

The unique combination of both new and historic vessels and resorts make this a boater's paradise.

Thirteen million years ago, glaciers scraped gouges and strips into the granite base that has evolved into the beautiful lakes and rivers of Muskoka. The four main lakes in Muskoka – Lake of Bays, Muskoka, Joseph and Rosseau - were the first area lakes to be explored and developed. As more and more tourists came to visit Muskoka from cities in both Canada and the USA, a multitude of hotels were built along the waterfront to meet the demand. These summer hotels and lodges flourished, and as a result family cottages began being built.

Today, the beautifully restored commercial steamboats and numerous private classic wooden boats that ply the waters help Muskoka retain its' heritage. It's a good feeling to cruise alongside the RMS Segwun in your own boat and wave to the passengers. The combination of new and historic hotels provides many stopping points where you can relax and dine.

Most of these establishments do not require advanced reservations and you can always obtain recommendations and 'local knowledge' from the lakeside marinas. In Gravenhurst, at the south end of Lake Muskoka, The Muskoka Hotel and Navigation Company continues to operate three historical vessels, the Wenonah II, the Wanda III (commissioned for Mrs. Timothy Eaton of the Eaton department stores, and currently under restoration), and the steam powered RMS Segwun. These vessels offer visitors a variety of lake cruises that give a sense of Muskoka's history. The RMS Segwun is North America's last remaining commercial coal burning steamship in operation, and still carries the Canada Post designation as a Royal Mail Ship. Watch the crew work in the engine room, then enjoy fine dining as you pass by extraordinary summer homes. Whether it's for a summer afternoon

cruise with the family, an intimate sunset cruise with your spouse, or the fall colour tour, you are transported back into yesteryear the moment you board. While in town, the Gravenhurst town dock complex offers plenty of parking for both boats and if you need to launch, there is a ramp to the west side of the docks.

Cruising northeast on Lake Muskoka, you can take a leisurely side trip up the Muskoka River to Bracebridge. Town docks sit at the base of a large waterfall and a few yards from the main street of town. You can easily spend a couple of hours shopping and dining here. Bracebridge is well known for local crafts and delicious bakeries.

Continuing north, you pass the famous homes of "millionaires' row", a favorite with the tourists. Crossing to the west side of the lake you enter the town of Bala. The Bala "Key", originally famous for hosting big bands from Guy Lombardo to Jimmy Dorsey, now features some of today's top rock groups.

At the top of the lake, just north of Seven Sisters Islands, you travel up the Indian River through Mirror Lake, into the town of Port Carling. There are two separate locks – one for small craft and one for larger boats – to raise your boat into Lake Rosseau. You'll want to stop at the new and expanded town docks on the north side of these locks to browse through the shops of Port Carling. Be sure to check out the historical displays at the Muskoka Lakes Museum, located right at the locks. Throughout the summer months you will see a continuous flow of runabouts and classic wooden boats that motor to town for supplies.

Traveling the bottom half of Lake Rosseau you will come upon resorts both old and new. Resorts such as Windemere, twice burned and twice rebuilt, as well as Clevelands House, the centre of lake activity since 1869 and Red Leaves, the expansive, all-new Marriott Hotel. At the top end of

Lake Rosseau lies the town of Rosseau, with excellent docks and launch facilities. Stop for lunch and visit one of the original Muskoka general stores.

Heading south and west from Rosseau to pass into Lake Joeseph, you will travel either through the Joe River or past historic Port Sandfield and the Joe Club waterside restaurant. Either way you enter Lake Joseph where several large marinas service both cottagers and area travelers. It is easy to spend two days exploring the waters of Lake Muskoka and another two days exploring Rosseau and Joseph.

With hundreds of islands, waterfront restaurants and stretches of sandy beaches, Muskoka provides a perennial playground. Stop over night at a bed and breakfast, or dock in at one of the historic hotels. The history of cottage country is steeped in wealth, privilege and leisure. During your visit be prepared to rub shoulders with the rich and famous. Many stars





Details and event information can be found on the following websites:

BRACEBRIDGE - www.bracebridge.ca

DORSET - www.dorsetcanada.com

GRAVENHURST - www.gravenhurst.ca

HALIBURTON - www.muskoka-haliburton.com

HUNTSVILLE - www. huntsville.ca

MUSKOKA LAKES - www.muskokalakeschamber.com

MUSKOKA STEAMSHIPS - www.realmuskoka.com

and sports heroes have chosen Muskoka as the ideal location to build their palatial retreats. Many television and movie stars have vacation properties on these lakes.

Thirty-five kilometres northeast of these three lakes, the large town of Huntsville, offers everything for the vacationer including a wide choice of excellent dining and shopping. Lake Vernon sits to the west of Huntsville and Hunters Bay to the east leads you into Fairy Lake and further east to Peninsula Lake. Lake of Bays, with its 500 kilometre shoreline although not connected to other lakes offers plenty of interesting stops, with Dwight to the north, Baysville to the southwest and Dorset to the southeast. There are plenty of launch ramps in the area.

West of Muskoka is Haliburton County. Visit the popular lookout tower in Dorset to gain an overview of the Algonquin Highlands. You will find Green's mountain, and the Minden Wild-Water Reserve, the southern gateway to Algonquin. Haliburton is a holiday haven with hundreds of smaller, more isolated lakes. The area is unmatched in natural beauty and local marinas will give you plenty of ideas as to where to stay or where to set up your campsite. If you're lucky they will even share information on some of their secret fishing holes.

Muskoka and Haliburton are a boater's paradise. Today, thousands of people enjoy the picturesque waterfalls, pine forests and clean air of Muskoka and Haliburton. Whether or not you own a cottage, you can find accommodations and visit one or more of the countless events and festivals in the area. If you own a boat you can tow it to one of many public launch ramps or marinas in the area that are ready to serve your every need. If you don't own a boat, it is easy to rent one as many marinas offer a wide selection of reasonably priced runabouts and personal watercraft. If you prefer a more leisurely exploration, canoes, kayaks and rowboats are also available.

Career Opportunities in Recreational Boating



The Careers in Boating – Catch the Wave program is an industry wide effort designed to attract new students into the Marine Engine Technician program at the Robert Hartog – Recreational Boating Centre of Excellence at the Midland Campus of Georgian College.

The program was introduced to address the shortage of skilled workers in the recreational boating industry. Today there is a great opportunity for those looking for work in the recreational marine industry.

The Ontario marine industry has worked with Georgian College to establish a state-of-the-art marine training facility for the Georgian College Marine Engine Technician program. If you have a passion for boating, a career in the boating industry is waiting for you.

Marine Engine Technician training is an excellent way for those who are new to the industry to get started on their career path. For more information, contact Rob Davidson, Program Coordinator – Marine and Small Engine Technique Programs, Georgian College. Phone: 705.526.3666. ext. 3725

Opportunities are also available in all areas within in the boating industry including: management, sales, distribution, human resources and many more.

For career opportunities in the recreational boating industry, visit our Career Centre at **www.boatingontario.ca**.













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