# Overview of Community

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| Municipal Website      | [https://www.almaguin-health.org/](https://www.almaguin-health.org/)  
[https://www.investalmaguin.ca](https://www.investalmaguin.ca)  
Plus individual web sites for each municipality. |

## Community Description

### Population and demographics

Total population: 11,297 as of 2016 – combined for the Municipalities of Armour, Ryerson, Burk’s Falls, Perry, Kearney, McMurrich/Monteith, Sundridge, Strong and Joly. Seasonal population of approximately another 12,000.

More demographic information can be found by clicking on each community below:

- [Armour](#)
- [Burk’s Falls](#)
- [Ryerson](#)
- [Perry](#)
- [Kearney](#)
- [McMurrich/Monteith](#)
- [Sundridge](#)
- [Strong](#)
- [Joly](#)

### Amenities

- **Groceries**

  The two main grocery stores are in Burk’s Falls and Sundridge, which is within a 15-minute drive from any municipality within the Almaguin Highlands.

- **Shopping**

  Each municipality has its own variety of unique shops, but Huntsville is the main shopping centre for Almaguin residents, complete with a Walmart, chain restaurants, and unique shops.

- **Schools**

  The Almaguin Highlands Secondary School is located between South River and Sundridge, with bussing available from every Almaguin municipality.

  The Elementary Schools are located in: Magnetawan, Burk’s Falls, and Sundridge
### Entertainment/Recreation
Each municipality has its own public beaches, trails, and parks.
- Burk’s Falls: Riverbowl (pool hall and bowling alley), Armour Ryerson & Burk’s Falls Memorial Arena
- Sundridge: has an outdoor splash pad and Lion’s park, SSJ Arena
- Outdoor rinks located in: Magnetawan, McMurrich/Monteith, Perry, Kearney, Katrine

### Travel options
All Municipalities are linked by the main Highway 11 corridor. Other secondary highways connecting the region including Highway 518, Highway 520, and Highway 124.

### Transportation
- Ontario Northland Bus: [https://ontarionorthland.ca/en](https://ontarionorthland.ca/en)
- Zipz Taxi: [https://zipz-taxi.business.site/](https://zipz-taxi.business.site/)
- Burk’s Falls Community Bus: [https://www.burksfalls.net/my-community/getting-here](https://www.burksfalls.net/my-community/getting-here)
- Community Economic Development: [https://investalmaguin.ca/](https://investalmaguin.ca/)

### Air
- North Bay/Jack Garland Airport (YYB) - 77km from Sundridge: [https://yyb.ca/](https://yyb.ca/)
- Muskoka Airport (YQA) - 70 km from Emsdale: [https://www.muskokaairport.com/](https://www.muskokaairport.com/)
- Toronto Pearson International Airport - 234 km from Emsdale: [https://www.torontopearson.com/en/](https://www.torontopearson.com/en/)

### Housing/Accommodation
Almaguin Highlands Realtor.ca link [here](https://www.realtor.ca/).
Local Accommodations: [https://investalmaguin.ca/almaguin-accommodations/](https://investalmaguin.ca/almaguin-accommodations/)

### Spousal employment
- ACED Community Profile: [https://investalmaguin.ca/community-profile/](https://investalmaguin.ca/community-profile/)
- Employment Agencies:
  - Agilec: [https://agilec.ca/](https://agilec.ca/)
  - Employment North: [https://employmentnorth.com/](https://employmentnorth.com/)

### CLINICAL SERVICES
#### Catchment area and demographics
Burk’s Falls Family Health Team serves patients across Village of Burk’s Falls, Township of Magnetawan, Ryerson, Armour and Perry Townships. Sundridge and District Medical Centre – Municipalities of Sundridge, Joly and Strong.

#### Hospital description / services
Muskoka Algonquin Health Centre in Huntsville, West Parry Sound health Centre in Parry Sound, and North Bay General Hospital in North Bay are the closest hospitals.

#### Primary Care model / clinic setup / allied health support
Burk’s Falls Family Health Team – RNPGA model. Small team encompassing 6 physicians, 1 Nurse Practitioner, 1 Social Worker, 1 health promoter, 2 RNs, 1 RPN and administrative support.

### SUPPORTS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR LOCUMS OR LEARNERS COMING TO THE COMMUNITY

| Transportation | A vehicle is necessary |
| Community contact information | Dr. Louis Nel - Burk’s Falls Family Health Team |
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