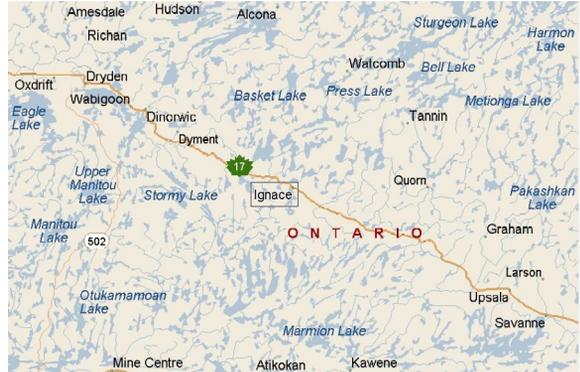


# Burger Scoop Ornament

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One of the highlights of our driving trips across Canada is a stop in a little Northern Ontario town named Ignace. It's about 4 1/2 hours east of Winnipeg, on the Trans Canada highway between Dryden and Thunder Bay.



Ignace is the home of a wonderful little Mom & Pop restaurant called *The Burger Scoop*, a favourite among locals and now one of ours as well.



It's nearly 30 years since we first stopped there for one of their scrumptious home-made burgers and an ice cream cone, and ever since, we've made a point of stopping each time we pass through Ignace. We've talked it up so much that now our best friends do the same when they're traversing the country. We all love the place.

After our last cross-country road trip before the pandemic, I got to thinking about our tradition of picking up an ornament as a souvenir of special places we've been, and I figured that a *Burger Scoop* ornament would be a cool addition to our tree. Needless to say, there is no such thing, so I decided I'd have to create one of my own.

I started by making a miniature sign using the same font that appears on the actual *Burger Scoop* sign; I curved my sign slightly for visual effect. Then I printed it twice on 110-lb cardstock and cut out both pieces. I glued them to black cardstock, then cut them out again and glued the two parts back-to-back, finishing with a light coat of Mod Podge for protection and a bit of shine.

For the dangles, I used a couple of novelty erasers – fittingly, a hamburger and an ice cream cone. For hanging, I inserted small loops made of craft wire: the eraser material is soft enough that you can just push the wire into place.

I attached the components together using links that I made from colour-matched beads and pearls strung onto craft wire, and selected a heart-shaped bead to finish the top.

DH loves ornaments that have a personal connection for us, and this one has become one of his favourites. It's one of mine too.

