



WATCH OUT FOR OUR WILDLIFE

No doubt you will encounter much of our wildlife during your stay. Please enjoy your viewing, but please do not actively engage our wildlife.

We have: nesting loons; mating pairs of merganser ducks; no shortage of chipmunks and red squirrels; birds aplenty; raccoons to go around; white tailed deer; moose; and, black bears.

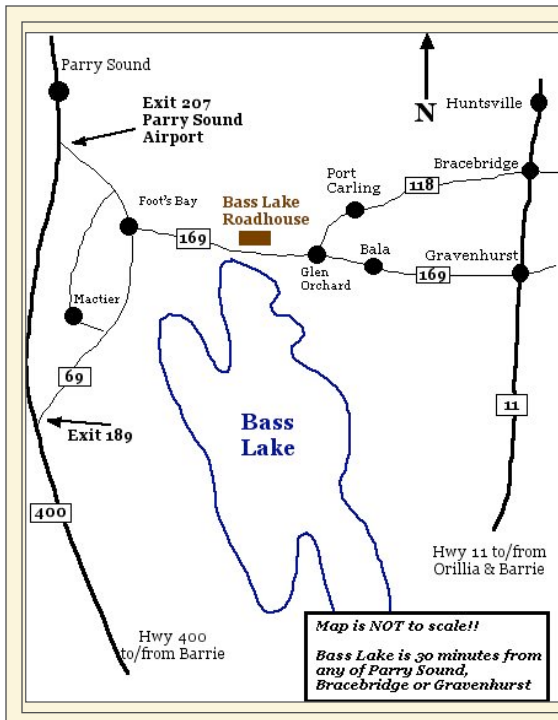
During the summer months we ask you to refrain from feeding the birds (including the ducks!) and to make sure that household garbage is kept inside, in a car trunk or in a bear proof container.

Please be advised that there are also Massassauga Rattlesnakes in the area. They are a protected species and will not cause any harm unless they are actively provoked.

ARE YOU BEAR AWARE?



KNOWLEDGE IS OFTEN THE BEST WAY TO AVOID PROBLEMS. BECOME BEAR AWARE!



IN CASE YOU NEED ASSISTANCE DURING YOUR STAY ON BASS LAKE...

General emergency services are available by dialing 911.

The OPP may be contacted directly by calling 1 888 310 1122.

Fire Rating Status: 1 877 847 1577

Please don't hesitate to ask a neighbour if you need assistance. They're likely to be glad to help if they are able to.

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GUIDE FOR COTTAGE OWNERS AND RENTERS



WELCOME

We are pleased and delighted that you have chosen to spend time on our lake. We hope that you enjoy your time here as much as we do.

Bass Lake is a family community with a strong cottagers association. We hope you find the contents of this pamphlet helpful in making your stay on Bass Lake as enjoyable an experience as possible.



Bass Lake: Code of Conduct



The Code of Conduct has been designed by our cottagers to help us promote safety, preserve our water quality, and maintain good neighbourly relations.

SWIMMING AND BOATING

Anyone driving a motorboat must have a valid Pleasure Craft Operator Card (Boater's Licence). Motorboats must remain 30m (100 ft) from shore at all times (unless picking up or dropping off a skier/tuber).

Please mind your surroundings. Noise generated by watercraft can be a nuisance. Large wakes, or wakes generated close to shore, can cause damage to shoreline vegetation as well as docks.

WATER QUALITY

The water quality is tested on a weekly basis. Historically we have had no problems of any kind with our water quality.

Ways to ensure good water quality include:

- no use of soaps or shampoos in the lake (not even biodegradable ones!);
- no use of anti-bacterial soaps (if they get in the septic system they can kill the beneficial bacteria);
- use only phosphate free and septic-safe products (available at local stores);
- maintain the shoreline vegetation buffer zone
- mind the septic system (most systems on this lake are designed for use by no more than 6-8 persons on a continual basis)
- resist the urge to feed the ducks (they can contribute to swimmer's itch)

MUSKOKA NIGHTS

Do enjoy your evening campfire... as long as it is in a defined pit, there are no fire bans in place, and the fire is out before you leave it.

Be sure to keep the noise down after 11pm. Sit out and enjoy the night sky, but please keep the lights and the volume set on low.

If you're really lucky you'll see the Northern Lights... or at least a shooting star!



VISIT THE BASS LAKE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS REGARDING EACH OF THE FOLLOWING

Annual General Meeting (Canada Day weekend)

Lights Out Night (Dark sky event)

Music at the Bass Lake Roadhouse

Pink Garage Sale (charity fundraiser)

Poker Run (charity fundraiser)

Parade of Lights (Labour Day weekend)

Bass Lake Book Club

Bass Lake Little Free Library

Bass Lake Photo Contest