Fern Times

The Unforgettable Summer Edition

FORECAST

100% chance of fun, scattered ice cream consumption, and plenty of pool splashing.

COMPLIMENTARY PIZZA

Available on the pool deck on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 3 pm to 5 pm.

WELCOME TO SUMMER 2026

The Downing family and our dedicated staff are thrilled to welcome you to Fern Resort. Whether you are a returning guest or visiting for the first time, we are delighted to have you with us this summer.

We encourage you to explore all the activities we have to offer—challenge yourself on the Vertical Playground, enjoy a refreshing run on our scenic trails, take a tennis lesson, or simply relax by the pool. With exciting new acts performing nightly at Bergwen's and our legendary Waterski Show every Sunday, there is no shortage of fun and memories to be made.

Here's to another unforgettable summer of family, fun, and tradition at Fern Resort!

Wishing you a Ferntastic stay!

FREE WIFI

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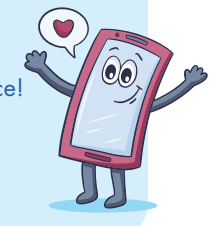
FEELING SOCIAL?

Share your Fern experience! Tag us in your posts **@fernresort** and use the hashtag **#fernresort**



NEW FOR SUMMER 2026!

POOL DECK EXPANSION: BIGGER AND BETTER!

In this case, bigger is better! Our pool deck expansion has introduced more seating with more variety for the whole family to enjoy. Whether you want to put your sunscreen to work by soaking up the sun or keep it cool, calm, and collected in the shade, there is a seat for you. We have also doubled our comfy poolside furniture and added new bistro tables and chairs to enjoy your lunch BBQ at. We think this calls for a celebratory Chocolate Monkey from the Terrace Bar!

WHAT'S COOKING THIS SUMMER

Head Chef Dawn and our amazing kitchen staff have been hard at work enhancing our food offerings. With a focus on expanding vegan options, introducing halal meals, and incorporating international flavours, our goal is to provide inclusive menus with meals that everyone can get excited about. Speaking of excited, we are also thrilled to announce a new breakfast menu item... waffles!

THE ADMIRAL: RE-REPORTING FOR DUTY

An old friend to some but new to most, this Boat Dock beauty from over a decade ago has made a valiant return, ready for all to enjoy. Following some tune-ups, this 30-foot deck boat is primed to once again glide through the waves of Lake Couchiching, providing increased comfort and space on our abundance of cruises all summer long.

NEW FERN SKI DOCK: 2X4 GALORE!

Ain't no rest for the wicked—and by wicked, we mean Fern Resort's maintenance team. With this in-house resurfacing facelift, the Fern Resort ski dock has become even better equipped to handle the onslaught of new and returning watersports enthusiasts this summer. Ski you there!

BERGWEN'S RENOVATION: OLD, NEW, BORROWED, AND BLUE

Dutiful host to the majority of our evening entertainment, Bergwen's Theatre has received a revitalizing makeover. While preserving the theatre's classic and comfortable atmosphere, a new colour palette has been introduced to provide a fun and modern refresh that extends to the building's lobby and lavatories. New furniture is also en route to make every chair the best seat in the house.

THE 5FS: FAMILY-FRIENDLY FABULOUS FERN FIVE

Canada's best five-hole golf course just keeps getting better! With the help of our new automated mower, our fairways and greens are receiving a cleaner, more consistent cut, enhancing the golfing experience for all ages. To capitalize on its location, lakeshore brush has been cut back, revealing a spectacular view... but be careful: while the view's beauty has increased, so too has the number of golf balls lost to Lake Couchiching. Fore!

THE HERITAGE DINING ROOM

When you arrive for your first meal, our host will show you to your table. This will be your table for the duration of your stay.

MEAL TIMES

Please, feel free to make your way to the Dining Room during these timeframes:

Breakfast: 8:00 – 9:30 am
Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Dinner: 6:00 – 7:00 pm

For active kids... and/or weary parents, we offer Playvillage and evening programs from 6:00 to 8:00 pm*, with a kids' buffet from 5:30 to 6:00 pm so they can eat quickly and head off to play. See the program for details.

*No Junior / Youth Program on Sunday nights.

For spa info, visit:
honey-thespa.com
or dial 243 from your room

honey The Spa

The Sports Crew

MIKE

Sports Director

With over 40 years of service under his large belt, Mike is back again to lead the Sports crew & the adults to another ferntastic year!

SPENCER

Youth Director

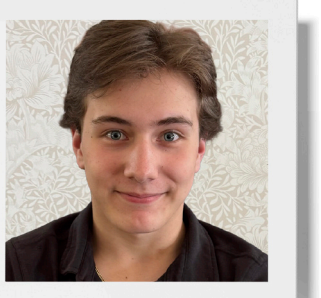
(Ages 10-14)

It's my third year working at Fern Resort, but I've been coming here for many years as a guest. I recently graduated from Brock University with a degree in pre-law. I'm looking forward to a fun and action-packed summer.

QUINN

Sports Cottage

This is my fifth summer at Fern, and I'm ready to wheel and deal, getting sports equipment out to everyone.



JACK

Sports Cottage

This is my third year at Fern Resort. I'm currently a high school student working hard to get into Brock University. This summer, I'm looking forward to making new memories and catching big fish!

ERIC

Sports Director

I'm back for my eighth summer at Fern Resort. I can't wait to see some familiar faces and meet new people. Let's have an awesome summer!

HANNAH

Junior Director

(Ages 7-9)

This is my third summer working at Fern, but my first in the Sports department! In the fall, I'll be heading to teachers college at Lakehead, where I play on the women's soccer team. I can't wait for an amazing summer and to make some great memories!

BROOKLYN

Extreme Area

This is my first summer at Fern Resort, and I'm excited to be part of the Sports team. I love helping people try new things, challenge themselves, and have fun. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone and making this a great summer!

Playvillage

Our Playvillage specializes in fun and exciting ways for our young energetic guests to be creative and stay active! During operating hours, you may sign your children in and out as needed. Our caring staff will make fast friends with your children, ensuring they enjoy every minute and look forward to returning for more! We also provide snacks and drinks to keep them energized!

THE PLAYVILLAGE TEAM

ERIC
Playvillage Manager

AMBER
Playvillage Asst. Manager

MADISYN
Playvillage Asst. Manager

ACTIVITIES FOR EVERY AGE

PLAYVILLAGE AGES 0-7 YEARS

- Arts & Crafts that change each day
- Motorized Jeeps
- Entertainment: ZooTek, Speaking of Wildlife, The Bee Guy, Birds of Prey
- Snacks (peanut and nut free)
- Trampolines
- See weekly activity programs for a detailed schedule of events for Adults & Family, Youths, Juniors, and Playvillage

PLAYVILLAGE HOURS

9:00 am – 4:30 pm
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Closed for lunch from
11:45 am – 1:00 pm

SOMETIMES, WE'RE ASKED ABOUT TIPS...

Tips are not included in our package rates. If required, there is an ATM in the Gift Shop. To help determine a proper gratuity for your dining room server and housekeeper, may we kindly suggest the following:

- Dining Room Server: $3 to $5 per meal, per person at your table.
- Housekeeper: $3 to $7 per day, per room.

Please use the above example as a guideline only. Thank you for your support and trusting us to take care of you and your family during your stay.

Extreme Area

AERIAL TRUST DRIVE

Test your limits! Dive from a dizzying height to touch the target. Minimum age is 10.*

LOG DRIVERS' WALTZ

Climb up the 45' pole...then strut your stuff on the gently rolling logs. Minimum age is 10.*

VERTICAL PLAYGROUND

Are you a new climber or an expert in extreme? No matter if you climb it fast or slow, everyone gets the same great view from the top. Minimum age is 7.*

TEETER TOTTER/TEAM BALANCE

A childhood favourite... taken to the EXTREME! Minimum age is 10.*

AXE THROWING & ARCHERY

Can you hit the bullseye? *Extreme Elements operating times are posted in the scheduled activity programs. Axe throwing and Archery are operated by fully trained staff for your safety and comfort. **

** Participants for all Extreme Area activities are required to fill out a waiver. Waivers can be picked up at the Front Desk or Sports Cottage prior to starting the activity.*

FLAG SYSTEM FOR ACTIVITIES ON RAIN DAYS

At Fern we have a system of coloured flags to display which activity program is in progress for that current day.

FLAG LOCATIONS

Fishing Gazebo - Boat dock
Sports Cottage - Behind Playvillage
Luggage Cart Rack - Main Inn entrance

YELLOW FLAG =
Regular Program

BLUE FLAG =
Rain Day Program

PRIVATE IN-ROOM BABYSITTING

Private In-Room Babysitting is available at a cost of $20 per hour for a minimum of three hours, paid in cash directly to the sitter. Please contact the Front Desk with your babysitting request no later than 3:00 pm on the same day that you require the sitter. One babysitter per room, no combined rooms or families. If you have any questions please ask the Front Desk.

*SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

Afternoon & Evening Entertainment

SUNDAY EVENING

WATERSKI SHOW

Be prepared for some high-flying flips, hilarious clown routines and some beautifully choreographed aqua ballet. What a great way to start your week—lakeside, with a truly Canadian resorting experience. Meet at the Pool deck.

8:00 PM - MARY LOU'S (MUSIC & GAMES ROOM) OPEN

MOVIE NIGHT: PADDINGTON IN PERU

Join Paddington on a heartwarming adventure through Peru as he embarks on a journey filled with laughter, friendship, and unforgettable surprises. Fun for the whole family! Watch the movie on the big screen in Bergwen's.

MONDAY

ZOOTEK – LOADS OF ANIMAL FUN!

ZooTek is an up-close-and-personal encounter with some of nature's most fascinating creatures. Children of all ages will be excited to meet exotic animals face to face. Meet at the Amphitheatre.

MEGA MAGIC WITH MIKE D'URZO

Like no other magician you've ever seen! Prepare to be mesmerized by the incredible, Mike D'Urzo of Mega Magic! Meet in Bergwen's.

TUESDAY

JUNIOR EINSTEIN'S SCIENCE SHOW

Get ready to experiment! We will be engineering some bubbling exothermic reactions, lighting a lightsaber with a plasma ball, will be exploring slime science, Giant smoke cannons and Barbie will be getting a hair-raising experience on our university grade Van Der Graaf generator. Meet in Bergwen's.

ARISTOV FAMILY CIRCUS

An international award winning family features incredible stunts, duo-juggling, hula-hoops, spinning cube, and their world famous Rolla Bolla balancing act. Guests of all ages will be on the edge of their seats with this performance! Meet in Bergwen's.

STARGAZING ON THE BIG SCREEN

Join us as we search across the universe for stars, planets and other wonders. Presented rain or shine! Meet in Bergwen's.
Following Aristov Family Circus.

DON'T FORGET: MARY LOU'S, OUR MUSIC & GAMES ROOM, IS OPEN AFTER THE SHOW, WITH KARAOKE OR SILENT DISCO EVERY NIGHT!

WEDNESDAY

POOL PARTY

We have music and we have games — you just need to bring the family! There's the slide challenge, relay races, a poolside scavenger hunt, and of course the Big Splash competition.

JAMIE WILLIAMS

A stage setup that usually consists of ten guitars, banjo, two mandolins, electric violin, piano/keyboard, saxophone, kick drum, snare, bongos, chimes, shakers and an arsenal of harmonicas is only the beginning of Jamie Williams' amazingly diverse show. Meet in Bergwen's.

THURSDAY

SPEAKING OF WILDLIFE

A wonderful opportunity for children of all ages to meet animals native to Ontario and learn about their habitat and habits. Don't miss this hands-on chance to meet our four-pawed friends. Meet at the Amphitheatre.

SHOWTIME: THE STAFF LIP SYNC SHOW

It's time for another season of our staff bustin' a move and silently belting their hearts out; it's Staff Lip Syncs! Performing hit songs both new and old, we've put together a show sure to entertain guests of all ages. Come cheer on all your favourite staff members! Meet in Bergwen's.

FRIDAY

NEIL CROSSWEL

International illusionist, Neil Croswell is a "rising star" in the world of magic today. His unique approach to magic has appeared on stage, cruise ships, and television across 4 continents. Meet in Bergwen's.

SATURDAY

THE BEE GUY

Beekeeper Tylor will introduce you to a honeybee colony! Get up close and personal with the safely sealed observation hive. The viewing chamber will be inhabited by a queen, drones, and an entourage of workers. A great opportunity to learn about our most prolific pollinators! Meet at the Amphitheatre

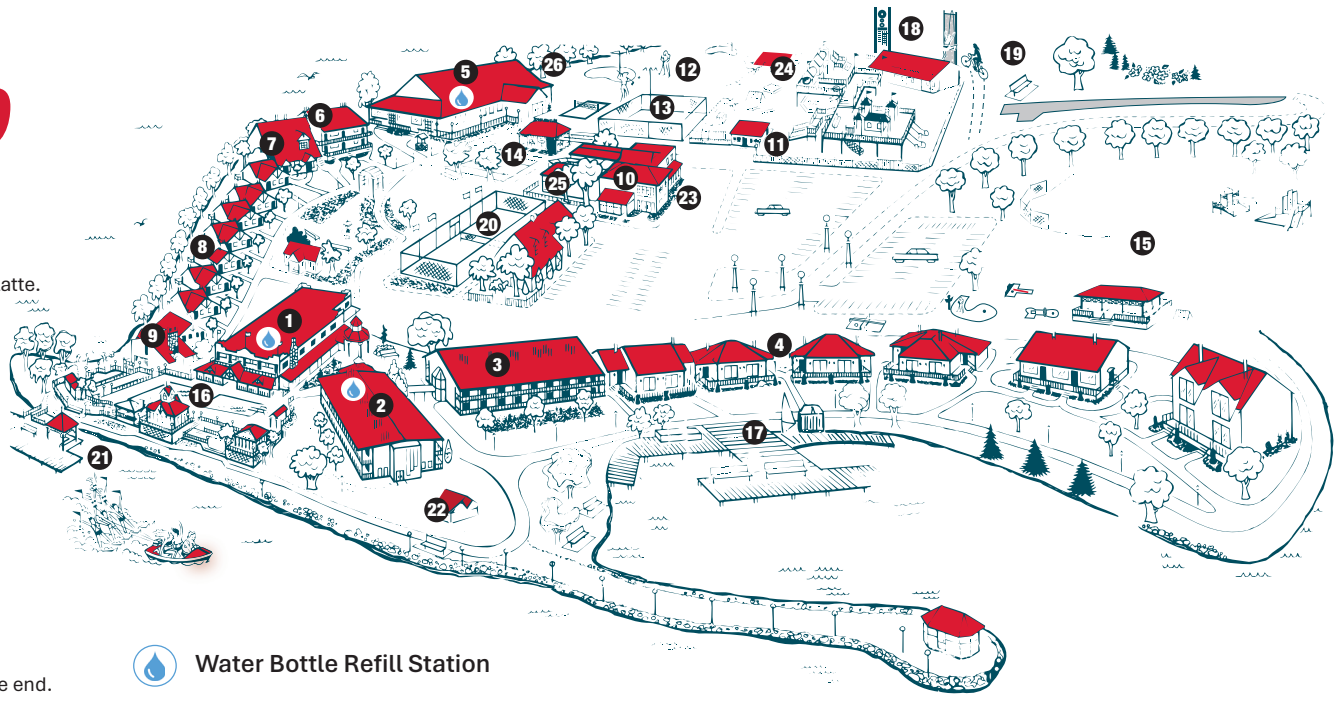
RHYTHM & GRACE

A high-energy family ensemble delivering unforgettable live entertainment filled with dynamic choreography, rich harmonies, and infectious stage presence. Their electrifying performance promises an evening of rhythm, heart, and pure joy for audiences of all ages. Meet in Bergwen's.

JIM CRONK: FIREPIT SING-ALONG

Gather around the fire for an evening of live music, classic sing-along favourites, and great company. Bring your voice, relax by the flames, and enjoy a fun night under the stars with Jim Cronk. Meet outside Mary Lou's firepit.

Resort Map



1. MAIN INN (401-420)

- Front Desk
- Heritage Dining Room
- Bertyl's Lobby Bar: Freshly-made cappuccino, espresso & latte.
- Gift Shop: Movie rentals, sundries and clothing.
- Front Desk: Office hours from 8 am to 11 pm, Night Staff available from 11 pm to 8 am.
- Coffee Station: Open 24 hours.
- Pool Towels: Available at the Front Desk.
- Ice Machine and Microwave: Lobby area & upstairs.

2. HEARTHSIDE INN (600–629)

- Simcoe, Huronia, and Mara Meeting Rooms
- Ice Machine located on middle floor at the far end.

3. FIRESIDE INN (101–219)

- Meeting Rooms 110 & 108.
- Ice Machine and Microwave locate on first floor at Bayshore end.

4. BAYSHORE COTTAGES (331–342)

5. MARY LOU'S & BERGWEN'S

- Entertainment, Billiards, Ping Pong, Arcade Games.
- Bar & Snack Bar**: Open 9 am to 5 pm (closed for lunch) and 7:45 pm to end of entertainment.

6. FERNWOOD INN (321–326)

7. TWIN FERN (318–319)

8. EDGEWATER COTTAGES (301–317)

- Ice Machine and Microwave located at the back of Main Inn.

9. SWEET FERN (300)

10. FITNESS CENTRE, INDOOR POOL, SPA

- Fitness Centre: Located above Indoor Pool. Open 7 am to 11 pm.
- Laundry: coin-operated machines. Washer/Dryer $2.50 each, Soap 50¢. Loonies and quarters accepted.
- Honey - The Spa: Open daily 10 am to 8 pm. Service by appointment only. Dial ext 243 from your in-room phone. For more info visit: www.honey-thespa.com
- Indoor Pool, Steam Room, Sauna, Hot Tub: 9:30 am to10 pm. Visit the Front Desk for pool towels and key.

Water Bottle Refill Station

11. PLAYVILLAGE**

- Playvillage & Nursery: Open 8:30 am to 4:30 pm & 6 pm to 8 pm. Closed for lunch: 12 pm to 1 pm.

12. FIVE-HOLE GOLF COURSE

- Get your equipment from the Sports Cottage.

13. BASKETBALL, BADMINTON, TENNIS COURTS & PICKLEBALL

14. TENNIS GAZEBO, SHUFFLEBOARD, BOCCE COURTS & GIANT CHESS AND CHECKERS

15. GWENDOLYN PARK

- Cargo & rope climbing, 4-way volleyball, trampolines, beach volleyball, soccer & mini putt.

16. POOL DECK & TERRACE BAR

- Sundeck, 2 Pools, Wading Pool, 2 Hot tubs, Sauna BBQ Gazebo & Terrace Bar. Pools Open 9 am - Dusk. Note: Please do not reserve lounge chairs. Unattended towels will be removed.

17. BOAT DOCK**

- Kids' Fishing Sticks and Bait, Canoes, Kayaks, Paddle Boards and Pedal Boats. See Front Desk.

18. EXTREME AREA

- Climbing Wall, Archery, Axe Throwing

19. MCBAIN CIRCLE HIKING TRAILS

- Nature trails: Enquire at Front Desk.

20. ACTIVITY COURT

21. SKI DOCK**

- Water Ski Lessons / Runs

22. AMPHITHEATRE

23. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Level 1 - 110v - Free
Level 2 - 60amp - Fee Required
$5 for 3 hours ~ $30 for 11 hours.

24. THE SPORTS COTTAGE**

Equipment Signout, Open daily 9 am to 5 pm
Closed for lunch: 12 pm to 1 pm.

25. EVERGREEN VILLA (350)

26. YOGA GARDEN

** May not be available on all dates. Please confirm with Front Desk

SMOKING & VAPING POLICY

Smoking, including vaping, is not permitted anywhere indoors or on the balconies and decks of rooms and cottages at Fern Resort. Smoking and vaping are only permitted in designated smoking areas in the following locations:

- **The 1st floor balcony off the Hearthside Inn.**
- **Off the pool deck behind the BBQ gazebo.**
- **Across the small parking area in front of the entrance to Mary Lou's/ Bergwen's.**

SMOKING CANNABIS

Since Fern is a family resort with children on property, smoking cannabis is not permitted on Fern Resort property in accordance with Ontario's Cannabis Laws regulating areas where children gather. For medical cannabis use please inquire at the front desk.

ALCOHOL & LICENSED AREAS

Alcoholic beverages are only permitted in licensed areas and must be purchased from Fern. These areas include Bertyl's Lounge, the Heritage Dining Room, Mary Lou's, Bergwen's and the Terrace Bar. Alcohol is not to be brought into or taken out of these areas. Alcohol is not permitted within the white lines around the pools.

Fun at the Ski Dock

LESSONS & RIDES

Open 9 am - 5 pm. Closed for lunch 12 noon -1 pm*.

Come to the Ski Dock where we provide both lessons and regular runs for watersports such as skiing, wakeboarding and kneeboarding taught by qualified professional ski instructors. We also have fun multi-rider inflatables that you can whiz around the lake on. Book yours at the Ski Dock.

Banana and UFO Boat Ride	**$23/10 min** per person
Regular Run Waterskiing, wakeboarding, kneeboarding	**$35/10 min**
Lesson 5 min land training, 15 min on the water	**$57/20 min**
Extreme Clinics Barefooting, jumping, advanced wakeboarding	**$235/hr**
Surf Clinic Learn to wake surf. Special clinics are required. Schedule ahead of time.	**$110/30 min** **$215/hr**

CLASSIC PACKAGES

6 Runs or Lessons for the price of 5:

Inflatable Ride	**$115**
Regular Run	**$175**
Lesson	**$285**

MULTI DAY PACKAGES - WATERSKIING

Love waterskiing/wakeboarding and can't get enough? Purchase an all-inclusive package that gives you the option to pre-book 2 water activities per day. Packages are priced for a single person and are non-transferable. Ask the Ski Dock staff about our multi-day package details.

3 Day All-Inclusive Pkg	**$250**
5 Day All-Inclusive Pkg	**$350**
7 Day All-Inclusive Pkg	**$405**

Prices above reflect cost per person. All prices are subject to 13% HST
Come 10 min before booking. Run starts at booked time.
Run will not be extended or price will not be reduced due to lateness.
**Hours may vary due to weather*

LIFE'S BETTER ON THE LAKE!

Enjoy the enchanting views of Lake Couchiching with the wind in your hair and maybe a refreshing dunk in the lake from the Fern Favourite Banana Boat!

INFLATABLE RIDES

STAND UP PADDLE BOARDS

KAYAKING & PEDALBOATS

GET YOUR POOL TOWELS FROM THE FRONT DESK.
RETURN USED POOL TOWELS TO FRONT DESK.

PROFESSIONAL PHOTO SHOOTS

While you're staying with us why not book a photo shoot with a local photographer? **Karen Rose Photography** would love to help capture your Fern memories. **Please contact Karen directly to find the time that works best for you during your stay.**

Contact Karen to Book
705-321-1322
karenrosephotography.com
karenrosephotography20@gmail.com

*Prices vary based on length of time and size of group.