The changing face of Lac Supérieur

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Vacation chalets at the new Fraternité sur Lac on Lac Supérieur have a rustic design.

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When I drove up to the impressive weekend chalet at Fraternité sur Lac, a small family of deer gambolled across the road. A doe and two fawns leaped into the woods and stopped to graze. I watched, entranced.

"Are they your employees?" I asked Michel Beaulieu, the developer of Fraternité sur Lac, a new community of mountain chalets on the north side of Tremblant.

Beaulieu is a get-things-done guy who has built terrific country dining and vacation lodging along Lac Supérieur, five kilometres from the north side of Mont Tremblant Resort and 10 kilometres from Mont Tremblant provincial park. He leaves little to chance, so I thought he might have orchestrated the deer's appearance when potential customers arrive.

But wildlife abounds on this rather remote hillside, even while civilization marches on. About 20 of a planned 100 mountain chalets at Fraternité sur Lac have been built, sold and entered into a rental pool for travellers who want to stay from a few days to a few weeks. The development is named for a monastery that had been at this locale overlooking Lac Supérieur. No need to become a monk now.

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