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MacDonald's Resort History

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If you need fuel for your powerboat or help with your sailboat or want to rent a boat for a pleasant day fishing on Lake Pend Oreille, MacDonald's Hudson Bay Resort can satisfy those needs. But MacDonald's is more than that. There you can find an ice cream treat or cold drinks, perhaps even swap a fishing story or talk about the one that got away.

Bill Hudson, a retired Spokane policeman, started Hudson Bay Resort in the 1930s with a single dock and a home on shore. The six hillside cabins you see at MacDonald's Resort were built in the mid 1930's as fishing cabins.

When the base was decommissioned in 1946 the land and buildings on the resort site was sold to Elwin and Audrey Collier by the War Assets Administration around 1948. The Colliers owned the property until 1951 when it was sold to Nina and Alvin MacDonald, Gary's grandparents. Their son, Jim MacDonald, was 24 and Gary was a baby. They bought a resort with six cabins, a main house, two docks with ten attached floathouses, and some miscellaneous buildings.

On the waterfront you will find three two-story cabins and one stand alone cabin. The two-story cabins were originally two door garages with chauffeur's quarters which were sited next to an officer's home in Idlewilde Bay, near Eagle Marina. Jim MacDonald purchased the three buildings at an War Assets auction. Good Hope Salvage was hired to barge the cabins from Idlewilde Bay to a bulkhead at MacDonald's. They were moved down the parking lot and placed on poured foundations. They were converted into cabins. Where there are now picture windows there were garage doors for the vehicles used by the Naval officers. The final cabin, number 12, was a lake cabin purchased in the 1980's and converted into a rental. There were two other cabins, numbers 7 and 8, which were basically tents with a hard roof. They were demolished years ago. So, even though there are twelve numbered cabins, only ten cabins exist.

Gary's current home has a "core" which was once a Farragut Naval building. It was turned into one of the resort's family homes and has been remodeled many times over the past 67 years by Jim and Gary MacDonald.

The restrooms started as simple outhouses with flush toilets and were originally built and (Con't)

installed by WPA (Work Progress Administration), one at the west end of the property and one near the main house. They have been improved over the years and MacDonald's are proud of the fact that they are still open to the public and are kept clean at all times. Over the years parking has been added and the waterfront topography has changed some.

Gary and Mary MacDonald continue to work at the resort and have been joined by their son Justin in day-to-day operations. With the birth of James Bennett MacDonald they have a 5th generation in the wings and the hope is that MacDonald ownership will go on into the future.

Today, MacDonald's Hudson Bay Resort has become a prominent feature of the southwest end of Lake Pend Oreille. They have approximately 225 boat slips, along with 20 floathouse sites, and is a family operated gem in the Gem State.

Green Mountain Silica Mine Update

Washington State wants to help a Canadian company build a Silica Smelter in Newport, to create jobs. Many in Newport are concerned that the jobs are not worth the health risks.

The \$325 million smelter will have a 150' smoke stack. It will release 300,000 tons of pollutants annually. 180 acres south of Newport have been purchased.

Many in Sandpoint worry about pollution from the smelter and want to protect the lake, our air quality & recreation economy. They oppose the smelter and the mine near Bayview.

Bayview is caught in the middle. There is a 400' thick deposit of Quartzite under Green Mountain. Quartzite is the source of high quality silica.

Green Mt. Silica Inc. of Missoula wants to sell its mining claims for \$220 million dollars. They could hold Billions in Silica. Here is an excerpt from *Geology and Economic Potential of the Gold Creek Quartzite*: "Gold Creek Quartzite may have excellent potential as a source of high purity industrial silica." Permitting could take several years. How would the mine and smelter impact our quality of life? Stay tuned . . .

**Timberlake Fire Protection District
Strategic Planning Meeting**
Bayview Community Center,
Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 6:00pm.

We invite and encourage the community members to attend and give input as to what they want to see from *their* fire district.

THE HIKER'S CODE

by Francie Miller

Please consider some trail etiquette in time for hiking season. Conserving North Idaho's exceptional wildness is up to us, so follow (and preach) these few tips to keep things pristine.

Stay on the Trail: Stay in the middle of the trail and hike single-file to minimize damage to delicate habitat.

Pets in Parks: In parks, in general, pets are supposed to be on a leash at all times. Why so restrictive? Your dog may chase or scare wild animals, or leave a predator scent that lingers. It could trample vegetation off the trail. Also, some park visitors just aren't dog people.

Right-of-Way: When hiking, in general, down-hillers yield to up-hillers, hikers yield to horses and bikers.

Littering: Don't Do It of Course This includes orange peels, sunflower seeds and the like. Bonus points for picking up lesser hikers' litter.

Hold It Right There:

Do your best to avoid trailside potty breaks. A-plus hikers always use the toilets at the trailhead so they don't get caught with their pants down, but if emergency strikes:

- 1 Step off the trail to pee.
- 2 In a canyon or near a water source, Pack it in, Pack it out applies to poop, otherwise, always bury at least 6 inches.

Graffiti: Do you really need to be reminded not to carve your stupid, boring initials into signage, bathroom stalls or horror of horrors actual trees or rocks? You don't, right?

Don't Be Too Cairnful: This one's tricky because cairns, those little stacks of rocks, you sometimes see marking an otherwise vague section of a trail are a nice, unobtrusive way to keep hikers on track. But if they start showing up everywhere, they suddenly become *non-unobtrusive*?

Leave What You Find: Are you noticing a theme? Just don't mess stuff up. Leave no trace. "Leave only footprints, take only photographs." It's a great time to teach children the deeper joy of sacrificing some small pleasure item for the greater good.

Obey Posted Signs: Because most of them are giving you great pointers about how to not die or how to not ruin something that took eons to make.

Tattle on Cheaters: Who ever said being a tattle-tale was a bad thing? That's crazy. What deserves your loyalty: the delicate Jurassic rock formation, or the clown climbing on it? Make a note of dangerous or destructive behavior and tell a park ranger. Snitch with pride, your goody-two-shoes hiking boots. (con't)

Set an Example for the Kids: Respecting nature is like smoking cigarettes: If you can hook kids while they're young, it'll become a lifelong habit. Teach them the rules. Kids notice what you do more than what you say.

Dress for Success: This is more about savvy than etiquette, but be 30% more prepared than you think you need to be — always bring proper shoes, water, layers, a hat, more water, snacks, and sunscreen. Don't be the one hiking Scotchman's Peak in flip flops.

You Are Average! The last, biggest rule of being a good steward of North Idaho's wilderness is believing that all the rules apply to you. Even the silly ones about not feeding wildlife. North Idaho is exceptional! You, however, are not.

The Legend of Bayview Goat-Cow

By Jan Jones



Perhaps you've seen it around town, a mysterious, benevolent creature known as **Bayview Goat-Cow** that pops up and disappears as discreetly. Many have wondered about his origins. He has been appearing around Bayview for the last 5-6 years.

The legend says that he was descended from a planter box that happily sat on a porch in the very center of Bayview. Although originally much smaller, with proper feeding and

watering he has grown up to be a typical sized Goat-Cow.

He turns up in the most unusual places. He can usually be seen gracing the Fire Truck during the July 4 parade and always makes an appearance at Gary McDonald's annual end of summer party. In addition to landing at many residences around town, he has been sighted at The Merc, the Captain's Wheel and the Bitter End Marina and even served as a mascot for our brave firefighters during the 2015 Cape Horn fire.

If the Bayview Goat-Cow comes to visit you, you are special, because he brings good luck and happiness. Please take good care of him. While he visits, you can dress him up, take pictures and enjoy him. You can post his picture at your location on his facebook page "Bayview Goat-Cow". After one or two weeks, Goat-Cow likes to move to a new location — and you get to decide where in Bayview he will reside next.

So, enjoy our Bayview Goat-Cow — but don't look for him yet. Being a snow bird, he goes south every Fall, with a promise to return in the Spring when the sun is shining again.

Editor's Note: The Goat Cow is badly in need of a name. Perhaps a naming contest is in order?