



Bear Lake



Ice – Out Newsletter

Greetings from the great north! It is a beautiful day, today. It is Monday, May 7th. We have clear skies, about 60 degrees and a fair wind out of the west.

The camp is in great order and everything weathered well over the winter. We have been getting everything in order for your visit. We have the water system up, the docks have been put back on their cabins, the generator is back in position and the lines have been run and the radio telephone is up and running.

We have put four boats in the water and with the exception of a pesky water pump; it's been smooth sailing.

We welcome our first guests tomorrow and we are looking forward to another year of hosting your wilderness vacation. We still have some limited openings.

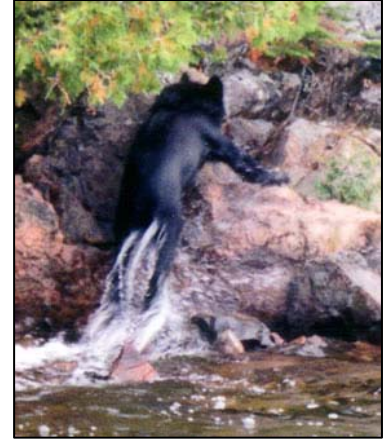
Do Bears Swim? You bet!



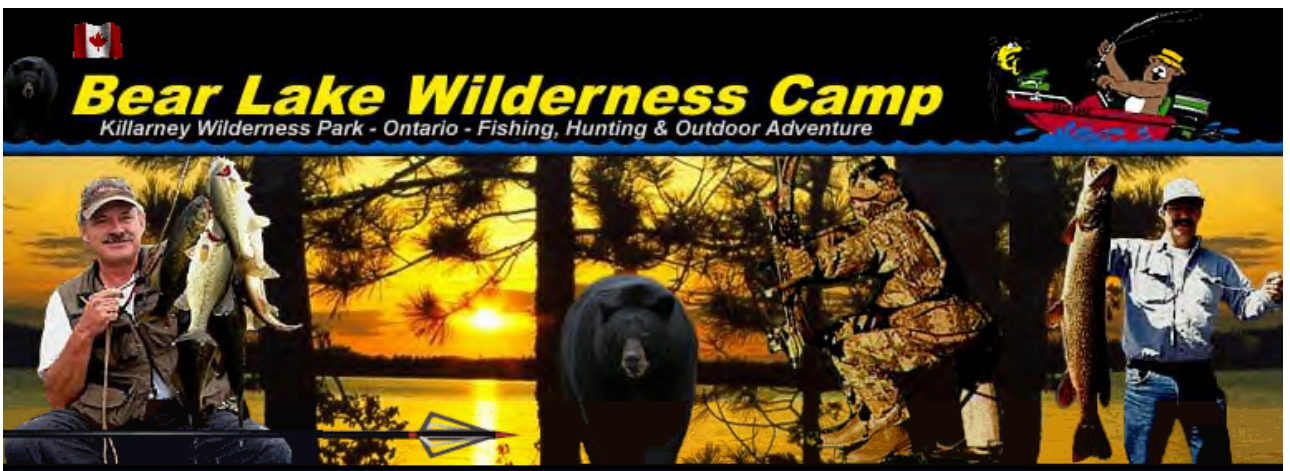
Bear swimming across Little Bear Lake

Our guests captured these two photos on the boat ride in.

We were actually able to circle the bear with the boat.



New Website www.blwc.com



We recently redid our website. We hope that you enjoy it as much we do. Our passwords for Bear Lake University have been been changed. If you need the new ones, you can email me at blwc@aol.com.

We would like to thank everyone that submitted pictures for the new website. We could not do it without you.

The “Clever” Fellowship Award

Each year we will have an award for the best tip among our guests. It is named for Mike Clever of North Carolina. He is one squared away SGM (82nd Airborne). Along with his group of 20+ people, he brought a Standard Operating Manual for the trip with him. This had everything in it.

In all honesty, I can't think of a better person to name this after. Mike's job is to make sure that troops deploying overseas have everything they need.

If I had loved ones going into harm's way, it would make it a lot easier knowing that people like Mike ensure that they are prepared.

2006 Projects Completed

New Water Filtration System - we added a new filter system for our water. Water now passes through 3 filters and gets blasted with UV.

New Dock on Cabin 3 - we added a new dock that goes right up to the front porch.

Screen Porch on Cabin 2 - we screened the porch on Cabin 2.

Screen Porch on Cabin 3 - we screened the porch on Cabin 3.

Screen Porch on Cabin 6 - we screened the porch on Cabin 6.

Screen Porch on Cabin 8 - we screened the porch on Cabin 8.

New Roof on Cabin 8

New Steps on Cabin 7

Remodelled Cabin 8

Phase 1 – New Guides Cabin & new Guest Quarters.

2007 Winner

Dave Hopcia - Cabelas Seat-Backer Boat Seat was recommended to us by Dave Hopcia of Colorado. This product gives your back support for those remote lakes. It hooks to several different seat types. This product is about \$30 and available at Cabelas in store or online. It works great!

OFAH Angler Awards

We had a number of folks win awards this year for the size of their fish caught. We ended up being # 6 in all Ontario for the number of entries. To qualify your fish must meet the length requirements below.

Northern Pike	30" or larger
Lake Trout	26" or larger
Walleye	25" or larger
Whitefish	22" or larger
Brook Trout	18" or larger
Largemouth	18" or larger
Smallmouth	17" or larger
Yellow Perch	10" or larger
Rock Bass	10" or larger
Bluegill	9" or larger

2007 Projects Planned

New Dock on Cabin 6 - we plan to modify the dock and add steps up to the porch..

Screen Porch on Cabin 7 - we plan to screen the porch on Cabin 7.

New Roof on Cabin 7

Remodel Cabin 7

Phase 2 / 3 – New Guest Quarters and Utility Building .

Pictures from 2006



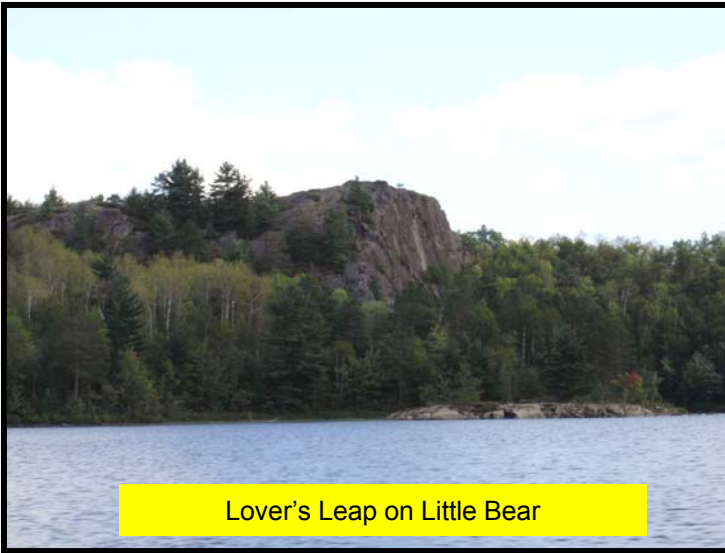
Young Miss McFarland instructs her brother on the fine art of Fishing with Fruit Loops. After showing me her nice mess of fish, I am a believer. However, she refused to tell which color of Fruit Loop works best.

Jeff Munday holds up a beautiful walleye fresh from the waters of Bear Lake. This Walleye was 12 lbs and 32 inches long. As big as this fish is, it can't begin to hide the grin on Jeff's face.



Walk softly and carry a big Lake Trout, I always say. Dave Borchelt is wielding a Lake Trout that is 33 " long and weighed 13 + pounds. The Laker was a bit of a surprise, after backpacking to a remote lake and fishing for Bass and Pike most of the day. Dave landed this fine Lake Trout.

Lover's Leap Pictures (from Pete Kegley)



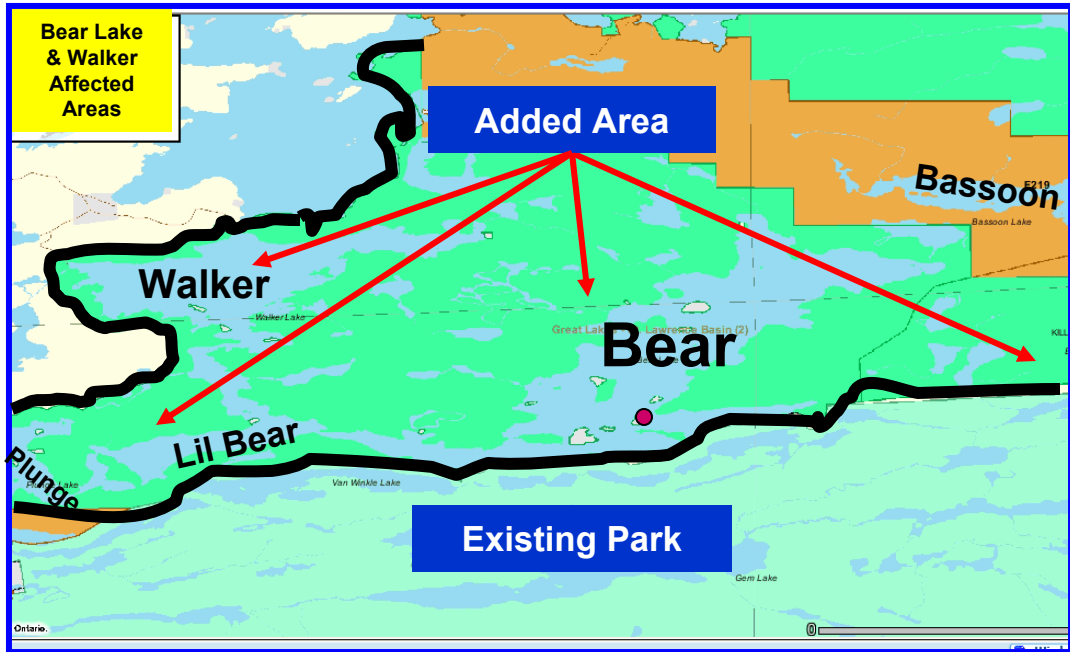
Pete Kegley, like many of our guests decided to climb Lover's Leap. Unlike many our guests he brought back some great photos from Lover's Leap. Right, Dan Telgkamp! Thanks for the pics Pete.

Pete sits atop Lover's Leap. Little Bear Lake is in the background to the North. This picture is only marred by Pete's bare chest. Put that shirt back on Pete!



Kind of spooky picture. This picture is looking directly down the cliff face. At the bottom you can see Pete's Boat. You can almost make out the bear rowing away in Pete's Boat

Killarney Wilderness Park Expands



It is finally here. We knew the park was going to expand for some time. In September, they did. The new boundaries go as far north as Penage. This will mean that on the main lake system; Bear, Walker, Little Bear, Plunge, Little Plunge and the Whitefish River are now in the Park. Remote Lakes such as High, Heart, Ringer, and the Tri-Lakes are also in the park.

How will this affect us? Time will tell, but I believe this to be a positive. This can only mean less development and protection from further encroachment.

We will continue to be good neighbors and stewards to the wilderness that we have been blessed with. We ask that you leave areas cleaner than you came upon them.

As part of the park expansion we will be identifying our boats at our approved caches with new stickers. Our approved Bear Lakes boats will be easily identifiable.

Bear Hunting 2006



Andy Wright, of Nashville, took this beautiful bear with his Mathews Switchback. This Bear was 450 pounds and has been certified Pope & Young. This bear took 4 of us (3 tries) to get on the table.

Unfortunately, Roger Gabbert, Andy's hunting partner missed a similar sized bear and shot his bait bucket instead. We are not sure if he is going to mount the lid or get a full bucket mount.

Derek McFarland, of Virginia, took this bear also with a Mathews bow. This Bear was similar size and I believe may also make Boone & Crocket in addition to Pope & Young.



2007 Guest Reminders

Welcome Packets for Fishermen and Hunters have been mailed out to all that we had addresses for. Packets are also available at Bear Lake University.

We ask that you limit the amount of glass that you bring up. If drinking, please purchase your beer in cans.

Parking Rates at Lang are as follows:

Trucks / Cars	-	\$ 45	Vehicles w/trailers	-	\$ 55
Boat Launch	-	\$ 10	RV's & Motor Homes	Call	

We will be adding a \$15 fuel surcharge per guest. This is to cover the added costs that we can't absorb. We do everything we can to keep the price down.

Nightcrawlers and minnows are available. See Minnow Mike in Camp for minnows:

Nightcrawlers (flat 500)	-	\$ 55		
Minnows (dozen)	-	\$ 4	Sucker Minnows	- Market

Dinner Meal Plans are available with a month advance notice. Cost is \$ 180 per person

If cooking for yourself, we highly recommend bringing all your groceries up with you. It is less stressful, more efficient and cheaper. This means you won't be running around trying to get food at the last minute.

Bear Hunters – Plan to hunt on Saturday. We need to get you in early, orient you, and get you on your stands. Please get an early pickup and plan to hunt on Saturday.

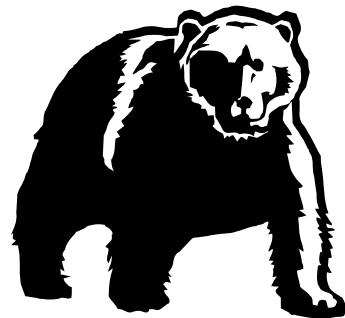
Contact Information

We still have some great openings left for 2007. If you are interested in a great wilderness vacation, we would love to have you. If not now, we will definitely leave the light on for you. We have finalized some shows for 2008. They are below:

Website: <http://www.blwc.com>

Email: blwc@aol.com

Confirmed 2008 Shows	Confirmed Dates
Collinsville, IL	Jan 04 - Jan 06
Novi, MI	Jan 10 - Jan 13
Charleston, WV	Jan 25 - Jan 27
Louisville, KY	Jan 26 - Feb 03
Washington, PA	Feb 07 - Feb 10
Jim Strader	Feb 01 - Feb 03
Indianapolis, IN	Feb 15 - Feb 17
Bloomington, IL	Feb 22 - Feb 24
Morgantown, WV	Mar 01 - Mar 02
Summersville, WV	Mar 08 - Mar 09
Columbus, OH	Mar 14 - Mar 16



Summer

Canada (May – Oct)

Bear Lake Wilderness Camp
 PO Box 5262
 Espanola, Ontario P5E 1S3
(705) 866-7100 (Lodge)

Winter

US Address (Nov – April)

Major Bill Drane (USAR)
 6803 Gunpowder Lane
 Prospect, KY 40059
(502) 648-2758 (cell)