

BALA



A. Bala Bay Inn,

3063 Muskoka Road 169, Bala
705-762-3313; 1-866-268-1453
www.balabayinn.com

Parking, partial wheelchair access, washrooms, self-guided tours. The Bala Bay Inn, which opened in June, 1910 as Muskoka's first brick summer hotel, was originally known as the Swastika Hotel. New owners have retained the tin ceilings, magnificent staircase and other historic features. Local legend says that the ghost of the original owner, E.B. Sutton, shows up occasionally.



B. Bala Firehall and Jail,

1015 Grey Street, Bala 705-765-3156

The loss of several local buildings through fire in the mid-1940s, including the town hall, motivated the Town of Bala to build its own fire hall in 1945. The building also housed one of the town's early jails, which can still be seen. Many firefighting artifacts are still proudly on view.



C. Burgess Memorial Church,

1035 Bala Falls Road, Bala
416-466-2280; 705-762-3958

Parking, washrooms, self-guided tours
Ontario Heritage Trust plaque within short walk:

"The Founding of Bala"

<http://www.township.muskokalakes.on.ca/Burgess%20Church.htm>

This stone church sits on an island surrounded by falls. Named for Bala's founder, Thomas W. Burgess, it was constructed in 1926 of stones supplied by congregation members, some from the United States. This site was the first in the Township of Muskoka Lakes designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.



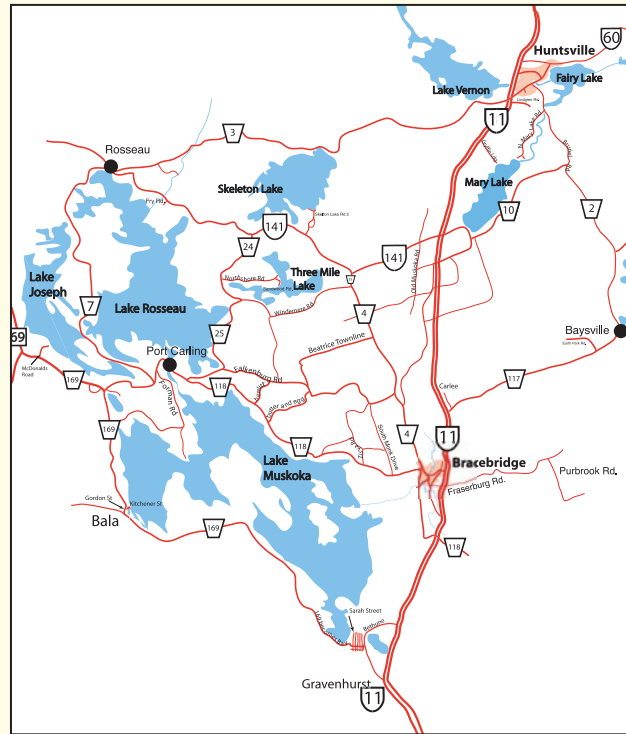
D. Sutton House and General Store,

3052 Muskoka Road 169 705-762-3958

Parking across the street washrooms, guided tours

In 1898, E. B. Sutton built one of the first general stores in what was known as Bala Falls, living above it with his

family. A grandson, Bob Sutton, now lives there surrounded by items that were once for sale, including violins, music boxes, and other historic treasures.



PORT CARLING



E. Duke Marine Services,

2 James Bartleman Way, Port Carling
(705) 765-3141

Parking nearby, washrooms on the island, guided tours

Port Carling was once centre of a flourishing boatbuilding industry, and Duke Marine survives from those days. Charles J. Duke moved his business to this site in 1924. The shop turned out rowboats and launches, and produced minesweepers during the Second World War. Today, Duke's restores and refinishes antique boats.



F. Former Port Carling School/Municipal Offices,

1 Bailey Street, Port Carling
705-765-3156 www.township.muskokalakes.on.ca
Parking, wheelchair access, washrooms, guided

tours. Historical interpretation by Township of Muskoka Lakes Mayor Susan Pryke, author.

The Port Carling School was constructed as a two-room schoolhouse in 1906. The Hon. James K. Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, received his education here. When the school closed 1969, the building was converted to municipal offices. Recent additions are sympathetic while creating well-appointed council chambers and office space.



G. Muskoka Lakes Museum,

100 Joseph Street on the island, Port Carling
705-765-5367

www.muskoka.com/tourism/mlm

Parking nearby, wheelchair access, special exhibits, public washrooms on island, self-guided and guided tours, gift shop, Ontario Heritage Trust plaque on the island: "Port Carling" The Port Carling Museum (now known as the Muskoka Lakes Museum), opened on July 2, 1967. Exhibits offer a glimpse of first nations' communities, early settlement, Muskoka's grand resorts, steamships, and antique wooden boats. The 1875 Hall Family log cabin depicts what life was like for Muskoka's pioneering families.



H. Port Carling United Church,

1 Armstrong Point Road, Port Carling
705-765-3649

Parking, guided tours, wheelchair access, washrooms. This hilltop location was deeded by the Crown in 1872, and the Methodist congregation built the church in 1878. On June 10, 1925, Methodist churches joined in the formation of the United Church of Canada. A Christian Education area was added to the building in 1967 and expanded in 2001



I. St. James the Apostle Anglican Church,

94 Joseph Street, Port Carling
705-765-1963.

Parking on street or at public library, washrooms, tours available. When the original church burned in 1912, parishioners rescued a stained glass window and pews donated by Lord Dufferin, Governor General of Canada. A finely crafted new St. James was consecrated in 1913. Windows by McCausland's of Toronto complement many other treasured items donated by both summer and permanent worshippers.



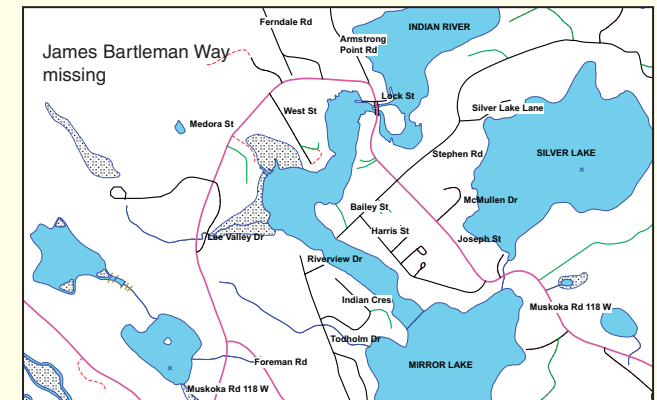
J. The Wall,

1 James Bartleman Way, Port Carling
705-765-3156

Parking nearby, wheelchair access, public washrooms on the island, interpretive plaque.

<http://www.magicmosaics.com/PortCarling.html>

Unveiled in 2005, The Wall is promoted as the world's largest photo mosaic mural at 34 meters long by 14 meters high. The overall image of the steamship R. M. S. Sagamo going through the adjacent locks is composed of more than 900 individual photographs depicting local history.



WINDERMERE



K. Christ Church Anglican,

1022 Fife Avenue, Windermere 705-769-3496

Parking, wheelchair access, washrooms

Built in 1904, this picturesque frame church has distinctive woodwork and stained glass. Unique decoration reflecting a Muskoka theme was painstakingly wood-burned onto the paneling and trims. The front gate and door to Christ Church are open year-round.



L. Former Windermere Post Office and General Store,

2509 Windermere Road, Windermere

705-769-1144

Street parking, guided tours, washrooms. This

1880s frame post office and general store has been carefully rehabilitated by Catherine Nasmith Architect and Robert Allsopp and is now used as their residence and office. The original stone root house and timber ice house also offer a glimpse of early life in the village of Windermere.



M. The Walker House, Watt Public School,

2794 Highway 141, Ullswater

(705) 769-3643.

Parking, guided tours, student displays, items for

sale. Constructed by Ryerson Anderson in the late 1880s as a family home, this log structure also served as a stable for Harry and Amanda Walker. The house was moved from its original location on Walker Line, Utterson, to Watt Public School where it was reassembled by students using authentic tools.



N. Windermere House,

2508 Windermere Road, Windermere

705-769-3611

Parking, full wheelchair access, washrooms,

accommodation, dining www.windermerehouse.com

Since 1870, Windermere House has welcomed guests to the Muskoka holiday experience. Damaged by fire in 1996, the landmark was rebuilt to its original grandeur on historic foundations. Today, this "Lady of the Lakes" embodies the charm of the Victorian Era while discreetly incorporating modern facilities and gracious accommodations.



O. Windermere Village Hall,

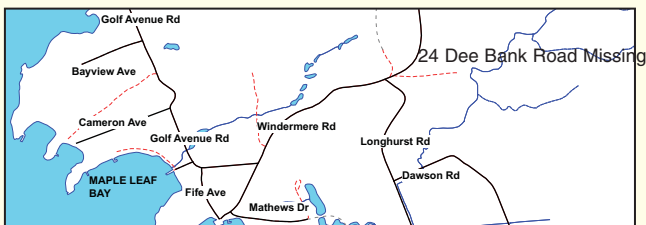
2496 Windermere Road, Windermere

705-765-3156

Street parking, washrooms, tours available

Ontario Heritage Trust plaque on site:

"Windermere". This modest building was opened in 1953 as a council hall complete with vault. It was the hub of village Windermere activities until the school closed in 1966. It became the fire station. Since 1996, it has been rented out by the Windermere Women's Institute for local art displays.



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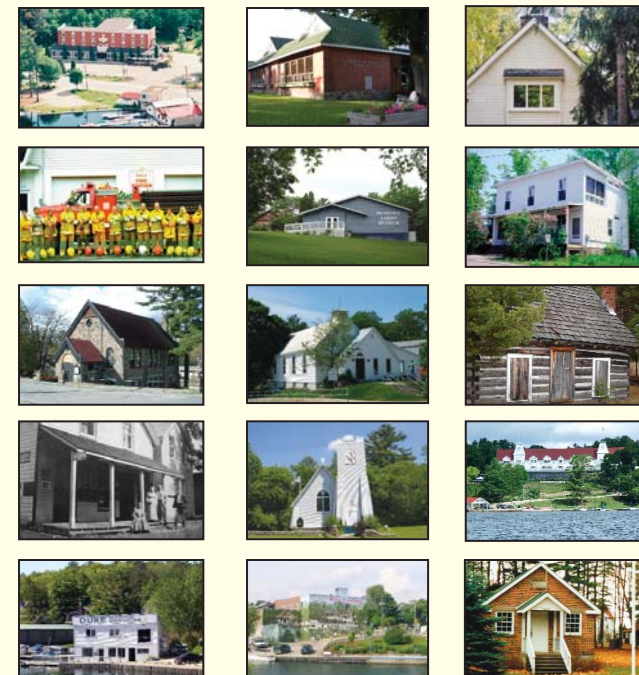
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