

## RESORT

# Fountain Point: The tradition continues

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Fountain Point, a family summer resort of Victorian vintage, lies just south of The Narrows, one of the prettiest places in scenic Leelanau County.

Like a slow river, The Narrows connects the upper and lower parts of Lake Leelanau.

Fountain Point has a long history. In the summer of 1867, a French fur trader named Aymer de Belloi sunk a well on a small point of land on the east side of The Narrows, a mile or so

south of the fledgling village of Provemont (now Lake Leelanau).

He was hoping to strike oil. Instead, at about 700 feet, he hit a gusher of artesian mineral water that rose 30 feet in the air. It's still going strong today.

So is Fountain Point Resort. Its history goes back to 1889, when the Morrison family of Cincinnati, OH built a hotel there called The Fountain Point House. They had camped on the site the previous four summers.



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**PLEASE SEE PAGE 43** Fountain Point resort started at the Fountain Point Hotel in 1889.

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