

# Long Island — A Family Retreat

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They say time passes and doesn't leave a trace. The RCMP Camp at Long Island Locks is an exception. Located on the Rideau Canal System near Manotick, Ontario (6 miles south of Ottawa), it is a picture of serenity and quality family camping for members and ex-members of the Force and their families.

In 1986, we celebrated the 45th anniversary of the camp's inception on August 29, 1941 (see Quarterly, Vol. 43 No. 3), and are looking forward to another 45 years of happy family summer fun.

The camp consists of 50 trailer sites (anyone from outside Ottawa is guaranteed a spot) and 12 cabins, with 2 new cabins proposed in the

near future, as a result of the recent acquisition of a parcel of land adjoining the camp. In the last few years, a new canteen has been constructed, updated docking facilities for small and large boats have been added, and the children's playground has been expanded, at a cost of several thousand dollars. Other improvements include new interlocking brick around the swimming and wading pools, resurfacing of the tennis courts, and installation of new refrigerators in the main building for use by the cabin occupants. Also, the recently acquired sound system keeps things happening for the Saturday night dances in the main hall.

The staff of the camp provide daily



The main entrance to Long Island Summer Camp.