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When visiting our museums, you'll learn about our rich heritage that includes steamships and wooden boats, railways, pioneer life, First Nations, an octagonal house, memories of Lucy Maud Montgomery and the birthplace of a national hero, Norman Bethune.

When visiting each museum, have your passport stamped – just as your passport is stamped when you enter a different country. Keep your passport as a souvenir of your travels in time.

Enjoy visiting Muskoka's eight distinctively different museums.



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**2009 Admission** (Train Available 2010)

Museum: Adult \$2 / Child \$1 Village: Adult \$10 / Child \$7



Muskoka Heritage Place is located on 90 acres of natural, unspoiled Muskoka, just 1 km from downtown Huntsville, close to Algonquin Provincial Park, Ontario, Canada. A working cross-roads community settled circa 1880 to 1910 is authentically recreated with costumed narrators and fun, creative hands-on things to do like candle-dipping, pioneer

baking and one-room school house lessons. Included are First Nation's encampment, beaver meadow pond, museum, pioneer dwellings, church, blacksmith shop, general store, inn, gardens, and farm animals. Please call ahead for our daily schedule.

**BACK ON TRACK 2010:** The Portage Flyer Train is on the move and will be under renovation for the 2009 season.

May 16 - Oct. 10, 2009 Open Daily 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Museum - last admission accepted at 3:30 pm Village - last admission accepted at 3 pm

88 Brunel Road, Huntsville (888) 696-4255 ext. 3214

[www.muskokaheritageplace.org](http://www.muskokaheritageplace.org) ■ (705) 789-7576

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# MUSKOKA RAILS MUSEUM

## Admission

FREE - Donations welcome



The Muskoka Rails Museum is located at 14 Gray Rd. in the Maple Orchard Farms building in Bracebridge. The museum provides a small glimpse of how the railways helped in

the settlement and economic development of the District of Muskoka and particularly the Town of Bracebridge. The museum has a number of interesting maps, old photographs and models of railways in Muskoka. The museum also has on display many railway artifacts and pieces of equipment inside and outside the building. Souvenirs of the Museum and of railways are on sale at the museum.

Mon. to Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m, year round and open Sunday's in the summer 12 - 5 p.m.

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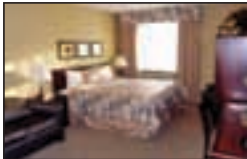


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visit through the museum's various galleries brings this fascinating history to life. Children's activities are available at any time; the museum's own Catto art gallery has a new show each month; the herb garden is always available for a visit; walking tours run every Thursday at 1:30 p.m., in July and August; and the museum's gift shop offers Muskoka books and unique, quality souvenirs and giftware.

May 16 - Oct 11, Wed. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun 12 - 5 p.m.  
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## Admission

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The year is 1882. Henry J. Bird and his family have just moved into Woodchester Villa, their new eight-sided hill-topped home in Bracebridge. Stepping through the entrance of Woodchester Villa, visitors will find their senses flooded with images from the past about

what life must have been like for the Bird family. That life was coloured by Mr. Bird, one of Bracebridge's founding citizens. His far-sighted approach to life accounts for his unusual home, one of the oldest residences in Bracebridge and an early example of poured concrete construction. The eight sided design was inspired by Orson Squire Fowler, a 19th century architectural philosopher. Woodchester Villa is one of the largest octagonal homes in Ontario.

Canada Day - Labour Day, Tues. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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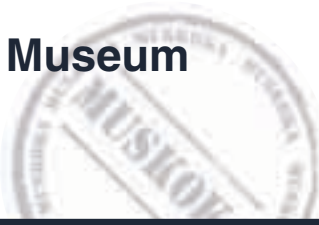
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pertaining to the Dorset area. New for the 2009-2010 season are two large wall murals, copies of the Group of Seven Artist Franz Johnston, plus a scale model of the historic Gilmour Tramway. All artifacts are donated by members of the community and are displayed for your enjoyment and education.

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