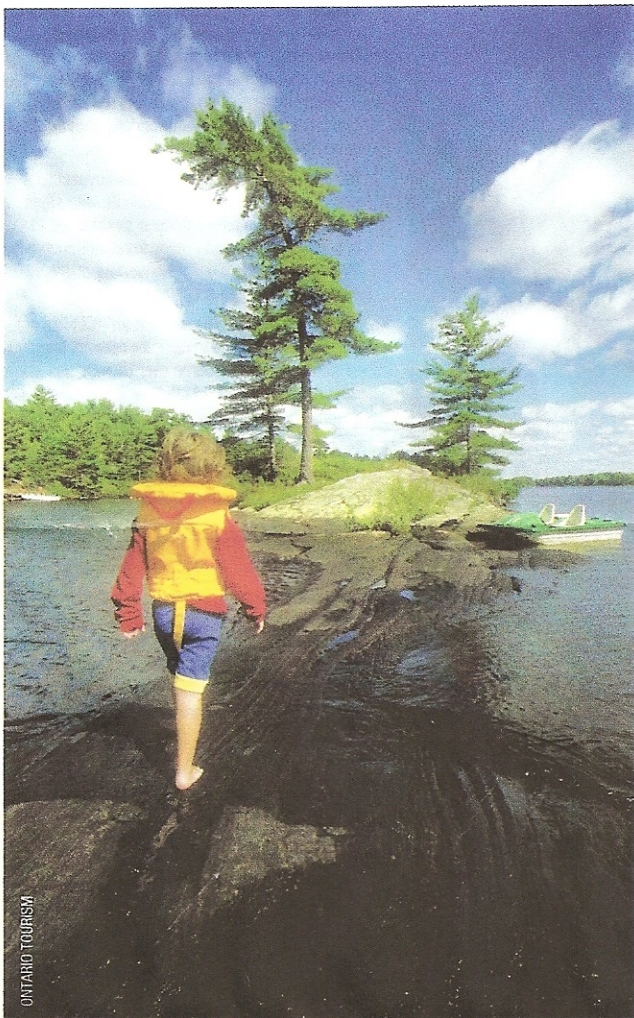


WHERE TO EAT WHEN IN...

Muskoka

Dr Wendy Lambert has a cosy lunch in cottage country



My family and I stumbled upon this little gem as we passed through the town of Gravenhurst last March. It's a quaint place, nicely situated on the town's waterfront, with a great view of Muskoka Bay.

The decor sets the atmosphere immediately with its English-style furniture, linen tablecloths and charming tea cups all ready to go. The tea room's numerous windows let in lots of light and add to its relaxing ambience. You might be getting the idea that we were simply swayed by the setting, but the food was equally satisfying.

We stopped for lunch (they do serve dinner, but only on select nights in the off-season). The reasonably priced sandwiches are generous, with unique variations and all served on a variety of fresh breads with health-conscious sides (no fries).

My children had brie and bacon on baguette (\$6), while my husband and I had homemade chili in a large Yorkshire pudding cup (\$9). The tea selection is incredible — there are a dozen black and green teas from India and Asia. Or you can choose something like freshly squeezed lemonade. Yum!

Dessert was wonderful, as you would expect. There are lots of homemade selections and prices start as low as \$1.90 for a butter tart with ice cream. Light snacks like scones are also available. I highly recommend this place and I am definitely looking forward to returning! ☺

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A cup of soup and a sandwich are \$9.95.

High tea is \$15.99 per person.