



Resorts of Ontario

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Press Kit



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Background of Resorts of Ontario

Resorts of Ontario was established in 1942. Its lodges, country inns, American Plan resort hotels and housekeeping cottage resorts offer four-season vacations that symbolize the Resorts of Ontario hallmark: Quality, Service and Dependability. [http://www.resortsofontario.com/Resorts of Ontario](http://www.resortsofontario.com/Resorts%20of%20Ontario) member resorts, lodges, country inns, American Plan resort hotels and housekeeping cottage resorts offer four season vacation opportunities and accommodations equated with quality and value. Resorts of Ontario's mission is to serve, represent and further the collective interests by providing marketing, membership and advocacy services for the resorts, lodges and inns of Ontario's tourism industry.

There are four resort types: resort hotel, resort lodge, cottage resort and country inn. Some are open year round. Others operate from May to October. Some are family-based. Some are suited more to couples and some offer amenities and activities for both.

News Sources

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?v=wall&gid=108434415230>

Twitter:

<http://twitter.com/ResortsOntario>

Website:

www.ResortsOfOntario.com

Monthly Newsletter:

<http://www.resorts-ontario.com/enews/#signup>

Blog:

<http://resortsofontario.wordpress.com/>



Reservations Service

Resorts of Ontario launched its online reservations service in 2009 at www.resortsofontario.com. The service ranks resort members by priority based on customer keyword searches such as “family” or “couples”. Packages or experiences then appear along with links to resort profiles and images. The reservations portion is being phased in with online booking at several member resorts.

New Quality Assurance

Quality assurance at all 100 Resorts of Ontario members is achieved through Canada Select or CAA inspections. All member properties maintain high standards as measured by one of these independent nation-wide accommodation rating programs.

New Website

Resorts of Ontario launched its new website in July 2010 with enhanced search features, weekly featured resorts, seasonal updates and more. The administration features allow for content to be updated easily making it more user friendly. The site portrays a vibrant look and is dynamic.

What's New

Resorts of Ontario Launches New Meetings Program

In November 2010, Resorts of Ontario is launching its new Meetings Program to promote the wide range of facilities and amenities offered by Ontario conference and meeting resorts. Ontario conference resorts have so much more to offer business and conference clients than a city hotel or conference centre. Many resorts and inns have the facilities and the expertise to host business and group conferences of any size and who are ready to work with business clients to ensure a successful company event. This is one of the reasons that Resorts of Ontario have decided to promote our member conference resorts with the Resorts of Ontario's new Meetings Program. Focus is on the unique selling features that resorts can offer business clients such as the option of golf tournaments, team building, affordability and convenience.



Eco-Tourism

The pristine setting, the abundant wildlife, the clean air and fresh water... these are the attributes which shows the resorts commitment and improvements towards limiting their impact on the environment. Green Key Eco-Rating Program which looks at "...opportunities to reduce operating costs and environmental impacts through reduced utility consumption, employee training, and supply chain management. Resorts that have obtained Green Leaf ratings through the Audubon program include Cedar Grove Lodge, Foxwood Resort, Beauview Cottage Resort, Pow-Wow Point Lodge, Tally-Ho Inn (all in Huntsville), White Oaks Conference Resort and Spa in Niagara on the Lake, Great Wolf Lodge in Niagara Falls.

Welcome New Members to Resorts of Ontario

Resorts of Ontario has welcomed on Sheraton on the Falls, River Run Rafting Resort, The Rosseau a JW Marriott Resort and Spa, and Port Cunnington.

Sheraton On the Falls is located in the heart of the tourist district of Niagara Falls and provides stunning views of the powerful rushing waters flowing through the Niagara River. This resort is on the corner of Clifton Hill and is part of the 20 acre Falls Avenue Entertainment Complex. With a 4 diamond rating and 670 rooms and suites, it is a natural choice for accommodations for visitors to the Niagara Region. It's Fallsview Indoor Waterpark features 16 waterslides, massive indoor wavepool, year round outdoor sundeck and so much more. This is sure to be a family favourite on your next visit to Niagara Falls. For more information visit www.sheratononthefalls.com.

River Run Rafting and Wilderness Resort is located an hour from Ottawa and 5 hours from Toronto. This riverside resort began as a rafting outfitter in 1980 and now 30 years later, is proud to be announce that the river and area has been given the designation of "Canadian Heritage River." Offering exciting and safe outdoor rafting trips and a choice of accommodations at its London House Inn and Garden Cottage or camping for the outdoor enthusiasts provide an experience that you'll remember for your lifetime. The onsite spa is the perfect way to end a day on the river with a relaxing massage. While at the resort you can explore the scenic hiking trails, sit and watch magical sunsets, warm up next to a fire or stop in at the pub for a tasty beverage. River Run Rafting Resort offers something for everyone. Visit www.riverrunners.com for more information.

The Rosseau a JW Marriott Resort and Spa in Ontario's Cottage Country is one of the newest resorts in Ontario. As guests arrive they are welcomed by the



natural unspoiled views of Muskoka and the beautiful granite formations that make up the Canadian Shield. Set on a bluff overlooking beautiful (and famous) lake Rosseau, this resort provides some spectacular views of the water and surroundings. The attention to detail in the design of this resort sets it apart from ordinary hotel accommodations. Open year round, guests can experience Muskoka throughout the seasons whether it be taking to the water in a canoe or kayak, heading out for an ATV or snowmobile excursion, swimming in the year round indoor/outdoor pool or just relax and enjoy the tranquility of Muskoka. Find out more at www.therosseau.com

Port Cunnington Lodge and Resort has been family run since it first opened in 1890 with the Victorian lodge acting as the center for activities offered. In the last several years the lodge has expanded to offer 7 additional family chalets and the shoreline has been increased to 1,800 feet. New for 2010, Port Cunnington has also added a new gathering place for adults, Charlies Hideaway. Featuring over 18+ games, a 65 inch plasma tv and a beautiful pool table it is the perfect place to get together. They have also added a fitness room for guests focused on keeping up with their fitness regimes. The lodge is also a Muskoka favourite for guests looking to have a picturesque wedding or event. Find out more about the stunning Port Cunnington Lodge Resort by visiting <http://www.portcunnington.com/>

Story Ideas:

These Resorts of Ontario story ideas represent different experiences (family, golf, spa, couple and adventure), the four seasons, and different Ontario regions (central Ontario, eastern Ontario, greater Toronto, Niagara Falls, northern Ontario, Ottawa, and southwestern Ontario).

ADVENTURE BOUND

With adventure sports and thrills becoming increasingly popular some Ontario Resorts are taking advantage of offering new exciting adventures. Bouncing down hill in a giant ball, zip flying over 2000 feet, downhill mountain biking, and even a ridge running roller coaster provide new thrills for the adventure seeker.

Horseshoe Resort located just north of Barrie, ON, opened its brand new adventure park in the summer of 2010 offering some first for the area and Canada. It is the first and only resort in Canada currently offering Zorbing. What is it? Zorbing was first developed in New Zealand and Horseshoe Resort saw the



potential this new activity offered. It puts a person or people into a giant transparent ball and sends them bouncing downhill.

The Zip flyer at Horseshoe is another first for Canada. Riders take the chairlift to the top of the hill, get strapped in and ready for an adrenaline rush as they soar over the treetops over 2000 feet down.

Also new for Horseshoe Resort is the addition of 4 new downhill trails for mountain bikers. The trails range from beginner to advanced and feature ladders, boxes and bridges. To get a feel for the trails check out a video here <http://horseshoeresort.com/site/adventure-park/downhill-mountain-biking.html>.

Another new attraction is located at **Blue Mountain Resort** near Collingwood ON. Set to open in the near future is Ontario's First "Ridge Runner" mountain coaster. Putting the rider in the driver's seat, the person will be able to control their own speed, and velocity as the cart travels down the escarpment. This is the first attraction in a multi year plan for Blue Mountain which also has plans for Rock Climbing, Euro-Bungee, Tree top walk and a mountain top park. Keep your eyes open for updates on these new attractions or visit http://bluemountain.ca/upcoming_attractions.htm.

Adventure-seeking couples gravitate to eastern Ontario's Couples Resort and Adventure Lodge on the east side of Algonquin Park. The lodges have access to over 100 km of park trails where snowmobiles are not allowed. You can also try dog sledding.

<http://www.couplesresort.ca/> <http://adventurelodge.com/>

Couples who sled, ski and even skeet-shoot flock to Sir Sam's Inn & WaterSpa in the Haliburton Highlands close to Algonquin Park. Sir Sam's has its own ski hill, a fabulous water spa and outstanding cuisine. <http://sirsamsinn.com/>

Teenagers want a good reason to leave their connected world behind and Killarney Lodge is a good reason. The lodge sits on the doorstep of Killarney Provincial Park, one of the province's best for kayaking, canoeing, hiking and swimming. There's good home-cooking and baking here which is another prerequisite for teens. Killarney teen hangouts include a cavernous lounge, heated outdoor pool and giant sauna. Three-night adventure packages included meals and are priced per person. <http://www.killarney.com/>



Glen House Resort is in the Thousand Islands, a popular US-Canada summer playground. The islands are part of the Frontenac Arch Biosphere, part of a UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves. Glen House is a good base to explore the reserve from. The resort's canoes, kayaks and pedal boats are used for water-based exploring and its mountain bikes on land. Nearby trails include a paved 25 km path along the Thousand Islands Parkway. This resort has its own 18 hole championship golf course too. Samples of mini golf and explorer packages can be found at <http://www.glenhouseressort.com/>

“Bond” ing with nature

Bondi Village is a haven for birdwatchers and wildlife viewers at any time of year. The cottage resort is one of several you'll find close to Algonquin Park, the granddaddy of Ontario's provincial park system. Located on upper Lake of Bays not far from the “East Gate” of Algonquin Park, deer are birds of prey, beaver, fox, and even moose are often spotted close by. A Bondi Village blog keeps you abreast of the latest wildlife sightings and the resort's family programming is designed with nature-lovers in mind. <http://www.bondi-cottage-resort.com/>

CULINARY

From French cuisine to good home cooking made with pride, resorts across the land of “shining waters” are full of culinary surprises. Here is a small sample of what's cooking at Resorts of Ontario:

Cooking lessons

Ontario's oldest, continually-operating hostelry (the Little Inn of Bayfield, 1832) has put Huron County on the culinary map in recent years. Monthly culinary weekends combine local foraging and hands-on cooking lessons with chef and his staff. <http://www.littleinn.com/>

Brookstreet's executive chef and his culinary team take you behind the scenes at the luxurious Ottawa hotel resort. Bop to techno music in the hotel's big kitchen as you try domestic and imported wines and sample haute cuisine that you and other culinary guests help prepare. <http://www.brookstreet.com/>



At the Waring House Inn & Cookery in Prince Edward County, weekly hands-on cooking lessons range from learning Indian or Thai cooking to learning how to preserve. Most lessons include lunch made by cooking participants.

<http://www.waringhouse.com/>

Resorts of Ontario properties pride themselves on their culinary fare. After all, good food is a significant aspect of “Resorting”.

Afternoon tea

Afternoon tea is served at several Resorts of Ontario but at Scotsman Point in the Kawartha Lakes, the innkeeper has added her own personal touch. She makes her all the baked goods and preserves. Afternoon tea is served dockside daily from mid-May to mid-October. <http://www.scotsmanpoint.com>

Christmas-related

Mrs. Beeton was a contemporary of Charles Dickens and the author of “Mrs. Beeton’s Book of Household Management“. The famous cookery writer of the Victorian era has inspired an annual Dickens holiday dinner at the Idlewyld Inn in London, Ontario. Intriguing dishes like Mulligatawny Soup from the days of the British Raj and Nesselrode Pudding, a frozen pudding with ground chestnuts, candied fruit and liqueur, are served. Carolers and Dickens readings add to this holiday event. <http://www.idlewyldinn.com/>

Several Resorts of Ontario chefs plan elaborate Christmas and New Year’s Eve menus. To source a complete listing, search experience and season options on <http://www.resorts-ontario.com/home.php>

The perfect steak

You can’t get more local than Elmhirst Resort food especially its steak and frites dinner. Black Angus are bred right on site at the Elmhirst family farm and the resort’s million dollar all-Canadian vintage wine cellar offers the perfect wine match. A large vegetable and herb garden supplies the resort kitchen with fresh veggies all summer long. And what doesn’t get eaten in summer is carefully preserved to last through the winter months. A dessert specialty is Wild Rice Pudding which has a wonderful connection to Rice Lake. Historically, the lake’s wild rice was a major food source for local Ojibwa. <http://elmhirst.com/>



Locally-tied, Four Diamond, historic, family-related recipes and many more

There are countless great food stories associated with Resorts of Ontario. Killarney Lodge in Algonquin Park, for example, is noted for its rib dinners, the Waring House's cheddar biscuits are made from a favourite family recipe, Fern Resort's tagline "the home of rolls and honey" is almost a century old but it's as applicable today as it was when it was first used in the resort's marketing back in 1918. For more great resort food story ideas, contact Resorts of Ontario and get them to steer you to more.

FAMILY

Classic Christmas celebrations

Many Resorts of Ontario have been owned by the same families for generations. A classic example is Bayview Wildwood Resort. The Stanton family has been running it since the 1880s. The lakefront resort is 90 minutes north of Toronto, on Sparrow Lake. During the Christmas season, besides skating, snowshoeing and tobogganing, broomball is big draw for families. Horse-drawn sleigh rides are popular too. The Jolly Old Elf pays a visit on Christmas Eve at the resort's annual family music revue. Christmas week family packages include meals, supervised children's programs, and evening entertainment.

<http://bayviewwildwood1px.trvlclick.com/>

March Break

March Break is when elementary and high school students across Ontario take a one week break from their studies. This is a popular time for families to take a resort vacation.

Themed March Break at resorts

Competition is fierce among Ontario resorts leading up to March Break. Many resorts theme their March Breaks to make their properties more enticing to families. "Around the World" has been a successful theme at Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville. Every day of the break a different part of the world is celebrated. Themed dining and activities represent countries like Italy, France, Ireland and



Japan. Activities range from origami and wine tastings to indoor soccer skill sessions taught by a former World Cup player.

Kids love Niagara Falls at any time of the year but during March Break, the Falls is the perfect spot for kids who love water. The Americana and Great Wolf Lodge both have elaborate indoor Waterparks and the Sheraton Fallsview has one of the BEST views of the biggest cascade of them all, Niagara Falls.

Great deals for all themed March Break resort packages across Ontario can be found at www.resortsofontario.com.

Old fashioned pond hockey to NHL sized arena play

Cottage resort owners spend days perfecting their outdoor skating rinks for their guests. Lights are often added so evening games of shinny or broomball can be played. Other resorts clear the snow off their lakes for pond-style skating. You'll even find resorts with NHL sized arenas. Nottawasaga Resort is one. It hosts big hockey tournaments for Ontario teams and their families. For a complete listing, search resorts by "winter activities".

Stargazing

Stargazing is popular in resort country where there is less light pollution. In the Kawarthas of central Ontario, the Pine Vista Resort has a big outdoor hot tub under the stars that gets a lot of use when the night skies are clear:

<http://www.pinevista.com/>

Maple syrup and March Break

Ontario's maple syrup season often coincides with March Break. At many Resorts of Ontario, you'll find sugar bush visits, maple taffy-making and more. For a fun You Tube video of resort maple taffy-making check out a You Tube video that went viral. It was filmed by the owner of Beauview Cottages, a picturesque cottage resort located in a quiet bay of Muskoka's Lake of Bays: <http://www.beauview.com/> the owner joined other Resorts of Ontario members at Bondi Village, another Lake of Bays resort on an early spring day to make the taffy:

<http://video.google.ca/videoplay?docid=5374696016173086581#>

<http://www.travelistic.com/video/show/8710/Maple-Taffy-made-at-theBondi-Village-Resort>



Further March Break ideas and packages can be found by searching the Resorts of Ontario web site options or on the Resorts of Ontario newsletter leading up to March Break.

Thanksgiving

The statutory holiday for the Canadian Thanksgiving is always the second Monday of October. Ontario's brilliant fall foliage is often at peak and many families choose a resort celebration where they can either let someone else do the cooking or they can cook their own turkey. Prices and amenities range at the one plus Resorts of Ontario. Some offer accommodation with fully equipped kitchens while others have American Plan or Modified American Plan, and include meals in their pricing. Click on "Experiences" at <http://www.resortsofontario.com/> and search for resorts across Ontario by experience, season or region. Advanced search capability allows for visitors to search sub regions including the best fall colour zones. Links to individual member resort sites make it easy for travelers to compare packages and amenities.

Summer

Resorts in Ontario offer family vacations and getaways like no other. Our Family Resorts offer well planned family programs throughout the summer and at Holiday times. From "Kids Night Out" at Fern Resort to the WaterParks of the Niagara region to the Sports related children's programs, we truly do have it all

Ontario family playgrounds are popular summer vacation destinations. This year, Resorts of Ontario are offering unbeatable deals right across the province including the Thousand Islands, Niagara, Muskoka, Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, and the beaches of the Great Lakes. Whether you crave soft adventure, love the beach, enjoy good food and wine, like to fish or you're simply looking for a reasonably-priced vacation for your young family, you'll find the perfect fit at an Ontario resort: <http://www.resortsofontario.com/>

Sandbanks Provincial Park is on Lake Ontario in Prince Edward County, 2 hours east of Toronto. It has the largest freshwater sand dunes in the world. Isaiah Tubbs Resort has a view of the park's dunes from its own private beach. Summer travelers have the choice of a resort room, cottage or luxurious beach house suite. <http://www.isaiahtubbs.com/> Two Resorts of Ontario country inns are also located in "The County" close to the park and the County's popular wineries: Waring



House Inn & Cookery, <http://www.waringhouse.com> and Claramount Inn & Spa, <http://www.claramountinn.com>

Young families love Muskoka's Clevelands House on Lake Rosseau. <http://www.clevelandshouse.com/> It prides itself on its family programming. Every year, Clevelands House teams up with the Muskoka Lakes Navigation Company and runs a Pirate Ship Dinner Cruise for kids. Cleve's Kids Club employs 55 qualified counselors to care for and entertain infants to teens. The cruise is one of many kids-friendly resort activities. Mini three night vacations for young families include meals and a Pirate Ship Cruise. Clevelands House and other Resorts of Ontario that cater to young families, offer special family discount rates on certain weeks throughout the summer.

To source a complete listing of family resorts, see <http://www.resorts-ontario.com/search/?e=FM&fs=FM>The Resorts of Ontario search engine is capable of searching resorts open in winter, by activity, and even resorts that are pet friendly.

Golf Ontario

With over 800 golf courses to choose from, Ontario is a golfers' paradise. Several Resorts of Ontario either have their own championship golf or they partner with nearby courses. The best golf deals at the resorts are found in mid week in spring and fall:

In Muskoka, Deerhurst Resort is home to one of Ontario's best, the Deerhurst Highlands course. The resort also packages with Bigwin Island, a private course where non-member play is seldom offered. The Clevelands House is another Muskoka resort. It partners with The Rock, a redesigned Nick Faldo course right next door. At Bayview Wildwood, guests have the choice of five area courses on a two-night package offered all summer long with dinners and breakfasts included (Hawk Ridge, South Muskoka GC, Bonaire GC, Lake St. George GC and Settler's Ghost).

Closer to Barrie, Carriage Ridge, a condo resort, also packages with Settler's Ghost and Hawk Ridge as well as Horseshoe Highlands and Horseshoe Valley. Watch for well-priced spring golf deals at it.

On Lake Simcoe, The Briars has its own championship 18 including an original nine designed by Stanley Thompson.



In the Thousand Islands, Glen House Resort and Smugglers Glen, a spectacular course that opened in 2005, offer “stay ‘n play” rates all season, but watch for their early bird spring “golf quickies” which includes accommodation, continental breakfast, 18 holes with cart and a twilight replay.

In Ottawa, The Marshes is a favourite place to play. This Trent-Jones designed course is beside Brookstreet, a beautiful boutique resort hotel in Ottawa’s west end. The hotel has excellent golf and spa packages and its dining is superb.

To view all of the Resorts of Ontario that offer golf to guests, click on to “golf” under “experiences” at <http://www.resorts-ontario.com/home.php>

SPA

Ontario’s spa history

The word spa is the Latin acronym for “salus per aquam or “health through water”. The Romans built baths around hot springs. In North America, First Nations traditionally used hot springs for healing. In the early 1800s, William Hamilton Merritt discovered an artesian well in the Niagara region of Ontario that had mineral water flowing from a deep cavity in the earth.

The water could be boiled to produce salt, a valuable commodity at the time. By the late 1800s, similar mineral springs had been discovered across Ontario and spa travel became fashionable. Today, many Resorts of Ontario spas are located near their 19th century counterparts including three near Merritt’s artesian well in Niagara; the Inn on the Twenty, the Pillar & Post Inn and White Oaks Inn & Spa.

Local ingredients inspire seasonal treatments at Resorts of Ontario spas

In Muskoka, the maple sugar used in Deerhurst Resort’s Maple Sugar Scrub treatment is sourced locally. In Niagara, the Pillar & Post Inn & Spa uses grape products from Chateau des Charmes, a Niagara winery. The spa’s own “Vinotherapy” spa products come under the “Vitality” name. The White Oaks Inn & Spa’s popular Fire & Ice package includes a one hour Nectar of Niagara spa experience. The spa treatment incorporates local Niagara honey, grape pulp and wine. In Prince Edward County- the Claramount Inn & Spa’s Maple Anti-Oxidant Body Wrap uses County maple syrup, This Wrap has become one of the Claramount’s signature treatments. Maple minerals help nourish and firm skin and maintain cell integrity. The treatment also includes a Vichy shower



and body hydration. The one hour experience is completed with a glass of herbal tea with maple syrup added. The Claramount also has Happy Feet Beer Pedicure treatment that men particularly enjoy. It starts with a foot soak in locally crafted Barley Days beer. The beer contains enzymes that soften callouses and the beer hops help moisturize skin. After this 45-minute treatment, men are invited to relax on the patio or in the dining room and enjoy a glass of Barley Days beer. Near Orangeville an hour north of Toronto, the Millcroft Inn and Centre for Well-Being has an extensive men's spa menu including a Beer Pedicure. It features locally crafted Hockley Valley Brewing Company beer. In the Thousand Islands area, the Gananoque Inn & Spa has recently introduced lotions and body scrubs from the 1000 Islands Soap Company of Gananoque.

For a complete listing of all member spas, log on to www.resortsofontario.com

COUPLES

Popular resort wedding locations

The Briars Country Inn & Spa is on Lake Simcoe in Jackson's Point, Ontario's first cottage country. This is a popular wedding location for many couples and their families. The resort commands a magnificent view of Lake Simcoe. Accommodations include family lakeside lodges that can sleep up to twelve comfortably. The Briars' grounds are particularly photogenic and St. George's Anglican Church is a five minute drive away along the lakeshore. Historically, Jackson's Point and The Briars are interesting. A radial railroad once transported thousands of Torontonians every summer to this part of the Lake Simcoe shoreline. There is a strong literary tradition associated with Ontario's first cottage country and with The Briars. The area's literary ties include well known Canadian authors Stephen Leacock, Mazo de la Roche and Peter Gzowski. Inspire the writer in you with a stay in The Briar's Birdee Cottage which was a favourite of Mazo de la Roche. The former Leacock family cottage is also part of the Briars. A nice spa and The Briars own 18 hole championship golf course are attractive to wedding parties that want to include resort activities in their celebrations.

Hockley Valley Resort Hotel has its own ski hill, 18 hole golf course and spa so for active wedding couples and their families. A large spa commands a view of the resort's own ski hill and guests often don terry robes, sip tea between treatments and watch other family members ski. For the ultimate spa bridal party, Hockley rents out its entire spa to groups of friends after hours.



Two Resorts of Ontario have wedding chapels on site and several others have wedding gardens for couples:

St. Marys, a picturesque town on the banks of the Grand River is twenty minutes west of Stratford. The town is built primarily of limestone and is known as Ontario's Stonetown. Its Westover Inn was built as a private home in 1867. Later it became a Jesuit seminary. That's when a stone chapel was built among big pine trees on a little hill overlooking the inn and its nineteen acre grounds.
<http://www.westoverinn.com/weddings.html>

Inn on the Twenty's delightful little chapel stands in the centre of a big vineyard not far from Jordan hamlet where the Inn on the Twenty is located. The former little farm building has been scrubbed and whitewashed. Photos and further information are found at <http://innonthetwenty.com/vineyardretreat.html>

The Waring House Inn & Cookery in Prince Edward County backs on to a pretty pastoral setting. Its Amelia Gardens and banquet hall are popular with wedding couples and its stone Vineyard View Cottage is a perfect place for couples to end their special day together. An on site wedding coordinator is a member of the Waring House staff. <http://waringhouse.com/weddings.shtml>

The Millcroft Inn & Spa's beautiful Victorian Manor House Garden and its spectacular Millpond and waterfall create the perfect setting for a wedding. An onsite wedding coordinator and outstanding cuisine prepared by an award-winning chef add to this inn's wedding expertise.
<http://www.vintage-hotels.com/millcroft/weddings.htm>

Port Cunnington Lodge & Resort offers you luxury accommodations, scenic surroundings, spectacular lake views, fine dining and dedicated staff to guarantee a successful event every time. They are experienced at navigating the many aspects of staging a memorable event. <http://www.portcunnington.com>

At Viamede, your wedding is a romantic, unique celebration that your loved ones will cherish for years to come. Beautiful lakeside location on the shores of historic Stoney Lake is the perfect setting for the wedding whether it's an intimate celebration of family and friends, or a gala reception for 200.
http://www.viamede.com/03_weddings.htm



Honeymoons

There are over a hundred honeymoon choices at Resorts of Ontario. From resort members in the honeymoon capital of the world, Niagara Falls, to a log cabin resort in the heart of Algonquin Park, you'll find all kinds of honeymoon ideas at Resorts of Ontario. A good one is Pow Wow Lodge's Lakeview Boathouse. It is a Muskoka classic with its soaring pine cathedral ceiling and original hardwood floor. One of the owners is a designer. She has refurbished the old boathouse into a luxurious honeymooners' nest. There's a king sleigh bed, two-person whirlpool, fireplace, wet bar, bath, shower and a private upper deck with a magnificent view of Lake of Bays. <http://www.powwowpointlodge.com/accom.html>

Search for more honeymoon ideas under "romance" at <http://www.resorts-ontario.com/search/?e=RM&fs=RM>

FISHING

Fishing For Fun Stories

With over 250,000 freshwater lakes in Ontario, there are countless opportunities to hook the big one. We have many resorts located on some prime fishing waters such as Rice Lake, the French River, Georgian Bay and many others that offer Walleye, Bass, Pike, the elusive Musky, pan fish and different species of trout. Each year Resorts of Ontario holds its big fish competition which gives resort guests the opportunity to submit their trophy catches in a number of categories for both catch and keep as well as catch and release.

Just a short 3 hour drive north of Toronto and you can be at the beautiful Sand Beach Lodge fishing on the French River. With excellent fishing for Bass, Walleye, Pike and Musky you have a great chance of hooking the big one. Boat rentals are on site and to help you locate the right fish for your trip they also have guides available for hire. They will even prepare your catch and offer a shore lunch package giving you the perfect fishing experience.

Rice Lake is regarded as one of the best fishing hot spots east of Toronto. With many species available to be caught, drop a line to Southview Cottages or Golden Beach Resort and find out when the best time of year is to head out on the waters for your fish of choice.



The Kawartha Lakes region also has an abundance of big fish. Scotsman Point Resort features some of the big catches their guests have reeled in on their website and to find out what you've been missing visit

<http://www.scotsmanpoint.com/FishNotes.html> for information on their 8lbs + walleye, 5lbs + large and small mouth and their musky catches over 40" long. They have the impressive numbers to prove they mean business when it comes to fishing.

The Georgian Bay area is another hot spot for big bass and great places to stay for excellent fishing are Delawana Inn on the South Eastern side or on the North Eastern side consider Pleasant Cove Resort. The deep bays and granite drop offs provided by the Canadian Shield are a perfect place to find hiding bass but there are also channels to reel in large lake trout and weed beds hiding monster pike and musky.

In closing...

Resorts of Ontario have been welcoming new and repeat guests for well over a century. We represent a unique collection of Resorts, offering a plethora of vacation and getaway experiences.

