

## DWIGHT con't



**N. Riverby**  
1194 Dwight Beach Road, Dwight 705-635-9564. Parking, tours.

Riverby is another of eight historical summer homes built by the Stewart family in Dwight. This two-storey cottage was constructed in 1921. Along with other Stewart cottages, it has been recognized by the Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation.



**O. Stewart Memorial United Church**  
1212 Dwight Beach Road, Dwight  
705-788-3612. Parking, full wheelchair access, washrooms, tours.

[www.muskokaunited.com/Dwight.html](http://www.muskokaunited.com/Dwight.html).

The Reverend Alexander Stewart, a Baptist minister, first came to Dwight from Durham, Ontario as a missionary to his former parishioners who had been attracted to Franklin Township by free land grants. The church was dedicated as Dwight Baptist Church on August 21, 1887. In 1936, the church was renamed Stewart Memorial United Church in memory of Mary Stewart, wife of the Reverend J. W. A. Stewart. Succeeding generations of the Stewart family have come to Dwight each summer, remaining active in this church.

## GLEN ORCHARD



**P. Glen Orchard Schoolhouse**  
1021 West White's Road, Glen Orchard,  
705-765-3156. Parking, self-guided tours.

Recently restored by the Township of Muskoka Lakes, this building was constructed in 1890 as the area's second school. Early settlers who took lessons in the one-room schoolhouse lie buried in the adjacent cemetery. The local Women's Institute, formed in 1941, has served the community many years from this site.

## SUPPORTING PARTNERS



## PORT CARLING



**Q. The Boatworks**  
3 Lock Street East, Port Carling 705-765-3833.  
Boat and car parking, partial wheelchair access, washrooms, guided tours. [www.theboatworks.ca](http://www.theboatworks.ca)

The Port Carling Boat Works was established in 1925 by several key players in the boat building industry: Billie Johnston Jr., Harold Cooper, C.J. McCulley, Doug and Cam Milner, R.A. Shields, and R.J. Hutchison. During the Depression, the company sold the most stock production inboard boats in Canada. Their famous SeaBirD launches were built on site and at a branch plant at Honey Harbour.



**R. Duke Marine Services**  
2 James Bartleman Way, Port Carling 705-765-3141. Parking nearby, guided tours, washrooms on the island.

Port Carling was once the centre of a flourishing boat building industry, and Duke Marine carries on from those days. Charles Duke moved his business here in 1924. The shop built rowboats, launches, and produced minesweepers during the Second World War. Visitors can view antique boat restorations in progress.



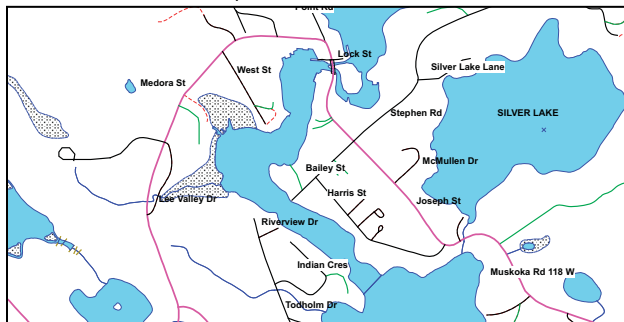
**S. Muskoka Lakes Museum**  
100 Joseph Street, (on the island) Port Carling.  
705-765-5367. Parking nearby, wheelchair access, washrooms, self-guided and guided tours, gift shop, [www.mlmmuseum.com](http://www.mlmmuseum.com)

Since 1967, the museum has offered fascinating displays about the Muskoka lakes area. Exhibits featuring antique wooden boats, engines, cottages, resorts, and Port Carling's internationally known boat builders highlight the importance of the boating industry to this community and the district. The 1875 Hall cabin offers visitors insight into pioneer life.



**T. Township of Muskoka Lakes Visitor Information Centre**  
90 Joseph Street, Port Carling 705-765-3156  
Parking, wheelchair access, washrooms, self-guided tours, history display.

Known locally as the Duke House, this 1897 home was the rectory for St. James the Apostle Anglican Church. Ernest Duke – son of Charles Duke of Duke Boats. – purchased the rectory in 1946. The municipality acquired the house in 2007, and carefully restored it to serve as an information centre.



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## PROJECT PARTNERS



Participants often choose two or three communities to visit – leaving time to enjoy dining, shopping, and sightseeing on their self-guided tour.

## BALA



**A. Dempster Cottage** (former Big B Camp)  
1030 Gordon Street, Bala 705-762-5876.  
Parking, partial wheelchair access, washrooms, guided tours.

The Wesley Methodist Church of Toronto operated Big B Camp on this site for 30 years, beginning in the 1880s. The Dempster and Bulman families were early visitors, and, over four generations, their descendants have added to the 1894 cottage. Two outbuildings were built from wood salvaged from the steamer, City of Bala



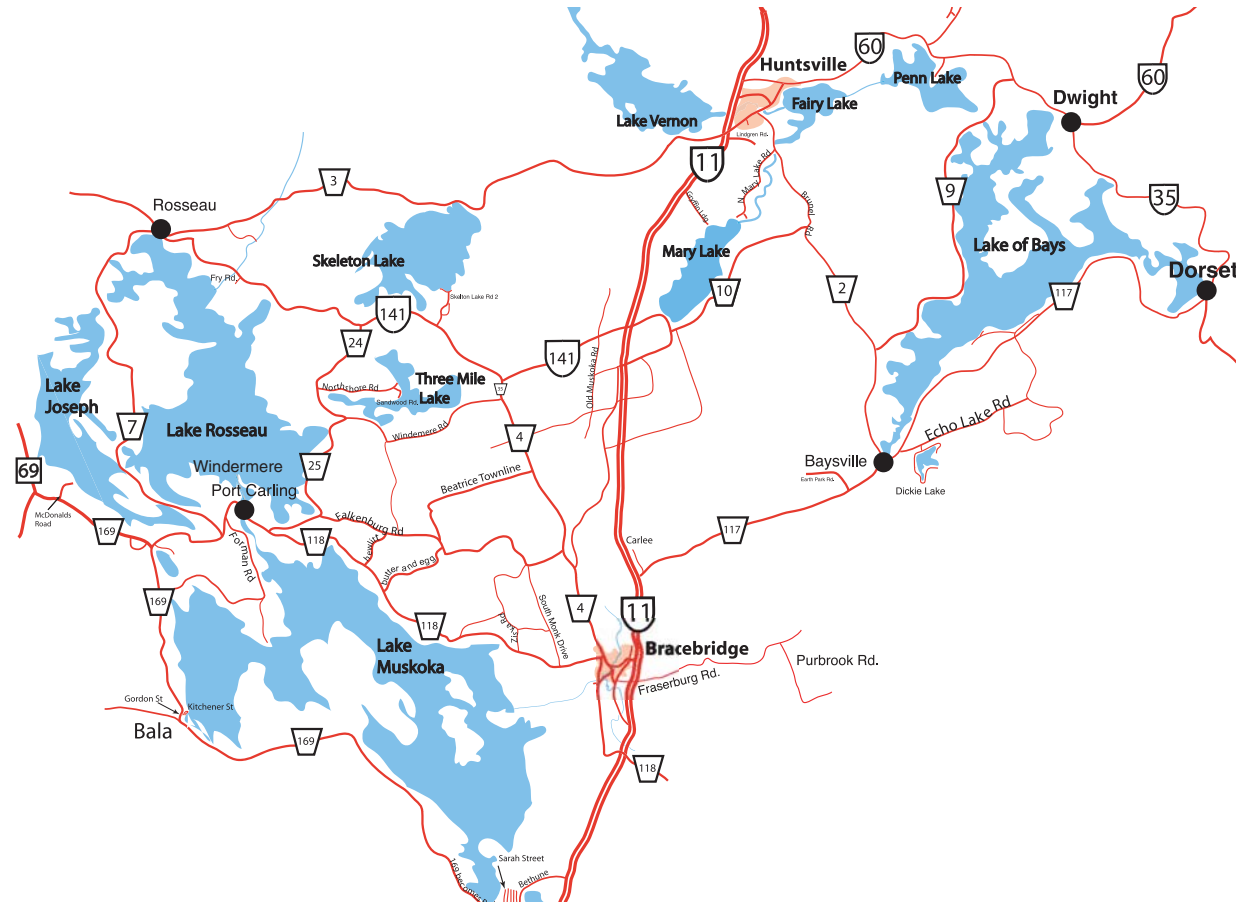
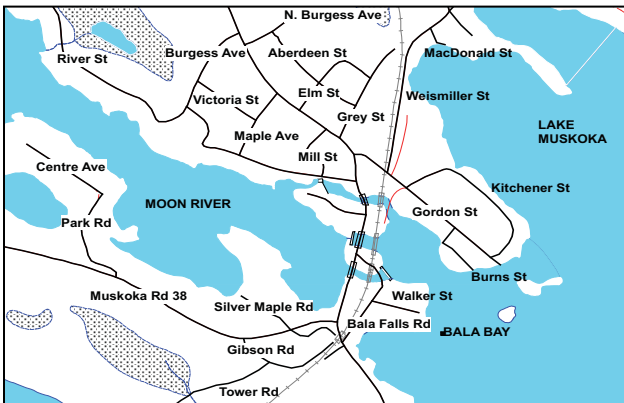
**B. Lindermere**  
1015 Burns Street, Bala 705-762-5876. Parking, washrooms, self-guided and guided tours.

Lindermere cottage was built in the Arts and Crafts style for G. H. Smith in 1917. During the First World War, Smith's profitable Toronto wool shoddy business supplied uniform cloth and blankets for the Canadian troops. This Bala summer home was designed by his brother-in-law, architect W. G. Burns.



**C. Trinity St. Alban's Anglican Church**  
1024 Bala Falls Road, Bala 705-762-5663.  
Parking, full wheelchair access, washrooms, guided tours.

This Gothic-style church was designed by architect W. G. Burns and erected in 1920. The sanctuary occupies an inspiring vaulted apse. The diminutive Chapel of the Welsh Saints, in one of the transepts, highlights the association with the lakeside town of Bala in Wales, for which this community was named.



## BAYSVILLE



**D. Burton's Bed and Breakfast**  
3 Bay Street, Baysville 705-767-3616. Street parking, self-guided and guided tours, accommodation.

Burton's, a beautiful, Victorian brick home, was built in 1872 by W. H. Brown, the present owner's great-grandfather. The bricks were hauled by oxen from Washago and by canoe from Dorset. The dining room floor, planed from a single maple tree, is one of many original details.



**E. The Ellis Homestead**  
4 Spruce Street, Baysville 705-767-2132  
Parking, self-guided tours, Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation plaque.

Mr. Bushnell, a teacher and local contractor, built this frame house in 1899 and it was owned by the Ellis family from 1919 until 1976. The home was the centerpiece of a large property that featured extensive gardens, outbuildings and a farming operation. The Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation presented the current owners with an award for their careful maintenance of its heritage features.



**F. The Manse Gallery**  
13 Bay Street, Baysville 705-767-3907. Parking, washrooms, self-guided tours, art gallery.

The Manse Gallery, built in 1892 by the Aldred family, was for many years the home of the minister at Bethune United Church. It is a frame building and some of the original panelling and floors are still within the house. Gradual renovations are preserving its old charm.



**G. Miss Nelle's Antiques** (former Langmaid's Store)  
2 Bay Street, Baysville 705-767-2181. Street parking, washrooms, self-guided tours, café.

Built in 1873, this building was a general store for more than a century. The original storefront, porch, wood floors, and grocery shelves have been retained in what is now Miss Nelle's Antiques and Café. Minor renovations have created a delightful café, while preserving the old-time ambience. The Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation presented Miss Nelle's and Burtons with a Built Heritage Award.

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## DORSET



**H. Bigwin Steamboat Restoration**  
1090 Main Street, Dorset 905-339-0606.  
Parking, wheelchair accessible, guided tours, washrooms. [www.bigwinsteamboat.com](http://www.bigwinsteamboat.com)

The Bigwin, built in Toronto in 1910, is being restored at the site of the original Dorset ticket office and wharf for the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Navigation Company. Now owned by Lake of Bays Marine Museum, the 66-foot-long steamboat was the primary passenger ferry to Bigwin Inn for more than 40 years



**I. Dorset Heritage Museum**  
1040 Main Street, Dorset 705-766-0323  
Parking, wheelchair access, washrooms, tours. [www.dorsetheritagemuseum.ca](http://www.dorsetheritagemuseum.ca)

The Dorset Heritage Museum showcases the history of the hamlet of Dorset, Lake of Bays and area. Displays depict First Nations, the fur trade, logging, pioneer life, steamboats, local home life and tourism.



**J. Robinson's General Store**  
1061 Main Street, Dorset 705-766-2415.  
Parking, partial wheelchair access, washrooms up stairs, tours. [www.robinsonsgeneralstore.ca](http://www.robinsonsgeneralstore.ca)

Robinson's General Store was founded in 1921 to serve the logging industry and local families and it is still owned by the same family. In the dry goods area, this landmark showcases the tin ceiling and wood floors of its earliest days.



**K. St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church**  
Main Street, Dorset 705-641-8787  
Parking, full wheelchair access, guided tours, washroom.

St. Mary Magdalene has graced the main street of Dorset since 1895. This charming white church has many historic features, including beautiful woodwork, a pump organ, and tin ceiling.

## DWIGHT



**L. Alderside**  
1200 Dwight Beach Road, Dwight  
978-499-7140. Street parking, tours.

Originally a one-room cabin, the building was purchased in the mid-1880s by the Reverend Alexander Stewart who founded Dwight Baptist Church. The cottage is still owned by Stewart descendants.



**M. Barnaby**  
1206 Dwight Beach Road, Dwight  
705-635-3198  
Parking, washroom, tours, fiction books for sale.

Barnaby was designed in 1922 by the second wife of the Rev. Joseph William Alexander Stewart. J.W.A. was a son of the first Reverend Stewart and the cottage remains in the Stewart family.