

**FHBRO HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT
CEDAR ISLAND PICNIC SHELTER, ST. LAWRENCE ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK**

FHBRO number: **93-34**
DFRP number: **09431**
Resource name: **Cedar Island Picnic Shelter**
Address: **Cedar Island, St. Lawrence Islands National Park, Ontario**
FHBRO status: **“Recognized” Federal Heritage Building**
Construction: **1950**
Designer: **unknown**
Original function : **picnic shelter**
Current function : **picnic shelter**
Modifications: **no known modifications**
Custodian: **Parks Canada Agency (PCA)**

Reasons for Designation

The Cedar Island Picnic Shelter is a “Recognized” Federal Heritage Building because of its historical associations, and its architectural and environmental values:

Historical value:

The Cedar Island Picnic Shelter is associated with the establishment of national parks through the subtheme of growth of the parks in the 1950s. At St. Lawrence Islands National Park, this necessitated the construction of additional recreational facilities, including picnic shelters.

Architectural value:

The Cedar Island Picnic Shelter is a good example of postwar national park picnic shelters, whose design had changed little since the 1930s. The simple, open design is appropriate to its use as a public picnic shelter, permitting a view of the surrounding scenery while providing protection from sun and inclement weather. The unpartitioned interior space allows for flexible use. Standard components found in the Cedar Island Picnic Shelter include a hipped roof with exposed rafter ends, wood support posts with diagonal brackets, a surrounding railing with diagonal braces, and a concrete slab foundation.

Environmental value:

The Cedar Island Picnic Shelter is located in a wooded area, but is not visible from the water, on an island in the St. Lawrence River and reinforces the picturesque character of the setting. A campsite, privy and dock are located nearby. The shelter is close to, but not visible from, the water. The rustic character of the shelter is appropriate to this setting. The shelter is known to campers.

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Character-Defining Elements

The following character-defining elements of the Cedar Island Picnic Shelter should be respected:

Its rustic aesthetic and conformity to the standard design for national park picnic shelters as manifested in:

- the open design and unpartitioned interior space;
- the hipped roof, exposed rafter ends, wood support posts and diagonal brackets, surrounding railing with diagonal braces, all sitting on a concrete slab floor;
- the use of milled-wood frame construction.

The manner in which it reinforces the picturesque, yet accessible character of the setting as evidenced in:

- its location on a remote, heavily treed site, on an island, with a campsite, privy and dock nearby.

For guidance on interventions, please refer to the FHBRO Code of Practice. For further information contact FHBRO.

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