

Bear Lake Wilderness Camp

FISHING



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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(705) 866-7100 **May - Oct**

US Address & Reservations

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2016 Fishing Pkg.
\$ 725 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)

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

Email: blwc@aol.com

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 \$175!

Children under 14 (when accompanied by a paying adult) are just \$175

We would love to set up a wilderness adventure trip for you. Call or email us if you have any questions or need brochures or more 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 wilderness Canada.

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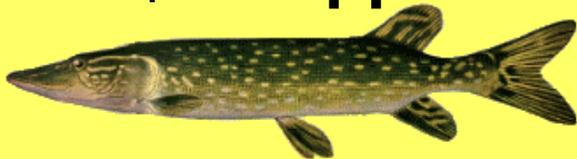
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Bear Lake Average Temperatures

AVG's	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
High	62	72	79	75	68
Low	40	52	58	55	49
Mean	51	62	69	65	59
Rain	2.8	3.3	2.8	3.4	4.1

Pike & Walleye Special (5/21 - 6/18)

\$ 525 pp



Early Open Special Come during this period and get \$ 200 off pp

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.

2016 Non Resident Fishing Licenses

(S) Sport Fishing License \$54 CAD @ \$35 US

(C) Conservation License \$31 CAD @ \$22 US
Both licenses are good for 8 days.

Outdoor Card \$10 CAD @ \$7 US (Good for 3 yrs)
All can be purchased online and most bait shops

2016 Opening Dates & Limits

Opens	Fish	Limits
May 01, 2016	Northern Pike	(S) = 6 per day (C) = 2 per day
May 21, 2016	Walleye	(S) = 4 per day (C) = 2 per day
Jun 18, 2016	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	Jim Thomas	40. "	Remote
Smallmouth	Emily Ireland	23 "	Bear
Walleye	Mark Anderson	29 "	Bear
Lake Trout	Bob Lewis	18 lbs	Bear
Largemouth	Jerry Ireland	23"	Remote
Whitefish	Jay Anderson	24"	Bear

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

By Gary Garth

Special to The Courier-Journal
Bear Lake Wilderness Camp's remote lake BURNT CABIN LAKE, 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 of the two canoes wasn't fighting or releasing a fish.

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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 \$ 725 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 \$175.

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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BEAR HUNTS

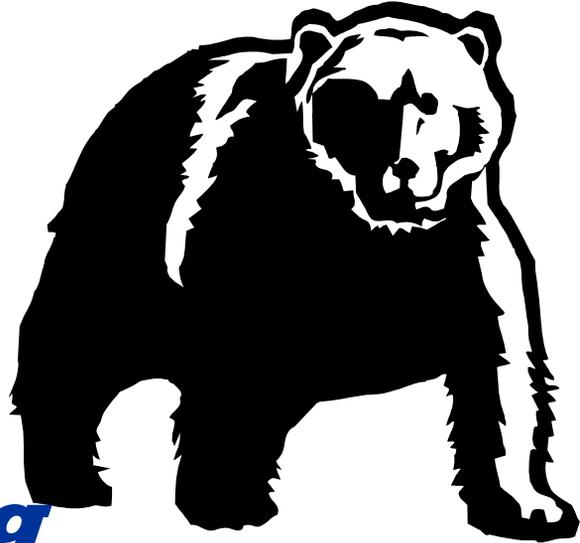
Hunt over baits from Tree Stands and Ground Blinds

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Bear Hunting 2015

**BOW
ONLY**

Aug 20 - Aug 27. First week of Archery. Bow & Crossbow only

Aug 27- Sep 03. Last week of Archery Only. Bow & Crossbow only

Sep 03 - Sep 10. Opening week of Gun & Black Powder also Archery

**GUN
OR
BOW**

Sep 10 - Sep 17. Second week of Gun & Black Powder also Archery

Sep 17 - Sep 24. Third week of Gun & Black Powder also Archery

Sep 24 - Oct 01. Final week

Black Bear Hunt at Bear Lake

Our season starts with two weeks of Archery only weeks. Crossbows are considered bows and are welcome as well. In fact, bows do not have to be registered at the border like guns do.

We limit hunters to just 8 per week. All Archers will have to qualify at 20 yards before being allowed to hunt. This may seem unfair, but if you can't hit a pie plate at 20 yards you are doing yourself and the bear a disservice.

The first week of September starts our Gun hunting weeks. Archers are most welcome. We have separate areas for them. These are good weeks for groups that have both gun and bow hunters.

Like Archery weeks, Hunters are limited to just 8 per week. When we get between 32 -35 hunters for the season, we will close the season off to new bookings.

Be prepared to hunt on Sat. This is a true 7 day hunt and as soon as we get your orientation and your equipment issued to you; you will be placed on baits that very afternoon. Many bear are taken on Saturday as there is less scent in the woods.

We are very a "Hands On" Lodge. We will monitor your hunt by radio and will patrol the lake system to aid you with your bear and guide you back home to your cabin each night.



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We have a 65% Harvest Rate average for past 15 years. This does not count any bears with non-lethal wounds that can't be retrieved, passed up bears, or missed shots.

We hear a lot of outfitters boast 90% & up. Their inflated numbers generally include a lot of explaining with counting missed shots and passed up bears.

With the number of misses it would be tempting to count missed shots / missed opportunities. We don't and won't do that. We try to give you as honest picture of what to expect as we can. We post our numbers every year here and with the MNR

According the Ministry of Natural Resources the success rate on Bear is 25%. If this is true how can all these other outfitters claim to be 100%?

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Bear Hunts



Baiting is Essential

It all begins with Baiting, Baiting and more Baiting. We start baiting our stands in mid July at least a full 30 days before the season starts. This early baiting sets you up for success. We bait each and every day. We bait by boat because none of our baits are accessible by road or logging trail. This means more work for us but better hunts for you. You won't have ATV's vehicles, or people coming into your area.

Archery is our Specialty

We love archers and they do very well at Bear Lake. We start our fall season mid August with two weeks of Archery Only Hunts. This allows the archer an opportunity to get closer to the bears before gun season starts. We maintain an archery range with 3D targets and elevated stands that help prepare the archer. Our permanent wood tree stands are 12 feet high and are range finded 20 yards exactly to the baits. Our bait sites are constructed to give you a broadside or quartering away shot.

Gun Hunting

Our Gun Hunts start the first week of September. This lets the weather cool and gives us two more weeks of to bait prior to your arrival. We maintain separate gun and archery areas so you will be hunting a fresh bait. We offer 4 weeks of weapon of choice (gun or bow). Most any 30 caliber rifle is sufficient. The 30-06, 7mm, and 44 magnum have brought great success. A heavy grain bullet is recommended for bear. Your shots will be less than 60 yards. Low power scopes and open sights work best. Both ground blinds and tree stands are available.

Limited Hunts

We self limit the number of hunters we take per week and the number we have for a season. We take no more than 8 hunters per week and no more than 30 – 32 hunters per season. If we reach either point we close the week or the season to any more hunters.

Hunting Adventure

Your adventure begins by picking you up lakeside at Lang Lake on Saturday. We will transport you and your party via boat out 15+ miles to our island. We will off-load your at your group's cabin. We don't mix groups.

Once you get settled and draw your boat, we give an in-depth orientation on how the hunt works, hunting tips, judging size and answering any questions you might have. We will pair up hunters and take you to your stands and give you an in-depth area recon.

We offer a full 7 Day Hunt: so you will be hunting Saturday – Friday. When you get your Bear, you will hail us on the radio. We have several guides monitoring your hunt by boat. This avoids getting more scent into the area. The guide will go directly to

You and assist you with your Bear. Unlike a lot of outfitters we take a more hands on approach. Our guide will track and retrieve your bear, field dress your bear and transport it back to camp. We will then skin your bears, package your trophy, process and package the meat and freeze everything for your trip home. This is all included.

Fall Bear Hunt

The fall bear hunt offers some distinct advantages. You don't have to contend with black flies and mosquitoes. Additionally, the weather is very pleasant and the bear hides are much better.

The biggest difference is bear behavior. In the fall. Bears are less territorial and are apt to travel much more. They are looking for food like berries or something sweet to add weight for the long winter. We use baits that appeal to their cravings like sweet baits with vanilla, honey, and caramel. You will definitely be able to smell our baits from your stand so you can imagine how far the scent carries.

Our Location

Our bear management area is in Killarney Wilderness Park. We are grand-fathered in and have a great advantage for drawing black bears. To our south there is no hunting and we are the only lodge / outfitter in this area. Additionally, we are not accessible by road. This makes for a formidable combination.

Trophy Opportunites

There are a good number of large bears in our area. Many will grow to be 300 – 400 pounds. The average weight tends to be about 235 with a good number of our guests getting a Pope & Young or Boone & Crockett Bear.

In General

Good shots are essential. Bears are extremely durable and bush density does not offer many second shots. Range practice is important as your bow or gun should be sighted in. This will help insure your success and wound fewer bears.

Scent is extremely important. A black bear's nose is 40 times greater than a whitetail deer. So remember to take great care of your scent. Use a scent free soap and let your clothes hang outside, and pack them in scent proof container with pine needles. Use boots with rubber soles. If you are a smoker, use nicorette gum or an inhaler.

WHAT WE OFFER

We offer you a Quality 7 Day Hunt over baited stands with your friends in a remote area that holds one of the most concentrated Bear populations in North America today.



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Fall Bear Hunting

At Bear Lake we offer "Fall" Bear Hunting. While, Ontario has cancelled their Spring Bear Hunts, this has provided for more opportunities (with more bears!) for Fall Hunters.

Ontario hunters used to take approximately 15,000 bears during each Spring Bear Hunt. It has been over 17 years since Ontario's last Spring Bear Hunt. That equates to over 200,000 additional Bears roaming the woods.

Advantages of Fall Bear Hunting

- No mosquitoes or black flies.** There is no need to wrap yourself up with mosquito netting and duct tape.
- Bigger and better Bear.** Bear are 30% larger in the fall and the quality of their meat is much better.
- Better hides.** A spring bear has been laying on its fur all winter. There are bald spots and the fur is thinner. In fall, the bear's fur is full and has a neat black luster to it.
- The weather is great** and the fishing is fantastic too.
- You can break up your day.** Fish in the morning and hunt afternoon till dark.

In order to hunt in Ontario, you **must** bring a copy of an expired or new **US Hunting License**. This is needed to receive a Bear Hunting License.

Note – Children **under 16** will not be allowed to bring in a gun or obtain a hunting license.

Note – **Hand Guns are illegal in Canada.** Do not bring them. This is a serious offense.

Getting a Bear (all included)

- We track & retrieve your bear.**
- We Field Dress it.**
- Transport it back to camp.**
- Skin the Bear for you.**
- Prep & Package the Trophy & Meat.**
- Freeze your Trophy & Meat solid.**



CANADIAN GUN LAWS

Canada has enacted strict laws with respect to the importing, exporting, possession, use, storage, display and transportation of firearms. Since these are federal laws, they apply across the country.

You **must** fill out a **Non-Resident Firearm Declaration Form**; the form will be your temporary firearms license while you are in Canada.

At Bear Lake we make sure that your trip through customs is a breeze. We mail you a complete prep packet that has all the forms that you need for customs. You will also get maps of the area, packing lists, and a primer on how to hunt black bear.

WHAT TO EXPECT TAGS / LICENSES ETC

<u>Gun Registration</u>	\$25 CAD	\$ 20 USD
Bows are exempt from this fee. Collected by customs		
<u>Outdoor Card</u>	\$10 CAD	\$ 7 USD
<u>Bear License</u>	\$ 242 CAD	\$ 167 USD
<u>Small Game</u>	\$ 121 CAD	\$ 84 USD
<u>Fishing (C)</u>	\$ 31 CAD	\$ 22 USD
<u>Export Tag</u>	\$ 35 CAD	\$ 25 USD

Distance / Driving Time

City	ST	Miles	Hours
Buffalo	NY	371	6.50
Charleston	WV	800	12.87
Chicago	IL	635	10.25
Cincinnati	OH	728	11.40
Cleveland	OH	560	9.33
Columbus	OH	675	10.87
Detroit	MI	490	7.85
Grand Rapids	MI	443	7.28
Harrisburg	PA	679	11.33
Lansing	MI	425	7.08
Lexington	KY	812	12.66
Louisville	KY	797	12.33
Milwaukee	WI	552	9.75
Pittsburgh	PA	588	9.75

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