

HAMLETS

Murvale

Travelling north on Road 38 prior to crossing Millhaven Creek, notice the home on the right as it is purported to be the oldest dwelling in Portland District.

Harrowsmith

The next hamlet to the north is Harrowsmith and is noted for its many limestone structures, ie. homes, schools and churches. A limestone blacksmith shop is found on Maria Street.

Petworth

West of Road 38 on Petworth Rd lies the hamlet of Petworth, incorporated in 1865. Points of interest, the 1907 steel girder single lane bridge over the Napanee river ruins of a grist mill and an old weathered blacksmith shop.

Hartington

Located on Road 38, points of interest are the old brick Wesleyan/United Church graced by an impressive steeple and the former one room limestone school complete with bell tower. Other limestone homes are located throughout the hamlet.

Bellrock

Incorporated in 1861, this hamlet is located west on Bellrock Rd. Note the well-known Bellrock Mill, by the mill pond (no longer operating) and the former one room, frame school now utilized as a Community Hall.

Verona

The hub of the District, located on Road 38 is surrounded by several lakes with many old buildings of consequence spread throughout. Entering from the south on Main St, the former Asselstine Hotel is located on the right. Further along is the 1811 brick built United Church with the Doctor's house on the right, resplendent with a wraparound veranda.

Piccadilly

This northernmost hamlet, located a few metres off Road 38 features the well preserved Leslie Hotel, now a home, the frame built Community Hall and the Frontenac Community Arena established in the 1970's.

TRAILS

The Catarqui Trail runs from Smiths Falls in the east to Strathcona in the west passing through Harrowsmith.

The K & P Trail runs from Kingston north to White Lake Road crossing the Catarqui Trail to join the Trans Canada Trail at Sharbot Lake. Summer use of these trails are walking, biking and horse-back riding. Winter use is walking, skiing and snowmobiling.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Millhaven Creek running through Murvale purported oldest home in Murvale area.

Many old limestone homes and buildings in Harrowsmith

Old limestone blacksmith shop in Harrowsmith

Old one lane steel bridge over Napanee River in Petworth

Ruins of the Petworth Mill

Old limestone school in Hartington

The Holleford Crater and frame buildings near Holleford

Quaint village and mill in Bellrock

Cemetery and Farmer's Market in Verona

Verona is the gateway to many lakes in the area

Cemetery, Leslie Hotel and Arena in Piccadilly

HOLLEFORD CRATER

The Holleford Crater is the location of a massive meteorite estimated at 90 metres in diameter. It struck the earth approximately 500 million years ago blasting a hole 244 metres deep and 2.5 kilometres wide. Today its present depth is about 30 metres and is difficult to visualize except from the

air. The crater is located on the Babcook dairy farm also known as Crater Farm, located at the corners of New Morin Rd and Holleford Rd.

HERITAGE SCHOOLS

Murvale- Limestone- private home on Henderson Rd

Harrowsmith – Limestone – private home on Harrowsmith Rd

Slack School – Frame – private home on the corner of Petworth and Wolfe Swamp Rd

Petworth – Frame building in hamlet – vacant

Hartington- Limestone–South Frontenac Museum

Hartington – 1960's built- Public Library and community use

Holleford - Frame-privately owned - New Morin Rd

Bellrock – Frame-Community Hall on Leveque Rd

Piccadilly- Frame – private home in hamlet

Oak Flats – private home on Snider Rd

HERITAGE CHURCHES

Deyo's Corners – private home

Murvale United – Limestone – private home on Road 38

Harrowsmith Free Methodist –Limestone- private home on Harrowsmith Rd

Harrowsmith Anglican – Frame-private home on Church St

Hartington United – Brick building on Road 38

Verona Anglican – Frame – private home - Main St

Verona- White siding – private home - Snider Rd

CEMETERIES

Desert Lake Cemetery – Canoe Lake Rd

Murvale Cemetery – 3713 Road 38

Harrowsmith Cemetery – 4195 Colebrook Rd

Verona Cemetery – 6084 Cemetery Rd

Annunciation RC Church- Mary Moore Rd

Piccadilly Cemetery – Arena Boundary Road (center of hamlet-located in Central Frontenac)

Sydenham - 4371 Sydenham Church St

Museum Location



Getting here is easy, take Road 38 south if you are coming from Verona. If you are coming from Harrowsmith go north on Road 38. The Museum is between the Public Library and the Shell gas station at the cross roads in Hartington. The parking lot is the same as the library – 5595 Road 38

Portland District & Area Heritage Society South Frontenac Township

The Society was formed in June 2002 by like-minded citizens of the Verona area as the Verona Heritage Society.

In June 2008, the Society became a committee of the Council of the Township of South Frontenac.

In September 2012, the society was contracted to manage the museum in the limestone school in Hartington.

If you are interested in the heritage of this area and wish to support the Portland District and Area Heritage Society, in its endeavours, please contact the society and become a member.

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