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ROCKY CREST GOLF CLUB MUSKOKA, ONTARIO

Since opening to rave reviews in 2000, Rocky Crest Golf Club has been acclaimed as a thrilling test of golf with a distinctively Canadian character in one of the world's most beautiful regions. The course and the Muskoka wilderness are one—a seamless collection of gorgeous golf holes, masterfully crafted and routed among the Canadian Shield's granite, wetlands, and forests, all of which give Rocky Crest its quintessentially Canadian flair.

The Tom McBroom-designed Rocky Crest was No. 5 in a ranking of Canada's Top 100 by The Globe and Mail (Canada's National newspaper) in 2005, and Ontario's No. 1 resort course in a ranking by Ontario Golf magazine in 2001. These, and other awards, are richly deserved. Five sets of tees allow the par-72 layout to be played anywhere from 6,943 to 5,251 yards, challenging the better player while providing an enjoyable outing for all levels of golfers. But the essence of Rocky Crest's universal appeal is the way McBroom incorporated the natural attributes of Muskoka in the design. First-time visitors and members marvel at the sense of peace and escape which is due in part to its extensive size, more than 300 acres, which offers a feeling of privacy on every hole. Framed by thick stands of pine, white birch and hemlock, its rolling fairways are accented by a modest number of bunkers and ruggedly beautiful granite outcroppings, which provide aesthetic charm and strategic challenge.

"We wanted to celebrate our natural Canadian features and the best way to do that was to show off the spectacular beauty of the rock, especially in the foreground between the tees and landing areas," McBroom said. "I liken it to the way whin and gorse are used on old Scottish courses, to make a forced carry to the fairways. This is Muskoka, so why not do that with rock?" The 569-yard, par-5 6th hole, for example, features a three-acre chasm of granite as a 180-yard carry from the back tees.

Strikingly unique, the rustically elegant clubhouse built from huge, hand-hewn pine logs is a perfect partner for the magnificent course and the majestic white pines framing many holes. At home and on the links at one of Canada's most revered courses: Lakeside at Rocky Crest delivers the best of both worlds.



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