

BUENA VISTA RESORT



LAKE OF THE WOODS

2022 - 2023 www.buenavistaresort.com

-50 Years: As we turn the page to January 2023, the approaching summer fishing season on Lake of the Woods will be our 50th year at Buena Vista Resort. We have made a lapel pin and printed t-shirts to commemorate the event. Our time at the resort has become a way of life as well as a business for our family, in fact, the Gate family has been around the lake for at least 7 generations going back to around 1890. There are many old black and white photos of grandparents, aunts and uncles and cousins working around the lake doing all kinds of things - guiding, cooking, hunting, logging, farming, picking blue berries, riding in boats and float planes and swimming. A lot of water has gone under the bridge in those years and we have forgotten more stories than we can remember. In the coming season we look forward to sharing as many old memories with you as we can remember and also making new ones with everyone who plans to come in the 2023 season. Over the years many thousands of people have come to the resort to fish, hunt and vacation and hundreds of people have worked at the resort guiding, cooking cleaning, serving and doing maintenance and mechanic work and office work. We have endured floods, fires, storms and army worms and life and death and hope to be here well into the future. We thank you for coming and enjoying the lake with us.

- The Flood & Winds: May 18, 2022 the lake slipped over the main dock and nearly put



it out of commission - through June and July the water rose everyday - eventually the minnow shed was submerged and we had to move the minnow tanks and freezers out as well as stuff that had accumulated for 50 years inside. We moved most of it to a boat shed and then set up a minnow tank at the store/office where we could sell bait and fuel boats. The final straw came in June when two wind storms in one week took out the floating docks and busted the chains which anchored all the boat slips. Fortunately, these wind storms did very little damage to our buildings and trees. Only one roof blew off at the north end of the resort and that was on Kuhlman's End of the Line trailer & porch. The north end of Miles Bay and Obabikon and over to Nestor Falls were also another disaster, buildings and trees were blown down everywhere. In our bay, the wind and waves walked the remaining anchors to the north and twisted the connecting hinges and brackets where the floating dock connects to the main dock. The wind's leverage also shattered the timbers in the cribs supporting the dock. We were able to move 50ft of floating dock that was tied to the Big Green Houseboat around to the boat launch and tie it to the submerged dock in front of the



minnow shed which then allowed us to keep launching boats. In fact, after this disaster, we had to launch and service every boat, everyday for over a month. We would line up the boats on shore, provide ladders for everyone to climb in, launch the boats, and then in the afternoon we would pull every boat out, provide ladders for everyone to climb down and then go clean their fish. It was a lot of work for **Ryan** and **Dean Beyak** but they took care of everyone. Late in July, as soon as we could see that the water was definitely receding, we scheduled **Docks & Lifts** to come and reset the floating docks. We wanted to be at the top of their list. They brought a barge and 13 anchors weighing 1,300 pounds and in one afternoon they had the docks back in place and we could park boats again. After the floating docks were reset, it was still another month and into September before the water dropped and we could use the main dock again. Through all the flooding on Lake of the Woods we were fortunate, all of our buildings were high and dry and stood well above the highest lake levels. Only the dock was impacted and ultimately we were never put out of business.

The End Of Covid: As of October 2022 all Covid Pandemic Border restrictions were dropped. The Canadians ceased requiring vaccination certificates and Covid tests for entry into Canada and registering with the ArriveCan app was no longer a requirement. The Pandemic knocked us out of business for more than one and one half seasons. We spent a lot of time and effort complying with regulations, answering questions on the phone and helping guests with random testing and we are relieved it is over.

Repairs and Maintenance: Including the years of Covid quarantine and since the last time we published this newsletter we have completed a number of projects around the resort. The most important and in demand upgrade was a new Starlink satellite internet connection which includes 5 access points providing WIFI reception throughout most of the resort. Starlink claimed we would have nearly fiber optic internet speeds and we must admit that our internet reception greatly improved. There were people doing corporate Zoom meetings from the campground. Among the other projects completed, we screwed down new steel roofs on cabin #3 and also on Wildwood. We installed 27 new windows in various cabins and motels. We replace 4 hot water tanks. We set and installed new anchors and galvanized chains on the floating docks. We built a new gazebo in the yard and also a new deck on cabin #12. Maintenance is a never ending project and we hope to keep up in the future.

Fishing Report: 2022 season - Generally the fishing was good despite high water, but muskie fishing was impacted the most. It was hard to determine where the muskies would be. With water flooding up above the tree line it was anyone's guess where they would be, out in deep water or stalking prey in the flooded trees and brush. The largest muskie recorded for the season was caught by **Jake Sauer** measuring 52" and **Jamie Zapatero** recorded a 50" muskie. There were 3 walleyes recorded over 30" with **Rick Gate** catching a 30.25" fish and **Glen Disse** and **Bruce Roth** each recording 30" walleyes. The biggest northern pike were all around 40" with the largest one caught by **Evan Anderson** measuring 41" and the other 40 inch fish were caught by **Gary Malek**, **Dan Uphoff**, **Dick Beaton**, **Louis Guetter** and **Duane Kaiser**. Crappie fishing was also quite good in the fall of 2022. Most of the fish were caught in Obabikon but some were also caught in Miles Bay and east of the resort at Split Rock Narrows and Cyclone Point. **Jinnie** and **Glen Carrol** recorded catching 15" crappies.

Buena Vista Restaurant: We had a busy year in the restaurant in 2022 and cooked and served many meals. We had a new Chef, Eleen Koval, and as well as nightly specials, she prepared many new and exciting meals. One of the favourites she served on Friday nights was **Prime Rib and Yorkshire Pudding**. In July we offered our usual **Smorgasbord Buffet** with **Roast Beef and Sopapillas**. We do not require reservations but it is nice to have some idea of how busy we will be each evening, so, give us a call. In 2022 we hope you were well served and went away satisfied. It looks like we will be back to normal this coming season. We thank you for your patronage. Running a full service restaurant in the in the midst of a Boreal Forest, with our closest suppliers 85 miles away, is not the easiest service to provide, but we enjoy the dinning room and hope you do also.

Charter Boats: Our charter boats have become increasingly popular over the last few years and are quite busy. We include a complete fishing package: guide, gas, bait, fish cleaning, and shorlunch. We leave around 8:00 a.m. and return around 4:00 p.m. with a break in the middle of the day for a shorlunch of walleyes and all the fix'ns. We can accommodate 4 to 6 to 8 to 16 fishermen and we specialize in large parties. If you would like to bring all of your family and all of your friends, give us a call.

Internet - buenavistaresort.com: You can read about **Buena Vista Resort** on the internet. Our website has many features. On the front page you can check forecasts and current weather on Lake of the Woods. There is a newsletter page where you can read the current newsletter or you can scroll down and read past newsletters. In these newsletters you will find current and past fish lists where you can see who caught the biggest walleyes or muskies and you can compare them to past years. On the website you will also find links to buy licenses, videos of past events at the resort, a photo page, a rates page, a contact page and links to information on visiting Canada. **Buena Vista Walleye Club** can be found as a group on **Facebook** and on **Instagram** and there you will find current events, updates on the restaurant and lots of fish photos and beautiful sunset pictures. If you join the group, you can post your own stories and photos.

A Final Note of Caution: Lake of the Woods is a very large lake and can be cold, windy and snowy in the fall. You should consider taking along good equipment and extra food and dry clothing in case of an emergency. Warm, waterproof clothing is a must. An ax or saw to cut wood could come in handy. A good way to start a fire could make for a warm night. A propane torch is the best. Some type of tarp or plastic makes a good shelter and would help shed the rain and snow. If it were blaze orange and could be seen across the lake, that would be the best. A waterproof paper map might be the most important thing. Batteries go dead and a GPS plotter or depth finder is of no use without battery power. Also an extra cell phone battery might save your life since there is now cell service over most of the lake and search and rescue can pin point where a phone message originates.





Scales for converting muskie and walleye length to approximate weight. We have used these scales for years and have found them to be accurate.

MUSKIES

Inches	Pounds
40	18.23
40.5	18.92
41	19.63
41.5	20.36
42	21.10
42.5	21.87
43	22.65
43.5	23.45
44	24.26
44.5	25.10
45	25.96
45.5	26.83
46	27.73
46.5	28.46
47	29.57
47.5	30.53
48	31.50
48.5	32.50
49	33.51
49.5	34.55
50	35.61
50.5	36.69
51	37.75
51.5	38.91
52	40.05
52.5	41.22
53	42.41
53.5	43.62
54	44.86
54.5	46.11

WALLEYES

Inches	Pounds
22	3.92
22.5	4.20
23	4.48
23.5	4.78
24	5.10
24.5	5.42
25	5.76
25.5	6.11
26	6.48
26.5	6.86
27	7.26
27.5	7.67
28	8.10
28.5	8.54
29	8.99
29.5	9.47
30	9.96
30.5	10.46
31	10.99
31.5	11.53
32	12.09

BIG FISH LIST 2022

WALLEYE

Name	Date	Location	Size/In	Bait
R. Gate	Oct-22	Split Rock	30.25	jig
Bruce Roth	Jun-22	Morton Bay	30	Spinner-Gulp
Glenn Disse	Jun-22	LOW	30	Jig
David Beer	Jun-22	LOW	29.5	jig
Duane Kaiser	Aug-22	Little Traverse	29.5	
Ken Mollet	May-22	Painted Rock	29	Jig
Dick Beaton	Jun-22	Rubber	29	Jig
Doug Trom	Jul-22	Rubber	29	Jig
David Beer	Jun-22	LOW	28.5	Jig
Duane Kaiser	Aug-22	Little Traverse	28.5	
Garth Jenson	Aug-22		28.5	
Ken Mollet	Jun-22	Painted Rock	28	Jig
Nicole Gunderson	Jun-22		28	Jig
Chris Kolb	Jun-22	Todd	28	Jig
Karen Todd	Jun-22	Todd	28	Jig
Dennis Howerkamp	Jul-22	Rubber	28	jig
Breydon Holitti	Aug-22	Poplar Island	28	jig
Rod Rue	Oct-22	Raspberry	28	jig
Tom Anderson	May-22	Fadden	27.5	jig
Brian Wald	Jun-22		27.5	Jig
Tom Hallisey	Jun-22	LOW	27.5	Jig
Jim Anderson	May-22	Fadden's	27	Jig
Dallas Schulz	May-22	Painted Rock	27	Jig
Paul Jussila	Jun-22		27	Jig
Nathon Sechusen	Jun-22	Burbay	27	Spinner
Whitey Stange	Jun-22	North Rabbit	27	Jig
Stacy Peterson	Jun-22	N Island	27	Jig
Duane Kaiser	Jul-22	Lunch Box	27	
Brady Markuson	Jul-22	Basil	27	jig
Dawn Rowan	Jul-22	Firebag	27	jig
Doug Trom	Jul-22	Krueger Bay	27	jig
Kristin Pettit	Aug-22	Painted Rock	27	jig
Dan	Sep-22	Faddens	27	HYPE
Duane Kaiser	Oct-22	Buff Island	27	
Dan	Oct-22	Split Rock	27	HYPE
Dan	Oct-22	Split Rock	27	HYPE
Glenn Carroll	Jun-22	Rubber	26.5	
Tab Nessor	Aug-22	Rough Island	26.5	
Tom Anderson	May-22	Firebag	26	minnow jig
Tom Anderson	May-22	Fadden	26	jig
Tom Anderson	May-22	Tod	26	jig
Tom Anderson	May-22	sunset channel	26	jig
Dave Jussila	Jun-22		26	Jig
Devan Artels	Jun-22		26	Jig
Todd George	Jun-22	LOW	26	Jig
Dan Olson	Jun-22	N Island	26	Jig
Jim Sinclair	Jun-22	Firebag	26	Jig
Dick Beaton	Jun-22	Dawson	26	Jig
Jim Anderson	Jun-22	Stairway	26	Jig
Mike Herzog	Jun-22	Stairway	26	Jig
Jeff Pertans	Jun-22	Stairway	26	Jig
Sandi Scherer	Jul-22	Firebag	26	jig
John Losee	Jul-22	Miles	26	jig

WALLEYE

Name	Date	Location	Size/In	Bait
Mark Gravelle	Jul-22	Rough Island	26	spinner
Josie Smith	Jul-22	Old Man's	26	spinner
Kevin Waters	Aug-22	Skiff	26	jig
Duane Kaiser	Aug-22	Obabikon	26	
Doug Lindner	Oct-22	Hay Island	26	
Duane Kaiser	Oct-22	Obabikon	26	
Lew	Oct-22	Split Rock	26	jig
Shiran Kulasingham	Oct-22	Firebag	26	jig
Duane Kaiser	Jun-22	Dawson	25.5	
Mark Kaiser	Jul-22	Little Traverse	25.5	
Noah Quamme	Sep-22		25.5	jig
Steve Fode	Sep-22	Todd	25.5	jig
Sam Olson	Jun-22	Painted Rock	25	Jig
Dick Olson	Jun-22	N Island	25	Jig
Dan Olson	Jun-22	Skiff	25	Jig
Jim Sinclair	Jun-22	Rubber	25	Jig
Duane Kaiser	Jun-22	LOW	25	
Duane Kaiser	Jun-22	Noagahhing	25	
Duane Kaiser	Jul-22	Little Traverse	25	
Duke	Sep-22	Todd	25	Hair jig
Dan	Sep-22	N. Island	25	HYPE
Porky	Oct-22	N. Island	25	jig
Kip	Oct-22	N. Island	25	jig
Duane Kaiser	Oct-22	Obabikon	25	
Ron Weiskopt	Oct-22	Rubber	25	jig
Jen	Oct-22	Fish Narrows	25	jig
John Jussila	Jun-22		24.5	Jig
Darwin Dahlgren	Oct-22	Rabbit	24.5	jig
Ken Mollet	May-22	Painted Rock	24.25	Jig
Jim Anderson	May-22	Tod	24	Jig
VESH	Jun-22	Marvin	24	Jig
Matt Vessico	Jun-22	Painted Rock	24	Jig
Sam Olson	Jun-22	Painted Rock	24	Jig
Dan Olson	Jun-22	N Island	24	HYPE
Duane Kaiser	Jun-22	Ball Field	24	
Dick Beaton	Jun-22	Reef	24	Jig
Shelly Ford	Jun-22	Reef	24	Jig
Jeff Pertans	Jun-22	Stairway	24	Jig
Jenni Carroll	Jun-22	Noagahhing	24	
Glenn Carroll	Jun-22	Big Island	24	
Jim Sinclair	Jul-22	Rubber	24	jig
Jenni Carroll	Jul-22	Drambuie	24	
Lonni Beaton	Aug-22	Huggins	24	jig
Jenni Carroll	Sep-22	Obabikon	24	
Duke	Sep-22	Todd	24	HYPE
Dick Beaton	Sep-22	Moon Bay Pie	24	jig
Rueben Degenhart	Sep-22	Green Island	24	jig
Duane Kaiser	Oct-22	Obabikon	24	
Russ Mathis	Oct-22	Rabbit	24	jig
Barbara Schiffler	Jun-22	Twin	23	Jig
Jenni Carroll	Jul-22	Little Traverse	23	
Lonni Beaton	Jul-22	Rubber	23	jig
Colleen Bolme	Aug-22	Painted Rock	23	jig
Duane Kaiser	Oct-22	Obabikon	23	

MUSKIE

Name	Date	Location	Size/In	Bait
Jake Schauer	Aug-22	Pony	52	bucktail
Jaime Zapatero	Aug-22	Rock point	50	crankbait
Jenna Stevenson	Sep-22		48	casting
Sam Olson	Jun-22	LOW	47.5	Jig
Duane Kaiser	Jul-22	Horseshoe	47.5	
Duane Kaiser	Jul-22	Miles Bay	47.5	bucktail
Dan Uphoff	Jun-22	Boomstick	47	Spinner
Chris Erikson	Aug-22	Split Rock	47	
Cam Droppo	Aug-22	Rock saddle	46	blades
Barbara Schiffler	Jun-22	Garden	45	Jig
Duane Kaiser	Oct-22	Rabbit	45	bucktail
Matt Saurer	Aug-22	Green Island	44	bucktail
Rob Johnson	Oct-22	North Island	42	
Duane Kaiser	Oct-22	Buff Island	41	bucktail
Tucker Schroeder	Aug-22	Sportsmans	40.5	spinner
Kennedy Gravelle	Jun-22	Rubber	38	Jig
Noah Quamme	Aug-22	Sportsmans	38	jig
Porky	Oct-22	Split Rock	38	jig

NORTHERN PIKE

Name	Date	Location	Size/In	Bait
Evan Anderson	Jul-22	Greens	41	bucktail
Gary Malek	Jun-22	Dog isl.	40	Spinner
Dan Uphoff	Jun-22	Boomstick	40	Spinner
Louie Guetter	Jul-22	Dawson	40	jig
Duane Kaiser	Oct-22	Obabikon	40	
Rueben Degenhart	Sep-22	Green Island	39	jig
Dan Uphoff	Jun-22	sunset channel	38	Spinner
Gary Malek	Jul-22	sunset channel	37	jig
Dick Beaton	Jul-22	Huggins	37	jig
Dan	Oct-22	Cross	37	HYPE
Dan Uphoff	Jun-22	Rowell Isl.	36	Spinner
Sam Mollet	Jun-22	Painted Rock	35	Jig
Richard Bolme	Sep-22	Painted Rock	35	jig
Dan Uphoff	Jun-22	Obabikon	33	Spinner
Dave Vandusseldorp	Jun-22	sunset channel	30	Spinner

Online Hunting & Fishing Licenses:

Fishing licenses: to save time and be prepared when you arrive at the lake, purchase your fishing and hunting licenses on line at : <http://www.huntandfishontario.com>

Remember to bring a current or old hunting license if you intend to purchase an Ontario hunting license. It is especially necessary if you are purchasing an outdoor hunting card for the 1st time.

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Internet Addresses to Remember:

www.buenavistaresort.com
 Facebook - Buena Vista Walleye Club
 Rick's Blog - buenavista.livejournal.com
 License - <http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca>

**GPS coordinates for
 Buena Vista Resort:
 Lat. 49.1318857 and
 Long. 94.3100738**



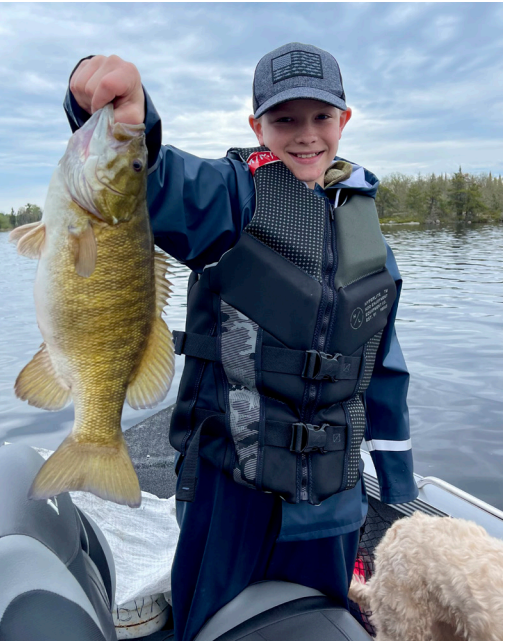
A good place to eat.

Identification

When you enter Canada, a customs officer may ask to see your passport and a valid visa if one is necessary. Until recently, passports were not required of US or Canadian Citizens crossing the Canada/US border. New requirements from the US government have changed this.

A passport or NEXUS card is required if you are travelling by air. As of June 1, 2009 a passport, US Passport Card, NEXUS card or other approved document will be required if you are travelling by land or sea. These changes apply to Canadians travelling to the US, and US visitors to Canada returning home. These are US government requirements to enter or re-enter the US. Although our US guests do not need a passport to enter Canada, they do need one to return home. A passport is not required for children 18 and under, but they do require proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate. A passport is the preferred document to cross the Canada/US border. It is currently possible to use proof of citizenship (like a birth certificate) plus photo ID (like a driver's license) at land and sea border crossings. However, guests report that using a passport generally simplifies border crossing and results in fewer delays. Note: Children age 18 and under will need to present a birth certificate, naturalization certificate or a passport to enter the U.S.

The US government provides up to date information about the requirements for travellers on its website: www.travel.state.gov and on the Department of Homeland Security website at www.dhs.gov/xtrvlsec/crossingborders/index.shtm



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2023 RATES

HOUSEKEEPING CABIN & MOTEL UNITS

Up to four persons.....\$1300 per week

Daily Rates

2 persons\$170 per night

3 persons\$195 per night

4 persons\$220 per night

Each additional person.....\$45 per night

CABIN #5--2persons\$1000 per week

.....\$170 per night

DOCKSIDE DELUX

BASIL OUTPOST CABIN

(4 day minimum)

6 persons\$350 per night

6 persons\$2300 per week

7 persons\$375 per night

7 persons\$2450 per week

8 persons\$400 per night

8 persons\$2625 per week

AMERICAN PLAN (meals, maid service, room)

Daily Rate\$200 per person

CABIN #12 (Wildwood)

Up to four persons.....\$1600 per week

Daily Rates

3 persons\$235 per night

4 persons\$255 per night

MISCELANEOUS EXPENSES

Boats\$80 per day

Motors\$90 per day

Dockage\$25 per day

Launching\$25 in/out

Guides (fishing 4 people).....\$250 per day

Guides (hunting 4 people).....\$275 per day

Extras\$25 per person/
day

Charter Launch Fishing for up to 4 People

includes boat, guide, gas, shore lunch, bait, & fish cleaning

.....\$700

CAMPGROUNDS (electricity, water & sewer)

Per Night\$75

Per Week\$450

Per Month.....\$1400

Per Season.....\$3500

NO REFUND FOR EARLY DEPARTURE

ALL RATES QUOTED IN CANADIAN FUNDS

BUENA VISTA RESORT

Lake of the Woods



Walleye

Muskie

Crappie

Smallmouth

Pike

Lake Trout

Buena Vista Resort is located on beautiful
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