

Severn Lodge

Group Package



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“From the moment you arrive, you’ll know you’ve found a very special place, where the nine-to-five world you left behind seems very far behind indeed. It is difficult to believe that just a short distance away, life takes on a much more hectic pace.”

These words taken from our brochure are as true for the business traveler as they are for the leisure traveler. For nearly a century, Severn Lodge has been that quiet oasis away from the hustle and bustle of normal life. And as such, it is the ideal place for meetings such as executive retreats, training sessions, sales seminars and educational workshops.

As one of Ontario’s premier waterfront resorts, we’ve been a favorite meeting place for nearly a century. Our secluded setting and spectacular views provide the ideal environment for productive meetings.

We feature 46 well-appointed rooms/suites, fine country dining, meeting facilities for up to 75, and a world of recreation at our doorstep. And yet, we’re only 90 minutes from Toronto in the heart of Ontario’s world famous Muskoka ~ Georgian Bay lake country.

Since its’ historical beginnings in the mid-1800’s, careful attention has been given to preserving the timeless beauty of this bygone era, yet providing all of the modern amenities one would expect from today’s finest resorts. The turn of the century ambiance presents itself in striking detail throughout the resort ... from the classic white clapboard buildings with crisscross log detail, to the architectural cobblestone sidewalks.

A beautifully secluded and well-appointed resort is only part of the requirements for a successful meeting. True, clear fresh thinking does take place in this type of environment. But the facilities themselves are very important to the success of any meeting, and we offer conference facilities for various sized meeting groups along with excellent conference amenities, all with a view of our magnificent waterfront.

All delegate accommodations are housed in various buildings surrounding the Main Lodge and have a view of our waterfront. They are comfortable, warmly appointed, and have a full complement of guest amenities including individual heat/air, colour TV, AM/FM clock radio, telephone, small fridge, wireless internet access, and a lakeside deck or patio.

And when the work is done, a world of recreation awaits your group both on the property and in the surrounding area. With over 2000 feet of pristine shoreline and hundreds of acres of spectacular forested lands, the recreation opportunities are endless. Delegates can sail our spectacular pine clad islands or canoe our quiet sheltered coves. There's pedal boating, kayaking, canoeing, stand-up-paddle boarding, water trampoline, tennis, shuffleboard, horseshoes, mountain bikes, and a heated outdoor swimming pool and hot tub. They'll hike on trails in some of the most beautiful woods they have ever seen, or they can have a cruise aboard our very own pontoon boat. We also have fishing boats & motors for those who would like to catch that trophy fish.

In the surrounding area, there is golf, boat cruises, Las Vegas style gambling at Casino Rama and more.

Last but not least, a successful meeting depends upon the quality of the food and service. And at Severn Lodge, a tradition of fine country dining has existed for nearly a century. There are a variety of choices, and due to our size, we can often cater to special requests such as outdoor barbecues, themed meals, etc.

Severn Lodge has been family owned and operated for nearly a century, and we are dedicated to providing the highest standards of hospitality and personal service. We hope you will give us the opportunity to host your next conference. You can be assured we will do our absolute best to make it both successful and memorable.



Conferences & Meeting Facilities

Bright & Cheery with a View of the Lake

Severn Lodge is ideal for groups of up to 150 delegates or less, and exclusive use of the resort can be had for as few as 46 delegates. Our conference facilities are bright and cheery and have lots of windows with a view of our waterfront. The rooms can be equipped with all necessary audio visual equipment, and the resort offers a variety of business support services. Our 3 main meeting rooms are described below. In addition, there are several rooms/suites suitable for breakout or hospitality rooms.



Regatta Room

The Regatta Room derives its' name from the early days of summer regattas on Gloucester Pool, where it served as the meeting place for various events including the annual cottagers dance. Today, this beautiful waterfront room commands a breathtaking view of the many pine clad islands of Gloucester Pool, and can double as a meeting room or lakeside recreation room suitable for evening social gatherings. This cozy and warmly appointed room has three window walls overlooking the water, a large screen TV, a beautiful fieldstone fireplace, log beamed cathedral ceilings, piano, and comfortable seating. It is serviced by our resort wide wireless internet system.

Size – 24' x 51'

Theatre, Boardroom, Classroom & Reception ~ up to 100 people



Lakefront Room

The Lakefront Room is located on the first level of the Main Lodge. This room is directly connected to our Dining Room and can be used either as a meeting room or part of the dining room for larger groups. Our Main Lodge is the oldest building on the property and dates to the mid-1800s', and the Lakefront Room was added in 1988. It has a vaulted ceiling with a windowed cupola at its peak. The room has three walls of windows affording an excellent view of our beach and waterfront, and is serviced by our resort wide wireless internet system.

Size – 27' x 27'

Theatre, Boardroom, Classroom & Reception – up to 65 people



Redfoot Room

Named after “Pappy Redfoot” a long time guest and native Canadian, the Redfoot Room is located just off the lobby on the second level of the Main Lodge. This room also has a beautiful view of the waterfront, an antique marble fireplace, and is suitable for small groups either as a main meeting Room or as a breakout room. It is serviced by our resort wide wireless internet system.

Size – 18' x 22'

Theatre, Boardroom, Classroom, Reception – up to 25 people

Georgian Room

This room with its 'beautiful oak hard wood floor is located near the Main Lodge and is suitable for smaller groups either as a main meeting room or as a breakout room. It is serviced by our resort wide wireless internet system.

Size – 20' x 20'

Theatre, Boardroom & Classroom – up to 20 people



Conferences & Meetings | Business Services

Whether you are planning a corporate meeting, executive retreat, sales training conference, or an incentive trip, we will provide the services required to handle all of the details.

Dedicated Conference Planner

You will have a dedicated conference planner from the beginning to assist your planner in coordinating all of the details for your conference. Our planner, along with our experienced and friendly staff, will be there to meet your day to day needs throughout the conference.

Audio Visual Equipment

Your conference package also includes the use of resort owned audio visual equipment such as overhead projectors, screens, conference tables & chairs, televisions, DVD/VHS players, flip charts & markers, podiums & microphones, etc. In addition, through affiliations with audio visual service companies, we can provide other state of the art audio visual equipment that will meet your most demanding requirements.

Business Services

Business services are an important part of any successful meeting. We provide fax, word processing, typing, photocopying, and internet & email services.

Recreation/Entertainment

Any successful meeting should have some elements of recreation and entertainment for the delegates. Our conference planner will be happy to work with your conference planner to offer an attractive package of recreation and entertainment.

Resort Wide Wireless Internet

The resort is serviced by a 15 Mb wireless internet system and a 54 Mb 802.11b/g internal wireless network. In addition, all delegate accommodations are serviced for wireless ready laptops. Our IT specialist will be happy to work with your IT specialist to make sure that your needs are fully met.

Recreation & Team Building in Muskoka Ontario for Conferences and Meetings

We are strong believers that a successful conference should have some elements of recreation and entertainment, particularly when your conference is at a lakeside resort. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways. A few are listed below, and we encourage you to consider these in your planning.

Recreation at Severn Lodge

Severn Lodge has a wide variety of recreation facilities on our doorstep. There are many opportunities available that make use of our on-site recreation facilities. Delegates can take a cruise aboard our 1922 vintage mahogany motor launch, walk our 100 acres of wooded trails, play a round of tennis, or use a variety of waterfront sports equipment such as pedal boats, kayaks, canoes, fishing boats or just soothe their muscles in our outdoor whirlpool spa.

Recreation Nearby

Our nearby area provides many other opportunities such as boat cruises, golf and Las Vegas style gambling at Casino Rama. Our Muskoka – Georgian Bay lake country is also home to some of North America's finest golf courses. In addition, delegate spouses can enjoy shopping in our nearby lakeside villages, historic sites, museums, festivals, fairs and much more.

Evening Entertainment

Evening social gatherings are always special. Creative ideas often flow from these gatherings. However, should you wish to have live entertainment, we can arrange for that too. As well, we have access to a variety of live entertainment options.

Team Building Activities

All team building activities at Severn Lodge are FUN first and foremost! Your delegates will have the opportunity to “play” together! If you’re looking for more than just fun, we can alter almost any program to focus on specific business traits (i.e.: cooperation, problem solving, teamwork, etc.)

Low impact

These are activities which can be done in a single location – typically not very active at all. The Regatta Room and our Front Lawn are good places for this kind of activity. Examples are....

- Win Lose or Draw
- Name that Tune
- Brain Teasers
- Riddles
- Creative Construction
- Human Structure



High Impact

These are active activities that will have the group moving constantly, all through the resort property. These will work with teams of up to 10 people. These activities are all 'task based' which means teams will not be able to find the answers by just staying in one spot.

Gold Rush – Teams must answer riddles and clues to find Samuel De Champlain's lost cache of gold!

Amazing Race – Clues and riddles will send teams to multiple locations hunting for all puzzle pieces necessary to solve the "master puzzle".

Scavenger Hunt – Our never fail, Severn Lodge 'signature' Scavenger Hunt will keep groups moving and smiling at the same time as they try to find all 30 items on the list!

Canoe Clinic – Dependent on group size as a limited number of vessels are available.

**Using a Twitter account with any of these programs allows us to use "picture clues" and will give your group a wonderful on-line photo album when the activity is complete.



Tournaments

We can arrange a tournament for your group with any of the recreational activities we have on-site....

- Horseshoes
- Shuffleboard
- Tennis
- Bocce Ball
- Volleyball
- ...and more!



Mid-meeting Shake em ups

These activities happen right in your meeting room! Our staff will come in and run 1 or 2 very quick, active games that will get the blood flowing! Great for reviving delegates during those longer meetings. Examples include Olympic Simon Says, The Birthday Game and Hula Hoop Hoopla.



Muskoka | Lake View Accommodations

All resort accommodations are in buildings surrounding the Main Lodge and have a view of our magnificent waterfront. There are resort (hotel style) rooms for couples and smaller families and 2 bedroom units for larger families. They are available with All Inclusive Packages that include meals, use of most resort recreation facilities, summertime supervised kids activities & evening entertainment, auto parking, and baggage handling. Tax (HST) is extra. There is no additional resort Service Charge.

In addition, there are cottages & suites with kitchens for that added flexibility of eating in or dining out. Packages for these accommodations feature the above but without the meals. Tax is extra.

All resort accommodations are warmly appointed and feature:

Rooms

- View of our waterfront
- One or more beds
- Many have hide-a-bed couches
- Many have writing desks
- Individual private bathroom with tub and shower
- Some have whirlpool bathtubs
- Hair dryer
- Deluxe bath amenities
- Some have fireplaces
- A lakeside sitting area
- A lakeside deck, patio, or balcony
- Colour satellite TV
- Wireless internet
- Telephone
- AM/FM clock radio
- Coffee maker
- Small fridge
- Electronic smoke detector
- Daily maid service
- All non-smoking

Two Bedroom Units

Two bedroom units feature all of the above amenities, plus an additional bedroom with 2 single beds or 1 single and 1 double bed.

Cottages & Suites with Kitchens

The cottages & suites with kitchens feature much of the above with the added advantage of cooking facilities. Please see the individual details of each cottage or suite.



Dining at Severn Lodge

Over the years, we have gained a well-earned reputation for delicious foods, popular wines, and gracious country hospitality. All meals are served in our Main Lodge Dining Room where guests can enjoy a view of our waterfront. The Heritage Room with its' authentic log beamed ceiling rekindles memories of the early loggers that would have dined here in the mid 1800's, while the Lakefront Room with its soaring ceiling and window cupola is very light and airy. Both rooms have equally spectacular views.

Menu items are both regional and international, and are carefully selected to ensure a delightful variety of choices. They are meticulously prepared by our executive chef and his staff, and are served by our friendly and courteous staff. Attention is given to using fresh, high quality, and healthy ingredients. Guests can choose from a wine list that features a selection of the most popular international and domestic VQA wines.

Breakfast

Our breakfast buffet features a wide variety of choices and may include fresh-from-the-oven baked goods, hot and cold cereals, fresh fruits and juices, pancakes or waffles, country fresh eggs, eggs Benedict or omelets, bacon or sausage, fresh hot coffee and more!

Lunch

Lunch is served in our Main Lodge Dining Room or in our screened in front porch. A luncheon menu or buffet will feature homemade soups, fresh green salads, entrees and desserts. Some days during the summer months, there is a poolside barbecue where guests can choose from a wide variety of luncheon items such as grilled chicken breasts, luncheon steaks, smoked pork chops, Oktoberfest sausage, and our good old traditional hamburgers and hot dogs. Also, there is a variety of salads, fresh fruits, and a selection of desserts.

Dinner

Dinner is also served in the Main Lodge Dining Room. Menus feature 4-5 carefully selected entrée choices that change daily. These entrees include a variety of top quality beef, poultry, and fish, along with a vegetarian selection. Included also is your choice of homemade soups and garden fresh salads, and of course, delectable desserts. We make every attempt to use fresh local ingredients in season and feature such local specialties as walleye and game meats.

Severn Lodge Allergy Protocol

We do our best to accommodate all food allergies and sensitivities. In doing so we have a multi-level method of communication that keeps guests, dining room and kitchen staff connected and aware of concerns. Comfort is in the communication.

We begin when you confirm your reservation, we make note of any allergies or concerns directly in the body of your booking. These notes are then communicated with our Dining Room Manager on check in day.

For your first meal in the dining room, please introduce yourself to the Dining Room Manager who in turn will take any further notes regarding your food sensitivity and share it with our Chef. If you wish, you are also more than welcome to speak with our Chef, simply mention it during your conversation with the Dining Room Manager and he'll connect everyone as soon as possible.

To aid in this communication, the Kitchen has a written detail board with all in house allergies and dietary concerns. The notes from your original reservation appear on the daily meal report that aids in Dining Room operations.

For the rest of your visit, we ask that you introduce yourself and your table allergy with your Server at every meal. Your server may change daily, and the introduction is an added level of communication that helps ensure we're all on the same page.

Sample Menus

Below are samples of the types of menu items that we feature on our daily menus. Our executive chef and his team prepare tantalizing culinary masterpieces that offer a choice of a delectable appetizer, soup or salad, a main entrée, delicious dessert, and a non-alcoholic beverage. Fresh local ingredients are used where possible, some of which are from our own gardens. There are usually 4-5 dinner entrée choices with at least one vegetarian choice each day. Luncheon choices are offered either from a menu in our dining room or a lakeside barbecue buffet.

We feature fine dining in a family friendly atmosphere. Our dining room is licensed by the LLBO and smoke free for your dining pleasure.

Please remember, these are samples only and may change from time to time. They are intended only to present the types and quality of our menu items.

Sample Luncheon Selections

Homemade Soup & Fresh Garden Salad

– served with a choice of dressing and a fresh bread basket

Grilled Atlantic Salmon Steak

– served with a tangy grapefruit and ginger vinaigrette on a bed of mixed greens

Peppered Lamb Tenderloin

– served with a Greek salad with peppers, onions, cucumbers, black olives and feta cheese

Traditional Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken Breast

– served with bacon bits and fresh lemon wedges

Grilled Chicken Breast on a Bed of Mixed Greens

– topped with apples, toasted pecans, and honey mustard dressing

Hearty Fresh Fish Chowder

– delicious fresh water fish with julienne of vegetables and potatoes and served with a fresh bread basket

Homemade Soup and a Deli Sandwich

– your choice of delicious deli meat, served with vegetable spears

Outdoor Luncheon Barbecue

– a variety of grilled items such as chicken, salmon, sausages, hamburgers & hot dogs. As

well there are assorted salads, French fries, fresh vegetable spears & dip, assorted fresh baked breads & buns, and traditional barbecue condiments.

Sample Luncheon Desserts

Homemade cookies & pies, dessert squares, fresh fruit, and ice cream treats

Sample Dinner Selections

Pan Fried Georgian Bay Pickerel Fillet

– served with toasted pecans, fresh garden vegetables and parsley potatoes

Oven Roasted Supreme of Capon

– served with a maple orange glaze, fresh garden vegetables and new potatoes

Fillet of Arctic Char

– served with a lemon dill hollandaise, fresh garden vegetables, and rice pilaf

Oven Roasted Breast of Ontario Turkey

– stuffed with apple and mango and served with oven roasted sweet potatoes and fresh garden vegetables

Poached Fillet of Atlantic Salmon

– served with a Riesling sauce, fresh vegetables, and new potatoes

Roast Loin of Pork

– served with a sour cherry and burgundy sauce, fresh garden vegetables, and roasted new potatoes

Roast Alberta Prime Rib of Beef

– served au jus with homemade Yorkshire pudding, fresh vegetables, and mini red potatoes

Angel Hair Pasta

– served on roasted bell pepper pesto with jumbo shrimps and scallops

Tri-Colored Penne Pasta Greek Style

– served with sun dried tomatoes, spinach, olives, feta cheese in a delicious basil broth

Sample Dinner Desserts

Fresh Baked pies or cakes of the day, seasonal fruit plate, tortes, Vienna apple strudel, fresh berries & mousse, assorted cheese plate, and our famous Severn ice cream sundae

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