

# WELLESLEY ISLAND

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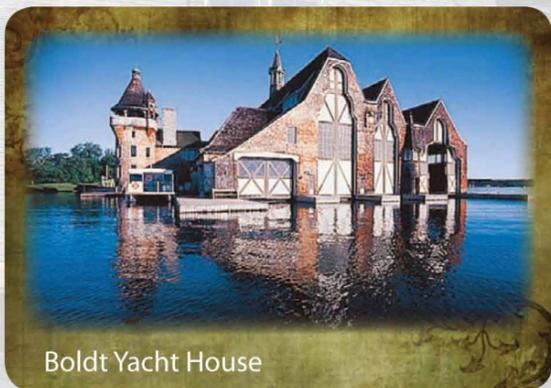


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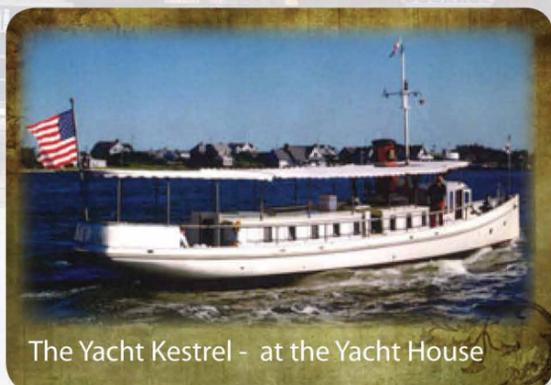
This island for everyone has lush public golf courses, stunning attractions and quaint communities. Whether you're looking for a new camping experience, seeking a quiet cottage retreat or simply cruising into one of the many marinas, you'll find Wellesley to be a hidden gem easily accessible from both the United States and Canada.

### BOLDT YACHT HOUSE SHUTTLE TO BOLDT CASTLE

Boldt Yacht House, located on Wellesley Island, can be seen from the north side of Boldt Castle on Heart Island. The Boldt family's three yachts and tremendous house boat were accommodated here in slips measuring 128 feet long. The building rises 64 feet and formerly housed a shop to build racing boats as well as quarters for crew and staff. The Yacht House has undergone many repairs and improvements by the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority over the past several years. Projects have included repairs to the enormous bay doors, façade, shingle siding, windows and roof. Antique boats from the Boldt family era are on display courtesy of the Antique Boat Museum, Clayton, NY. Take the Yacht House shuttle boat to Boldt Castle and Heart Island as part of a combination ticket to both attractions.



Boldt Yacht House

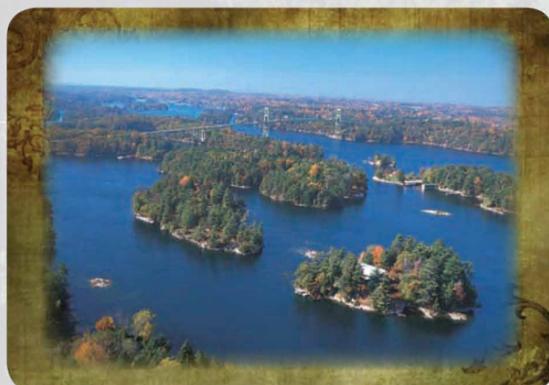


The Yacht Kestrel - at the Yacht House

### THOUSAND ISLANDS BRIDGE SCENIC ROUTE CONNECTING THE USA AND CANADA

The Thousand Islands Bridge system extends from Collins Landing near Alexandria Bay, New York, to Ivy Lea near Gananoque, Ontario. Covering a distance of 8.5 miles, the bridge system provides direct connection between US Interstate 81 and Canadian Highway 401. The crossing over the American Channel of the St. Lawrence River between the US mainland and Wellesley Island is a 4,500-foot suspension bridge that rises 150 feet above the river.

The 3,330-foot Canadian crossing touches three islands before reaching mainland Ontario. The 600-foot Warren Truss connects Hill and Constance islands. A steel arch measuring 348 feet connects Constance to Georgina Island. Georgina connects to mainland Canada via a 750-foot suspension span that rises 120 feet above the river. The boundary at the International Rift connecting the two counties is a pair of 90-foot concrete and stone arches.



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## Neighborhoods

Wellesley is comprised of five neighborhoods: Westminster Park, Wellesley Island East, Tennis Island, Fineview and Thousand Islands Park. They're spread across the island, with most facing the St. Lawrence Seaway shipping channel.

Westminster, Tennis Island and Thousand Islands Park all list themselves as "private communities," meaning there is no public water or beach access. Of the group, "TI Park" is the most popular among visitors. With ample parking and shopping, the community has much to offer day trippers and visitors.

Check nnymls.com for real estate listings. Weekly or seasonal rentals are also available on the Island.

### Wellesley Island East/Westminster Park

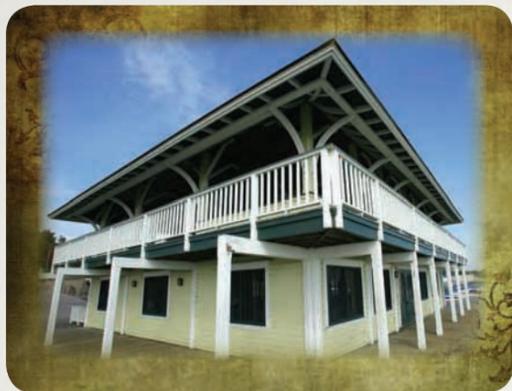
The eastern end of Wellesley Island has two communities. Wellesley Island East refers to homes surrounding the Thousand Islands Country Club's Lake Course. These homes are as "on-the-course" as you can get. It is one of Wellesley's newer home developments. Westminster Park is an older, private community at the far eastern end of Wellesley.

### Tennis Island

As its name implies, Tennis Island is separated from Wellesley by a short bridge. On the eastern end of Wellesley Island, the neighborhood overlooks Boldt Castle on Heart Island as well as the Boldt Yacht House. Tennis Island is a private community. Homes have a uniform look and were built approximately 25 years ago. Tennis Island North borders the Thousand Islands Country Club's Old Course.

### Fineview

Fineview features homes that stretch along the St. Lawrence River shipping channel from the Thousand Islands Bridge to the western end of Wellesley known as Thousand Islands Park. While many of the homes have passed from generation-to-generation, there are occasionally houses and cottages for sale.



### Thousand Island Park

TI Park is on the far western end of Wellesley, on the site of a former Methodist community. The beautiful Victorian cottage-homes that line these lightly traveled streets are passed from generation-to-generation via 99-year leases. It's home to a public pavilion that overlooks the Seaway shipping channel as well as the Wellesley Hotel, Guzzle ice cream corner store and basketball and tennis courts. The hotel has a restaurant, basement tavern, four suites and 11 shops scattered about the first and second floors. It's a must-see.

## Business Listings

area code 315

Wellesley Island and Fineview zip code 13640

Thousand Island Park zip code 13692

## Attractions

### Boldt Yacht House

The Boldt family's yachts and enormous houseboat were housed here in slips 128 feet long. Towering bay doors on the decorative façade provided access to the river. The building, rising 64 feet, also featured a shop to build racing launches and quarters for crew and staff. The grandeur of the Gilded Age is fully embodied in the structure's shingle-style architecture, tremendous towers and spires, and the steep-pitched gables. [boldtcastle.com](http://boldtcastle.com) - 482-9724 or 800-847-5263

### Minna Anthony Nature Center

The center includes a museum, varied habitats such as wooded wetlands, three miles of shoreline and open granite outcrops, with trails for hiking, cross-country skiing and nature education. The Nature Center provides educational and recreational programs. One special feature at the nature center is the 1/4 mile handicapped-accessible trail that includes access to picnic tables and the seasonal butterfly house. [nysparks.state.ny.us](http://nysparks.state.ny.us) - 482-2479

## Camping & Parks

**Wellesley Island State Park** is the quintessential camping experience: tenting, RVs, beaches, playgrounds...it is an all-American park. [nysparks.state.ny.us](http://nysparks.state.ny.us) - 482-2722 or 800-456-CAMP



**DeWolf Point State Park** is a quiet camping colony with great access to a popular fishing and swimming area on the St. Lawrence River. [nysparks.state.ny.us](http://nysparks.state.ny.us)

**Mary Island State Park** is accessible only by boat and requires no reservations. A great camping experience for the non-traditional camper! [nysparks.state.ny.us](http://nysparks.state.ny.us)

**Seaway Island Resort** is a private-owned campground for tents, campers and RVs with all the amenities. Model trailers also on site. 482-2424

**Waterson Point State Park** - Waterson Point State Park is small and picturesque, ideal for the fisherman and boating enthusiast who wishes to escape the hustle and bustle of the larger parks. The two docks provide overnight and day dockage for 30 boats as well as a comfort station (toilets only). The park also has picnic facilities, including a century old Gazebo and access to shoreline fishing.

## Golf

**State Park Golf Course** is a hidden gem on the western end of the island that keeps people coming back year after year. [nysparks.state.ny.us](http://nysparks.state.ny.us) - 482-9622 or 800-456-CAMP

**Thousand Island County Club** anchors the eastern end of Wellesley with two 18-hole options, the "Old Course" and the "Lake Course" You can also rent course-side villas. [ticountryclub.com](http://ticountryclub.com) - 482-5017, 800-928-TICC

## Dining

### Hackers Pub and Grill

Located at the TI Country Club's Old Course, Hackers is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner. It's a great place to stop after a round on the course or a jaunt through the islands -- marina and docking nearby. Open May-October. [ticountryclub.com](http://ticountryclub.com) - 482-5017, 800-928-TICC

### Joey's Thousand Island Club

Situated in a grand, stately 100-year-old building, on the southeast shore of Wellesley, Joey's offers fine dining on 12 acres along the St. Lawrence River. The restaurant and kitchen are run by popular Syracuse restaurateur Joey DeCuffa. Open seasonally, serving dinner seven nights a week. Lunch served Friday-Sunday Also open to wedding receptions and special events. [joeystalianrestaurant.com](http://joeystalianrestaurant.com) - 482-9999

### Wellesley Hotel and Restaurant

Built in 1903, the Wellesley Hotel is located in Thousand Island Park, a historic scenic waterfront community on western Wellesley Island. The restaurant continues the tradition of fine food and charming, modest lodging with a newly restored look accenting simple comforts. Open seasonally, serving dinner nightly, except Wednesdays. The hotel has four available suites. [wellesley-hotel.com](http://wellesley-hotel.com) - 482-3698

### Nut n' Fanci

The name says it all! If you're looking for a quick stop with the kids or just picking up a burger for the road, grab something from Nut n' Fanci. Conveniently located on Cross Island Road near the entrance to Wellesley Island State Park. 482-3314

## Lodging, Villas & Cabins

See listings for:

- Thousand Islands Country Club (under golf)
- Wellesley Hotel & Restaurant (under dining)
- Wellesley Island State Park (under camping and parks)

## Marinas

### Blue Heron Boat Works

Specializing in building and repairing wooden boats, this Westminster Park marina has seasonal dockage available, with 30-foot max boat length and 4-foot draft. Launch ramp, storage and sales all available. Westminster Park Road. 482-4934

### Thousand Island Club and Horizon Marine

Regarded for its relaxing atmosphere, this marina is tucked inside a protected natural bay on the eastern end of Wellesley Island. Within sight of Boldt Castle and across the shipping channel from Alexandria Bay. Docking, fuel, Internet access and marine supplies on site. [horizonmarina.com](http://horizonmarina.com) - 482-9956

### Wellesley Island State Park Marina

Located at the island's largest state park, the marina has transient dockage, 40' max boat length, 3' draft, launch ramp, pump out, bait/tackle, restrooms, showers and groceries. The marina rents canoes, fishing boats and engines. [nysparks.state.ny.us](http://nysparks.state.ny.us) - 482-2722 or 800-456-CAMP

### Wellesley Island Yacht Club

Just steps away from the golf course the Yacht Club is located in a protected bay overlooking the islands. There's more than 100 slips to accommodate boats from 15- to 50-feet. Member benefits include shore power, water, optional cable hook-up, use of two bathhouses, reduced annual or daily fees at the Lake Course pool and special villa rates. The marina is open from May to November. [ticountryclub.com](http://ticountryclub.com) - 315-482-9454, 800-928-TICC

## Shopping & Supplies



### Cross Island Farms

The farm produces Certified Organic Pastured Pork, Goat, and "Just Laid" eggs, Certified Organic fruits and vegetables, other all-natural produce. Farm tours, primitive camping, and organic work opportunities make Cross Island Farms an agri-tourism destination. [crossislandfarms.com](http://crossislandfarms.com) - 482-3663

### Duty Free Americas

Duty Free Americas offers a wide selection of fragrances, elegant dress and casual watches, gifts, jewelry and travel-related merchandise from the highest quality brand names, as well as items that typically incur significant duties and taxes, such as liquor and tobacco. Located at the border, the Duty Free store is accessible to visitors entering Canada only from I-81 northbound lanes just south of the Canada Border Services station. [dutyfreeamericas.com](http://dutyfreeamericas.com) - 482-2730

### Fineview MiniMart

This convenience store and gas station are located on County 100 near Wellesley Island State Park and the western end of the island. Also selling camping supplies, sandwiches and souvenirs. 482-9393

### Nut N' Fanci

The small town diner doubles as a convenience store that's popular with campers. The store has groceries, souvenirs and camping supplies. Cross Island Road. 482-3314

### Riverview Cottage

Fine antiques, books, yard and porch decorations, furniture and collectibles. May to November. Coast Avenue East, Fineview. 482-6907 or 778-2400

### Shops at Wellesley Hotel

The historic Wellesley Hotel is the center of Wellesley Island gift shopping. Eleven shops are scattered among the first and second floors. All are seasonal, typically operating from Spring to Labor Day.

### Wellesley Island Building Supply

Doors, windows, pavers, lumber...Wellesley Island Building Supply is the home for all of your home-improvement needs. This longtime business is locally owned and run by a knowledgeable staff that works with customers to get the job done the first time. Along Route 191, just south of exit 51 from I-81. [wellesleyislandblg.com](http://wellesleyislandblg.com) - 482-6600