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- Sound signaling device

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Ontario's Lake Country is Orillia and area's four season playground! It is one of Ontario's most picturesque regions with radiant lakes and rivers and an array of activities for all to enjoy year-round. We are located just one hour north of Toronto, on the shores of Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching and along the Trent Severn Waterway. Though Ontario's Lake Country's assets are plentiful, none are more perfect than its shimmering lakes, rivers, and streams. In fact, some of the best paddling opportunities, recreational boating and water sports in Canada can be found here.

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Couchiching Beach Park



PARKS & CAMPING

McRae Point Provincial Park

 PARKS	WATERWAY	SWIMMING	PLAYGROUND	LAUNCH	PICNIC SHELTER	PICNIC TABLE	WASHROOM	LAND TRAILS
	COUCHICHING BEACH PARK/ CENTENNIAL PARK 140 Canice St., Orillia	LAKE COUCHICHING	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	TUDHOPE MEMORIAL PARK/ MOOSE BEACH 450 Atherley Rd., Orillia	LAKE COUCHICHING	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
	ATHERLEY COMMUNITY PARK Creighton St. & Winchester St., Ramara	LAKE SIMCOE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	WASHAGO CENTENNIAL PARK 3398 Quetton St., Washago	LAKE COUCHICHING	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
 CAMPING	WATERWAY	MAP #	DESCRIPTION					
BLACK RIVER WILDERNESS PARK 7476 Simcoe County Rd. 169, Washago • 705-689-2502 BlackRiverWildernessPark.ca	BLACK RIVER	1	Beautiful natural setting with 100 campsites & cabin rentals along the river and islands on site. Coming soon Yurt and Tipi rentals. Stay tuned for indigenous cultural experiences.					
BASS LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK	BASS LAKE	Visit www.OntarioLakeCountry.com for more information on camping.						
HAMMOCK HARBOUR	LAKE COUCHICHING							
MARA PROVINCIAL PARK	LAKE SIMCOE							
MATCHEDASH CAMP	MATCHEDASH BAY							
MCRAE POINT PROVINCIAL PARK	LAKE SIMCOE							
POINT OF MARA RESORT & TRAILER PARK	LAKE SIMCOE							

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OUTFITTERS

 OUTFITTERS	MAP #	RENTALS K - KAYAK, S - SUP, S* - SUP LESSONS	SALES	DELIVERY	ACCESS TO WATERWAY ON SITE	PARKING ON SITE	LESSONS OR TOURS
A BREATH OF FRESH AIR Lake Couchiching Rental Kiosk: Couchiching Beach, 140 Canice St., Orillia • 705-345-0814 www.ABreathOfFreshAir.ca	2	K, S			✓	✓	✓* * Intro
 KAYAK-ITY-YAK 3835 Campbell Rd., Unit 4, Severn 705-329-1722 • www.Kayak-Ity-Yak.com	3	K, S	✓	✓		✓	✓
SUNRISE YOGA STUDIO Lake Couchiching 355 Brewery Lane, Orillia 705-330-1810 www.SunriseYogaStudio.ca	4	S*		✓	✓	✓	✓
BASS LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK Bass Lake	Visit www.OntariosLakeCountry.com for more information on outfitters.						
NARROWS CANOE & KAYAK Lake Couchiching/Lake Simcoe							
SWIFT CANOE & KAYAK Matchedash Bay/Coldwater River							



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Kayak-ity-Yak.com

2nd Prize - \$ 240 VALUE

A 2 night stay at Black River Wilderness Park
BlackRiverWildernessPark.ca



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DISCOVER FISHING

Fishing opportunities in Ontario's Lake Country abound. Although shore fishing can be productive, paddlers have a distinct advantage. "Mobility is often the key to success," says Wil Wegman, award winning outdoor writer and fishing seminar host. "Paddlers are able to go to the fish, instead of waiting for the fish to come to

them, and this can be a game changer - regardless of whether they are fishing Lake Country's fish-filled lakes or our beautiful rivers," he said.

Please be sure to follow the Ministry of Natural Resources guidelines and fish within the seasons, it is your responsibility to know the regulations

including catch limits, tags and other requirements. Licenses to fish are mandatory in Ontario. They may be purchased from most sporting goods stores, tourist operators and Ministry of Natural Resources. For more information on fishing including outfitters, packages and more visit OntarioLakeCountry.com

TOP 10 LOCAL FISH



BROWN BULL-HEAD



YELLOW PERCH



NORTHERN PIKE



PUMPKINSEED/SUNFISH



ROCK BASS



BLACK CRAPPIE



SMALL MOUTH BASS



LARGE MOUTH BASS



WALLEYE



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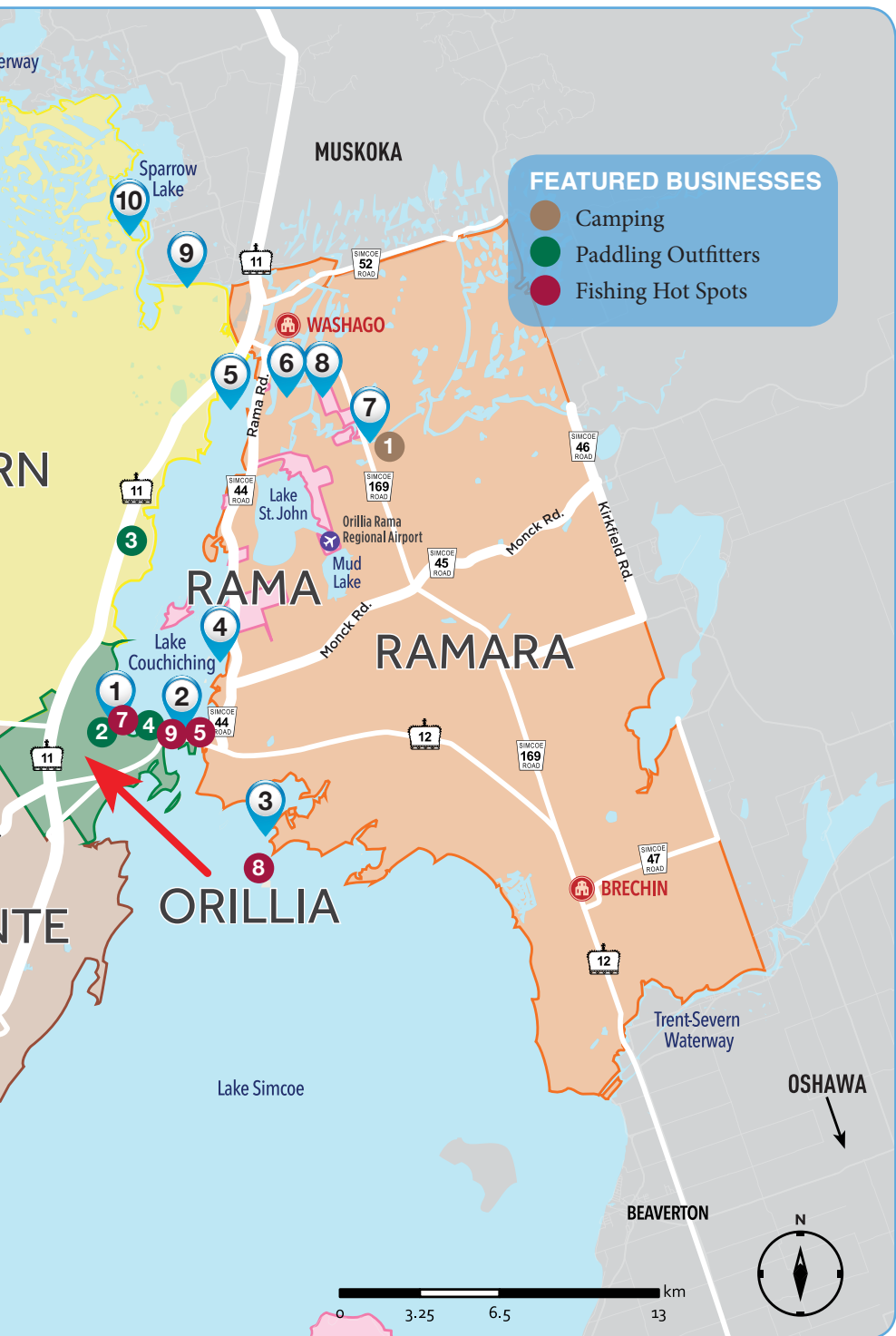


FISHING

Matchedash Bay

FISHING BUSINESSES	WATERWAYS	TYPE	RENTALS AI= ALL INCLUSIVE R= RODS, H= HUT RENTALS, B=BOAT	BAIT	SEASON
CANAM PRO GUIDE FISHING CHARTERS	LAKE SIMCOE/ COUCHICHIING/ SPARROW	CHARTER	AI		SPRING, SUMMER, FALL
A BREATH OF FRESH AIR OUTDOOR SPORTS	LAKE COUCHICHIING	RENTALS	H		WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER, FALL
BASS LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK	BASS LAKE	RENTALS	R	✓	SPRING, SUMMER, FALL
BLUE BEACON MARINA	LAKE SIMCOE (NARROWS)	RENTALS	B		SPRING, SUMMER, FALL
LAKE COUNTRY ADVENTURE CO.		RENTALS	B		WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER, FALL
WALLEYEMAN	SPARROW LAKE	RENTALS	B, R	✓	SPRING, SUMMER, FALL
ELLWOOD EPPS		SALES & RETAIL		✓	WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER, FALL
TROMBLY'S TACKLE BOX		SALES & RETAIL		✓	WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER, FALL
FISHING HOTSPOTS	MAP #	TYPE	WATERWAY		
ATHERLEY NARROWS	5	SHORE/ BOAT	LAKE COUCHICHIING/LAKE SIMCOE		
NARROWS	6	BOAT	MATCHEDASH BAY		
PORT OF ORILLIA	7	SHORE	LAKE COUCHICHIING		
STRAWBERRY ISLAND	8	BOAT	LAKE SIMCOE		
TUDHOPE PARK	9	SHORE	LAKE COUCHICHIING		





Orillia's Cultural Route

CITY OF ORILLIA



Couchiching Beach Park

WATERWAY Lake Couchiching

DISTANCE 10km Loop

TIME 3-4 Hours

DIFFICULTY Easy

TYPE OF ROUTE Loop & Linear

Orillia's history is tied to the water and this route features cultural landmarks found along Lake Couchiching's shore. It features famous monuments and historical buildings like the statue of Samuel de Champlain and the Orillia Bandstand. The vibrant Couchiching Beach Park, connected to Downtown Orillia is on the grounds of the original village plot and industrial waterfront where steamboats carried lumber and passengers throughout the watershed along the Trent-Severn Waterway. Paddlers enter the water at the second beach in the park, travel between the breakwall and the Port of Orillia and then follow the shoreline. From the water you will see the historic Champlain Sailing Club and enter tranquil Old Brewery Bay. You will arrive at the Stephen Leacock Museum & Café, the summer home where the famous author was inspired to write *Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town*. Then continue along to Tudhope Memorial Park, a bronze statue of singer and poet Gordon Lightfoot, and a memorial to the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald can be found along the point, enter through Portage Bay. This route can be done in either direction and has the opportunity to connect with great walking and cycling trails.



LAUNCH POINT

Couchiching Beach Park

1

N 44.616670 E - 79.413414 • Free
140 Canice St, Orillia

2

Portage Bay

N 44.609030, E -79.382599 • Free
388 Couchiching Point Rd



PARKING

Couchiching Park • Free
Tudhope Park • Free



OUTFITTERS

A Breath of Fresh Air
Sunrise Yoga Studio

POINTS OF INTEREST

A

Port Of Orillia/Breakwall

N 44.613638, E -79.411079

B

Canal Passage/Cedar Island
(Accessibility dependent
on water levels)

N 44.609620, E -79.406489

C

Leacock Museum & Café

N 44.609492, E -79.393471

D

Moose Beach

N 44.607699, E-79.388335

E

Portage Bay

N 44.609030, E -79.382599



Lake Couchiching can experience heavy boat traffic, especially by the Port of Orillia. The wind can pick up quickly on the lake so please stay within your ability and know your limit. Use caution and respect and obey the rules of the waterway.

Path To The Fish Weirs

CITY OF ORILLIA



Narrows

WATERWAY Lake Couchiching, Narrows, Lake Simcoe

DISTANCE 13 km Loop

TIME 4-6 Hours

DIFFICULTY Intermediate/Advanced

TYPE OF ROUTE Loop

Paddle through Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching and visit a National Historic Site of Canada: the Mnjikaning Fish Weirs. Located just below the surface in the Narrows, which connects Lake Simcoe to Lake Couchiching, the weirs are an important site of gathering and healing for First Nations people. The word Mnjikaning is Ojibwe which translates to “fish fence” and the weirs are a system of wooden stakes used to catch fish entering Lake Couchiching. As paddlers travel Lake Couchiching they will pass some small islands. On main land you can connect with multi use trails and parks. There are picnic spots and beaches for swimming, providing an abundance of scenic natural landscapes and wildlife viewing along this route.



LAUNCH POINT

Portage Bay at Tudhope Park
N 44.609030, E -79.382599 • Free
388 Couchiching Point Rd.

1

Collins Dr Boat Launch
N 44.605440, E -79.385421 • Free
425 Collins Dr. Orillia

2

Atherley Community Park
44.598061, -79.365741 • Free
3 Winchester St, Orillia

3



PARKING

Tudhope Park • Free
Collins Drive • Limited, Free
Atherley Park • Limited, Free



OUTFITTERS

Narrows Canoe & Kayak

POINTS OF INTEREST

- A** Thistle Island
N 44.628790, E -79.3756407
- B** Heron Island
N 44.629099, E -79.371870
- C** Bird Island
N 44.628571, E -79.365633
- D** Osprey Nest
N 44.608738, E -79.365445
- E** The Narrows
N 44.600866, E -79.370928
- F** Mnjikaning Fish Weirs
N 44.607254, E -79.366988



Winds on Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching can pick up quickly. Please check the forecast and paddle within your ability. This route can also experience heavy boat traffic on the weekend, especially through the Narrows. Stand up paddle boarding is only recommended in the Bays at the beginning and ends of this route, and it is highly recommended to avoid the Narrows. Please respect and obey the rules of the waterway.

Lake Simcoe Shores TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA



McRae Point Provincial Park

WATERWAY Lake Simcoe

DISTANCE 11.5 km One Way

TIME 4-6 Hours

DIFFICULTY Easy/Intermediate

TYPE OF ROUTE Linear

Launch at McRae Point Provincial Park and hug the shoreline of the sparkling waters of Lake Simcoe. Be sure to keep an eye out for herons, hawks and ospreys as they love to catch their next meal on this bountiful lake. Bring your gear and drop a line in the well known fishing hole of Lake Simcoe. You will pass the beautiful Mara Provincial Park and end your paddle at Lovely Day Park. All three of the parks include picnic locations, swimming and stunning views of the lake, the two provincial parks offer seasonal camping. You can paddle this route in either direction. Please note the operating dates for the provincial parks; Mara is mid May to Labour Day weekend and McRae Point is mid May to Thanksgiving weekend. Visit www.OntarioParks.com for operating hours and entrance fees.



LAUNCH POINT

McRae Point Provincial Park
N 44.573267, E -79.333010 •
Included with entrance
4366 McRae Park Rd, Ramara

1

Mara Provincial Park
N 44.584435, E -79.371306 •
Included with entrance
181 Courtland St, Ramara

2

Atherley Park
N 44.598562, E -79.367435 • Free
3 Winchester St, Ramara

3



PARKING

McRae Point Provincial Park •
Included with entrance
Mara Provincial Park • Included
with entrance
Atherley Park • Limited, Free



OUTFITTERS

Narrows Canoe & Kayak

POINTS OF INTEREST



McRae Point Provincial Park
N 44.573267, E -79.333010



Mara Provincial Park
N 44.584435, E -79.371306



Lovely Day Playground & Park
N 44.598562, E -79.367435



Winds on Lake Simcoe can pick up quickly. Please check the forecast and paddle within your ability. This route can also experience heavy boat traffic on the weekend. Please respect and obey the rules of the waterway. If you are paddling late in the season, duck hunting is open at McRae Point after Thanksgiving.

Lake Couchiching Water Trail

TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA



Fern Resort

WATERWAY Lake Couchiching

DISTANCE 17 km Linear

TIME 6-7 hours

DIFFICULTY Easy/Intermediate

TYPE OF ROUTE Linear

Paddle the Lake Couchiching Water Trail an extension of the Trans Canada Trail and includes a 17 km connection to the land trail. This route will take you along the eastern shores of Lake Couchiching, enjoy the crystal-clear waters of this beautiful lake. This is also your connection to the Trent Severn Waterway where in the south you come in from Lake Simcoe and in the North the Severn River. There are a few launch point options depending on how long of a route you are looking for. Along this route, you will pass Fern Resort as well as many summer camp facilities, homes and cottages, please respect these private properties. This route can be done in a loop but it is recommended to complete it in a linear line along the shore.



LAUNCH POINT

1 Washago Centennial Park
3398 Quetton St., Washago
N 44.745882, E -79.336258 • Free

2 3563 Dock Rd, Washago
N 44.715855, E -79.341506 • Free

3 5556 Fawn Bay Rd., Orillia
N 44.637482, E -79.353285 • Free

4 4510 Fern Resort Rd., Orillia
N 44.622481, E -79.362811 • Free

P PARKING

All launch points • Limited, Free



OUTFITTERS

There are no specific outfitters that service this waterway, contact one of the outfitters with rentals to inquire about opportunities.

POINTS OF INTEREST

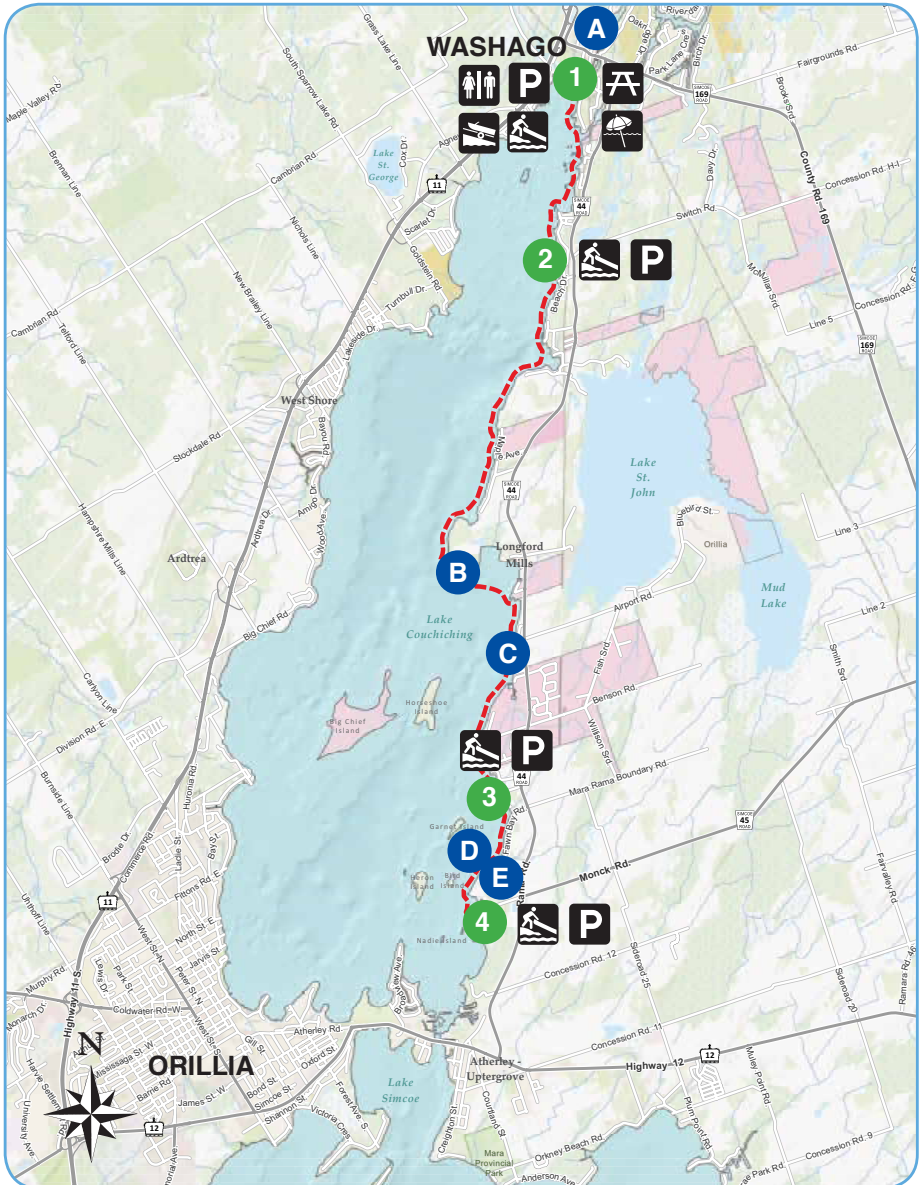
A Washago Centennial Park
N 44.746115, E -79.336805

B YMCA Geneva Park
N 44.672357, E -79.362984

C Ojibway Bay Marina
N 44.656680, E -79.352456

D Bird Island
N 44.627621, E -79.365840

E Fern Resort
N 44.625590, E -79.362713



Winds on Lake Couchiching can pick up quickly. Please check the forecast paddle within your ability. This route can also experience heavy boat traffic to avoid this stay to the shoreline. Use caution and respect and obey the rules of the waterway.

Paddle North Couchiching

TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN



WATERWAY Lake Couchiching

DISTANCE 5 km Loop

TIME 1.5 - 3 Hours

DIFFICULTY Easy/Intermediate

TYPE OF ROUTE Loop

The North Lake Couchiching route is perfect for a shorter family outing and a great opportunity to tie in the use of Washago Centennial Park's facilities including a picnic area, playground and beach. On your paddle enjoy the crystal clear waters of Lake Couchiching amongst the small rock outcroppings and islands. You will leave from and return to the park, where you will pass by the Washago water tower in the distance, possibly see beautiful swans and ducks and enjoy a paddle that can connect to small inlets into other rivers. This route can be expanded by paddling further into Lake Couchiching or enjoy the peacefulness of connecting to the Severn River. The village of Washago is just a short distance away from this park and a perfect stop for refreshments.



LAUNCH POINT

Washago Centennial Park
N 44.745882, E -79.336258 • Free
3376 Quetton St, Washago

1



PARKING

Free



OUTFITTERS

There are no specific outfitters that service this particular waterway currently, contact one of the outfitters to inquire about opportunities.

POINTS OF INTEREST

A

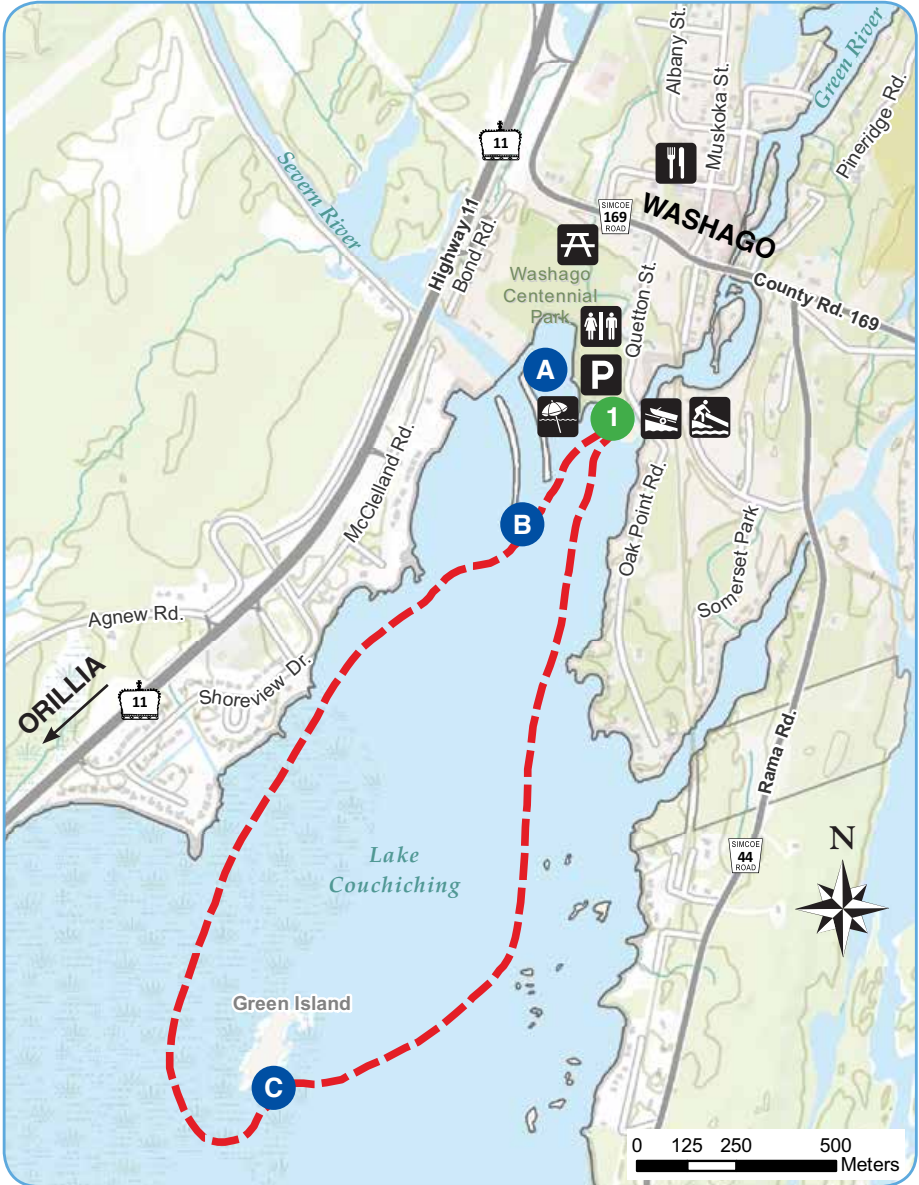
Washago Centennial Park
N 44.746115, E -79.336805

B

Trent Severn Waterway entrance
N 44.744045, E -79.338937

C

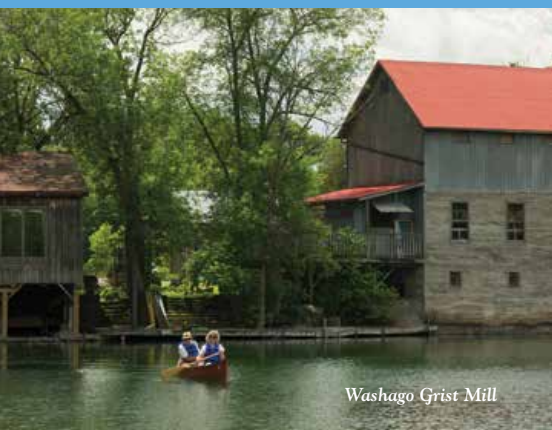
Green Island
N 44.731470, E -79.347751



This route passes the entrance to the Severn River/Trent Severn Waterway so beware of heavy boat traffic during July and August as well as weekends. This shallow lake can also become very wavy. Please check the forecast and paddle within your ability. Please respect and obey the rules of the waterway.

Discover The Gentle Green

TOWNSHIP OF
RAMARA & SEVERN



WATERWAY Green River

DISTANCE 7-9 km Loop

TIME 2-3 Hours Out & Back

DIFFICULTY Easy

TYPE OF ROUTE Loop

The Green River is a true hidden gem in Ontario's Lake Country. The quiet waters are in the middle of nature where the feeling of remoteness is present. The river is named for its green colour and clear waters, and this is evident where it meets up with the Black River. Paddle this route where you will pass marsh areas with beaver lodges and beautiful birds and see the fish swim through the crystal clear waters. Just past Mill Island you will come to the Washago Grist Mill, originally built in 1873, currently used as a private residence; to the left of the mill is a small waterfall. To the other side of Mill Island you will find a town dock where you can connect to the quaint village of Washago, a perfect spot to grab a refreshment. You can continue your route up to the Northwest end of the river where you will find a small rapid that ends this portion of the river at a private property. If you are ambitious and want to extend your paddle, you can connect with the Black River and venture to Wasdell Falls or Black River Wilderness Route.



LAUNCH POINT

1

Poplar Lane, Washago
N 44.753537, - E -79.318710 • Free
7882 Poplar Lane, Washago



PARKING

Limited, Free



OUTFITTERS

There are no specific outfitters that service this particular waterway currently, contact one of the outfitters to inquire about opportunities.

POINTS OF INTEREST

A

Marsh Area - Wildlife
N 44.761227, E -79.318657

B

Mill Island - Private Island
N 44.751620, E -79.331151

C

Grist Mill & Falls
N 44.749806, E -79.332220

D

Albany Street to Washago
N 44.751993, E -79.331707

E

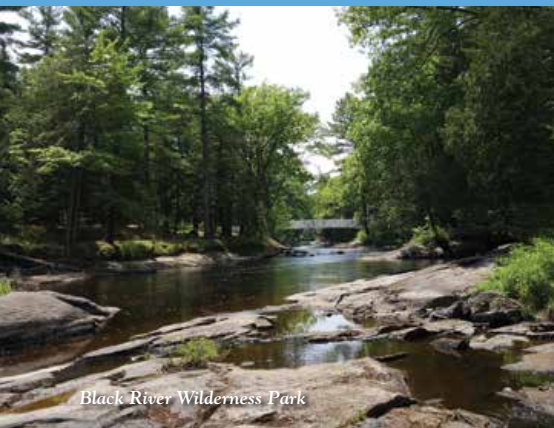
Rapids
N 44.762137, E -79.329230



There is a current on the way to the falls just past Mill Island and there is a small rapid with private property at the end of this route. You must paddle back up stream to exit the water. Please respect and obey the rules of the waterway. Always paddle within your ability.

Black River Wilderness

TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA
& RAMA FIRST NATION



Black River Wilderness Park

WATERWAY Black River

DISTANCE 8 km Linear

TIME 3-4 hours

DIFFICULTY Intermediate/Advanced

TYPE OF ROUTE Loop

The Black River is a synonym for serenity, this winding river takes you to remote sections where you feel as if you are kilometers away from civilization. This popular waterway has it all, from several small white-water sections which are popular among beginner white-water paddlers to peaceful paddling towards the village of Washago by connecting to the Green River. The river has a strong cultural and spiritual connection, the Mnjikaning Anishnaabeg used this river to travel South from Muskoka. This route is the perfect mix between a calm paddle, exciting white-water sections, and cultural significance. Plan to stay over night at Black River Wilderness Park, or extend your paddle on the Black River or Green River. It is recommended because of the flow of the river to start at the park.



LAUNCH POINT

Black River Wilderness Park
N 44.718942, E -79.285010
\$10/pp for day use entry
7476 Simcoe County Rd 169,
Washago

1

2

Poplar Lane, Washago
N 44.753537, E -79.318710 • Free
7882 Poplar Lane, Washago



PARKING

Black River Wilderness Park
included in entry fee

Poplar Lane, Limited, Free

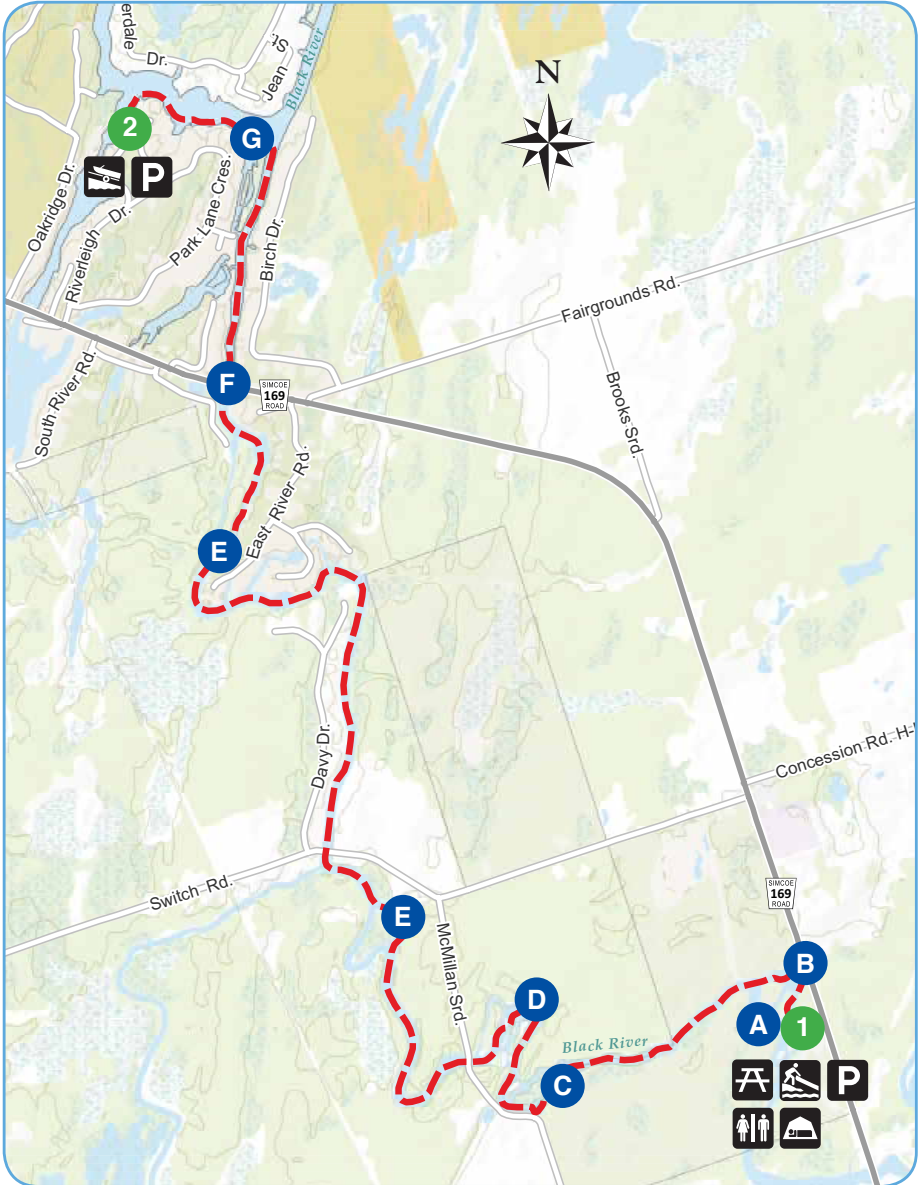


OUTFITTERS

There are no specific outfitters that service this particular waterway currently, contact one of the outfitters to inquire about opportunities.

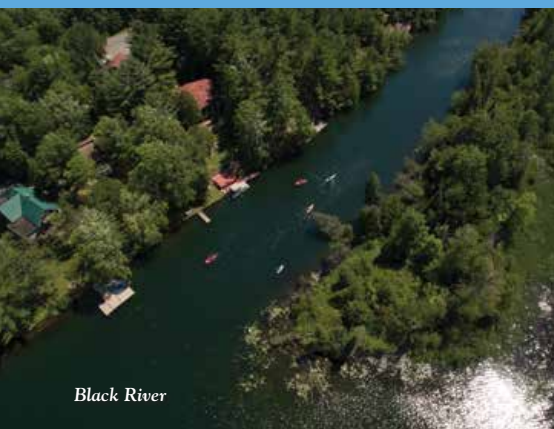
POINTS OF INTEREST

- A** Rock garden & pour over area several minor rapids (difficulty depends on water level) N 44.719296, E -79.300957
- B** Low water areas
- C** Pour over & surf wave area ahead
- D** Rapids stay right or take a sneak route if water is higher. Wave Train, stay right only for paddlers with whitewater experience.
- E** Fun swift – narrow area with current
- F** Washago 169 Bridge N 44.743600, E -79.313988
- G** Green & Black Meet or continue to Wasdell Falls N 44.752772, E -79.312069



This route sees heavy spring runoff, and can become quite low during the summer to fall months. Due to a several rapids ranging from level 1 to 3 (depending on water level), this route is more suitable for intermediate to advanced paddlers. It is highly recommended to wear your safety gear.

Black River To Wasdell Falls TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA



Black River

WATERWAY Green & Black River

DISTANCE 8 km Loop

TIME 3-3.5 Hours

DIFFICULTY Easy-Intermediate

TYPE OF ROUTE Loop

The Black River is one of the most scenic routes in all of Ontario's Lake Country. It is a peaceful setting passing by some cottages and homes. Start your paddle off in the Green River and watch the colour of the water change as you connect with the Black River. Paddle toward Wasdell Falls, where you will see the first generating station constructed by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission in 1914. This is a great paddle in spring, summer or viewing the fall colours and connecting with nature. For a further paddle there is portage access at Wasdell Falls to the Severn River, or connect to the Green River into Washago.



LAUNCH POINT

1

Poplar Lane, Washago
N 44.753537 E -79.318710 • Free
7882 Poplar Lane, Washago



PARKING

Limited, Free



OUTFITTERS

There are no specific outfitters that service this particular waterway currently, contact one of the outfitters to inquire about opportunities.

POINTS OF INTEREST

A

Green & Black Meet
N 44.752772, E -79.312069

B

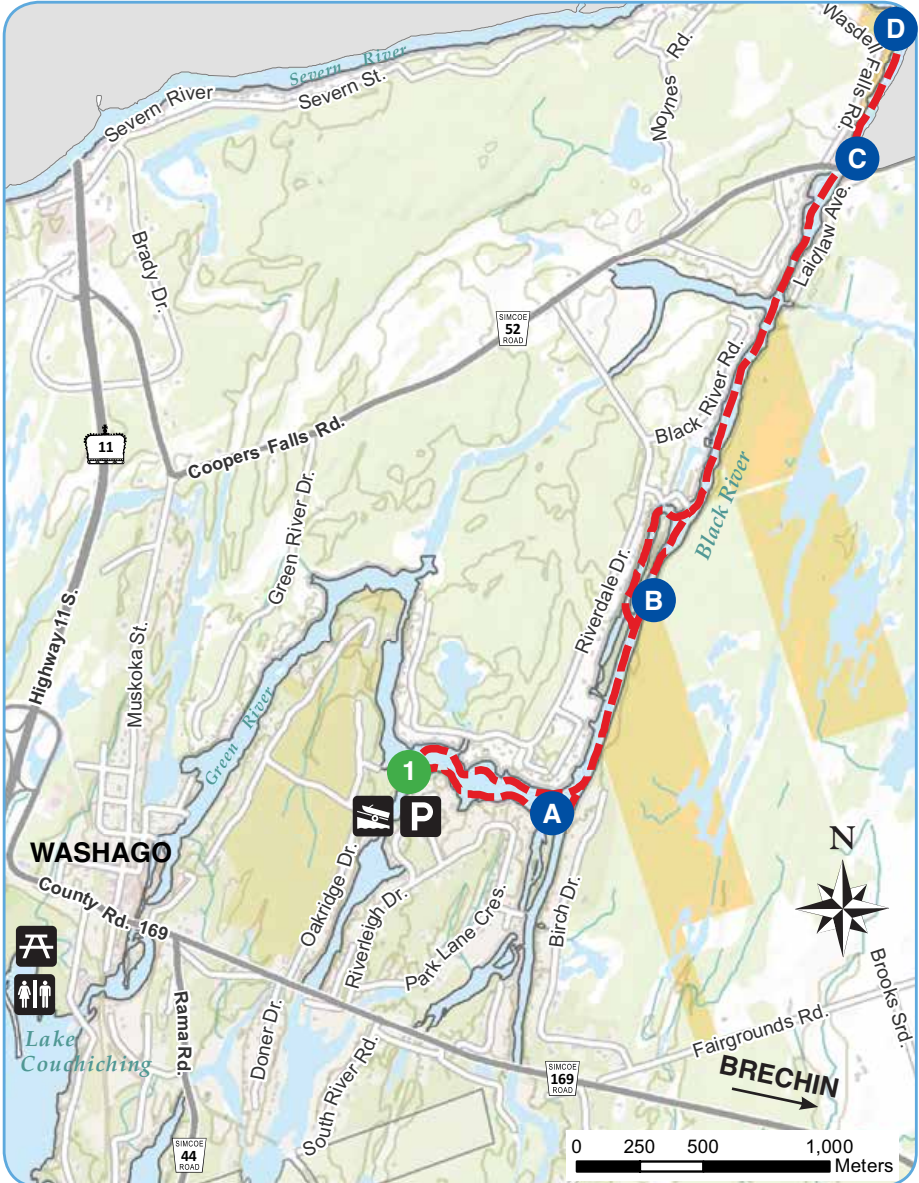
Island
N 44.762243, E -79.30634

C

Bridge
N 44.775382, E -79.296775

D

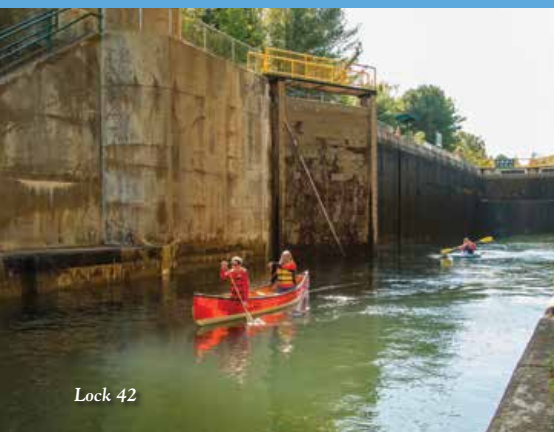
Wasdell Falls
N 44.78115, E -79.293101



You will be paddling against the mild current on your return paddle from Wasdell Falls. Spring can provide a heavier current with more water flow. Please respect and obey the rules of the waterway. Always paddle within your ability.

Severn River To Wasdell Falls

TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN



Lock 42

WATERWAY Severn River

DISTANCE 7-22 km Linear or Loop

TIME 8-9 Hours

DIFFICULTY Intermediate/advanced, depending on boat traffic and length

TYPE OF ROUTE Linear or Loop

Paddle the Severn River a section of the Trent Severn Waterway and experience the beauty of the waterways in Ontario's Lake Country. Plan to grab a snack at Lauderdale Point Marina before heading out. This paddle adventure takes you from the shores of Sparrow Lake to Lock 42 a great spot to stop for a break and to watch the boats pass by, admire the engineering involved in this national historic site. You can continue your paddle to Wasdell Falls a hydroelectric power dam created in 1914. For a longer paddle you can portage around Wasdell Falls to Black River. If a challenging but rewarding paddle is what you are looking for then look no further! This is recommended mid-week or during spring or fall seasons when the boat traffic is lower, which provides for a more relaxing paddle.



LAUNCH POINT

Lauderdale Point Marina

1 N 44.796440, E -79.392778

Fee with parking
3500 Lauderdale Point Crescent,
Severn Bridge

2 Lock 42
44.769362, -79.350468 • Free
4375 Canal Rd, Washago



PARKING

Limited spots at 1-2, is paid
\$10/day/vehicle.

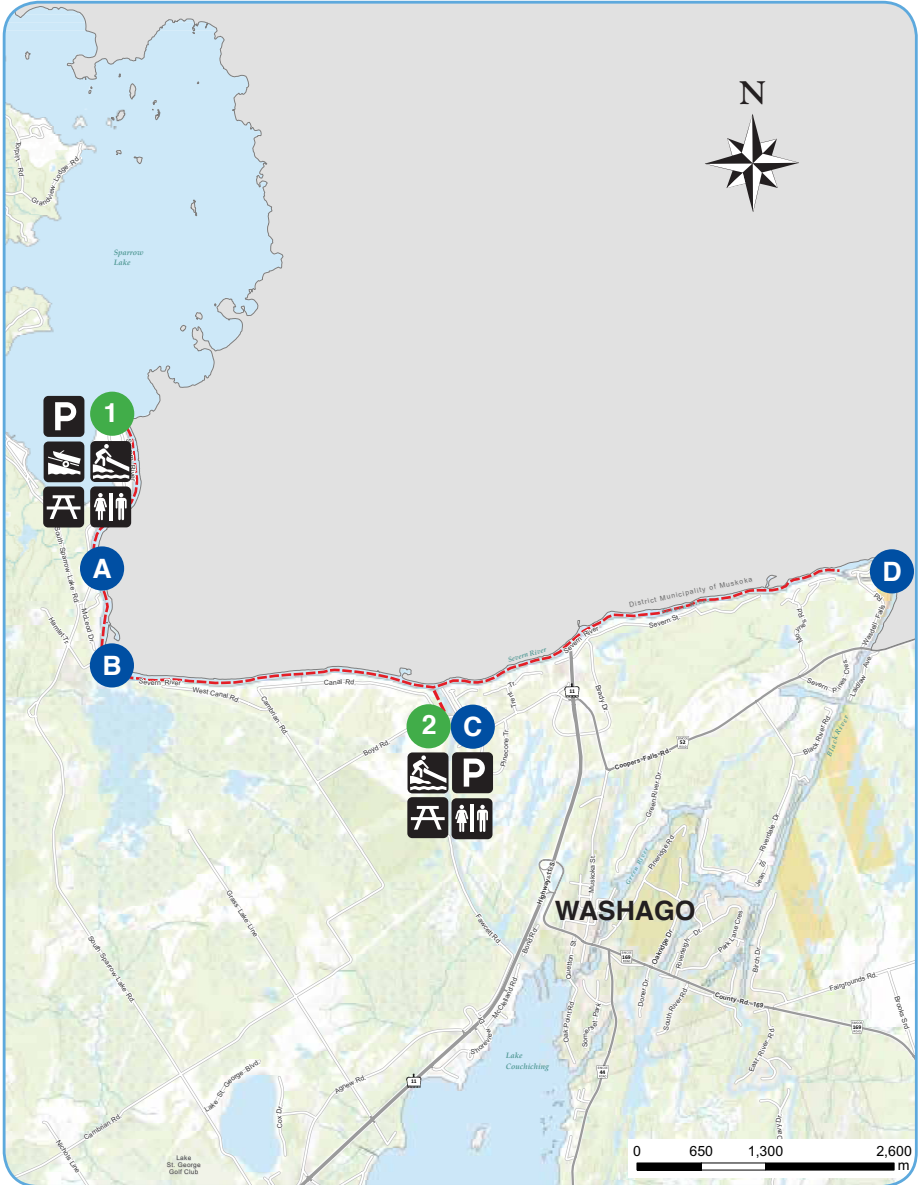


OUTFITTERS

There are no specific outfitters that service this particular waterway currently, contact one of the outfitters to inquire about opportunities.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- A** Swing Bridge
N 44.782917, E -79.394905
- B** Train Tracks
N 44.775016, E -79.394292
- C** Lock 42
N 44.770038, E -79.350362
- D** Wasdell Falls
N 44.781177, E -79.293562



Due to higher boat traffic on the Trent-Severn Waterway can be difficult at times. It is highly recommended to wear your safety gear and to stay along the riverbank for better visibility for all boaters.

Sparrow Lake TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN



WATERWAY Sparrow Lake

DISTANCE 12 km Loop

TIME 4-6 Hours

DIFFICULTY Easy/Intermediate

TYPE OF ROUTE Loop

Experience the beauty of Sparrow Lake. Paddle the shorelines which will take you in a loop of this breathtaking lake. Sparrow Lake holds a vast variety of wildlife and is a paddler's dream for beginner and advanced paddlers alike. The lake is popular among many cottagers and recreational boaters and offers some of the best fun on the water in the region. Start your paddle at Lauderdale Point Marina and paddle north-east along the shores towards the mouth of the Kabshe River. From there continue your paddle north to Goose Rock to observe the wildlife inhabiting this small island. Once you have reached the northern part of the Lake move south west and see the island archipelago many of which are occupied by small cottages. Continue south through Duck Bay and back to Lauderdale Point Marina. For a longer paddle you can connect to the Severn River in the south and north. Once back on land explore some of the many trails surrounding the area. If you are looking for a relaxing and easy paddle, this is the perfect route for you.



LAUNCH POINT

Lauderdale Point Marina

1

N 44.796440, E -79.392778 •

Fee with parking

3500 Lauderdale Point Crescent,
Severn Bridge

2

Severn Public Boat Launch

N 44.796162, E -79.406154 • Free

1557 Port Stanton Parkway,
Severn Bridge



PARKING

A - \$10 Per Day Per Vehicle

B - Limited Spots Available



OUTFITTERS

There are no specific outfitters that service this particular waterway currently, contact one of the outfitters to inquire about opportunities.

POINTS OF INTEREST

A

Kabshe River Mouth

N 44.811770, E -79.371148

B

Goose Rock

N 44.828330, E -79.381086

C

Severn River – Trent Severn

Waterway Island Archipelago

N 44.825829, E -79.388885

D

Duck Bay

N 44.811461, E -79.406141

E

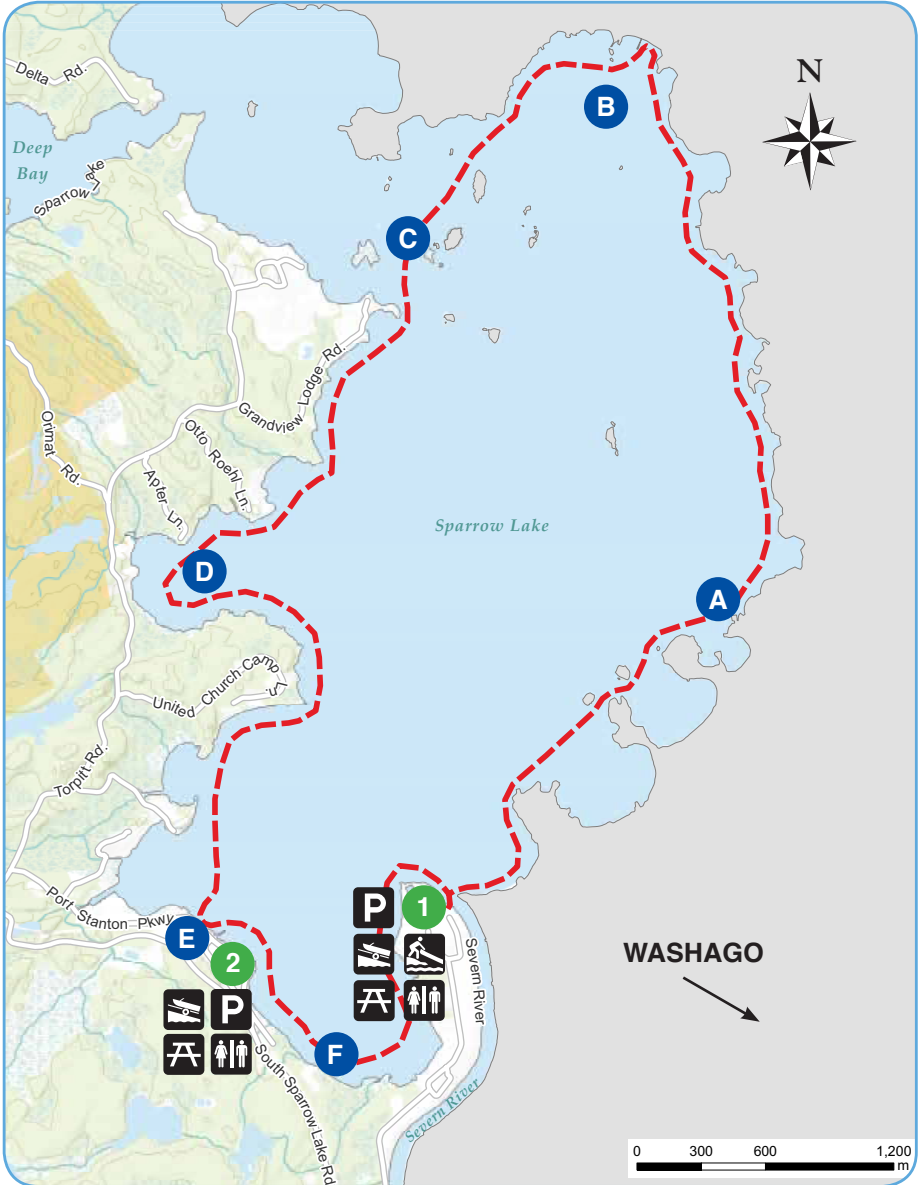
Bayview Wildwood Resort

N 44.7969722, E -79.4095174

F

Welsh Bay

N 44.792602, E -79.397827



Due to a high level of recreational boating it is highly recommended to wear your safety gear and to stay along the shore for better visibility for all boaters.

Serenity Of MacLean Lake

TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN



MacLean Lake

WATERWAY MacLean Lake

DISTANCE 15 km Loop

TIME 5-6 Hours

DIFFICULTY Easy

TYPE OF ROUTE Loop

This quiet little lake is typical of cottage country. Many private homes and cottages dot the shoreline of this scenic paddle. For even more serenity paddle down to Otter Lake and breathe in the fresh air and listen to the sounds of nature. There is plenty of wildlife to enjoy including blue herons, beavers, otters and ducks. Bring your camera, binoculars or your fishing rod and make this your adventure, or plan a stop for a picnic and a swim. MacLean Lake connects to Gloucester Pool and Little Lake which can take you into Port Severn for a longer more advanced paddle.



LAUNCH POINT

Henrys Landing, Irish Line

1

N 44.815514, E -79.664784 • Free
1914 Henrys Landing, Coldwater



PARKING

Free



OUTFITTERS

Swift Canoe & Kayak

POINTS OF INTEREST

A

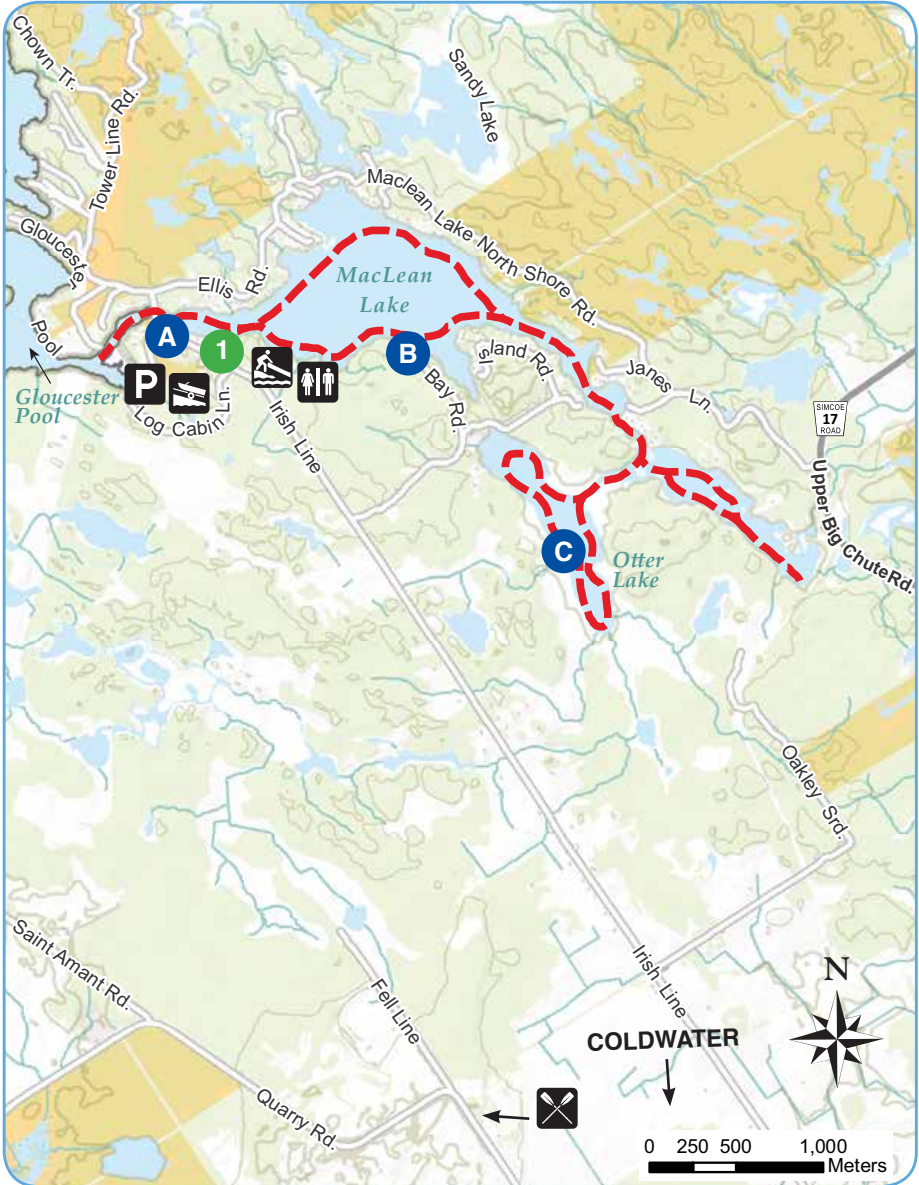
Channel to Gloucester Pool
N 44.816998, E -79.663878

B

Island - Private Island
N 44.815388, E -79.649544

C

Otter Lake
N 44.801385, E -79.635932



The section heading to and from Little Lake/Gloucester Pool is a slow travel zone for motorized boats. Please respect and obey the waterways rules. Always paddle within your ability.

Matchedash To Georgian Bay

TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN



Matchedash Bay

WATERWAY Matchedash Bay,
Georgian Bay

DISTANCE 15 km Loop

TIME 5-6 Hours

DIFFICULTY Easy - Advanced
depending on the distance and the
weather conditions

TYPE OF ROUTE Loop

The versatility of this route makes it a great paddle and a new experience for some. Enjoy the crystal clear waters of Georgian Bay from Matchedash Bay out to Green Island. Take in the rugged beauty of the rock cuts and your backdrop as you paddle around Green Island – you have entered the Georgian Bay 30,000 Islands National Park. For those more experienced, go a bit further and out into the open water of Georgian Bay but note that winds can blow up out of nowhere taking the waters from calm to extreme in the matter of minutes. Connect to the Coldwater River Route through the opposite end of Matchedash Bay.



LAUNCH POINT

Swift Canoe & Kayak

1

N 44.759429, E -79.697849 • Free
3050 Mayhew Road, Waubaushene



PARKING

Free



OUTFITTERS

Swift Canoe & Kayak

POINTS OF INTEREST

A

End of the Narrows

N 44.761528, E -79.709887

B

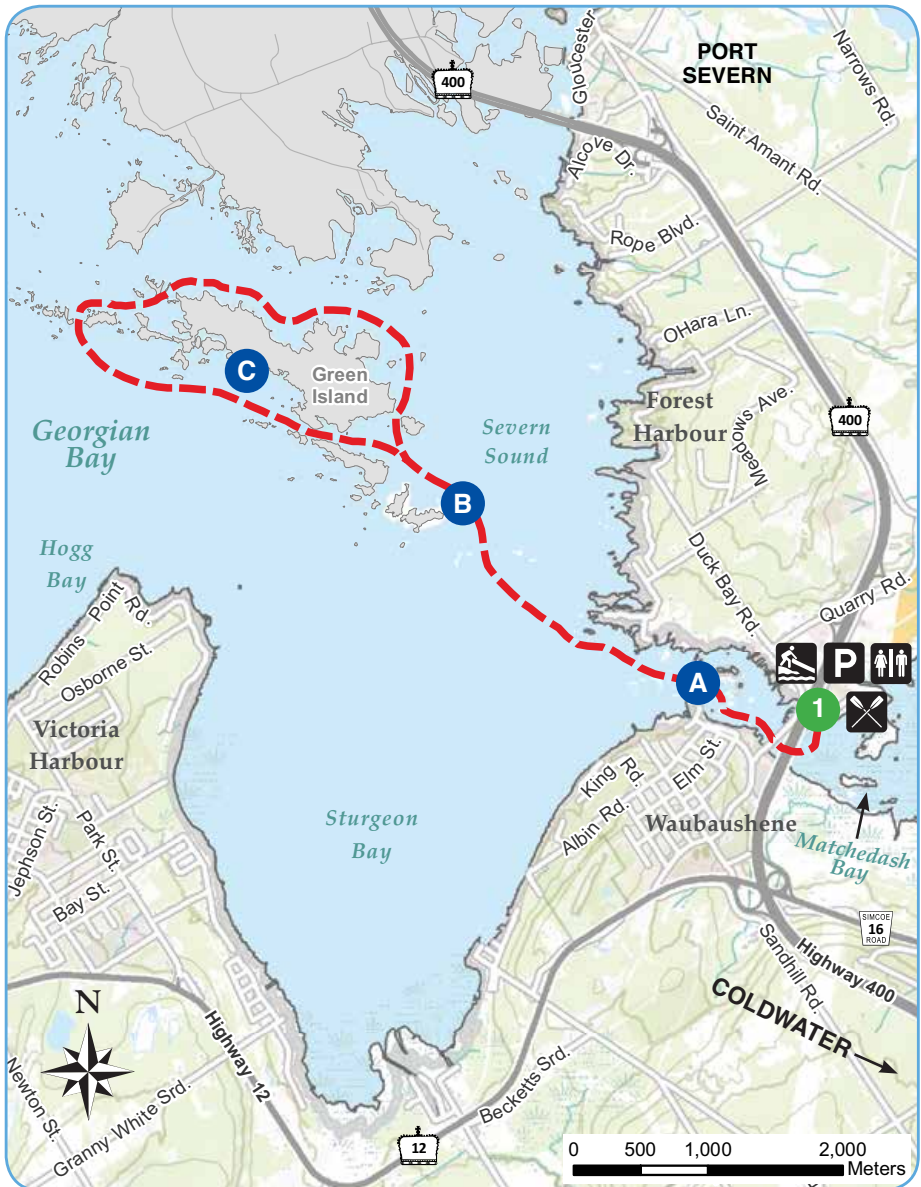
Picnic area/Canary Island

N 44.773416, E -79.731493

C

Green Island

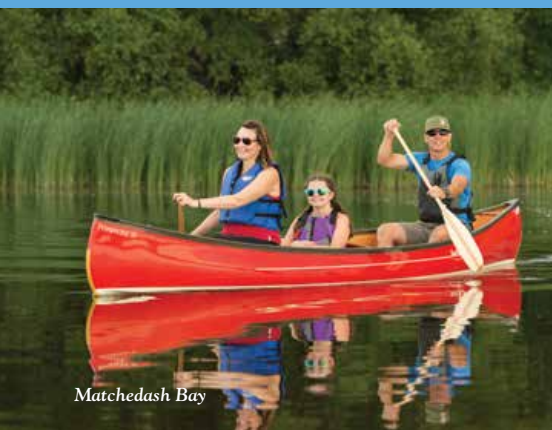
N 44.780846, E -79.740648



The wind and weather can dramatically change the ability level of this route. Please check the weather conditions before heading out. Always stay within your paddling ability. Please respect and obey the rules on the waterway.

Coldwater River Voyage

TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN



Matchedash Bay

WATERWAY Coldwater River,
North River & Matchedash Bay

DISTANCE 13 km Loop

TIME 3-4 Hours

DIFFICULTY Easy/Intermediate

TYPE OF ROUTE Loop or Linear

The Coldwater River starts just down the road from the heart of Coldwater where you can stop and pick up refreshments and other products prior to your paddle. This is a scenic and easy route that connects to the North River and Matchedash Bay with a number of different launch point options. There is wildlife galore along this river with many species of ducks and other birds and animals spotted along the way. See the wood duck boxes along the Coldwater River route and an osprey nest at the start of the North River route. If you are an angler, this is also a great opportunity to hook a steelhead or salmon. If you're up for a challenge, paddle out into the open waters of Georgian Bay, to Green Island another route available in this guide.



LAUNCH POINT

River St. & Upper Big Chute Rd.
N 44.717827, E -79.648604 • Free
74 River St. Coldwater

1

Swift Canoe & Kayak
N 44.759429, E -79.697849 • Free
3050 Mayhew Road, Waubaushene

2

Big Rock at Lawson Line
N 44.740376, E -79.635889 • Free
1309 Lawson Line, Coldwater

3

P PARKING

All launch points • Limited, Free



OUTFITTERS

Swift Canoe & Kayak

POINTS OF INTEREST



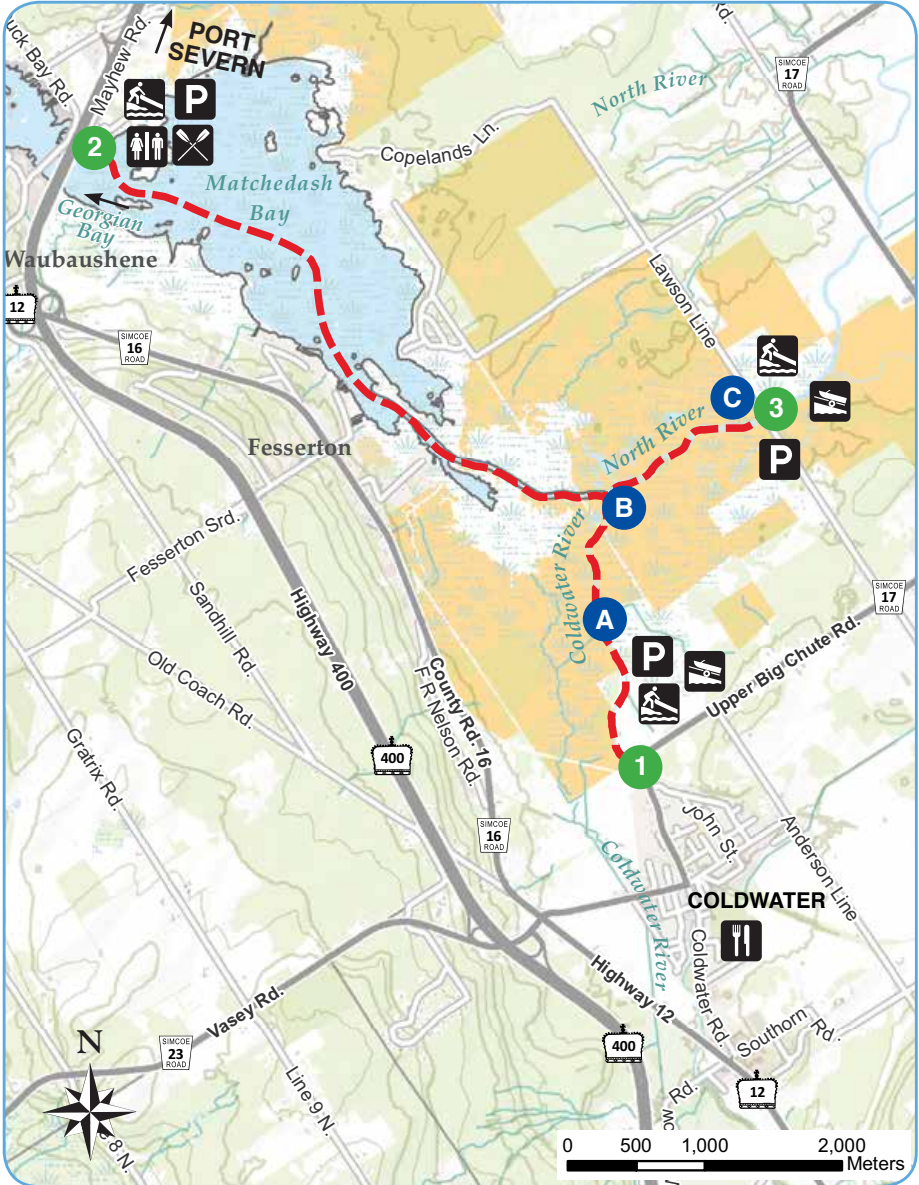
Wood duck nesting boxes
along Coldwater River portion



Coldwater River
meets the North River
N 44.735024, E -79.650898



Osprey Nest
N 44.740306, E -79.636634



A northwest wind can make this route more difficult. This is a popular spot in the fall for duck hunting, take caution. Please respect and obey the rules on the waterway. Always paddle within your ability.

Bass Lake Shoreline

TOWNSHIP OF ORO-MEDONTE



Bass Lake Provincial Park

WATERWAY Bass Lake

DISTANCE 11 km Loop

TIME 4-6 Hours

DIFFICULTY Easy

TYPE OF ROUTE Loop

This little lake is home to one of Ontario's Provincial Parks which includes on site facilities such as camping, picnic areas, a beach, a playground, a retail store and rentals on site. Bass Lake's shallow, clear waters are the perfect spot to learn how to paddle. The west shoreline of this route is undeveloped creating a sense of seclusion including a marsh area to see wildlife, while the northeastern part of the route allows for the opportunity to stop along the shoreline and walk to the nearby restaurant. There are various locations to access the lake, but the recommended launch is right in Bass Lake Provincial Park. Your admission to the park will allow you to use their included amenities. Please note the operating hours of Bass Lake Provincial Park, mid-May to the last weekend in September. www.OntarioParks.com/Park/BassLake



LAUNCH POINT

1

Bass Lake Provincial Park
N 44.607171, E -79.481535 •
Included with entrance fee
2540 Bass Lake Sideroad East,
Oro-Medonte

2

Oro-Medonte Township Line 13
N 44.590775, E -79.506422 • Free
1268 Line 15 North, Oro-Medonte



PARKING

Bass Lake Provincial Park •
Available with entrance fee

Line 13 • Free parking lot



OUTFITTERS

Bass Lake Provincial Park

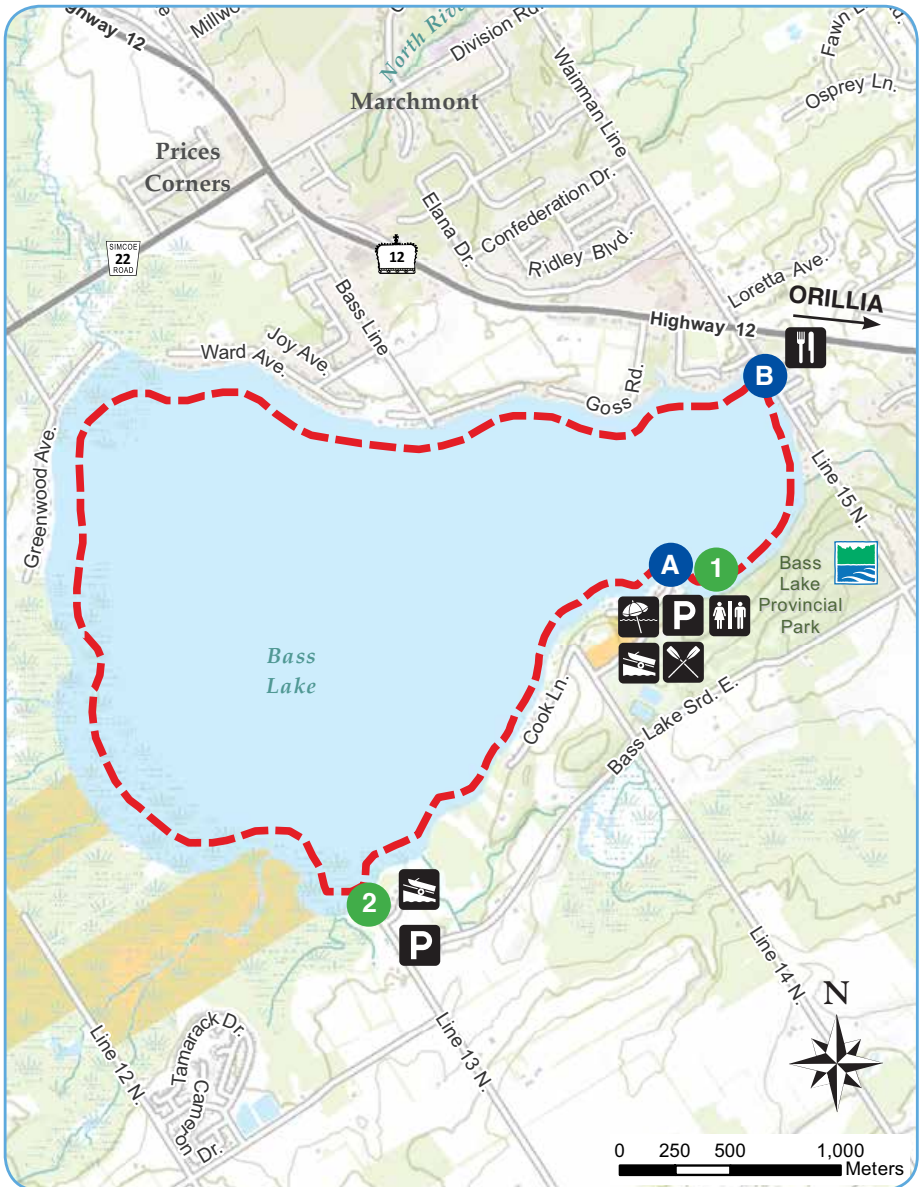
POINTS OF INTEREST

A

Bass Lake Provincial Park
N 44.607171, E -79.481538

B

Park along shoreline to
walk to restaurant
N 44.611978, E -79.483218



Pay attention to the weather and note that Bass Lake can get quite wavy with the increase of winds. Always stay within your paddling ability. Please respect and obey the rules of the waterway.

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