

The grandest of all Gilded Age Mansions  
remains a testament to one man's  
*tragic love story.*

A visit to the magnificent Boldt Castle offers a glimpse into one of the most compelling love stories in history. At the turn-of-the-century, George C. Boldt, millionaire proprietor of the world-famous Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City, set out to build a full-sized Rhineland Castle in Alexandria Bay, on picturesque Heart Island. The grandiose structure was to be a display of his love for his wife, Louise.



Beginning in 1900, Boldt's family shared four glorious summers on Wellesley Island while 300 workers, stonemasons, carpenters, and artists fashioned the six story, 120-room castle, complete with tunnels, a powerhouse, Italian gardens, a drawbridge, and a dovecote.



Not a single detail or expense was spared.

In 1904, tragedy struck. Boldt telegraphed the island and commanded the workers to immediately "stop all construction." Louise had died suddenly. A broken-hearted Boldt could not imagine his dream castle without his beloved. Three hundred workers laid down their tools. Boldt never returned to the island, leaving behind the structure as a monument of his love.



Boat Tours to Boldt Castle are available from both Canada and the U.S. For International Travel, Proof of Citizenship is required.

PRIVATE BOAT DOCKAGE is available at Heart Island.  
GPS Coordinates: N 44° 20.680' by W 075° 55.350'

A shuttle from Heart Island provides access to the Boldt Yacht House on Wellesley Island.

Boldt Castle: Open daily 10 am to 6:30 pm Mid-May to Mid-October  
10 am to 7:30 pm in July and August  
Boldt Yacht House: Open daily 10:30 am to 6:30 pm Mid-May through September

**Please call 1-800-8-ISLAND for exact dates and admission rates  
(credit cards accepted)**



For further information on Boldt Castle and group rates, call 1-800-847-5263. Or write: Thousand Islands Bridge Authority, Collins Landing, P.O. Box 428, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607

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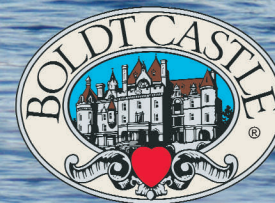
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No alcoholic beverages / Pet restrictions.

# BOLDT CASTLE® and Boldt Yacht House



on Heart Island  
in the 1000 Islands International Region of  
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## The Rehabilitation

For 73 years, the castle remained eerily vacant, left to the mercy of the wind, rain, ice, snow, and vandals. The Thousand Islands Bridge Authority assumed ownership in 1977, determined to preserve Boldt's legacy for the enjoyment of present and future generations. Since then, millions of dollars have been invested into rehabilitation of the stunning Heart Island structures and the magnificent Boldt Yacht House on Wellesley Island.

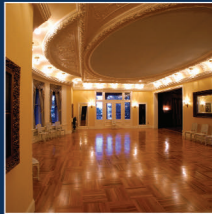
## Taking the Tour

Accessible by water taxi, tour boats and private boat, the castle is open for self-guided tours from mid-May through mid-October. The five-acre island is handicapped accessible, has complete restroom facilities, extensive docking for private boats, several picnic areas, a gift shop, and a food and beverage concession.

There are six impressive structures to explore on Heart Island — Boldt Castle, the Power House, the Alster Tower, the Henery, the Arch, and a stone gazebo. Exhibits in the various structures and a 15-minute video presentation offer a look into the lifestyle of George and Louise Boldt, along with a history of the 1000 Islands region and the restoration efforts on Heart Island.



Old World Craftsmanship



Discover 1900s Opulence



View Exquisite Detail



The Boldt Castle Power House and Clock Tower, on the eastern end of Heart Island, was fashioned after a Medieval Tower. A beautiful stone arch bridge provides access to the structure.

As you stroll the grounds on brick-paved walkways, you'll be surrounded by beautifully landscaped lawns and ornamental flower gardens. Benches situated throughout the island provide the opportunity to enjoy the river's warm breezes and the spectacular 1000 Islands scenery.



A shuttle from Heart Island provides access to the Boldt Yacht House with its collection of antique wooden boats on Wellesley Island.



The Boldt Yacht House on Wellesley Island, which has a nominal admission fee, features a collection of antique wooden boats, including some from the original Boldt fleet. Take the shuttle from Heart Island to get a closer view of this amazing structure. The family's three yachts and tremendous houseboat were accommodated in slips 128 feet long. The building, rising 64 feet, housed a shop to build racing launches and quarters for crew and staff. Recent restoration efforts have focused on the enormous bay doors, facade, roof, windows and living quarters.

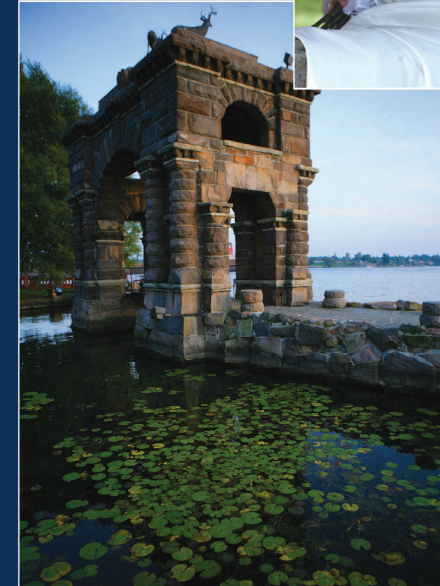
Allow enough time for a complete tour to take in the island's beauty and enjoy an island picnic.



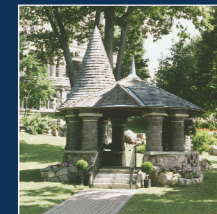
Billiard Room



The memories of a wedding ceremony on Heart Island will last a lifetime. Call for more details.



This palatial stone arch structure was intended to be used as the formal entry to the island from the St. Lawrence River.



Heart Island Gazebo

Fireworks display at Boldt Castle



Alster Tower

