



Your workshop on Wasan Island

Wasan island is a beautiful oasis and rejuvenating space exclusively for social impact work, ideally suited for strategic planning sessions, deep learning, and collaborative alignment. Situated on Lake Rosseau in Muskoka, Wasan Island offers an ideal environment for work and play: facilitate your sessions in our peaceful Pavilion room by day and paddle among the islands of Lake Rosseau by kayak in the afternoon.

Whether you're looking for an early morning brainstorm at the water's edge, conversations over a mouth-watering dinner (prepared by our on-island professional chef), or to deepen your ideas around the campfire or the hot tub, Wasan is the perfect place to learn and connect.

There are so many beautiful photos of Wasan, [click here to check them out!](#)

The island has 22 beds for up to 25 people... where do we sleep?!

Wasan Island has many different accommodation options, varying in size and form. Some rooms have a private bath, whereas others share a bath between two or three rooms. A few rooms have king beds, some have queens, and others have doubles and singles. Location wise, some rooms are within larger buildings, like the Lodge or Pavilion, and some are on their own in bunkies located throughout the island.

In total, we have 22 beds (with green boathouse, otherwise 20); and if folks share beds, we can accommodate up to 25 people.

What's the workspace like?

The Pavilion is uniquely designed to host mindful retreats, discussions, and meetings, with room for up to 25 people. This space comes equipped with a projector and screen, bluetooth

speakers, an HDMI cable, white boards, flip charts, post-its, pens and markers. Participants can lounge on tatami mats and there are chairs available as well. You are welcome to adjust the layout to suit your needs. The kitchenette outside the meeting room has a fridge, sink and coffee and tea makers. The Lodge is a short walk from the Pavilion.

The Grey Boathouse, one of the larger buildings on the island, can serve as a work and leisure space, and can accommodate up to 25 people. The room has a projection screen and bluetooth speakers.

On the top floor of the Lodge, you'll find the communal dining and lounge space, as well as a full kitchen.

There are many locations ideal for breakout groups: the Pavilion deck, the West dock, the East dock, the Team deck, the Lodge patio, the Lodge dining area, and the Vista living room come to mind as some favourites!

Deposit & Cancellation Policy

Deposit Policy:

To secure your booking at Wasan Island, we require a 35% deposit at the time of booking to reserve your stay. The remaining balance of your stay will be charged to your card on file 30 days prior to your check in.

Cancellation Policy:

Notice of cancellation must be provided by email to wasanworkshops@socialinnovation.ca

- If you are canceling more than 90 days ahead of your check in, your deposit will be returned.
- If you are canceling more than 60 days ahead of your check in, your deposit is non refundable.
- If you cancel more than 30 days ahead of your check in, we will charge 50% of your stay.
- If you cancel with 29 days or less notice prior to your check in, you'll be charged the full amount of your stay.

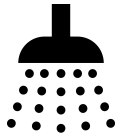
Amenities



Wifi available



Drinking water



Showers on site



Towels provided



Bedding provided



First aid kit on site



Defibrillator on site



Life jackets
available



Sauna



Swimming



Canoeing &
kayaking



Fishing



Hot tub



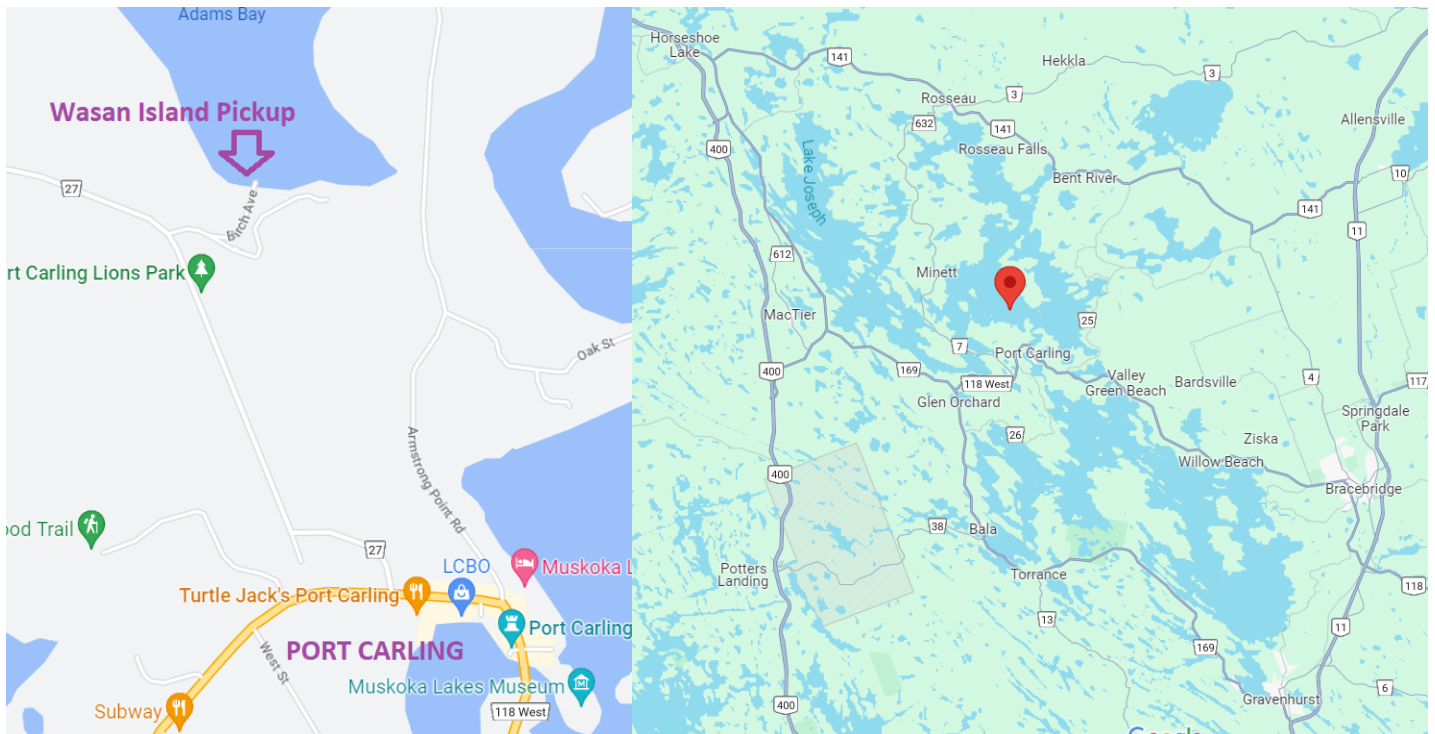
Camp fire

Where is Wasan?

Directions

Wasan Island is located on Lake Rosseau, near Port Carling, about a 2.5 hour drive from Toronto. You will be picked up at Adams Bay.

Look for "Birch Avenue, Port Carling" on your map app to get to the pick up destination (Adams Bay).



FAQ

Is Wasan Island accessible?

Unfortunately, the island is not fully accessible. It is located on the Canadian Shield, and is therefore rocky and uneven. There are gravel pathways leading to the various buildings, but they are not wheelchair accessible. There is lighting along the pathways at night for improved visibility. We're more than happy to do everything we can to make your stay as comfortable and accessible as possible - if you have any questions, please connect with the Island Manager.

Are there other people staying on the island?

Other than the staff, everyone on the island is attending your workshop.

Can I “come and go” from the island?

Please plan to stay on the island for the full duration of your stay. If you need to have an extra boat trip, please let us know in advance.

Where am I parking my car? Is it safe to leave while I'm away?

Your vehicle will be parked in a quiet public lot in Port Carling - we have not had any issues with cars being parked here but you will be leaving them there at your own risk. Remember to lock up!

Can I buy food/items on the island?

There are no stores on the island. However, there is an LCBO, grocery store, and several other shops in the town of Port Carling. We recommend planning for time to shop before you take the boat over!

How good is the wifi?

Wireless Internet access is reliable, as is cellular network reception on the Island. Of course, we encourage all guests to unplug and embrace the Island experience.

Can I drink alcohol or use cannabis products on the island?

Guests are free to bring their own alcohol and legal drugs. We ask that everyone be respectful, as it is a shared space.

I have dietary requirements - can these be met?

Yes! Please share any dietary requirements and allergies with the staff team as soon as possible, no later than 10 business days before your arrival, and we will try to accommodate you as best as we can. You can provide these dietary requirements in the template that we will send you before your arrival.

What is the meaning of Wasan?

In the Anishinaabe language, "wasan" (sometimes spelled "waasan") means "dawn" or "early morning." It can also refer to the time of day just before the sun rises, and it is often associated with new beginnings and the start of a new day. In Anishinaabe culture, the dawn is considered a sacred time when the natural world is waking up and the spirits are particularly active. It is a time for reflection, prayer, and renewal, and it is believed that positive energy and good intentions set during this time can carry throughout the day.

Questions

If you have any questions or concerns or special needs, please contact wasanworkshops@socialinnovation.ca and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

We look forward to hosting you!