

## THE MAG: Bored? Take a peek-a-boo through web cams

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As I write this, I am looking at Times Square in New York through a web camera.

The site is [www.earthcam.com/usa/newyork/timesquare/?cam=46hd&cam\\_type=large](http://www.earthcam.com/usa/newyork/timesquare/?cam=46hd&cam_type=large). It is part of the Earthcam network of sites and a good starting point for web cam viewing because the site provides links to web cameras in such exotic locales as New York, Las Vegas, London and elsewhere.

Closer to home there is the web cam atop the city's Christian Radio Station CJTK. This camera looks out over Notre Dame Avenue. The address there is <http://www.cjtk.com/asp>. The site has links to cameras inside the radio station's studios, as well as North Bay, Ottawa and Toronto.

There are similar cameras around the North, with [www.spruce.ca/webcam.htm](http://www.spruce.ca/webcam.htm) being a good starting point. It provides links to cameras in a number of Northern and central Ontario sites, from Barrie to Timmins.

In Timmins, there is a 360-degree camera mounted atop city hall. But be warned it takes time for the camera's image to appear on your browser. The city hall camera is one of two web cams in the community.

In Chapleau, there are three web cams, including one from Mayor Earle Freeborn's office looking northwest towards the town's waterfront on Chapleau River. Another Chapleau camera is at the intersection of Birch and Lorne Street in the community's main business block. The third camera is located at Pellow's Cottages and looks southwest along the Chapleau River. Not surprisingly, the camera is operational only in daylight.

A portion of the beach at Wasaga is visible in the camera located at the Grand Bend Yacht Club. It can be found at [www.gbyc.ca/WebCam/index.shtml](http://www.gbyc.ca/WebCam/index.shtml).

Further from home a popular web cam site is, for obvious reasons, [www.seehawaii.com/index.cfm](http://www.seehawaii.com/index.cfm). Here you can check out about a dozen locations in the land that Tom Selleck kept referring to as Paradise when he was there filming Magnum P.I.

'Hop' on over to these sites

And now for something entirely different, (with apologies to the Monty Python crew).

With this weekend being Easter, we thought it would be a good time to look at Easter-related websites.

There are no shortage of sites that allow you to send an e-greeting card to your favourite bunny.

Two of the more prominent are [cards.easter-egreetings.com](http://cards.easter-egreetings.com) and [www.123greetings.com](http://www.123greetings.com). Both allow you to send cards, but also contain several links to other Easter-related websites as well.

The website [www.easterlinks.com](http://www.easterlinks.com) boasts that it is "the most complete directory of Easter-related websites in existence!"

While that may indeed sound boastful, the site does offer a couple hundred links to everything from Easter-related activities, to the history and traditions of the holiday.

For example, the site [www.infoplease.com](http://www.infoplease.com), tell us that each Easter season, Americans buy more than 700 million Marshmallow Peeps, shaped like chicks, as well as Marshmallow Bunnies and Marshmallow Eggs, making them the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy.

It also supplies us with these interesting facts: As many as 4.2 million Marshmallow Peeps, bunnies, and other shapes can be made each day; and that in 1953, it took 27 hours to create a Marshmallow Peep, while today it takes six minutes.

As for jelly beans, if all the Easter jelly beans were lined up end to end they would circle the globe nearly three times.

The American appetite for jelly beans is at Easter is such that 16 billion are consumed.

It is believed the first jelly beans were made by Boston candy maker William Schrafft, who ran advertisements urging people to send jellybeans to soldiers fighting in the Civil War.