

This is Matheson Island. It is my home. The place where my family lives and loves. It's the place where my heart is. Matheson Island holds most of my favorite memories and milestones.

I'm going to show you why Matheson Island is important to me and show you the beauty of the Island.



This is the Matheson Island Marketing Fishing Co-op. It is where my mom works and has worked there for many years. I was about four days old when I first came to this building. My mom had a meeting that day so she brought me along. I was held by several people that day.

This is a seasonal job for my mom. So when my dad is on the lake fishing, this is where she works. Most of my family fishes for a living so there wasn't anyone to watch me while she went to work, so she took me with her. She would have pictures taped all around under her desk and that's where I hung out while she worked. She would also give me markers and paper so I could colour and draw. This is the place where I was when I was too young to go to school and there was no one else to watch me. I remember the times when I was there. I had lots of fun and loved being at work with my mom.





This is the beach on the island. This beach holds a lot of fun memories of mine. I remember coming up here and doing swimming lessons when I was just learning how to swim. It is always nice to have a beach so close to you. It was always super fun coming to the beach and running as fast as you can into the water, or jumping the waves when it was really windy. Never a dull moment at the beach. Not only is it fun it's a really beautiful place and the sunsets up here are an amazing sight.



This is my dad's dock. This is where he parks his boat during fishing and during the summer. This is where he loads all of his stuff for fishing and where we load all our things when we go to a beach by boat. The only time my dad doesn't park here is when the water is too low or when it's really windy.



This is another dock, but this dock is where I like to go swimming. I can't even remember how many times I've swam here. It's the best this to do on the hot summer days, just run and jump in. My friends and I swam here a lot during the summer. We would play king of the dock, and push each other in, or have diving or the coolest trick competitions. A lot of the times when we went swimming we would bring shampoo and soap so we could take a shower. Sometimes I came down here just to have a shower. It really feels good when you jump in after a long days work in the hot sun. Again never a dull moment here.





This is the school that I went to from nursery to grade 9. I learned a lot of things in this school, had lots of fun, couldn't have imagined going to school anywhere else. Going to a small school is nice because you know everyone, and its like we're one big family. The older grades help the younger grades. It's a different environment than a city elementary school for sure.







This is the ferry. This is how we get from the island to the main land. It runs in the winter up until the winter ice road is open and ready to be traveled on. So they have to come up here in the morning and break open the ice so that the ferry can get across. The only time the ferry is not running is in the winter time and the ice road is open, other than that its open from 7am-11pm daily.



This is the community rink. They have in open on summer days and nights and in the winter time. In the winter we come up here to skate and play hockey. In the summers we would come up here and do crafts or have water balloon fights. Had loads of fun here when I was young.





This is my house. The only house that I've ever lived in. I've moved rooms but it was always the same house. I love this house. It is a really good size house for my family. We have a decent size yard that I play in with my brothers and family. It's the best house I could have asked for.



This is the church, the church yard and church house. I used to come here for Sunday school when I was young and camps in the summer. Those summer camps were my favorite things. It was the highlight of all my summers. I had loads of fun, lots of laughs, and made some good friends. I grew up with the kids that were apart of the camp and they watched my grow. I will definitely miss theses camps but I'll always have the memories.









