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Homes for all seasons at Blue Mountain

Below Craighleith Ski Club on Blue Mountain in Collingwood, construction has started on detached chalets and semi-detached chalet villas that will form a community amid the beauty and tranquillity of the landscape.

The project, called the Orchard at Craighleith, has opened its sales centre on Blue Mountain Road (Grey Country Road 19), east of Craighleith Road.

"We're not just selling homes, we're selling a lifestyle," says Linda Killackey, sales representative with MacPherson Master Builders. "It's a family recreation atmosphere that is going to create memories for life."

Residents of this mountainside neighbourhood will be able to enjoy winter sports in one of Ontario's most active resort areas, and just as easily take a summer stroll to Georgian Bay or Intrawest Village.

"We're trying to market it as a four-season home, but the biggest draw has been from skiers," Ms. Killackey says. "It's ski in and ski out," which means skiers won't have to get in their cars to go to the slopes.

Walking/ski trails will run around and through the entire site. The paths will lead to the chairlifts at the ski club, as well as to tennis courts, a pool, and the Bruce or Georgian trails, which are ideal for mountain biking and hiking.

About 81 of the 130 homes in the family oriented community have been sold. There are two kinds of semi-detached chalet villas: those attached like townhouses, and those where the garage is attached to the wall of the house next to it.



The Orchard at Craighleith

Location: Collingwood

Developer/builder: MacPherson Master Builders

Price: \$389,900 to \$749,990

Square footage: 1,925 to 4,000

Sales centre: Blue Mountain Road (Grey Country Road 19), east of Craighleith Road in Col-

lingwood. Open in Collingwood Monday to Friday, 1 to 6 p.m.; weekends, noon to 6 p.m. By appointment only in Toronto.

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The builders will create landscaped boulevards lined with historic streetlights and vintage street signs.

Each chalet will be positioned to afford the best views of the surrounding hills and green spaces.

The exteriors will have post-and-beam accents and trim on the gables and porch, including a tongue-and-groove, pine-covered porch soffit.

The chalets will have nine-foot ceilings, a choice of hardwood, Berber broadloom or ceramic tile on

the main floor, and a ski room with a rack and bench.

There also will be a great room with gas fireplace. Buyers will have such options as post-and-beam designs, casement windows, and Mission-style handrail and pickets.

The kitchens, master en suites and other bathrooms will have Corian countertops. There will be extended 42-inch upper cabinets by Paris Kitchens in the kitchens and laundry rooms.

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