

Bear Lake Wilderness Camp

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In Ontario, Canada



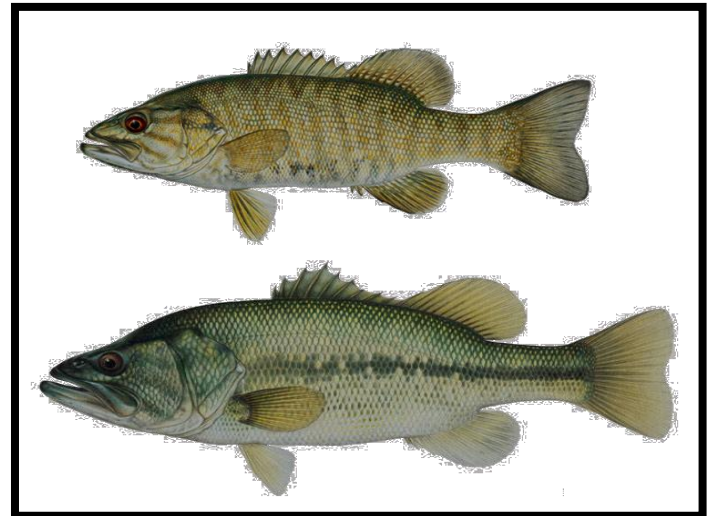
Remote “Boat-In” Operation to a private island in Killarney Wilderness Park

FISHING PACKAGES

Housekeeping Cottages and American Plan available

Fantastic Fishing

Over **35** Different Lakes for Smallmouth, Largemouth, Brook Trout, Northern Pike, Walleye, Whitefish, Lake Trout and Perch.



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2012 Fishing Pkg.
\$ 695 pp.

Pkgs are for 7 days (Sat – Sat) & includes your Cabin, Boat, Motor, and all the Gas you need.

U.S. FUNDS (Sales Tax Extra)

Remote Boat-In Operation

We offer a boat-in operation (about 45 minutes). Boat-in's can offer the same remote experience as a fly-in with some definite advantages. There are no pesky weight limits, so you don't have to leave half your gear on the dock. Boat Ins are a better bargain because we don't have to pay for the expense and overhead of an airplane so neither do you.

Our Location

Bear Lake Wilderness Camp has a great location in Killarney Provincial Park, just two ridges over from the La Cloche Mountains. We offer a beautiful and remote location on a private island in an area with fantastic fishing and little fishing pressure.

Fish, Fish & more Fish!

We have Lake Trout, Northern Pike, Both Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Whitefish, Walleye, and Jumbo Perch.

Accommodations

Though we are remote, we offer nice cottages with refrigerators, stoves, lights and sinks with running water. Our cottages are also equipped with all the pots, pans, and utensils you would need. So you can play hard all day in this remote setting without leaving all the comforts of home.

Boats & Motors

Each two paying customers get use of a new 16-foot Lund Boat and Honda 4 stroke outboard motor. We pay for all the gas. We also have a fleet of portage boats and canoes on 25 surrounding lakes that are at your disposal.

Kids under 14 are just \$150!

Children under 14 (when accompanied by a paying adult) are just \$150. We would love to set up a wilderness adventure trip for you. Call or email us if you have any questions or need more brochures or information.



Remote Lake Heaven

One of the best things about Bear Lake Wilderness Camp is fishing the portage lakes that surround Bear Lake. Nestled next to Killarney Provincial Park, and the LaCloche Mountains, Bear Lake Wilderness Camp provides beautiful scenery.

Picture walking through the pristine wilderness enroute to a lake where fishing pressure is slight. Imagine fishing a lake with no one else in sight.

We have boats on over 25 of these lakes. You just carry a small 2hp motor (we rent these at the lodge) and your fishing tackle to the next lake. Attach the motor, and away you go!

Fishing the back lakes combines fantastic fishing with beautiful scenery. It is not unusual for our guests to pull in some trophy size fish on these lakes while enjoying the sights and sounds of the forests.

Cast & Blast Special

(9/15 – 9/29) 2012

\$585 pp (Save \$100)



Combine Fishing with hunting for Ducks, Geese, and Grouse.

Bear Lake Average Temperatures

AVG's	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
High	62	70	76	73	63
Low	40	50	55	53	45
Mean	51	60	66	63	54
Rain	2.8	3.3	2.8	3.4	4.1

Pike & Walleye Special (5/19 - 6/23)

\$ 495 pp



Come during this period and bring at least 4 adults and get \$ 200 off pp. Minimum of 4 adults, the price is \$100 more (pp) for less than 4 adults.

Group Discounts

We offer discounts on groups.
Ask about our group specials!

Fishing License Information

There are two types of fishing licenses in Ontario. There is the Sportsmens (S) License and the Conservation (C) License. Conservation Licenses promote the environment with smaller catch limits and rewards the angler with a lower price tag. A child, under 18, can fish without a license but their fish counts against the parent's limit.

2012 Non Resident Fishing Licenses

(S) Sport Fishing License \$50.64 CAD @ \$49 USD which is good for 8 days.

(C) Conservation License \$30.43 CAD @ \$29 USD which is good for 8 days.

2012 Opening Dates & Limits

Opens	Fish	Limits
May 01, 2012	Northern Pike	(S) = 6 per day (C) = 2 per day
May 19, 2012	Walleye	(S) = 4 per day (C) = 2 per day
Jun 23, 2012	Largemouth or Smallmouth	(S) = 6 per day (C) = 2 per day

Limits on Perch, Bluegill, Sunfish, or Crappie are 50/day



Fish	Angler	Size	Lake
Northern Pike	Richard Jenkins	42 "	Remote
Smallmouth	Jim Hamblen	22 "	Remote
Walleye	Ray Quinn	30 "	Bear
Lake Trout	Jay Anderson	29"	Bear
Largemouth	Steve Jenkins	23"	Remote
Perch	Jim Thomas	13"	Remote

Every big, ugly lure you've got can't miss

By Gary Garth

Special to The Courier-Journal

Bear Lake Wilderness Camp, Ontario

This quiet, quaint, lonesome place undoubtedly was named for the cabin that once stood on the small hill at the water's edge but was turned to ashes by a lightning strike, chimney fire or some other forgotten mishap.

If a visitor cared to climb to the top of the hill, some remnant of the cabin might be found. But few if any of a handful of people who make the arduous hike, paddle and portage to reach this outpost each season stop to look for artifacts.

They're too busy catching fish.

This is the one of the more remote lakes accessible from Bear Lake Wilderness Camp and one of only two that require a guide for first-time visitors. Stoney Lake - which you cross to get here - is the other.

"Bring every big, ugly lure you've got that you've never caught a fish on," guide Ken Luopa said before we started the three-hour trip to Burnt Cabin Lake. "You'll catch a fish on them today."

The 50-acre lake is nondescript. Lily pads ring about a third of it, and the water has a tannin stain and lacks the crystalline qualities of most neighboring lakes. But it's loaded with largemouth bass, whose backs are nearly black from the tannin, and it has bluegill so big they rival anything that swims in a Kentucky farm pond. "I doubt any more than two or three dozen people fish this lake every season, if that many," Luopa said. In winter the ice grows 2-3 feet thick here, and life under it comes to a virtual halt.



Both panfish and bass abound here on the remote lakes

During the summer the fish make up for lost time, slashing at almost anything that moves. "Haven't you caught a fish yet?" Luopa asked as he released his third largemouth while I was still tying on one of my big, ugly lures (an orange Rat-L-Trap with blue eyes).

It didn't take long. Two casts and I'd reeled in two bass. Both attacked as if they hadn't eaten in days. For two hours in a steady drizzle, it was one fish after another. Crankbaits, spinners, jigs, buzzbaits, topwater poppers . . .

"I told you," Luopa said after a 2 pound largemouth bolted from the mouth of a beaver hut and inhaled a blue and purple plug. "They'll hit anything. I think you could stick a hook through the head of a Barbie doll and catch fish on it."

The steady stream of bass was interrupted by an occasional bluegill, which seemed to have no hesitancy to chase down a large bait. In the other canoe Bob Abella, his brother-in-law Mark Cooper and 9-year-old nephew Daniel Cooper were having equal success. It was a rare moment when someone in one

1 of the two canoes wasn't fighting or releasing a fish.

Every big, ugly lure you've got can't miss

Using a hand line baited with a bluegill, Abella also caught a couple of snapping turtles larger than a serving platter.

"There are a lot of turtles here," Luopa said between catches of bass and bluegill. "Big ones."

A Canada native and lifelong fisherman, Luopa has dined on nearly every kind of fish that swims north of the border - except bluegill.

"Are these any good to eat?" he asked after reeling in a 'gill wider than his hand. Was he kidding?

After a shore lunch of Kentucky deer sausage, we sacked enough bluegill for supper and prepared for the long trip back to camp. Just as we began hauling the first canoe up the hill, a pair of loons fell into the heart of the lake, their lonesome calls echoing the surroundings.

"You probably won't believe it," Luopa said, "but this was kind of a slow day."



If you go . . .

Bear Lake Wilderness Camp is about 20 miles southeast of Espanola, Ontario. It is roughly 800 miles from Louisville. The camp is open May through October. Ice-out starts around mid April and are clear in May.

Camp rates are \$ 695 per adult for a Saturday-Saturday stay. The price includes a lakefront cabin, boat, motor, fuel, and water taxi to and from the camp. Children under 14, are just \$150.

Cabins have a fully equipped kitchen dishes and utensils, running water, and electric lights. Hot showers and and chemical toilets are on property. Guests are responsible for their own meals, or meals can be provided for an additional fee. The camp runs 16-ft Lund boats with 10- and 15-horsepower outboards. The equipment is in excellent condition.

Bill Drane, a retired major and Desert Storm veteran, offers a 10 percent discount to all active/retired military, law enforcement, and firefighters. Other specials and discount

packages are available.

Guided fishing trips are available for \$75 for a half day and \$125 for a full day. Fall Bear and Moose Hunts are also offered.

Crossing the border into Canada is a relatively simple. A US passport is needed. Expect to answer a few questions and have your vehicle searched. The entire process takes about 15 minutes.

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