

Address: 4351 Muskoka Road 117

Legal Description: Part Lot 9, Concession 1, Ridout

Original Owner: Shirly and Elizabeth Ball

Year Built: 1906

Architectural Styles: Ontario Vernacular

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:



The original lodge was built in 1906 out of materials harvested and sourced from the property exhibiting cultural heritage value as an example of the early style vernacular architecture that was indigenous to this specific area and time period.



Representative of the Muskoka area development, economy, and culture, the Garryowen Lodge advertised as “A Camp in the Woods” and offered great game and fishing for guests which it housed at the lodge, in pagodas and tents on the property during the summer months.

Guests would come by train to Huntsville and take the Algonquin steamship through Fairy and Peninsula Lake to North Portage. From there they would board the Portage Flyer steam train across to South Portage and board the Iroquois steamship which would take them to the wharf beside the Garryowen Lodge.



A pine needle path demonstrative of a cultural heritage landscape used over the past century provides access across the Garryowen property and the neighbouring shoreline properties. The communal trail was used by the residents and guests to access the properties along the shore of Lake of Bays and the steamer dock to retrieve mail and supplies typical of the land use settlement patterns encouraged by the steamship era.