](#) about these programs, such as textile recycling, leaf and yard collection and mattress recycling.

Kawartha Lakes also has a helpful [Municipal Calendar](#) to help residents keep track of collection days and special events. Download Pingstreet, our mobile app, and customize your location so you'll never miss a curbside collection.

Transit

Kawartha Lakes currently offers transit services for residents in Lindsay, but as outlined in the Transit Master Plan, is working towards offering services across the municipality in the years to come. Lindsay Transit has three bus routes and in addition, offers our LIMO service, which is a shared door-to-door public transit service for people with physical and or functional disabilities. [Learn more about transit on our website](#).

Parking

Complimentary two-hour on-street parking is available in the downtown core of Lindsay with additional parking in municipal lots for a maximum of four hours. Daily, weekly, monthly and yearly parking permits are available for parking in municipal lots for time periods longer than four hours where applicable. [Permits can be purchased online](#) or by visiting the Municipal Law Enforcement Office. Unless otherwise posted, on-street parking is allowed for up to 12 hours. On-street, overnight parking is prohibited between November 1 and April 3.

Jump In Kawartha Lakes

It's your turn to jump in! Kawartha Lakes students and residents are invited to get involved in shaping the municipality using our online engagement tool, Jump In. The platform offers a convenient way for residents to become informed and provide feedback via surveys, polls, idea forums and interactive maps. Past projects include: The 2020-2020 Strategic Plan, Road 101 Round Tables, Backyard Chickens, Heritage Planning, The Rural Zoning Bylaw Consolidation Project and the Fenelon Falls Second Crossing. Join the conversation at www.jumpinkawarthalakes.ca.



Explore Kawartha Lakes

Trails & Parks

There are plenty of [parks](#) and [trails](#) to explore in Lindsay. Whether you are looking for a quiet place to sit and relax, or for a more active adventure exploring the local trail network. Lindsay has direct trail connections to both the [Victoria Rail Trail](#) and the [Kawartha Trans Canada Trail](#) network. There is plenty to see and do, the adventure is up to you!

Recreation & Leisure

Lindsay Recreation Complex

Located next to Frost Campus, the Lindsay Recreation Complex boasts a 25 metre, 6 lane pool, and a therapeutic warm pool, both of which host a variety of [aquatic programming](#) year-round. The facility also features an on-deck sauna, change room facilities and showers, 2 ice pads, 2 international sized Squash Courts, a fully equipped Weight Room and cardiovascular gym. A large, bright fitness studio hosts a variety of [fitness programs](#) and classes.

A variety of [membership](#) options are available for this facility. [Personal training and fitness consulting](#) are offered as a specialized service to members.

The Kawartha Lakes Parks, Recreation & Culture Division also offers a variety of [leisure programs](#), workshops and special events to suit all interests and abilities. Watch for the seasonal recreation guide in any of our facilities for more details.

Arts & Culture

In Kawartha Lakes, you'll find an impressive number of heritage buildings, historic sites, museums, theatres and art galleries. Kawartha Lakes is home to many talented artists, musicians and performers.

Online resources:

[The Arts and Heritage Trail website and interactive map](#) provide information about each Trail destination so that you can create your own weekend tour. Don't miss the Academy Theatre in Lindsay, for local plays, concerts and venue rentals suitable to student gatherings and fundraisers.

The trail will help you discover Kawartha Lakes' rich heritage and diverse artistic talent. You can use it to discover lesser-known places and local legends, visit our galleries, artisan studios and craft shops, or take in a concert or festival.

The [Kawartha Lakes Cultural Map](#) is a hands-on tool to help you find and access information on more than 700 cultural resources in Kawartha Lakes. The interactive map allows you to click on specific locations to find more information, visit their website or purchase event tickets.

The [Kawartha Lakes Stories Map](#) highlights the intangible cultural heritage of Kawartha Lakes. The map places each story at the location in which it took place and presents the stories chronologically. The map is interactive and allows you to add your story and contribute to the diverse and evolving cultural identity of our communities



Location

Amenities nearby

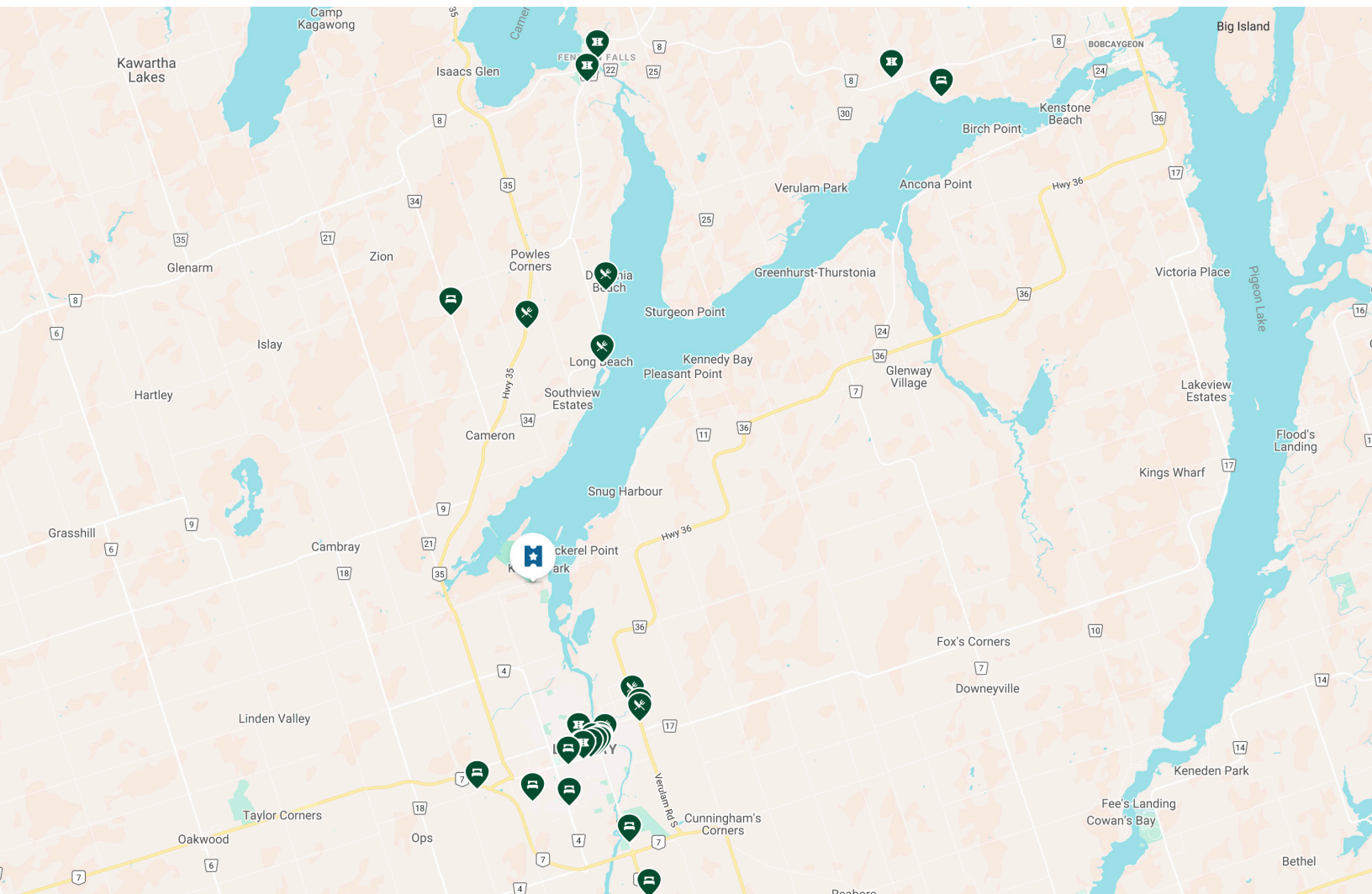
Consider how close you want to be to the school, the downtown core, grocery stores, restaurants and health and wellness establishments.

Transportation

Do you want to be close to bus stops or within walking distance to the school?



View the interactive map [here](#)



Housing Options

Now that you are looking for your housing, consider the type of rental you want.

Shared Living

You can share living space in a house or apartment with someone where you will rent a room within the rental unit.

Apartments or House Rental

You can rent living space as a group or have your own private unit in an apartment complex or a house.

Homeshare

Homeshare programs will have you staying with a host family where you will share living space with the host family.

Budget

Once you have an idea what your housing priorities are, create an honest budget. Factor in what your monthly housing costs will be – include rent, heat, hydro and internet and don't forget tenant insurance.

Rooms

\$600 - \$900/month

1 Bedroom

\$1,000 - \$1,400/month

2 Bedroom

\$1,400 - \$1,900/month

3+ Bedroom

\$1,900 - \$2,300/month



Searching for Housing

Now that you have determined your housing priorities and your budget, you will need to start your housing search.

Internet & Social Networks

To find rental listings you can complete a housing search on the internet. There are several sites that you can visit including

- Places4Students
- Cottage Rentals websites
- Fleming College
Haliburton
Accommodations lists
- Facebook

Some landlords might not advertise their vacancy. They rely on word of mouth to help fill their vacancy. Networking, social media groups and talking with others about housing rentals can be very helpful.

A Word on Scams

It's important to be aware of online scams. Some listings or conversations can seem too good to be true. Make sure you go to a view a unit before there is any exchange of money or personal information. The unit may look different in person than what was posted in the listing.



Steps to Find Housing

Step 1

Contacting a landlord

It is important to make a good first impression with a potential landlord. Use a formal email address and be considerate. Be prepared to provide the landlord with some basic information. Write down any questions you may have about the unit or location. It is very important to go and see the unit. This can prevent scams or fraudulent situations.

Step 2

Applying for units

If you are interested in a unit, the landlord will require you to complete a rental application. The application may include questions around past rentals, your current income, and basic information about you along with references. Create a list of good references that you can provide to your landlord. The landlord may also complete a credit check.

Step 3

Walk through

Now that you have signed a valid lease, it is important to walk through your unit or request a virtual tour with your landlord. This gives you an opportunity to document any issues in the unit. This documentation will save you time and money at the end of your tenancy as you have a record of the move-in conditions.

Step 4

Secure your unit

Once your landlord has accepted you as a tenant, it is important to sign a Standard lease. This is a contract that you are entering into with your landlord. The lease will outline important information around how much your rent is per month, when to pay your rent, what is included in rent and your landlords contact information. Be sure to obtain a copy of your lease. Your landlord will require that you pay first and last month's rent and sometimes a key deposit.

A word about leases

When you are interested in a unit and are looking to rent it, it is always advisable to sign a lease. Ontario has introduced a standard tenancy agreement that landlord should be using. Please [click here](#) to view the standard lease form. A lease, is a contract between you and the landlord, it confirms that you are renting the unit and has valuable information within the document. Information includes, date to move-in, amount of rent, date rents to be paid, landlords contact information and what services are included. Once a lease has been signed be sure to receive a copy of the lease and maintain for your records.

Your Rights as a Tenant

Tenant Responsibilities

It is important to understand that your landlord has expectations to have the rent paid on time, for you to take care of the unit and to uphold the lease agreement. As a tenant it is a good idea to try to develop a friendly relationship with your neighbour and be a great neighbour.

Know your rights

The Residential Tenancies Act (RTA) is a Provincial housing law that sets out the relationship between a tenant and the landlord. As a tenant that falls under the RTA, it is very important for you to understand your rights. If you have any questions around your tenancy and the RTA contact the Landlord and Tenant Board or your local legal clinic can help to provide direction and guidance.

What if things go wrong?

If you do have an issue with your landlord or with the unit, it is important to communicate to your landlord first to try and resolve the any issues. The landlord may not be aware of maintenance that is required or other issues that may be going on. Keep a record of conversations, texts or emails and take pictures when there are maintenance issues. If the issues are not getting resolved, you can contact your local legal clinic.

Moving out

When moving out of your unit, be sure to provide your landlord with written notice of the date that you will vacate your unit. If you want to move out of your unit before your lease is over, you will have to break your lease. Start by talking with your landlord to come to an agreement. If this is not possible, you will need to consider subletting your unit or an assignment. It is important to understand what your responsibilities are under both circumstances. For more information [click here](#).



Staying Connected

Municipal website

www.kawarthalakes.ca

Subscribe to email updates

www.kawarthalakes.ca/subscribe

Submit your event for our calendar and free promotion

www.kawarthalakes.ca/submitevent

Have your say on projects shaping our community

www.jumpinkawarthalakes.ca

Report an Issue:

www.kawarthalakes.ca/reportit

Library

www.kawarthalakeslibrary.ca

Tourism

www.explorekawarthalakes.ca

Municipal Customer Service:

705-324-9411

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