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# Georgian Bay Golf

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**B**lue Mountain, located in Collingwood, Ontario about two hours north of Toronto, is a four-season resort that once was only recognized for its skiing. A lot has changed the past few years. Monterra golf, located at Blue Mountain, has become one of Ontario's premier golf destinations. People are traveling from all over Ontario, other parts of Canada and from the United States to get a taste of the great Ontario golf found at Blue Mountain.

Monterra golf is Blue Mountain's ultimate golf experience. Monterra, literally meaning "at the bottom of the mountain," is exactly where you'll find the 18 holes of great golf. Canada's most famous golf course architect, Tom McBroom, created this great course on the base of the Blue Mountains using the natural topography to create many challenges for golfers and giving every hole its own picturesque view of the Blue Mountains. Ron Heeson, the Director of Golf at Monterra, describes Monterra as, "not exactly having a single signature hole, but 18 different holes that have its own

challenges and character."

Blue Mountain is in the midst of transforming from a resort that was once only famous for its skiing to becoming one of Ontario's premier golf destinations. That transformation will include 18 more holes of fabulous Ontario golf. Blue Mountain plans to open its new, 18-hole golf course in 2006, at Lora Bay. The course will be part of Intrawest's premier brand, The Raven. The Raven at Lora Bay is designed by British Open Champion Tom Lehman, and McBroom. The Raven will be located on the Georgian Bay, providing vistas overlooking the bay.

Blue Mountain offers several varieties of accommodations in which golfers can stay during their visit. There are hotels or condos, or stay right at the Blue Mountain village, and have just a 100-yard walk to Monterra golf. With Monterra, and The Raven at Lora Bay, Blue Mountain will offer 36 holes of fabulous golf, challenging enough for the most experienced golfers, yet fun and challenging for even the average golfer. So come check it out, as Blue Mountain is no longer known as Ontario's "Ski Capital," but a great place to relax and enjoy the golf season, which begins each year on May 1 and ends November 1. **MG**

