

# Pilgrim Lodge

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

June 10, 2006





## *80 YEARS OF OUTDOOR MINISTRIES* *50 YEARS OF SACRED SPACE*

Nearly one hundred years after the formation of the Congregational Conference of Maine, its first Young Peoples Conference for high school youth was held in 1925 at the State YMCA Camp on Lake Cobbosseecontee. The Manitou, Akita, and Mowano camping programs developed for 30 years at various locations across the state.

On December 1, 1955 the Congregational-Christian Conference of Maine, meeting in Waterville, voted to purchase Balbrook Lodge in West Gardiner, and began to plan for the first full season of camp the following summer. Pilgrim Lodge was dedicated on June 9, 1956.

Today Pilgrim Lodge celebrates 50 years since the union of outdoor ministries programs with this sacred space, and looks to the future of this vibrant ministry of the Maine Conference United Church of Christ.

### *THE PROGRAM MISSION OF THE* **MAINE CONFERENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST** *OUTDOOR MINISTRIES*

Our mission is to help young people and adults grow as Christians. We achieve this growth through week long experiences in group living involving exposure to the world of nature, helpful caring relationships, experiences of sharing, recreation, fellowship, and worship.

By engaging in purposeful programming, campers and counselors broaden their understanding of God and the world.

Together we seek to overcome fears and frustrations and to experience the joy of giving and receiving love.

The camp community creates a lifestyle in accordance with Christian values, an openness to the Holy Spirit, and the grace of Jesus Christ.



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9:00~4:30 Registration at the Farmhouse  
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- 10:00 Dedication of the camp labyrinth, *page 8*
- 11:00 Service of Celebration and Worship, *page 10*
- 12:30 Picnic at the picnic field
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- 1:45~2:45 Boat tour of Lake Cobbosseecontee, *page 6*
- 1:30~4:30 Lodge Coffee House, *page 5*
- 2:00~2:30 Camp tour leaves from the front of the lodge, *page 9*  
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Volleyball at the soccer field *page 9*
- 3:00~3:30 Field Games at the Soccer Field *page 9*
- 3:00~4:00 Boat tour of Lake Cobbosseecontee, *page 6*
- 3:30~4:00 Silent Auction Closes, *page 4*
- 4:30~5:30 Depart at your leisure

# Main Lodge



## Program Room ~ Historical Photos

The large room on the south side of the Lodge is filled with photographs from all eras of our Outdoor Ministries program, as well as from Balbrook Lodge before it became Pilgrim Lodge. Prints are displayed in a timeline, while thousands of slides are continuously projected by decade. We welcome you to explore these images of the past to find new and familiar faces. We also request your help in identifying faces you recognize from your own camp experience.

## Silent Auction



Silent auction items include original artwork by campers at the 2005 Artists & Others camp, as well as donations by other PL artists. Bidding begins at 9:00 AM and will close *sometime* between 3:30 and 4:00 PM. The final bell is uncertain, so bid high and bid often! Proceeds support the ministry of Pilgrim Lodge.

## Middle Room ~ Camp Store and Ice Cream

The PL Camp Store has expanded beyond the window for your shopping convenience. Pilgrim Lodge fashions, accessories, and especially 50th Anniversary memorabilia will be on display throughout the middle room of the Lodge. More details on page 18



*Pilgrim Lodge clothing is sweatshop free.*

**Barnes Ice Cream** will be on sale at the store window after lunch, featuring:

- Mint Chocolate Chip
- Lemon Sherbet

~ AND ~

OUR EXCLUSIVE 50TH ANNIVERSARY FLAVOR

- **PILGRIM LODGE COBBOSSECONTEE CRUNCH**  
*chocolate ice cream*

*swirled with marshmallow cream, marshmallows,  
chocolate covered graham crackers, and chocolate chunks*



# Main Lodge

## Dining Room ~ Coffee House and Refreshments

The dining room on the north side of the Lodge serves as our coffee house today, with a great line-up of Pilgrim Lodge entertainers providing live music while you sit and visit with friends, old and new. Check the posted schedule for details.

Performance times are :

9:30 AM

John Rimkunas & Rocky Ackroyd

1:30 PM

Greg Burns

2:30 PM

Ben Bigney

3:30 PM

Jack Davidson

Enjoy coffee, tea, or a cold drink, along with a changing assortment of goodies from the PL kitchen all day long.





# Waterfront

9:00-10:30 AM and 1:00-4:30 PM

## Swimming

Lifeguards will be on duty, so take the plunge and dip into Lake Cobbosseecontee. Feel the refreshment you can only get from a glacial lake in early summer. No swim tests or buddy tags required for this special day!

## Boating

Canoes and prams are available at the boat dock to paddle or row around Pinkham Sound. Pick up your PFD and paddles or oars at the boat shed and head on down.

## Island Trips

Excursions to Manitou Island leave periodically. Head over to explore the nature trails, check out the brick oven being constructed, and see the PL waterfront from the other side. Check-in with the volunteer working on the boat dock to join the next trip.

## Cobbosseecontee Tours

Our PL Maintenance Director, Steve Jones, is offering tours of Lake Cobbosseecontee on his party boat for our big party today. See some of the other camps on the lake, as well as our fresh water lighthouse and Ladies' Delight Island. The mate is a mighty sailing man, the skipper brave and sure, you'll return safe and sound after your one-hour tour.

A \$10 donation is requested to cover fuel costs. Space is limited, so sign-up early at the camp store, or check at the dock for available seats. Meet at the waterfront 10 minutes before your scheduled time. Tours leave at 9:45 AM, 1:45 PM, and 3:00 PM



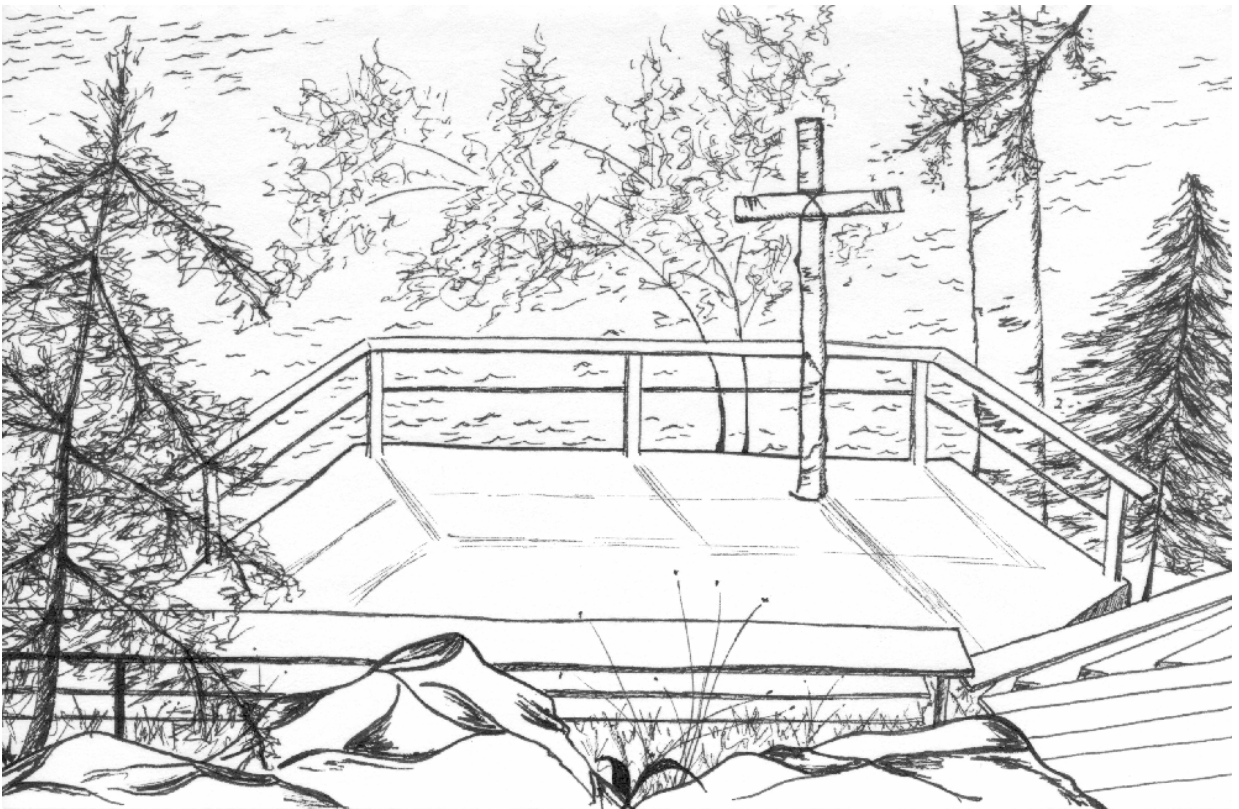
# Chapel

All of Pilgrim Lodge is a sanctuary but the Chapel, built during PL's first summer, has an added sense of sacred space. Thousands of campers have gathered here for chapel and vespers services, under the whispering birch trees, transfixed by the blue of the lake and the green of the islands, watching loons float past in the golden sunset, waking up the echo bidding it goodnight, and praising God in still silence or in loud and joyful noise.

We invite you to enjoy the space in quite solitude, or join with others in making a joyful noise at of our two sing-a-longs today. We'll provide leaders, but you'll choose the songs: reverent or raucous, sacred or silly.

## Sing-a-long

*9:30 AM and 2:00 PM*





# Labyrinth

The Pilgrim Lodge Labyrinth is under construction near Edna's Point, along the Red Trail that follows the lake north from the Chapel. (See map on inside back cover.) The labyrinth will be dedicated at this site at 10:00 this morning.

A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness. It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. The Labyrinth represents a journey to our own center and back again out into the world. Labyrinths have long been used as meditation and prayer tools.

A labyrinth is an archetype with which we can have a direct experience. We can walk it. It is a metaphor for life's journey. It is a symbol that creates a sacred space and place and takes us out of our ego to "That Which Is Within." Labyrinths and mazes have often been confused. When most people hear of a labyrinth they think of a maze. A labyrinth is not a maze. A maze is like a puzzle to be solved. It has twists, turns, and blind alleys. A labyrinth has only one path. It is unicursal. The way in is the way out. There are no blind alleys. The path leads you on a circuitous path to the center and out again.

Our labyrinth is 84 feet in diameter with 8 courses. The entrance, as well as the end point, faces due east. The large standing stones within the labyrinth create an east/west and a north/south axis. The wood benches in the middle are set in the hopes that groups will walk meditatively into the center, share, and exit in the same prayerful manner.

The Pilgrim Lodge Labyrinth is being built by Jay Young, a member of the Woodfords Congregational Church, with the help of many volunteers. We hope to have it finished by the end of summer.

(Adapted from: <http://www.lessons4living.com/labyrinth.htm>)

## Service of Dedication

**10:00 AM**

Welcome

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

Song

Simple Gifts

*Make a Joyful Noise* page 29

Invocation

Psalm 121

Tom Hancock

Statement of Intent

Jay Young

Dedication

Liz Charles

Liz: *...we pray to you God,*

**Response: Trusting that in our wandering, and in our striving,  
our every step leads us on the path to you.**

Song

Dona Nobis Pacem (Give us Peace) *Make a Joyful Noise* page 89





## Craft Cabin

9:00-10:30 AM and 1:00-4:30 PM

Camp wouldn't be camp without crafts. Beads, gimp, wax, yarn, felt, popsicle sticks, tissue paper, glue, paint, glitter, egg cartons, shoe boxes, a little imagination, and suddenly you're a co-creator with the Divine. Stop by the Craft cabin to see what miracles are waiting at the tips of your fingers. Follow the steps up the hill behind the Main Lodge, beside the camp office.

Doesn't your mother need a new pot holder or trivet? Don't your friends need new friendship bracelets. Doesn't God need a new eye? Quick, to the Craft Cabin!

## Camp Tours

9:30 AM and 2:00 PM

Much has changed at Pilgrim Lodge in 50 years. Buildings, fields, trails, property.

Come see what's new and what is just the same.

Tours leave from the front of the Lodge near the bell.

## Nature Walks

9:30 AM and 2:00 PM

Getting back to nature has always been a key part of outdoor ministries.

Come experience the wonder of the woods along our network of trails.

Walks leave from the Yellow Trail trailhead. *See map on page 19.*

## Fun & Games

Volleyball ~ 2:00 PM

Field Games ~ 3:00PM

Get some exercise, work off lunch, and have fun with active games at the Soccer Field. Meet at the newest field, behind the showerhouse. *See map on page 19.*



# Service of Celebration and Worship

11:00 AM, Ball Field

Gathering Music

selections from *Make a Joyful Noise*

Ben Bigney, guitar

## CELEBRATION

Welcome

Tom Hancock

Who We Are and Where We've Been

Reflections from the Conference Minister

Rev. David R. Gaewski

Recognition of Invited Guests

## WORSHIP

Introit

*I Am One Voice*

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verse 1 ~ solo, verse 2 ~ duet, verse 3 ~ Anniversary Committee,  
verse 4 ~ present and former Pilgrim Lodge staff, verses 5 & 6 ~ ALL

Call to Worship

*from Psalm 133*

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**Many: How very good and pleasant it is!**

One: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

**Many: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together!**

One: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life for evermore.

**Many: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!**

**ALL: How very good and pleasant it is to worship our God!**



Invocation

Karen Choate

Song

*Here in this Place*

Ben Bigney, guitar  
Janna DeWan, bassoon

Holy One may your presence here open our minds  
May your Spirit among us help us to find  
You are rising up now like a fountain of grace  
From the holy ground here in this place, here in this place

Holy, Holy, Holy God of love and majesty  
The whole universe speaks of your glory  
From the holy ground here in the place, here in this place

Scripture Reading

Luke 11:5-13  
Hebrews 12:28-13:3

Cathy Croudis  
Joanne Bartlett

Homily

Seeking the Sacred

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

Song

*Seek Ye First*

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Prayer

Rev. June E. Boutwell

Song

*Those Who Wait Upon the Lord*  
verses 1, 2, & 8

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Benediction

Blessing of the Meal

*Johnny Appleseed Grace*

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## Participants in the Service

Joanne Bartlett	Co-Chair, Outdoor Ministries Committee
Benjamin S. Bigney	Outdoor Ministries Committee member, and past Assistant to the Director of Outdoor Ministries and PL summer staff member as Music Resource, Nature Education Director, and Store Manager. Former PL Camper
Rev. Bryan S. Breault	Director of Outdoor Ministries, Maine Conference UCC
Rev. June E. Boutwell	Transitional Associate Conference Minister, Maine Conference UCC
Karen Choate	Co-Chair, Outdoor Ministries Committee and past PL summer staff
Cathy Croudin	Pilgrim Lodge Registrar and Maine Conference Registrar
Janna DeWan	Current Pilgrim Lodge Kitchen Staff. Former PL camper
Tom Hancock	Master of Ceremonies for the day, Tom is a longtime Dean and Counselor and a past member of the Outdoor Ministries Committee
Rev. David R. Gaewski	Conference Minister, Maine Conference UCC
Rimkunas Family	Allie Rimkunas is an Outdoor Ministries Committee member and past summer staff member in the 1970s who returns to staff this summer as Arts & Crafts Director along with her husband John as Music Resource Director, son Peter as a lifeguard, daughter Miriam, and son Jonas.
Eric C. Smith	Past Assistant to the Director of Outdoor Ministries and summer staff as Store Manager, as well as past dean, counselor, DJ, and camper

## Invited Guests

Robert Anderson	Grandson of L.O. Anderson, a founder and proprietor of Balbrook Lodge, the original site that became Pilgrim Lodge.
The Barnes Family	Carl Barnes is the Proprietor of Barnes Ice Cream in Augusta, who along with his wife and their son Dick, have provided campers at PL with outstanding Barnes Ice Cream for as long as anyone can remember.
Shirley Beckwith Bailey	Shirley worked as a waitress at Balbrook Lodge.
Patricia Billett	Pat is the daughter of Rev. Stanley B. Hyde, Director of Christian Education, Congregational Christian Conference of Maine, 1954-1965.
Rev. Donald Bizer	Don was the Director of Outdoor Ministries, 1990-1994.
Cornelius & Patricia Clark	Cornelius is the son of Cornelius Clark, Conference Minister during the founding of Pilgrim Lodge.
Cathy Croudin	Cathy is in her 18th year as Pilgrim Lodge Registrar as part of her Maine Conference UCC staff position of Conference Registrar.
Rev. Clifton Davis	Cliff was the Interim Manager of Pilgrim Lodge, 1974-1975.

David & Vivian Dennett  
 Sylvia French

Zerilla Greenleaf

The Goodwin Family

Donald Isham

Rev. Robert & Ruth Ives

Susan Lewis

Rev. John MacDuffie

The Moore Family

Robert Moore

Margaret Jordan Nelson

Laurie Parafinczuk

Rev. Ian "Jack" Steeves

Hugh & Betty Stephens

Edith Wilkerson

Friends and neighbors of Pilgrim Lodge, David is the current Commodore of the 102 year-old Cobbosseecontee Yacht Club.

Sylvia was Interim Manager of Pilgrim Lodge, 1995-1996.

Zerilla worked as a waitress at Balbrook Lodge.

Roger and Elaine are our wonderful next door neighbors. Roger helped build Pilgrim Lodge, Elaine worked at both Balbrook and Pilgrim Lodge. Victor is a town Selectman and good friend to PL. Thomas was the manager at Pilgrim Lodge 1970-1973. Elizabeth Goodwin Collett worked at both Balbrook and Pilgrim Lodge.. You parked in their yard today.

Don is a skilled craftsman and volunteer who has donated thousands of hours of labor and expertise at Pilgrim Lodge.

Bobby and Ruth run The Carpenters Boatshop, a non-profit ministry in Pemaquid, ME. The have a long relationship with Pilgrim Lodge bringing workgroups and tending our treasured nutshell prams. Each year the Boatshop has completely refurbished one pram as a gift to this ministry.

Sue was Interim Manager of Pilgrim Lodge, 1989 and 1997.

John was Manager of Pilgrim Lodge, 1978-1988.

Thomas, Mike, Bill and Rich Moore are Grandchildren of John Moore, a founder and proprietor of Balbrook Lodge. Kathy Ankermann, Dr. Joseph Whelan, and James Martin, are relatives of Edith and John Moore.

Bob is the Executive Director of the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, an agency that has sent Americorp workers and provided programming at PL and who works tirelessly for the health of our lake and watershed.

Margaret worked as a waitress at Balbrook Lodge.

Laurie was the Co-Interim Manager of Pilgrim Lodge, 1995 .

Jack has served on OMC and the Pilgrim Lodge Vision Team and has volunteered at PL faithfully year after year.

Friends and neighbors of Pilgrim Lodge, Hugh is the Commodore Emeritus of the 102 year-old Cobbosseecontee Yacht Club.

Edith is the daughter of Cornelius Clark, Conference Minister during the founding of Pilgrim Lodge.

## 50th Anniversary Committee

Joanne Bartlett  
Bryan S. Breault  
Peter Godfrey

Sara Godfrey  
Ben Haskell  
Steve Kimball

Ian MacAuslan  
Laurie Mooney  
Allie Rimkunas

Eric C. Smith  
Dotty Kay Stillman



# HELP!

If you are in need of assistance at any time during our event today, please speak to any of our staff or volunteer leaders and they will be happy to help. You'll see many of them throughout the day wearing special 50th Anniversary shirts.

## How to Know Who's Who by T-Shirt:

Pilgrim Lodge Staff:	Green Polo
PL 50th Anniversary Committee:	Safety Green
Maine Conference UCC Staff:	Red
Outdoor Ministries Committee:	Gray
2006 Camp Deans:	Gray

## Transportation

Due to the high number of pedestrians moving throughout the camp today, automobiles are prohibited from the camp road between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Participants are encouraged to enjoy the leisurely ½ mile walk to the Main Lodge. However, electric cart shuttles will run continuously along between the Farmhouse and the Lodge, and will be dispatched to other locations as needed.

If you need transportation assistance to the Service of Celebration and Worship at 11:00 in the Ball Field, please plan to meet a shuttle near the Lodge well in advance. For any other mobility needs, please speak to a staff member for assistance.

## Red Wagons



Red wagons aren't the only thing around  
Pilgrim Lodge  
that need maintenance and repair...

We welcome your donations today, not only to cover the costs of this event, but to support the ongoing ministry of Pilgrim Lodge for the rest of the summer and another 50 years. Please give generously.



# Signature Scavenger Hunt

Today we gather a diverse array of our Pilgrim Lodge family across generations, and experiences. To help you meet one another and discover new connections, we've put together a Signature Scavenger Hunt that you can complete throughout the day.

When you meet someone who fits one of the statements below, ask him or her to sign on the appropriate line. Each person can only sign your page once, so you need 20 different signatures. The last signature must be a member of the Anniversary Committee (safety green shirts) who will note the time you completed the Hunt. The first person to complete the page wins a Major Award!

1. I was at the very first summer of Pilgrim Lodge in 1956 \_\_\_\_\_
2. I am registered as a PL camper for summer 2006 \_\_\_\_\_
3. I have worked on the summer staff at PL \_\_\_\_\_
4. I have been a counselor at PL \_\_\_\_\_
5. I have been a dean at PL \_\_\_\_\_
6. I have worked as a nurse at PL \_\_\_\_\_
7. I have served on the Outdoor Ministries Committee \_\_\_\_\_
8. I have served on the Maine Conference Staff \_\_\_\_\_
9. I have re-roofed a building at PL \_\_\_\_\_
10. I met my spouse at PL \_\_\_\_\_
11. I was married in the PL chapel \_\_\_\_\_
12. I was baptized at PL \_\_\_\_\_
13. I have slept on Manitou Island \_\_\_\_\_
14. I have served Communion at PL \_\_\_\_\_
15. I have the PL logo tattooed on my body \_\_\_\_\_
16. PL is the address on my driver's license \_\_\_\_\_
17. I have scooped ice cream at PL \_\_\_\_\_
18. I have scraped paint at PL \_\_\_\_\_
19. I put a donation in the red wagons today \_\_\_\_\_
20. (LAST) I'm on the PL 50th Anniversary Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_



# Autographs & Addresses

Autograph books were a big part of camp  
from the beginning of our outdoor ministries programs.

We hope you will use this space to record and share memories of this day with one another and to  
exchange contact information





# Autographs & Addresses



# Special Anniversary Memorabilia

All proceeds support the ministry of Pilgrim Lodge

## **Anniversary Pilgrim Lodge Blanket**

This full color woven blanket keeps you warm with memories of PL and scenes of the Lodge, fireplace, Chapel, boardwalk, Edna's Point, and waterfront.  
*See the design on the back cover.* \$50.00

## **Anniversary T-Shirt**

This bold 50th Anniversary Logo on a pure unbleached cotton T-shirt keeps you looking and feeling cool and your conscience clean. This as all PL shirts are sweatshop and child-labor free – part of living pilgrimlogically. \$10.00

## **Anniversary Edition of *Make a Joyful Noise* Songbook**

The Third Edition of the Official PL Songbook, newly revised with many of our newest camp favorites and special anniversary design. \$10.00

## **New Pilgrim Lodge CD: *PL Unplugged***

Hundreds of your favorite PL campers making a joyful noise with 28 of your favorite PL songs. Recorded live over the 2005 summer season, these tracks take you to the PL dining room and the PL Chapel anytime, anywhere. \$12.00

## **Cat's Meow representations of the Lodge, Bell, and Chapel**

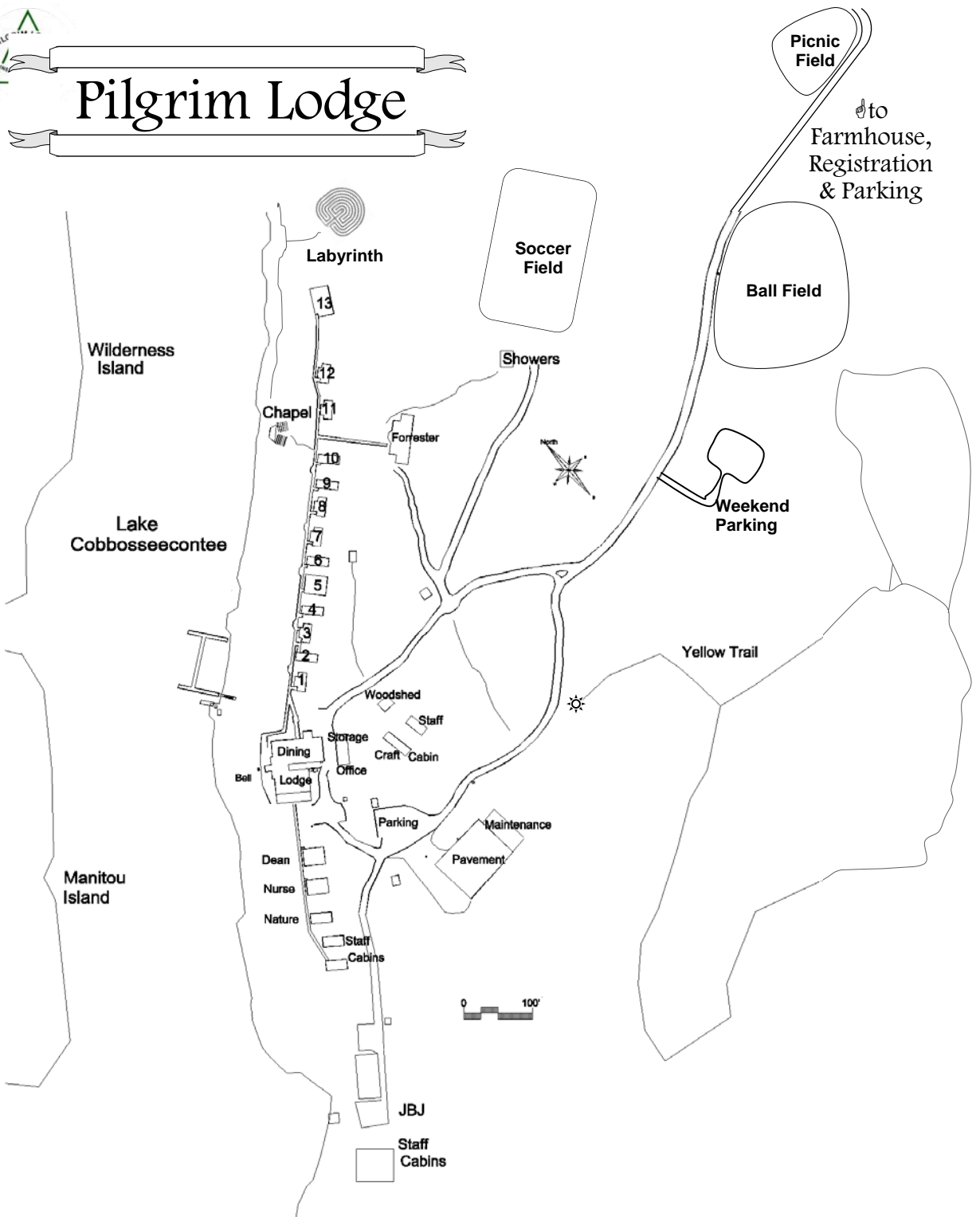
Detailed color perspectives of three favorite PL scenes on solid wood.

Lodge ~ \$20.00 Bell ~ \$15.00 Chapel ~ \$20.00 Full Set ~ \$50.00





# Pilgrim Lodge



Picnic Field

to  
Farmhouse,  
Registration  
& Parking

Labyrinth

Soccer Field

Ball Field

Wilderness Island

Showers

Lake Cobbosseecontee

Chapel

Forrester

Weekend Parking

Yellow Trail

Woodshed

Staff

Bell

Dining

Storage

Office

Craft Cabin

Parking

Maintenance

Pavement

Manitou Island

Dean

Nurse

Nature

Staff Cabins

JB

Staff Cabins



