



Cedarena

7373 Reesor Road, Cedar Grove, Markham, Ontario



Austin Reesor approached his friend Arthur Lapp with the idea of developing a natural ice arena, and with a handshake, the property became part of the Cedar Grove Community Club. Cedarena formally opened with a hockey game on January 29, 1927. A fancy-dress carnival followed 10 days later and the rink caught on. In the early 1950s, a frame pavilion opened with wood stoves and benches for lacing skates. Outside the pavilion is the

oval hockey-size rink of natural ice encircled by boards and located in the midst of a forest enclave. The Cedar Grove Community Club continues to operate the facility providing users with the simple pleasures offered by community recreational facilities of the past. Cedarena was designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act* by the Town of Markham in 2004.



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