

Your happiness is our Concern

Holidays are for enjoyment and relaxation, it defeats the purpose when you spend most of your time cooking and cleaning. At Lochaven, your only job is to have a good time! We are family owned and operated and we cater to your every need.

Our staff maintains your cottage and boat, prepare and serve your meals, and clean, package and freeze your fish.

If you wish to bring your own boat for your vacation, this is fine. We will supply trailer parking, docking and space and your gas, oil and live bait, as per our package plan. Vehicle parking is free and our mainland property is supervised. We pick you up and bring you back by water taxi. In addition, we provide airport shuttle from Sudbury or North Bay Airports for a very reasonable fee.



Mileage to Lochaven Lodge (in miles)

Pittsburgh	525
Buffalo	300
Toronto	200
Cleveland	510
Rochester	385
Detroit	450
Columbus	665
Harrisburg	650
Cincinnati	760

Directions To Lochaven

- By Car:** Cross into Canada at the Peace Bridge or the Rainbow Bridge at Niagara Falls or the Lewiston-Queenston Bridge. All three crossings connect to the Queen Elizabeth Highway (QEW). Take QEW to Hwy 407 East. To Hwy 400 North (approx 41 miles). Note: Hwy 407 is an electronic toll road and you will receive a bill via post. To avoid charges, you can take QEW to Hwy 403 East to Hwy 401 East to Hwy 400 North. This route will add min. 1 Hour to your travel time. Take 400 north to Barrie and continuing north toward Sudbury. Highway 400 North ends at Highway 69. Follow Hwy 69 North past Parry Sound, Pointe Au Baril and Britt. After Britt, you cross the French River Bridge, Continue approx. 1 more mile and turn left into the French River Trading Post and use the phone booth to call the lodge at 898-2222 (a local call) to trigger us to send the water taxi (or use your cell but cell service here is sporadic). Continue 7 more miles to Hwy 64 and turn right. Continue 12 more miles to Hwy 528 (Wolseley Bay Road). Follow Hwy 528 for about 8 miles and you will be in Wolseley Bay. Go left over a bailey bridge and make a sharp turn right into our parking lot where your water taxi will be waiting.
- By Air:** Commercial Airlines: Connect in Toronto for flights to Sudbury (YSB) or North Bay (YVB) and we'll pick you up and bring you to the lodge. Please call in advance to make arrangements for this. By Private Aircraft: Long. 80, 15" Lat. 46, 650 ASL, 99 80/87. Wheel aircraft can land at Monetville Air Park, Sucker Creek. This is a well maintained 2000' grass strip that can take light aircraft. We will pick you up by prior arrangement.



Our success depends on your satisfaction on not only your first visit, but also every visit year after year. Please feel free to ask for references.

Family and staff at Lochaven look forward to meeting you and will endeavor to make your vacation a most memorable experience.

Your hosts,

Ed and Sue
(Gracie too)

Brittany and Gracie

Our small Tuck Shop carries a variety of sundries and tackle, along with a selection of clothing. If there is something you need and we don't have it, we will get it for you.



Ed and Vera



An Unforgettable Island Retreat



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Get off the fast track... away from the hassle of cars, traffic, crowds and tension to a soft wilderness island

Here, on a large 4 square mile island at the junction of Wolseley Bay, the North and Main Channels of the fabulous French River you will have access to some of the prime fishing waters of Ontario.

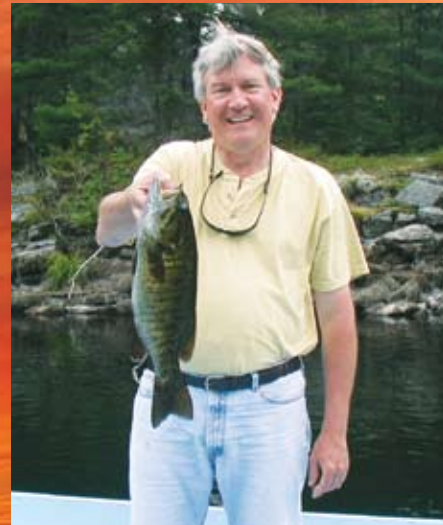


From the lodge there is at least 100 miles of deep shoreline available without a portage. This area is bounded by 6 sets of white water rapids, the closest being the Little Pine located 1/4 mile across the river from the lodge; the furthest away being the Chaudiere Rapids 10 miles from camp. Many large bays and small islands make this section of the river truly awe-inspiring.



Fishing

Just great, the French River has long been rated as one of the top Walleye areas in the country and this is our most abundant game fish. Lunker sized Small Mouth Bass, tackle smashing Muskie and Northern Pike are being caught in ever increasing numbers and size. The early spring season is the best for volume of Walleye and Pike. Late spring and summer bring the added challenge of Small Mouth Bass and Muskie. The Fall Season is a world to itself, gorgeous colour, warm days and cool nights make this our favourite time of the year and the fish are hungry. Anglers can also land Sturgeon, Whitefish (Spring and Fall) and a variety of pan fish such as Perch, etc. Grappling with a Channel Cat in fast water is also a challenge and they make great appetizers at our Fish Fry!



Memories to Last a Lifetime...



Accommodations

The 15 fully serviced private log cabins have been arranged to give the best possible view of the river from the private sun decks and the welcome bottle of our own-labeled wine will set the tone for your holiday.

All cabins have heat, 4 piece bathrooms, and daily maid service. Cabins range from one bedroom with sitting area to six bedrooms with two living rooms.



Dining

Our cuisine is second to none...from our wonderful breakfast and dinner in the beautiful dining room to our weekly fish fry get-togethers on the big front deck! You can take a picnic lunch out or have a cook-out lunch on shore with your guide or on your own, or even have lunch in the dining room.... the choice is yours.



Recreation

Rest and relaxation is enjoyed in our recreation room, sporting a large stone fireplace, large comfortable furniture, games, Satellite TV/DVD/VCR, books and of course good old conversation.



Outside enjoy volleyball, horseshoes and water based activities such as paddleboats and canoes. The true nature buffs can enjoy hiking through the nature trails and take in some great sightseeing.

All facilities are here for our enjoyment at no extra charge to make your holiday both memorable and relaxing.



Guides and Shore lunch

Enhance the satisfaction of your holiday at Crane's with a guided fishing excursion coupled with the true northern wilderness experience – a shore lunch with the fish you caught moments ago. Conquering new waters can be a challenge and recognizing that fishing is a sport, the aid of a professional guide can enhance the pleasure of this sport. Learning the waters of our area is vital to the success of your outing, combining your skill with the knowledge of a guide makes learning the waters that much easier

