



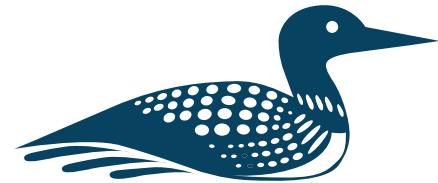
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# FALL & WINTER WELCOME BOOK





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1491 Sir Sam's Rd. Eagle Lake, Ontario K0M 1M0

# *your room* **YOUR ROOM**



## **Housekeeping Services**

The resort provides housekeeping services daily including towel and spa robe service for the pool and sauna, unless otherwise requested.

We also encourage our guests to help conserve water and detergent usage where possible to minimize the carbon footprint. If you do not require new towels in your room, simply re-hang your towels on the racks and they will not be taken for laundering. Should you not require any housekeeping services on a given day, hanging your “Do Not Disturb” sign on the door knob until after 12pm will let our housekeeping staff know you do not require service that day.

Thank-you for taking the time to read through our Welcome Package. We have noted some of the important information about the resort and local area as well as some great information on the history of the Inn.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please visit our Front Desk for friendly and helpful assistance.



## Woodburning Fireplace Instructions

Natural wood-burning fireplaces offer a traditional warmth and ambiance but are a rarity in most resorts now. We feel offering that warmth is an important part of your experience. You will find wood, matches and a fire-starter brick in the welcome kit you received at check-in.

Never use more than 1-3 logs at a time. Should you require additional firewood, we have wood sheds conveniently located to all rooms:

- **NORTHWOODS:** Between the Northwoods I & II buildings
- **GLEN EAGLES:** To the left of the entrance
- **MAIN INN:** Central closet in the upstairs hall



Please follow these important safety instructions when lighting and utilizing or near the fireplace:

Never rest logs against glass doors.

Before lighting your fire, take note of the location of the fire extinguisher.

1. Important: Confirm that the flue is in the OPEN position (you should be able to see daylight if you look up the chimney).
2. Place firestarter on the fireplace grate.
3. Nestle 2 pieces of firewood on the Firestarter, leaving a part of the firestarter accessible for lighting.
4. Pre-warm the chimney (to avoid a back-draft of smoke into your room): Light the edge of the supplied newspaper and hold up to the chimney opening for 1 minute or until you no longer feel a cold downdraft, before lighting your fire.
5. Place the lit newspaper below the grate in the fireplace and enjoy the ambience!

Never use more than 1 to 3 logs at any given time.

# dining

## DINING

Delicious menu items, expertly prepared and cooked to perfection is what you will experience at the Inn. Our Twin Fires Dining Room provides breakfast and dinner.



### **BREAKFAST**

*8:00 - 10:00 am*

Served in the Twin Fires Dining Room, no reservation required (hours subject to change during off season).

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### **DINNER**

*Service begins at 5:30 pm*

Reservations are required for dinner, book early for best availability on busy nights.

**Special Dietary Needs:** Our Chefs will make every effort to accommodate special dietary considerations with notice; Advising the front desk prior to arrival of any food allergies or sensitivities is recommended.

**Our Wine Cellar:** Descend the spiral staircase to the Twin Fires Wine Cellar; it is a unique experience that guests at Sir Sam's Inn can enjoy. You will peruse our collection of specially-chosen fine wines that compliment our menu or a special occasion.

We are always happy to help; ask for assistance to choose the wine that best suits your taste from our cellar. Your wine will then be brought to your table where your server will uncork and serve it for your enjoyment.

\*Wish to bring your own wine? A \$55 corkage fee applies.

**Additional Dinner Guests:** We are happy to accommodate guests from outside of the Inn with notice. Please provide the number of additional guests when booking your dinner reservations to ensure we can prepare a table for you.

Please note: our facility is adults only and outside guests must be at least 18 years of age.

**Celebrating a Special Occasion?** With notice, we can help to make your occasion extra special. Let us know if you'd like to purchase a romance package, a chilled bottle of sparkling wine, or help with your own unique plans; we are here for you!

**A Pint at Gunner's Pub:** Our in-house bar is the perfect place to enjoy a beverage of any type—cold beer, crisp wine, cocktails made from locally sourced distilleries, mixed drinks or virgin cocktails. What would you like? Enjoy a friendly game of pool, shuffleboard, darts, or just enjoy the atmosphere and watch the game.

Want to know more about the history of the inn? The pictures and art that adorn Gunner's walls is something worth enjoying. Ask the front desk for information on our history.

# *indoor facilities*

## INDOOR FACILITIES AND RECREATION:



### WATER SPA

*Open daily from 9:00 am to close.*

Included in your resort fee is unlimited use of our WaterSpa; a warm, serene, salt water pool with jets specifically designed to target and massage different zones of the body leaving you relaxed and rested. Soothing music plays while you enjoy gentle therapy for tense or aching muscles. Our quiet upper-level seating area with double-wide, padded loungers and soft lighting offers the perfect spot to spend some uninterrupted leisure time, Spa towels and spa-robos are in your room, you only need to bring your swim suit and any suitable footwear you desire.



### SAUNA AT THE WATER SPA

*Open daily from 9:00 am to close*

Our Sauna is a wonderful compliment to your time in the Spa pool. To ensure the proper temperature please let the Front Desk know a minimum of 30 mins ahead of use. We suggest on your way in to the Spa.



### MASSAGE THERAPY AND BODY TREATMENTS

Your stay at Sir Sam's Inn is guaranteed to be a relaxing one, and a perfect opportunity to re-charge your body, mind and spirit. We highly recommend that you take full advantage of this time to further enhance your visit by indulging in our rejuvenating Spa Services. Whether it's an Aromatherapy treatment, Detoxification, Reiki, Chakra, or Reflexology you're looking for, our Massage Therapists and Spa Therapists will provide you with the perfect treatment for your needs. You can find a copy of our full Spa Menu and hours at the front desk, or on our website at:

[www.sirsamsinn.com/spa](http://www.sirsamsinn.com/spa)



### CLASSIC GAMES

Enjoy a round of Ping Pong, Crokinole, or Chinese Checkers in our Hughes Wing Conference room. Feel free to borrow from our selection of books, puzzles and board games to enjoy throughout the Inn.



### WORKOUTS

The Treadmill, Elliptical trainer, stationary bike and free weights in our Fitness Room enable you to get in a cardio workout, do some light resistance training or stretching to maintain your fitness regimen while away from home.



# OUTDOOR ONSITE AND LOCAL

**\*\*NOTE:** You can find additional trails and tour information by visiting the Haliburton Trails & Tours Network at: [www.trailsandtours.com](http://www.trailsandtours.com)



## SKIING, SNOWBOARDING AND SNOWSHOEING

Take advantage of some fresh outdoor activity time with our friends at Sir Sam's Ski / Ride! You'll find up-to-date snow reports, run info, lift pass and trail information by visiting: [www.sirsams.com](http://www.sirsams.com)



## WINTERDANCE DOG SLED TOURS

Imagine a winter wonderland of sparkling snow and crisp, clean air; your dog team of beautiful huskies trotting softly ahead of you, the sled runners whispering under your feet. Winterdance is Ontario's dogsledding tour company and operates right here in the Haliburton Highlands. Find information on their 2-hour, ½ day, and full-day dogsled tours by visiting: [www.winterdance.com](http://www.winterdance.com)



## CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

The Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails Association grooms and maintains 3 cross-country ski areas, with trails totaling 36km. You'll find trail maps, fees, and additional information at: [www.skihaliburton.com/trail-maps](http://www.skihaliburton.com/trail-maps)



## SNOWMOBILING

The Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve is the only privately-owned snowmobiling operation in the world, operating on over 300 km of well-developed trails through some of Ontario's most scenic wilderness. Find trail information and more by visiting: [www.haliburtonforest.com/things-to-do/snowmobile-atv-trails](http://www.haliburtonforest.com/things-to-do/snowmobile-atv-trails)



## HIKING

The Haliburton Highlands has a variety of hiking and biking trails, many of which can also be used for snowshoeing in the winter season. Drop by our Front Desk to pick up a printed brochure of Haliburton County's hiking trails.

The Sculpture Forest & Head Lake Trail is a community-based trail that offers hikers a glimpse of work that local artisans have erected throughout the trail area.

The Haliburton Highlands Museum provides free snowshoe loans and access to groomed trails through Glebe Park.

# *general information*

## GENERAL INN INFORMATION

### **CHECK-OUT**

11:00 am, however you are welcome to stay and enjoy the facilities once you have turned in your keys and checked out at the Front Desk.

### **EARLY CHECK-OUT:**

For those requiring a check-out prior to 7:30 am, arrangements must be made to settle your account at the Front Desk the evening before by 10 pm. An email with your folio will be sent on day of departure.

### **GRATUITIES:**

Our team strives to exceed expectations by providing excellent customer service, as such, we recommend an industry standard of 18% gratuity when enjoying services at Sir Sam's Inn and Spa.

### **WIRELESS INTERNET:**

Available throughout the Main Inn and in lakeside accommodation units. Connect to **SIRSAMS**, no password is required.

### **GROUPS & MEETINGS**

Are you looking for the ideal place to host your next meeting, wedding, anniversary or social event? Sir Sam's Inn & Spa can accommodate groups of 15-55 for all types of meetings or events. Visit the front desk for more information or email [events@sirsamsinn.com](mailto:events@sirsamsinn.com)

### **POWER OUTAGES:**

Glowsticks are provided in the closet of each room for emergencies only. They work by cracking them which releases the light. Please remember to handle with care and see our Front Desk if you require assistance. Additionally, flashlights are available at the front desk.

### **SMOKING POLICY:**

Smoking/vaping of any kind is permitted in accordance with municipal regulations, be sure to respect the local habitat and potential fire risks at all times. There is **No smoking or vaping of any kind** anywhere inside Sir Sam's Main Inn, any of the guest rooms, balconies or within 9 metres of entranceways, patios or buildings.

A \$250 room recovery fee will be charged upon evidence of smoking or vaping, without exception. We thank-you in advance for your co-operation. Should you have further questions please stop by the Front Desk.



## SHAW REMOTE CONTROL:

1. Press the TV button
2. Press the power button to turn on the TV
3. Press the SAT button to power on the Shaw cable box.  
Press the power button to turn on the satellite  
(a white or green light should appear if box is on)
4. Once the box is on and you have pressed the SAT button you can operate the guide, channel +/- and volume buttons

**Troubleshooting:** If you are not getting a picture for the cable, ensure it is on the proper input. Press the source button & scroll down to the HDMI inputs, TV's will either be set on HDMI 1, 2, or 3 .



# LOCAL DIRECTORY

## HOSPITAL & HALIBURTON HIGHLAND HEALTH SERVICES:

7199 GELERT RD. (HALIBURTON) – 705-457-1392

## MARKET / CONVENIENCE STORE

### EAGLE LAKE COUNTRY MARKET:

2622 EAGLE LAKE RD. (EAGLE LAKE) – 705-754-2538

IN CASE OF MEDICAL EMERGENCY

**CALL 911**

**AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBER: 705 754-6004**

A portable phone is also located at the Front Desk of the Inn  
Our Address for Emergency Responders is  
1491 Sir Sam's Rd. Eagle Lake, Ontario K0M 1M0

# *the history* **THE HISTORY OF SIR SAM AND THE INN**

Completed in 1919, Sir Sam's Inn was once the Haliburton estate of Sir Samuel Hughes, the decorated government minister who led Canada's Military through the first World War. Though he was only able to enjoy its architectural beauty for two years before his passing in 1921, his family remained at this beautiful site until the 1930's.

The 10-bedroom stone and timber mansion he built along Eagle Lake's shoreline uniquely combined his desire for civilized comforts with his respect for nature's own bold architecture; that mutual respect continues today. While we've added 16 lakeside accommodations, the Waterspa, a conference wing and many other amenities, nature remains the guest of honour.

Sold in the 1930's, Sir Sam's was renamed the "Glen Eagle Fishing Lodge" and operated seasonally until 1965.

In 1979 that James Orr purchased the Inn, resurrecting its original name to reaffirm its heritage, and establishing his vision of outdoor grandeur and heartfelt hospitality over the next several decades.

Sir Sam's Inn is Ontario's Historical country destination and continues to grow as the next generation of Innkeeper plays a part in History.



# *sir samuel* **WHO WAS SIR SAMUEL HUGHES?**

Born January 8th, 1853 near Bowmanville, Ontario (known then as Canada West), Samuel Hughes attended the University of Toronto, and later joined the 45th West Durham Battalion of Infantry where he fought against the Fenian Raids.

In 1885, after teaching for 10 years, he relocated to Lindsay, Ontario where he purchased the local newspaper "The Victoria Warder", working as its Publisher for the next 12 years. It was during this time (in 1892) that he was elected to Parliament.

Samuel Hughes was chosen as a Commander for the Canadian contingent of 1200 men to be sent to South Africa to support British policies. Later in 1899, after helping to convince then Prime Minister Wilfred Laurier to send Canadian troops, Hughes volunteered for and fought in the second Boer War. Knighted for his services, he became known as Sir Sam.

Sir Sam then went on to be appointed Minister of Militia in 1911 and created the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) which oversaw the building of Camp Valcartier in Quebec during the first World War.

Known for his unfaltering support for what he believed in, Hughes was not always in agreement with his leaders and could sometimes be regarded as quite controversial. His opinions were not always popular and his methods unorthodox, though he would argue that he was merely cutting through red-tape to help his boys in the field.

On August 24th, 1915, Samuel Hughes was knighted as a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath and a year later, was made an honorary Lieutenant-General in the British Army. A Regimental and King's Colours display and plaque at Knox Presbyterian Church in Ottawa is dedicated to the memory of those who served in the 207th (Ottawa-Carleton) Battalion, CEF during the First World War. The Regimental Colours were donated by the American Bank Note Company and presented by Hughes to the battalion on Parliament Hill on November 18th, 1916.

On August 24th, 1921, Samuel Hughes passed away at the age of 68 years old of Pernicious Anaemia. He is buried in Lindsay, Ontario, and is survived by his son Garnet Hughes, and grandson Samuel Hughes.





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