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LAKELINE LODGE & MARINA 2014

‘Nature is seen here in her wildest dress, the imagination is left without control. Everything is on a scale of magnificence. Sublimity reigns in all her glories.’ - Rev. William Smart 1816

2014 brought with it new friends, events, challenges, interesting weather and another summer spent on beautiful Charleston Lake. Who would want to be anywhere else?!

The crew at Lakeline Lodge want to say thank you to all who came to visit us this year and made 2014 unforgettable! Those of you who couldn't join us in 2014, we hope to see you in 2015! We are continuously evolving to better suit our customers needs. This year we successfully ran three new events here at Lakeline; Canada Day Games, Artisans Day and Indian Head Day. The goal of these events was to meet your neighbors here on the lake, and to enjoy a different experience without having to leave the lake. We will continue to have these events as well as others to encourage a home away from home experience with your summer family! If you have any ideas for events, please let us know.

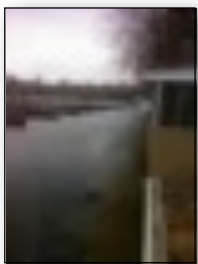
This time of year is a bittersweet one; saying goodbye to our summer friends, watching Charleston transform from the beautiful blue water to a gorgeous ice rink and snowmobile trail. Time to drain the cottages and pull each boat out one by one, winterize and store them and then start renovations on the cottages... and you think we have the winter off! Cheers to a beautiful, safe and fun 2015!

**On March 6th, 7th and 8th we will be at the Lehigh Valley Sportsman Show at the Allentown Fairgrounds, PA. Stop by our booth.

www.lehighvalleysportsmanshow.com

Television at Lakeline

We are in the process of extending our TV antenna to allow local channel pick up in the cottages. Cottage 1-6 will have new televisions for the 2015 season. Each TV should receive 6 local channels.



An example of the water levels on April 14, 2014



Spring 2014

This spring at Charleston Lake we experienced higher than ever water levels! The water was all the way up to our fire pit here on the lawn! The cause was the amount of snow and ice during the winter months. Unfortunately many boathouses and docks didn't survive the ice movement and water level. We were very fortunate here at Lakeline not to have any damage! "Highest I've ever seen it" - Elaine Ireland (82)

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Canada Day Games

On June 28th Charleston Lake celebrated Canada Day with our annual fireworks display, live music, face painting, raffles, 50/50, wagon rides and BBQ! This year Lakeline Lodge decided to celebrate with our very first Games Day and Kids Sunfish Tournament! We had games set up on the front lawn including twister, water gun painting, and bean bag toss! The kids enjoyed a Sunfish Tournament! We will be hosting another Games Day on Charleston Lake Canada Day in 2015! Be sure to join us for an afternoon of fun!

Artisans Day

July 20th; what a beautiful day it was! 12 local artists displaying and selling their product on the waterfront of Lakeline Lodge! A great way to spend the afternoon and find a little something for everyone! Displays included wood carvings, rock engraving, pottery, photos taken around the lake, fresh baked goods, all natural teas and wellness products and more! We also had a Pat Johnson playing his guitar and singing out front! We plan on having this event next year as well! Dates and more information to come! Thank you to all who supported our local artists!



LOL Fishing

Little Johnny is out fishing with his grandfather. They're sitting by the river, waiting and waiting for the fish to bite. Finally, to break up the boredom, little Johnny's grandfather decides to teach his grandson a lesson. He takes out a flask of whiskey from his hip pocket and pours it into a glass. Then he reaches for the bait, pulls out a couple of worms and puts them in the glass full of liquor. The worms become lifeless almost immediately. "Look here, Johnny," his grandfather says. "See that? Those worms have died. What does that tell you, son?"

"Simple grandpa," little Johnny answers. "Drink whiskey and you won't get worms."

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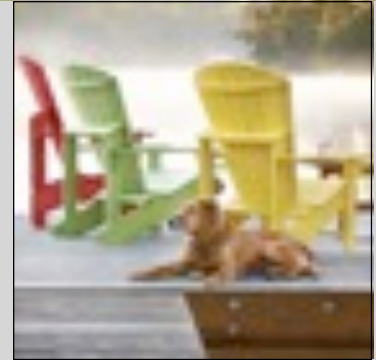
First Annual Sunfish Tournament on June 28th (Charleston's Canada Day).

Fisheries Monitoring Program on Charleston Lake

The Ministry of Natural Resources is responsible for monitoring the abundance and health of fish populations in the lakes and rivers across Ontario.

On July 21, 2014, the Ministry of Natural Resources began a netting operation on Charleston. The program is designed to monitor the current and changing state of fisheries across Ontario. This is year two of the second five-year cycle to collect information for fisheries management. Approximately 140 lakes were assessed this year. MNR crews will collect information on fish species, take water samples, and check for invasive species.

Biological data was collected by the science crews to provide MNR biologists with information about abundance, age structure, mortality, and maturity of the types of fish in the lake. Recreational fishing is enjoyed annually by over 1.3 millions anglers, and contributes nearly \$2.5 billion to the Ontario economy. The MNR is working to maintain healthy fish stocks for future generations to continue to enjoy high-quality fishing. Please share your fish diaries with us.



C.R Plastic Products

Lakeline Lodge is now a distributor of C.R Plastic Products, offering a wide variety of tables, chairs, benches, and accessories. All of the products are made of recycled plastic which is water and weather proof, it will not splinter, mold or rot. The fade resistant colour will never need staining or painting. Every piece is made with stainless steel hardware and is backed by a 10 year warranty. Stop by Lakeline Lodge and check out our in-stock items, or browse the catalogue. All furniture is 5 day delivery or less. "Whether lakeside, oceanside, in your backyard or on your rooftop patio, the strength and weight of our plastic will outlast the elements."

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

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2014 Fishing Stories

Reminder: Bring your Outdoors Card! If you did not receive one - bring your "temporary" card.

2015 License Pricing: 8 Day Sport \$53.54
8 Day Cons \$30.53

2015 FISHING SEASONS	
Pike	2nd Saturday in May
Trout	4th Saturday in May
Bass	3rd Saturday in June

Bowfin or "Dogfish"

Dogfish is another name for these fish. It is distinguished from other fish by the long dorsal fin which arches over most of the fishes back. The head is flattened on top, and the mouth is large and provided with sharp teeth, strongly set in the jaws. Like the longnose gar, this fish is capable of breathing air. Like gars, the bowfin prefers sluggish, weedy waters. Bowfin usually grow between 18-24in. Scott and Crossman's definitive scientific work, *The Freshwater Fishes of Canada*, and they say: "the flesh, although edible, is very soft and jellylike and not considered of much value." However, another reference says, "The flesh is dry, has a mild flavour and when moulded into patties, dipped in egg and bread crumbs or corn meal, it makes passably good eating." -Information retrieved from MNR, Outdoor Canada and Ontario Fish Species.

Fish Hut Records

NAME	FISH	SIZE	DATE
S. Weil	Smallie	3.5lb	July 27
S. Seltzer	Lk Trout	10lb	July 2
M. Travis	Largie	6lb	July 26
Schrantz	Catfish	14"	Aug 7
S. Allen	Pike	8.2lb	June 1
	Smallie	4lb	July 12
BBC	Largie	5.5lb	N/A



(Left) 4lb 11oz caught by Ray Smith on June 25, 2014.



(Left) Todd's small mouth caught last week of July.

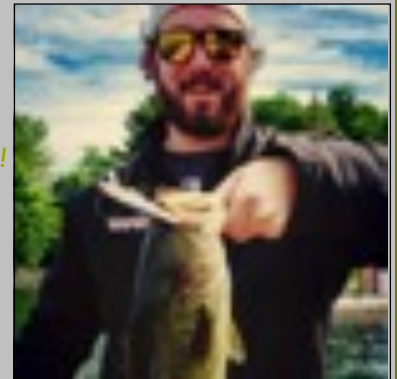
(Below) 8lb & 10lb Trout 1st week of July.



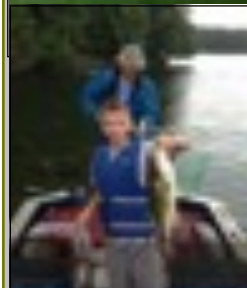
(Right) Chris's catches last week of July.



(Right) Pat's 2.5lb largie caught on opening day!



(Left) 4lb largie caught last week of July "caught one over 6.5lb and two over 5 lbs that week." August 1st 2 3.5lb smallies caught by Franks group!



If you catch a "whopper," be sure to write it on the board in the fish hut!

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Marina News

Shawn has officially moved the marina to his new location on Spring Street. His new location is still in the village of Charleston, within walking distance of the lodge. Our Spring Street location offers a three bay garage and a display room for our new boats and accessories.

This is also the location where our guests leave their boat trailers for the duration of their stay. We have an entire field of boats and trailers! A fisherman's dream! For boat & motor pricing, please call Shawn 613-802-1979. All of our boats and motors, new and used, are priced to clear! US customers are now receiving an additional 10% reduction for your dollar exchange.

Recreation Room Update

Since moving the mechanics to Spring Street we have cleaned out what was the service building and made it into a sitting room area where our guests may sit and use the WiFi, play board games or cards or just hang out! We are working on having a television in this room for the 2015 season so that our guests won't miss "the big game" or another episode of their favorite show! It is becoming more of a common room in which we hope to have a dart board and pool table as well. If anyone has any suggestions, please let us know!

Fishing Boat Rentals

Lakeline offers fishing boat and pontoon boat rentals beginning the second week of May through mid October! We have three 14' boats, two 16.5' boats and three 20' pontoon boats. We recommend booking them ahead of time as they do book up quickly! Enjoy a day on the lake with your family and friends. 613-924-9114 or lakinelodge@hotmail.com

Minks on the Loose!

We have noticed an increase in the mink population around the lake. They are entertaining to watch, however please do not feed or go near them! Minks can be aggressive, especially when there are babies involved. They are also smelly little buggers and they are known to chew boats wires!!

Reel Talk

"If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles." -Doug Larson

Mooring Docks

Our outside mooring slips at the marina (slips 77-86) were pulled out on Tuesday, October 14th to receive a little TLC. We are pulling off the old boards and putting new ones on to ensure the safety of our 'dockers'. If you notice a tire or a cleat missing, or an unsteady board from any of the docks during your visit, please be sure to let the staff know so we can address the issue. Thank You!

Charleston Lake Trivia

This year starting the long weekend in August Lakeline had a trivia challenge for anyone and everyone who loves Charleston Lake. Thank you to all who participated! It was a fun, family oriented trivia - great for rainy days and special family time. We will be having another trivia challenge starting August long weekend 2015! Questions will be available in store or on Facebook.com/lakinelodge. Congratulations to Kim who won our 2014 challenge!

Like our Facebook page

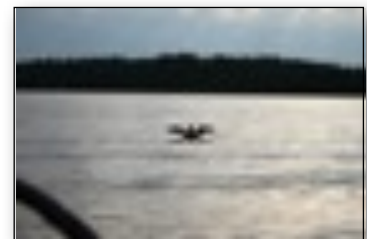
watch for updates about Lakeline Lodge and Charleston Lake

Frontenac Arch Biosphere (FAB)

The Frontenac Arch is a southern arm of the Canadian Shield. Its sideways windswept, pine topped ridges and lake-jeweled valleys distinctly contrast with most of the southern Ontario landscape. A billion years ago, this was a dramatic landscape of massive, towering mountains, heaved skyward as early continental plates collided. After hundreds of millions of years, these mountains weathered down to their roots - the landscape you experience today.

The Frontenac Arch connects the Canadian Shield boreal forest to the forests of the Adirondack and Appalachian Mountains - a natural north-south migration route. The St. Lawrence River Valley connects the Great Lakes and forested heartland of the continent to the forests of the Atlantic Coast. The FAB is at the very centre of that intersection, and so five forest regions merge and intermingle here, creating a great diversity of plant and animal communities.

To learn more about the FAB please visit frontenacarchbiosphere.ca, FABEXPERIENCES.CA, or like them on Facebook. We have 'FAB Experiences' Guides available at the marina as well. We are very fortunate to live at Charleston Lake to experience the amazing landscapes and enjoy it's natural beauty.



Here is an incredible shot of a "loonie". Thank you the Stephanie for letting us use her photos!

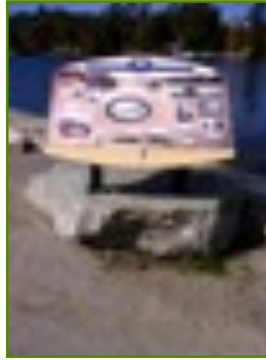
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Charleston Lake Historical Plaque

Charleston Lake is full of wonderful history and a plaque has been placed at the main dock in Charleston to commemorate some of our historical events and building structures. In 1840 the village had a general store with dry goods, wine, groceries, crockery, hardware and produce. It also had a post office, which burnt in 1956, and a boat house livery stable. We had two lovely hotels on the waterfront; the Harbor View Hotel and Cedar Park Inn.

The Hanson Memorial Church is once again in operation for the summer months. It was built in memory of Walter H. Hanson. In 1929, work started on the church and on July 23, 1933 the church was dedicated to Mrs. Hanson. The church was reopened in 1979, much to the villages delight. Several weddings have taken place at our lovely little church on the hill.

The plaque is rich with lake history and pictures, so be sure to stop by and enjoy our new addition to the lakefront.



Fall 2014

Fall at Charleston is beautiful. The leaves are changing, there is less traffic on the lake, bass are biting and the water level is dropping. The water level in Charleston Lake is controlled by the dam at the Outlet which leads to the Gananoque River. This year 5 logs were removed from the damn in early September to prepare for the freeze. It is September 25th today, and the water level is down about a foot and a half. We are hoping this is going to prepare us enough for the spring thaw! Fingers are crossed for no flooding this year!

Reel Talk

“There is a peculiar pleasure in catching trout in a place where nobody thinks of looking for them, and at an hour when everybody believes they cannot be caught.”

-Henry Van Dyke

“Fish should be cleaned immediately after catching for best flavor and aroma. Fishermen also smell better if they are bathed from time to time.”

-Milford S. Poltroon

Internet and Television

We have wifi! We are still looking into television options. We will have a television set up the our “Recreation Room” (formerly Shawn’s shop) for the 2015 season.

In Closing



Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! See you in 2015!

Thank you for another great year on Charleston Lake! We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season with friends and family! Summer 2015 will be here before you know it!

We had our first snowfall at the marina on November 16th 2014 and each morning we wake up, ice has formed around our docks! We are excited to get out our snowmobiles and cruise up and down the lake! Its a completely different world here at Charleston in the winter months. We are so fortunate to have such a beautiful playground all year long.

Thank you again for another unforgettable year. Only six months until May!

Sincerely,

The Irelands & Staff at Lakeline Lodge & Marina

Charleston Lake, ON



Tis the time to believe. Santa works and resides at the North Pole, a chunk of shifting ice floating in the Arctic Ocean. The water there is 13,980 feet deep (fish live in water). The nearest dry land is said to be off the northern coast of Greenland about 430 miles away. Even if Greenland was only four blocks away, when Santa needs a break he's not going there. The North Pole is the northernmost point on Earth where all directions point south. Santa can't go farther north. Santa can't go east and Santa can't go west. It appears that he has two choices. When Santa's only wish is to escape from it all, he either goes south or he goes fishing. The spirit of Christmas and the magic of Santa have never gone south on any of us. HO HO HO... Santa's Gone Fishin'! Merry Christmas to All, and to All a good BITE.