



DISCOVER GRAVENHURST

We can't wait to welcome you to Gravenhurst—the Gateway to Muskoka!



Winter in Muskoka can feel like you have wandered into a Group of Seven painting with snow-laden trees, crisp blue skies, and beautiful blankets of white snow.

Only 90 minutes north of Toronto, Gravenhurst is located at the Gateway to Muskoka. This recreational paradise is a fantastic place to experience the true Canadian wonders of winter.

It is a playground for snow-shoeing, nordic skiing, ice fishing, and snowmobiling. And don't forget...winter can provide the best opportunities for star-gazing. When the

temperatures drop, the night sky is bright, clear and magical!

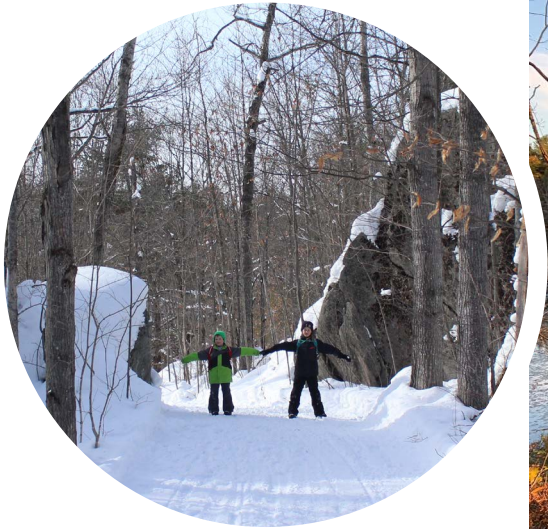
But what about when delicate snow-flakes turn into blustery flakes or fresh white snow melts into a muddy spring? Come inside and experience our small-town hospitality, cozy fires, delicious food & drink, and exciting attractions.

Visit the Muskoka Discovery Centre and KidZone, The Gravenhurst Opera House, and the Muskoka Wharf year-round. Be prepared to be inspired and entertained.

Whether you want to get away from it all, or get the 'gram to share with your followers, you can find that

quintessential experience in Gravenhurst.

So embrace the snow, celebrate the seasons, and revel in the moment. Get your heart-pumping on one of our magnificent trails or simply watch the clouds go by. But make sure to take time to plan your next trip because summer is just around the corner.



Tall pines and granite cliffs are the back-drop for your next outdoor adventure. Our 35 km of trails range from easy to challenging and offer a free, fun and healthy way for residents and visitors alike to get out and get active all year round.

Whether you feel like a relaxed walk along Lake Muskoka, a peaceful stroll through old country roads and forests, or a more challenging day hike through



rugged terrain, there is a trail for you.

The Leo Heritage Trail offers a great opportunity to park the car and walk from historic Downtown Gravenhurst to the Muskoka Wharf along the former rail line. Want to know how Devil's Gap got its name? Book your trip to find out! And for those who seek a challenge, lace up your hiking boots and head to the Jevins and Silver Lakes Trail.

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The view from the Peninsula Trail is stunning...the perfect place to take in the beauty of Lake Muskoka!

TAKE A HIKE! >>>



Easy Trails

- Brydons Bay Trail 1.0 km
- Chamberlain Trail 4.2 km loop
- Hahne Farm Trail 4.9 km
- Leo Heritage Trail 1.4 km
- Peninsula Trail 0.8 km loop



Moderate Trails

- Devil's Gap Trail 4.3 km
- Kahshe Barrens Trail 2 km to 4 km with two loops
- Old Stone Road Trail 4.9 km



Challenging Trails

- Cooper's Falls (part of the Trans-Canada Trail) 7.3 km
- Jevins and Silver Lakes Conservation Reserve Trail 9.5 km



Gravenhurst's trail system is ideal for all skill levels and all seasons. Why not make the most of the winter months by grabbing some cross-country (nordic) skis or snowshoes and venturing out to explore a new trail?

Nothing compares to the sound of crunchy snow underfoot combined with the stillness of a brisk winter day. You may even spot some wildlife. Keep your eyes peeled for white-tailed

deer, mink, snowshoe hares, or maybe even a fox.

With changing weather patterns, a fat bike is a great option to extend the pedalling season. The specially designed bikes have the biggest tires you'll find and will take you smoothly over packed snow or gravel.

Whatever way you choose to move, remember to dress in layers, keep hydrated, and stick to a trail that suits your ability.



BEST PLACE TO Try Nordic Skiing

Camping In Muskoka hosts the Gravenhurst Nordic Trails—a network of 17 km of groomed and track-set cross-country ski trails with ski and snowshoe rentals available.

This quaint, secluded spot is great for beginners or for the whole family to try out a new winter sport.

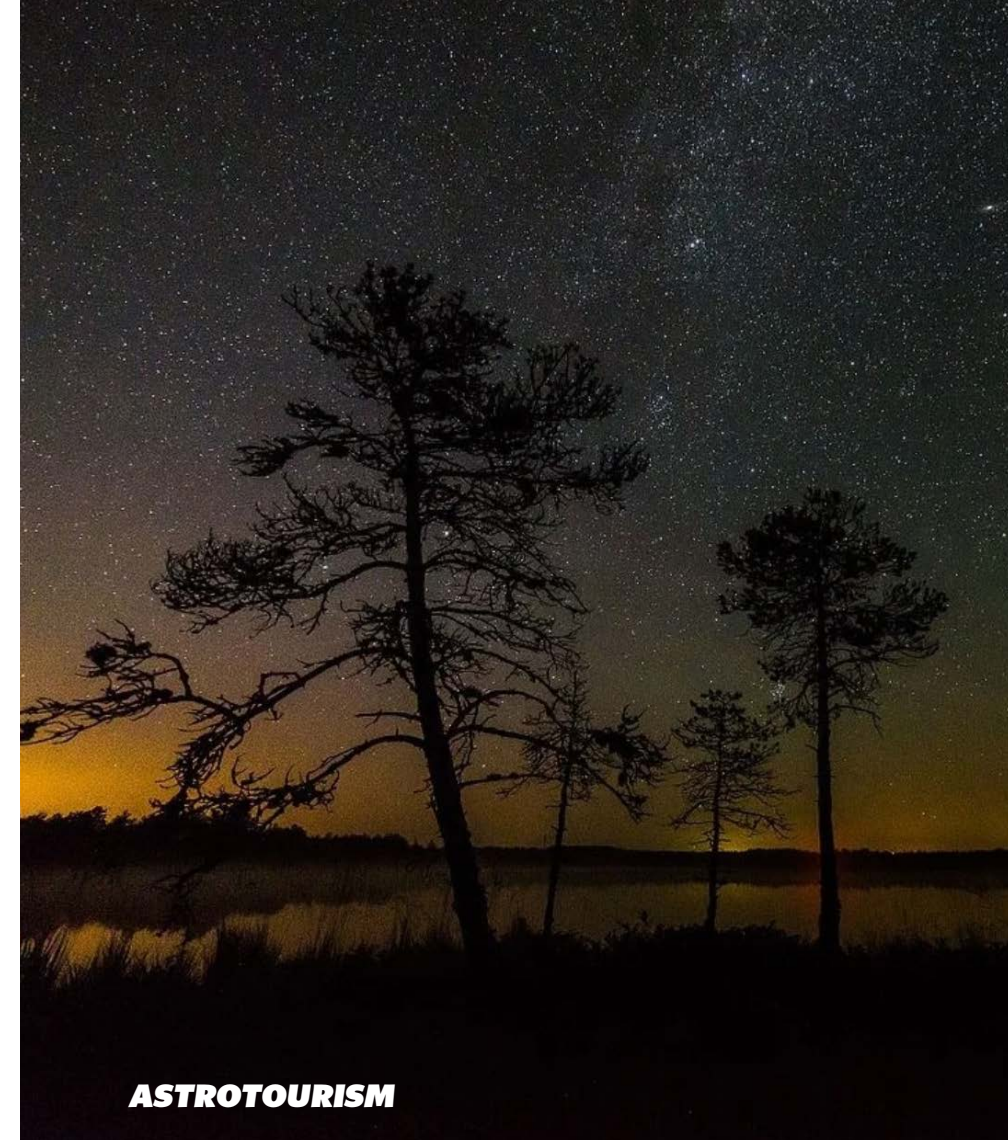
The groomed tracks run on the main wide double-track paths. The terrain is mostly flat with a few rolling inclines and is easy to ski. For more of a challenge, there are trails rated intermediate with a few climbs.

There are ski and snowshoe rentals available, a warming hut, and general store with snacks. The Gravenhurst Nordic Trails are well marked and paper maps are available. This hidden gem provides a scenic, quiet, (and affordable) way to celebrate the winter season.



Camping in Muskoka
1083 Reay Road
CampingInMuskoka.com

* Trail availability and grooming are subject to weather conditions and snow-base.



Calling all stargazers, night sky photographers, and astronomy buffs! Muskoka is home to the **Torrance Barrens Conservation Area and Dark Sky Reserve**, the world's first permanently designated Dark Sky Reserve. Prepare to be starstruck by the vibrant, panoramic display of stars, planets, and constellations.

Protected or undeveloped land virtually surrounds the Reserve, acting as a buffer from urban lighting and maintaining night-time darkness.

Vast expanses of Canadian Shield bedrock provide an

unobstructed surface from which to observe the sky, offering 360-degree panoramic views of the cosmos.

This hard, granite surface is immune to vibrations, making it ideal for telescopes and astrophotography. There is even a Clear Sky Chart to help you plan your visit.

TorranceBarrens.com

Dramatic night skies are not limited to the Dark Sky reserve. The abundance of lakes and rural areas surrounding Gravenhurst make it ideal to witness Mother Nature's best. Observe the moon and stars, bright planets, and the milky



BEFORE YOU GO >>>

Check out our tips to help you plan your stargazing adventure in Gravenhurst!

- ★ Research the sky to find out what is above you.
- ★ For optimum viewing, check weather reports and sky forecasts before you visit.
- ★ Bring the right supplies (chair or blanket, water & snacks, and warm clothes).
- ★ Minimize your usage of flashlights and phone lights to limit light pollution and let your eyes adjust.
- ★ Keep noise levels at a minimum and do not leave anything behind, including litter and garbage.
- ★ Just look up!

way—and if you are fortunate, maybe even the spectacle of the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis).

Whether you are gazing at the big sky over a frozen lake or listening to the waves lapping against the shore, the celestial display is visible from almost every corner of our community.

TRIP TIPS >>>



Whether you're in the mood for a cozy community pub, the creative tastes of casual fine dining, or a hearty grab-and-go grab meal, Gravenhurst is home to your next culinary adventure. Try **Dock of the Bay**, **Relish Kitchen & Market**, **Well Fed**, or **The Oar**. Plus we've got authentic Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Thai or Greek options to tempt the tastebuds.



In search of a frosty pint? Head to the **Frosty Pint Pub**, **Muskoka Bay Resort**, or our very own brew-pub, **Sawdust City Brewing Co.** Check out the patio or head inside to enjoy great options on tap and seasonal brews. For the teetotalers, you don't want to miss the **Blue Willow Tea Shop** serving traditional high tea with a fabulous lake view.



Day trips are fun, but why not stay a littler longer? For the resort experience, try the **Residence Inn by Marriott at the Muskoka Wharf** or **Taboo Muskoka Resort & Golf**. For something more intimate you will love the **Bear and Butterfly Bed & Breakfast** or **Four Ninety Muskoka**. Or truly un-plug and enjoy the outdoors at **Camping in Muskoka**.



Choose your own adventure! Learn about our heritage, immerse yourself in the arts, or get outside for some fresh air fun with custom itineraries from **Away We Go Trips**. Visit **Bethune Memorial House** or wander the stands at the **Gravenhurst Farmers' Market**, get inspired at **Arts at the Albion**, or take a cruise on the iconic **Muskoka Steamships**.



The **Gravenhurst Opera House** is a stunning performing arts venue built in 1901. Let us entertain you with concerts, comedy, professional live theatre, and more... all year-round! Don't miss the **Muskoka Music Festival** in August and keep your ears open for live music and pop-up theatre throughout the community.



Shop 'til you drop! We've got quaint shops, antiques, as well as unique and hand-crafted items. Stroll the historic downtown and make a stop at **Metatron's Garden**, **Muskoka Bay Clothing** or **Currie's Music & Antiques** and then head to the Muskoka Wharf to explore the **Shipyards Muskoka Marketplace** and more!



Get the 'gram! Gravenhurst has photo ops everywhere you turn. Do you dream of rugged granite outcroppings, soaring pines, and lake vistas? We've got them! How about quirky art and giant Muskoka chairs? We've got those too! Start with the **Peninsula Trail** at the Muskoka Wharf, stop by the retro Gravenhurst sign, and spot influencers in the wild at the very cool **Tree Museum**.



The Tree Museum (1634 Doe Lake Road)

Muskoka Discovery Centre

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*Gravenhurst is the
ideal homebase to
explore Muskoka...
you are surrounded
by beautiful scenery
with so much to see
and do! Grateful to
have discovered this
special place.*

“Summertime and the livin' is easy”...in Gravenhurst. It's never too early to start planning your spring or summer excursion.

The **Muskoka Discovery Centre** is a one-of-a-kind museum that inspires curiosity and feeds the imagination. View the newest exhibit Misko-Aki, a 10,000 year canoe voyage through Muskoka's Indigenous history.

All aboard! A visit to Gravenhurst wouldn't be complete without visiting the **Muskoka Steamships** for a cruise on the R.M.S. Segwun, Wenonah II or the newly electrified Wanda III—a symbol of sustainability and of our need to make our world a more environmentally friendly place.

DYK that Gravenhurst boasts one of Muskoka's oldest and coolest attractions? **The Muskoka Drive In** features

two screens, a playground, and of course hot and buttery popcorn!

Music-lovers don't want to miss the largest outdoor concert series North of Toronto—**Music on the Barge** draws thousands of fans to the shores of Gull Lake to enjoy a great evening of musical entertainment.

Sound tempting? Book now and discover there is *snow* much more to Gravenhurst!



SPRING & SUMMER ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER

