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News



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90 years of memories!

Can you believe it? This year, Killarney Lodge is celebrating 90 years in the breathtaking beauty of Algonquin Park. For nearly a century, our lodge has been a sanctuary for nature lovers, adventurers and those seeking peaceful respite in the wonder of Ontario's wilderness.

From humble beginnings as a fishing lodge in 1935 to the cozy lakefront cabins and fine country dining that guests enjoy today, we've built a rich legacy of unforgettable experiences.

Thank you for being part of our journey. Here's to 90 years of memories, with many more to come!

A milestone celebration

We're always honoured when people choose Killarney Lodge for important life events. Last year, we were thrilled to host the Dupuis family for the grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary.

Bob and Michelle, their four children and eight grandchildren chose here for this once-in-a-lifetime celebration. A special vow renewal on the main dock was followed by a champagne toast for the adults (and sparkling drinks for the little ones). A homemade 50th-anniversary cake completed dinner that evening.

"We wanted to take our family to where we could celebrate our roots," said Michelle. "Canada is where we were born and grew up, where we were married, and where we lived until we moved to Michigan at the age of 40.

"Killarney Lodge was the perfect choice: a first-class place where we could all relax, enjoy each other and make wonderful memories. We had the time of our lives – from young to old!"

We're so happy to be a part of those memories.



Bob and Michelle Dupuis celebrating 50 years.



Newly wedded with a shower.

A wedding weekend

They finally did it!

After a five-year engagement that was side-tracked by Covid, Eric's daughter Alex and her fiancé Matt tied the knot at Killarney Lodge in August last year. Alex and Matt met working at Killarney in 2016, so the Lodge has always been a special place for them.

Ninety friends and family took over the lodge for a long weekend of fun and festivities. The wedding day dawned sunny and humid ... but didn't stay that way for long! As wedding guests gathered on the shuffleboard courts, thunder loomed in the distance. As father Eric walked Alex down the aisle, the skies opened up almost on queue, soaking everyone.

Panic in her eyes, sister Charlotte, the maid of honour, leaned in to ask whether to postpone the ceremony. But Alex laughed and said to continue. A white umbrella was passed to the bride, and an expedited ceremony followed ... so brief that Matt prematurely said, "I do!"

The officiant commented "We're not quite there yet, Matt."

A 20-minute downpour followed, after which guests returned to their cabins for dry clothes.

Then, as quickly as it began, skies cleared and photos were taken on the beach as the sun went down. Dinner and dancing commenced in a clear-top tent under the stars.

As they approach their first anniversary, we wish the best to the newlyweds. From what we know, it's good luck to have rain on your wedding day.

Tying the knot in Algonquin Park

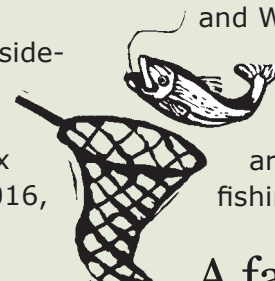
Would you like to get married at Killarney Lodge? We've teamed with Muskoka-based wedding coordinator Primp & Pop to offer nuptials at Killarney Lodge. If an intimate celebration in the middle of Algonquin Park is your idea of the perfect wedding, inquire with us.

Fish if you wish

We get lots of inquiries about fishing. The clear waters of Lake of Two Rivers boast an abundance of trout and bass, and both novice and experienced fishers can reap the benefits.

More than 50 species of fish have been recorded in Algonquin Park, which is known worldwide for Brook and Lake Trout. Lake Trout are the larger of the two, measuring 12 to 30 inches and weighing between two and ten pounds. The largest Lake Trout recorded in Ontario was a whopping 63 pounds!

Spring is the best time for fishing, with the season beginning in late April. Fishing permits can be obtained at the park's East and West gates.



So bring your rods and tackle (but not live bait), or rent from an outfitting store before you arrive, and enjoy a peaceful morning fishing on Lake on Two Rivers.

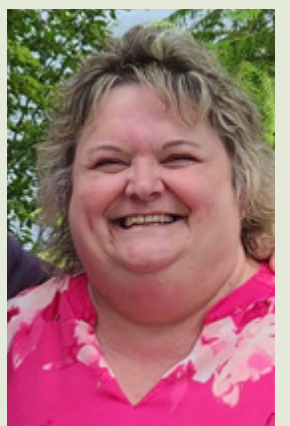
A familiar face

Upon arrival at Killarney Lodge, guests are greeted with a warm welcome at the front desk – we're glad to see you! And no one gives a warmer welcome than front desk supervisor Kim Lundy.

Kim started at the Lodge in September 1996 as a dining room server, helping with the dishwashers when needed. Since then she has become a permanent charming fixture at the front desk. Many guests will recognize her cheery smile, infectious laugh and sharp sense of humour.

When asked her favourite thing about working at Killarney, she responded "Meeting people from all over the world! And all our returning guests, who begin to feel like family over the years."

With Kim at the front, we hope you feel like family, too!



Service with a smile.



Savour the flavour at home

At the end of a hearty meal, something sweet hits the spot. Our most raved-about desserts? The pies, oh, the pies!

How do we get the crust so flaky, the fillings so perfectly balanced? Strawberry rhubarb, blueberry, apple, pecan ... everyone has a favourite. And now you can enjoy these delectable treats at home!

This year we'll offer pies for purchase. Simply inquire at the front desk and we'll be happy to send your favourite flavour home with you. Enjoy with family, for special occasions, or just when craving sweet memories of your stay in Algonquin Park.

A secluded treasure

Algonquin Park has 326 privately owned cottages. We like to think of our Crowe Cottage as number 327.

Just off the main property, Crowe Cottage offers guests a private oasis. It's our largest cabin, with three bedrooms, a living room and (as of this year) two bathrooms.

It's also the only cabin with a firepit, so you can enjoy warm summer evenings making s'mores under the stars.

The best part of this private cottage experience: you don't have to cook. It's a short drive to the dining room for meals, although guests often paddle across the lake to our main dock.

If your family or friends group is looking for a special private space in Algonquin, Crowe Cottage is for you!



Fireside at Crowe Cottage (Nicole Alex Photography)

Hanging up for good

It's been a staple on the property for years. Looking very out of place amongst our red-and-black cabins was a solo Bell telephone booth.

Guests commented on how rare it is to see a phone booth these days. Younger guests regarded it with awe, many of them having never seen one.

Although it's been out of service, people liked to take pictures with it or pretend to dial, just to remember how it felt.

But last year, we bid goodbye to the booth, as technicians rounded up the the park's remaining phone booths and shipped them off. The spot where it stood looks a little empty now.

Time and technology marches on, but some of us can still remember how it felt to dial.



On its last legs.

Staying hydrated

You hear it all the time; you probably say it yourself: "I need to drink more water!"

Adults are advised to drink at least two litres of water per day.

To help your daily water consumption, we now have refillable water stations in the guest lounge and paddle shop. So be sure to bring a reusable water bottle.

Not only will this help keep you energized and healthy for adventure, you'll help us prevent more than 8000 single-use plastic water bottles from ending up in landfills.

Drink up!

Breaking new trail

The Friends of Algonquin Park, a Canadian charity, is fundraising to help construct a new trail – the first in over 20 years!

The park has 18 interpretive walking trails, most just a short drive from Killarney Lodge. The newest one is Big Pines, constructed in 2001, which visits an 1880s lumber camp and old-growth white pines.

Your stay at the Lodge includes a park permit, so guests can visit any trails. Take a quick trip around the Spruce Bog Trail in the morning, or order a picnic and spend the day tackling Centennial Ridges.

The location of the new trail is being kept under wraps for now. To help build it, you can donate at the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre or online at the Friends of Algonquin website.



A growing clan on the beach: Samantha, Eric, Alexandra, Matt Charlotte and Jonathan.

Miglin family changeover

The 2024 season was a whirlwind, especially with a wedding right in the middle.

With the Miglin 'kids' now spread between Ontario, British Columbia and Buffalo, the wedding provided a rare opportunity for the whole gang to reunite for some quality time.

After over 40 years at Killarney Lodge, Eric is finally able to experience a summer elsewhere. He's looking forward to sunny days poolside at his home in Windsor with Cheryl and their Great-Pyrenees pup, Lucy.

And of course, dreaming of new adventures. He plans frequent trips to the Lodge to visit with staff and returning guests, but is confident with the ship being run by daughters Alex and Charlotte.

Alex and Matt have settled into married life in Toronto, punctuated with winter trips to the Lodge. A Christmas vacation to Antigua, filled with sailing, sunshine and steel-drum bands, was the highlight of winter. Alex returns to Killarney Lodge this season, with Matt making frequent visits to help where needed.

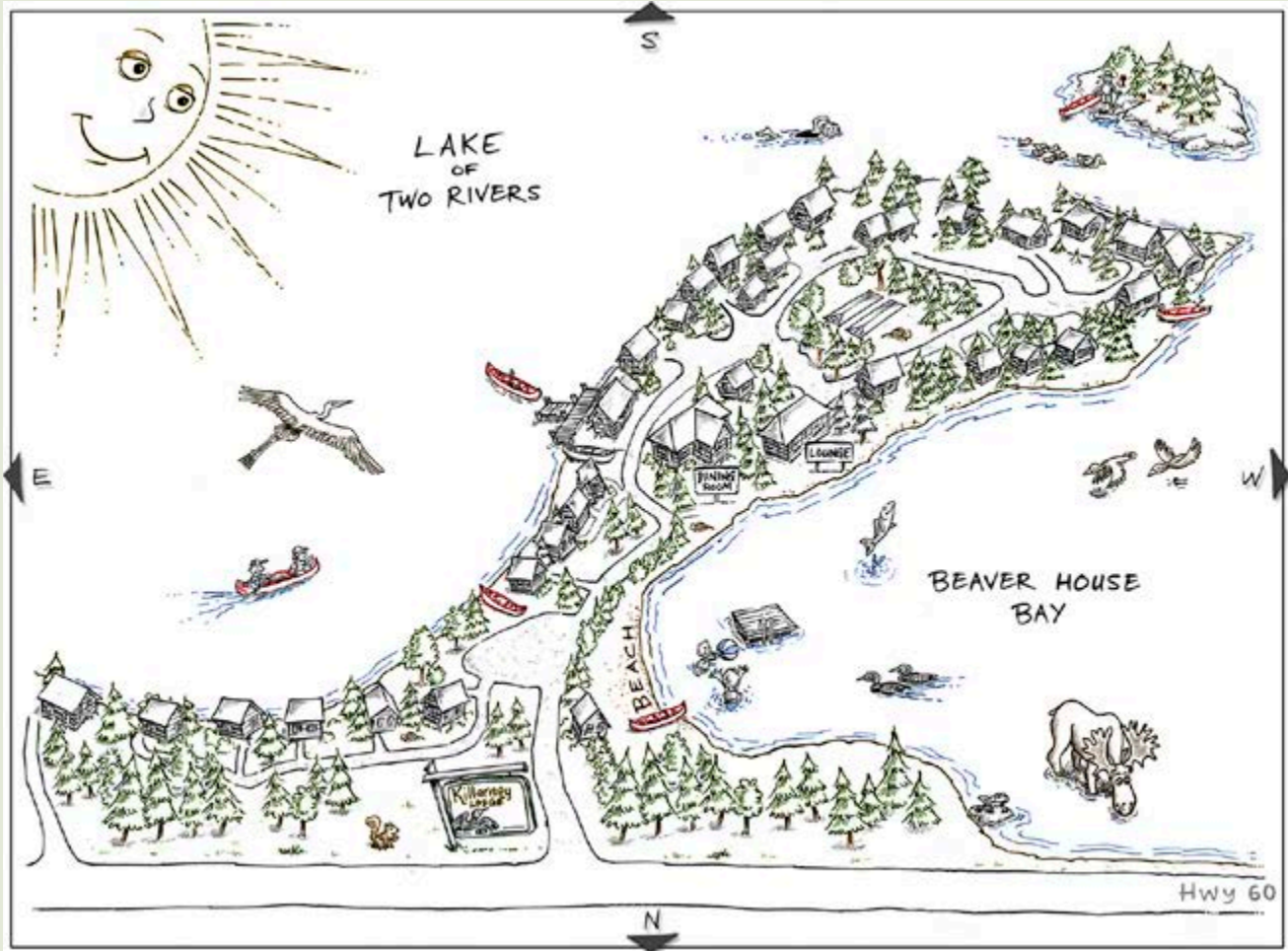
Charlotte celebrated the end of the season at the Lodge with a trip to Portugal with husband Andrew. In 2025, an even bigger adventure awaits: a Killarney baby! As they announced quietly to staff last fall, Charlotte and Andrew are expecting a baby boy at the end of April. They'll take some family time at home in Whistler, B.C., to enjoy those precious early months, and join us later in the season.



SARAH STEVENSON PHOTOGRAPHY

Walking down the aisle – just before the deluge.

As our Killarney Lodge family grows, we hope you'll come visit and become a part of that family, too!



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