

"Where no one intrudes many can live in harmony."

Chief Dan George (1899-1981)

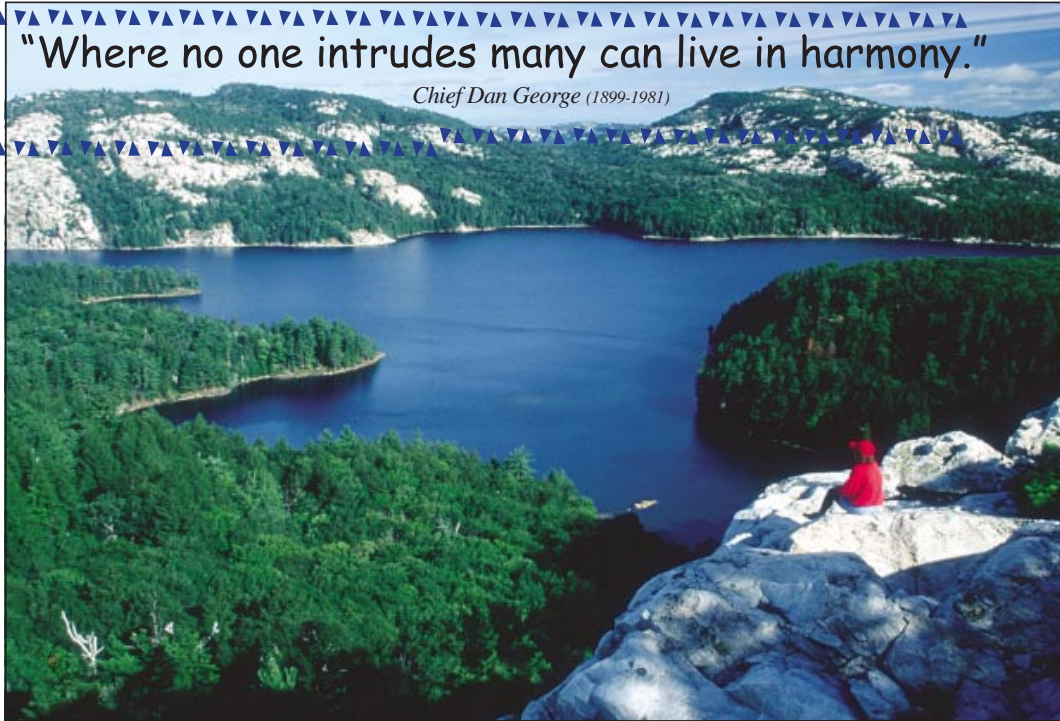


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What's New in 2002



In 2001 George Lake campers were treated to hot showers at a new comfort station, 38 consecutive summer days without a drop of rain, and the unfortunate fire ban that ensued. This year we're hopeful for a little well-timed rain and a safe, enjoyable experience for all of our visitors. Check out what's new in 2002.



What's new...backcountry access point improvements, new trailhead signs, rehabilitated campsites, bear-proof garbage containers, plans for a NEW VISITOR CENTRE, plans for newly regulated parkland...There's a lot new in 2002!

Bear-proof Containers

Killarney's raccoons might be a little disappointed when visiting the beaches this year. Awaiting them, at both the main beach and second beach, are new bear-proof (and raccoon-proof) garbage cans. Please help us keep the campground and backcountry clean and safe for both you and wildlife by keeping the areas that you visit free of garbage.



Sunset along Killarney Channel

Killarney Signature Site

Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy outlines the intended strategic direction for the management of 39 million hectares of Crown lands and waters.

Nine parts of the planning area have been identified as featured areas or "Signature Sites". The proposed and existing parks at Killarney are included in the Great Lakes Heritage Coast and also the Killarney Signature Sites.

The Great Lakes Heritage Coast Signature Site is a centre-piece of Ontario's Living Legacy. Interpretive centres are being planned in four provincial parks, Killarney, French River, Killbear and Lake Superior. The purpose of the centres is to develop a greater appreciation and understanding of the Coast as well as highlighting and celebrating the historic past. At Killarney architects have been engaged and a centre is being planned for a site in the area immediately west of the park office. The Killarney centre will celebrate wilderness aspects of the park.

The first stage in the planning of the Killarney Signature Site is occurring this summer and will involve the earth science, life science and recreation use surveys. We welcome you to join the park planning effort by registering at the park office to be on our mailing list.

Great Lakes Heritage Coast

Killarney Provincial Park is proud of its unique distinction of being part of two of Ontario's Living Legacy signature sites. As part of Ontario's Great Lakes Heritage Coast initiative Killarney has begun improvements to all backcountry access points along the Hwy 637 corridor. Thus far the Chikanish Access Point, Killarney Park's gateway to Georgian Bay and the Chikanish Trail, has received the greatest attention. Increased use of this access point by hiking, kayaking, canoeing, and boating enthusiasts has required us to remodel and expand the parking facilities. Take a drive down the Chikanish Road and check out the new drive-through vehicle and trailer parking spots, parking spaces for 75 vehicles, enhanced drop-off areas, road-

improvements and treed buffer areas along the Chikanish Creek.

Along with the ongoing access point improvements, attractive and informative signs and message boards are being placed at each of the park's southern backcountry access points and at the trailheads for all in-park hiking trails. These signs will provide you with a wide variety of information about special park features, the health of Killarney's wilderness, outdoor safety and wilderness-friendly camping.

Campsite Rehabilitation

Killarney's rugged beauty and incredible natural scenery have been drawing people to this area for centuries. Hopes for the ongoing protection and enjoyment of this wilderness were affirmed in 1964 when Killarney was established as a wilderness class park as part of the Ontario Parks system. Although Killarney campers are doing a wonderful job in reducing their impact upon this wilderness some areas of the campground and the interior are showing signs of human impact. The Friends of Killarney Park, a group of dedicated volunteers and staff, are planning campsite rehabilitation for 2002. Some sites at the George Lake Campground have already had treed buffers, naturalized barricades and tent pad improvements made to them. More campsites at the campground will receive similar attention this year. In addition, interior campsites will be worked on throughout the summer. New plans for this year include an autumn cleaning blitz of existing campsites on Philip Edward Island (on Georgian Bay south of the current park boundary).

Killarney Provincial Park is improving every year. We're continually striving to upgrade our services and facilities. Your suggestions in these regards are always valued and welcome. A quick and easy way to share your thoughts with us is to return your park permit to our drop box at the George Lake Campground with your comments written on the reverse of the permit. Have a safe and enjoyable visit to "The Crown Jewel" of the Ontario Provincial Parks system.

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Killarney Provincial Park
Killarney, Ontario POM 2A0
1-888-668-7275 (reservations)
(705) 287-2900 (park information)



Village of Killarney "Year 'Round"

Welcome

Welcome to the wonderful village of Killarney, located only a short 10 km ride past the park's campground. We are renowned for our hospitality and friendliness. Stop and talk to the town folks—they'll enlighten you on the history of our village, which dates back to 1820.

We provide basic services, groceries, camping supplies, lodges, restaurants and take out, laundromats, liquor store, police, church, garages for cars and marine, and an airstrip with a 3500 foot runway.

There's lots to do in every season!

Summer Activities:

In July and August stroll the docks and see the beautiful yachts travelling our waters. Our Community Centre has basketball nets, a tennis court and space to roller-blade. For a totally new adventure try the 7.5 km George Island Trail, which takes you past beaver ponds, over ridges and along George Island's Georgian Bay coast. Take the Sportsman's Inn's "Tinkerbelle Ferry" to reach the trailhead.

Looking for some Georgian Bay scenery? You'll get a great view from Killarney's historic East Lighthouse—and if you want to stretch your legs again after that, the trailhead to the municipal "Tar Vat Bay Trail" is located just behind the lighthouse parking area.

Ready for some Georgian Bay swimming? Try Pine Island Channel at the town's unsupervised public swimming beach, located on Perry Avenue, just off the highway before reaching town.

Winter Activities:

Snowmobile trails tie into the Sudbury and Alban Trail Plan, and marked trails lead over the ice to Manitoulin—Spanish, and the North Channel. The area is also a great winter destination for hardy winter campers and skiers. In winter, the Community Centre's two rinks host curling, recreational skating and hockey. The new service building offers washrooms, a pool table and video games, as well as a small cantina and eating area.

We invite you to visit us in Killarney...by boat, airplane, foot, car, canoe, kayak, snowmobile—we're here to welcome you...year 'round!

Sincerely

Mayor Laurier J. Low

The Killarney Health Centre is Open

Monday to Friday
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon & 1:00-5:30 p.m.

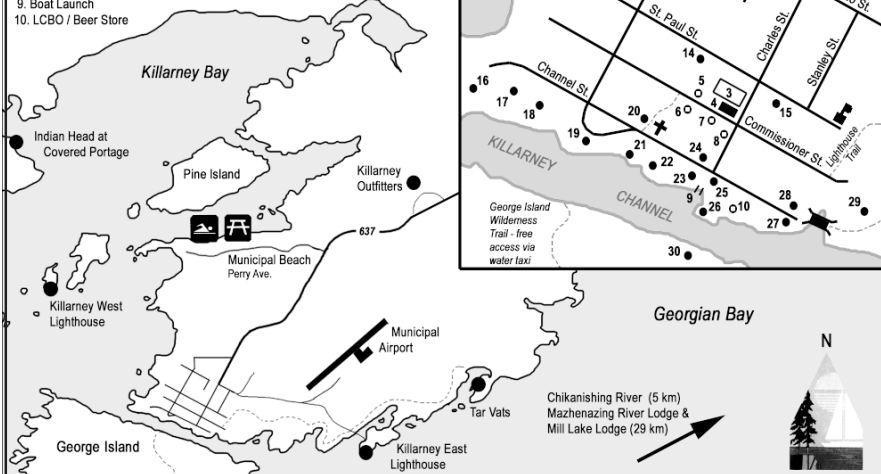
If possible, please visit the clinic during office hours, as a nurse may not always be available outside of the posted times.

For appointments or advice, call 287-2300. After hours please listen to instructions on the answering machine.

The Killarney Health Centre is funded by the Ministry of Health, but donations to the Centre are appreciated. Money raised helps to purchase much needed equipment, allowing us to provide a better service to the community and to the visiting public.

Medical emergencies—dial 911. George Lake Campground is Location #954 - Hwy 637.

Government	Local Businesses	
1. OPP Station	11. Killarney Bay Inn +	20. The Pines Inn +
2. Community Centre	12. Roche Rouge Campground	21. Gateway Marina ^ * +
3. Municipal Grounds	13. Timberjacks +	22. Killarney Marine & Rigging
4. Municipal Building, Post Office & Health Centre	14. Connie Mart	23. Channel Marina
5. Ambulance Shed	15. Killarney Auto & Marine	24. Rocky's Pizza +
6. Fire Hall	16. Blue Heron B&B	25. The Quarterdeck
7. Museum	17. Roque's Marina ^ *	26. Herbert Fisheries +
8. Old Jail	18. A & R Marina	27. Pitfield's General Store *
9. Boat Launch	19. Sportsman's Inn +	28. Rock House Inn
10. LCBO / Beer Store		29. Killarney Mountain Lodge +
		30. George Islanders Marina



Killarney Snowmobile Club News: Ride With "The Pack"

Located on the North Shore of Georgian Bay Snowmobile Paradise, Killarney offers some of the best snowmobiling in Northern Ontario.

Situated directly on the Trans Ontario Provincial (TOP) Trail C107D, Killarney is your Trail-Head to North Channel destinations such as Spanish, Blind River and Drummond Island, Michigan; with staked ice trails to Manitoulin Island and direct trail access to the French River and the Sudbury area trail systems. Killarney's 100 plus kilometers of trails are kept in "TOP" shape by a new Bombardier BR 180 groomer.

Killarney is a full service snowmobile community with all the essentials for the serious or first time snowmobiler. Accommodation, premium fuel, mechanical service, a LCBO and a general store are all easily accessible by sled.

Please note snowmobiling is not allowed within the boundaries of Killarney Provincial Park other than on the designated C107D trail corridor running just south of Hwy 637.

For more information on snowmobiling in Killarney, current trail and ice conditions, trail passes, or for snowmobile club events, please call — (705) 287-2411 or (705) 287 2011.

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The historic port of Killarney...

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- Georgian Bay

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Killarney Annual Fish-Fry Weekend July 27th and 28th 2002

Located at the Municipal Grounds, Behind the Municipal Buildings (numbers 3 & 4 on map above)

Lion's Club Outdoor Dance
Saturday July 27th 2002, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Come out for a night of fun with a live band and dancing under the big top.
A licensed event, age of majority required.

Volunteer Firefighter's Fish-Fry
Sunday July 28th 2002, Noon to 8 p.m.
Show up under the big top for large portions of locally caught fish with all the extras. **BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY.** A licensed event with excellent food, music, dancing, and games for the kids!

Overflow Camping in Killarney

The park's full? There's no need to drive back out to Highway 637. There are 3 locations that offer overflow camping right here in Killarney, just 10 km farther down the road, and close enough if you want to hike or paddle in Killarney Park.

Roche Rouge 287-2332
Roques Marina 287-9900
The Pines Inn 287-1068

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Killarney Provincial Park Information



Bagged firewood and kindling can be purchased from The Outpost in the park office at George Lake Campground.

In the campground, collection of deadfall is not permitted. Deadwood serves as important habitat for forest critters such as sowbugs and salamanders, and eventually rots into rich forest soil. Please use kindling for hot dog and marshmallow sticks.

In the park interior use stoves for cooking. If you do want a fire, gather wood along your paddling route, so as not to trample the backwoods area surrounding campsites. The biggest impact to Killarney's backcountry is the unnecessary burning of firewood—to minimize your impact on the park ecosystem, only have campfires in emergency situations.

Showers/laundry facilities are now located in the park campground. See map, page 20.

Leave soap at your campsite. For sanitation reasons, we ask that you do not wash or clean dishes at water faucets in the campground. Biodegradable soap is only biodegradable on land. Dispose of soapy water 60m (200') back from lakeshores.



Don't feed wildlife! Those cute raccoons you fed will turn into a troupe of snarling bandits at 3:00 a.m., waking you up for more grub! Raccoons and bears have sometimes ripped tents for food...an expensive consequence for encouraging wildlife to associate food with people. To discourage food-motivated visits, keep all food, garbage and scented items (toothpaste, shampoo, soap), in your vehicle trunk at night, and when away from your site, day or night.

Garbage, in sealed bags should be deposited daily in the Garbage Bins located in George Lake Campground. See map, page 20. Garbage should not be left at your campsite overnight unless stored in your vehicle trunk...it attracts insects and animals and creates unpleasant odours.

Beaches in Killarney Provincial Park are not patrolled by lifeguards. Parents: children are your responsibility. No child should be allowed near the water unless directly supervised by an adult.

Day trippers, do not occupy interior campsites while hiking or canoeing. These sites are reserved for interior campers.

A trailer dumping station is located off of Hwy 637. Follow the 2nd road to your left after exiting eastward from the park entrance. See map, page 20.

Services and operating seasons vary from park to park. Check the Ontario Provincial Parks Guide for current information on other parks. See also *Operating Dates*, page 17.

If you're not a Canadian resident and you want to camp on Crown Land you'll require **Crown Land Camping Permits**, now available at George Lake Park Office.

Fishing Licences are available at most area businesses. Fishing regulations are available at the park office. Live bait-fish are banned within the park. Many park lakes are fish sanctuaries, and others are closed to Lake Trout fishing. See Page 15.

You must renew your campground camping permit prior to 12:00 noon on its expiry date. Failure to do so may result in your campsite being sold to another party waiting to enter the park.

Regulations—Park Interior and Campground

Killarney Provincial Park is a 48,500 hectare Wilderness Park situated on the north shore of Georgian Bay. In Killarney, park visitors meet with endless opportunities to improve recreational skills while experiencing nature at her best.

The following regulations will help you get the most out of your stay and help us protect this unique landscape.

These rules apply to all visitors using the park campground and the park interior—those more remote areas accessible only on foot or by canoe during paddling season, or by ski and snowshoe in winter.

1. **Respect park resources.** Natural objects such as plants and trees, rock formations and archaeological artifacts are for all to enjoy. Do not remove, damage or deface them. Cutting of live vegetation is prohibited. Do not remove bark from living trees, or put nails into them. Respect wildlife! Do not disturb them, or damage their habitat.

Note that the area around and including **Hawk Ridge is closed to public travel** for wildlife rehabilitation purposes. This includes canoe site #4 on George Lake. Obey the signs posted in the area. Park maps at the park office indicate the areas closed.

2. **The Can and Bottle Ban is in effect for all interior travellers, including day trippers.** Obtain a litter bag when you get your interior camping permit. All non-burnable refuse must be packed out. The regulation restricting cans and bottles in the park interior is enforced without exception.

3. **Fires may only be built in established firepits provided on designated campsites.** At your campsite do not build additional firepits, or collect rocks to place around the existing firepit. Elsewhere, fires may not be built in any other areas of the park, including along hiking trails, shorelines or portages.

4. **Interior Camping is only permitted at designated campsites.** You may only camp at sites identified by a diamond-shaped orange marker with a black tent symbol. The park map indicates canoe-in sites with a red triangle and hiking trail sites with a green triangle. Backcountry travellers must camp on sites or lakes indicated on their registered route plan. Some campsites are closed or relocated from year to year. If your map is 1999 or older consult the latest edition or talk with staff to find out about any changes.

In the unlikely event that:

- (a) for canoeists: all the campsites on your lake are full; or
- (b) for hikers: another group has taken your campsite,

camp off-site on a rocky area where your impact will be minimized, and do not build any fires or cut any vegetation. It is important that you do not move onto another campsite or lake, as this will displace yet another group. Please report this situation to park staff at your first opportunity. Note: it is your responsibility to ensure all campsites are occupied before camping offsite.



All designated interior sites are marked with an orange and black campsite marker.

5. **Excessive noise is not allowed at any time.** Respect your neighbour's right to privacy and solitude. It is the beauty of Killarney.

6. **Maximum number of campers per site** is 6 in the campground, 6 on the hiking trail, and 9 on the canoe-in sites, (with a maximum of 6 recommended). These limits help protect campsites from overuse...the more people on a site, the more the surrounding vegetation is trampled.

7. **Pets must always be leashed, and are not allowed in public swimming areas.** Pets may swim beside the George Lake dam, or in Chikanishing Creek. Pets must be leashed in all interior areas, including trails and portages.



Killarney is home to many types of wildlife. Please keep the wilderness wild for them.
Photo: Clara Beissel

8. **Keep campsites clean and litter-free at all times.** Remove bottle caps, tinfoil, foodscraps and other unburned items from the area, including the firepits, before vacating your site. In the campground you are responsible for placing garbage in the Garbage Bin. See map, page 16.

In the park interior, all garbage must be packed out. **Never dump garbage in interior privies.**

9. **Ontario Liquor Laws apply in this park.** Liquor may be consumed at your campsite only. Liquor is prohibited in beach,

picnic and other day-use areas.

10. **Mountain Bikes are not allowed on park hiking trails.** Mountain bikes may be used on all campground roads, on Chikanishing Creek road, and on many trails and roads outside the park. Johnnie Lake Road and Bell Lake Road are some options. For more information contact the park office.

11. **Mechanized travel**, including snowmobiles, ATV's and motorboats is generally prohibited in the park.

12. **Campsite & Vehicle Permits must be renewed before 12:00 noon. Campsites must be vacated by 2:00 p.m. on the day of your departure.** Please be prompt. Failure to vacate your site on time will result in an additional day's camping fee being charged. If you wish to stay in the park after vacating your site, move your vehicle to a parking area. Your campsite permit entitles you to use day-use facilities until 10:00 p.m. on your departure date.

The complete schedule of Provincial Park Regulations is available for review in the park office upon request.

Emergency Phone Numbers

Pay phones are located outside the park office and near the Killarney Liquor Store.

Ambulance:
In Killarney: 911
In Espanola: (705) 869-4240, or 911 from most North Shore locations.

Sudbury Regional Hospital
(705) 674-3181 — 24 hour service

Espanola General Hospital
(705) 869-1420 — 24 hour service

Poison Control Centre
1 - 800 - 267-1373 — 24 hour service

Nurse-Killarney Health Centre
(705) 287-2300

Ontario Provincial Police
1-888-310-1122

Park Office
(705) 287-2900

Forest Fire Reporting
1-888-863-FIRE (3473)

First Aid Kits are found at the park office and in park vehicles. Contact park staff for assistance.

Killarney Provincial Park Can & Bottle Ban

Killarney Provincial Park has a Can & Bottle Ban to help control litter and to promote good tripping ethics.

Packing without Cans & Bottles

Packing foods that do not require cans or bottles doesn't have to be expensive. Grocery stores offer many lightweight, nutritious, and delicious foods that can be used on a can and bottle free camping trip.

For long trips, look for products that are fast cooking and dehydrated, to cut down on weight. Examples are instant potatoes, dry soups and sauce mixes, fruit drink crystals, quick cooking rice and grains, and pasta.

Consider bringing along some fresh vegetables, fruit and eggs, to be used in the early days of your trip. If wrapped well, frozen meat should also keep for a day or two. Always use caution when considering bringing eggs and meats. If the weather calls for extremely warm temperatures you may want to reconsider, or use these items up over your first couple of meals. Spicy meats, such as salami or pepperoni, are often a good choice as they keep longer, and small amounts mixed into a meal go a long way in terms of taste.

Sample Menu Ingredients

Breakfasts

- instant oatmeal, cold cereal
- dried or fresh fruit
- pancake mix
- coffee, tea
- sugar
- fruit drink crystals
- powdered eggs
- jam or honey

Lunches

- dense, durable breads such as crispbreads, or pumpernickel
- crackers
- margarine
- cheese
- dill pickles
- well-spiced sausage
- peanut butter
- nuts and dried fruit
- fruit drink crystals



We ask for your co-operation and support for this regulation, and encourage you to adopt it not because it is required by law, but because it is an excellent camping practice.

Please Note

All containers must be burnable.

The exceptions:

- metal foil containers
- fuel containers
- insect repellent containers
- personal toilet articles
- reusable plastic bottles
- medications in bottles
- infant formula in cans

The Can & Bottle Ban applies without exception to all interior areas of Killarney Provincial Park. Cans and bottles are only allowed in George Lake Campground, and in parking areas of interior access points. **This regulation applies to all Campground and Day Use visitors when out for a day paddle, or when hiking on any park trail.** Books on planning menus without canned or bottled foods are available at good outdoor recreation stores.

Suppers

- dried soups
- instant potatoes
- dry gravy mixes
- quick cooking rice
- pasta
- couscous
- cheese
- coffee, tea, hot chocolate
- fresh meat (first day of trip)
- freeze dried entrees

Pet Peeves

Every year thousands of campers enjoy the company of their pet as they camp in Ontario's Provincial Parks. However, not everyone enjoys these animals, and as a result there are frequent complaints. Rules in Provincial Parks are designed to ensure that all campers enjoy their stay.

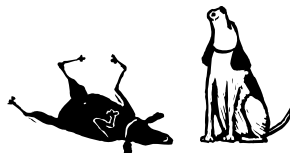
• All pets must be under control and secured by a leash not exceeding 2 metres (6 feet); allowing them to run free or bark can disturb park visitors, wildlife and other pets. Contact with wildlife such as skunks, porcupines and foxes, may result in injury and a very unpleasant trip home or to the vet.

• For health reasons, pets are not allowed in swimming areas on any beach; there is a

designated pet area in the park, near the dam at the west end of George Lake.

• Pets may not be left unattended at your campsite. A dog that barks continually can ruin other campers' vacations.

• You are responsible for cleaning up after your pet; pick up your **stoop and scoop bags** at the park office.



Park Management Plan Review

The Killarney Provincial Park Management Plan Review is expected to recommence in the near future.

If you are interested in providing comments during this process, and are not yet on the mailing list, please complete a Management Plan Mailing List form, available wherever Killarney Provincial Park permits are sold.

We encourage everyone to become involved! Your input is one of the most valuable elements of the planning process. It doesn't take much time, and is the best way to voice input on management issues in Killarney Provincial Park.

FIRE ALERT!



Forest fires cost Ontarians millions of dollars. Each year about 200,000 hectares of forest habitat is destroyed by fire.

In Killarney, fires are only allowed in established firepits on designated campsites. Never leave your campfire unattended, and never smoke while hiking—if you do and a forest fire results, you could be fined or be held responsible for the cost of extinguishing the fire. During a Restricted Fire Zone you must show your cookstove before receiving your backcountry permit. To report forest fires, contact the park office, or call 1-888-863-FIRE (3473).



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Low Impact camping in Killarney's Backcountry

When you visit Killarney you want to find untouched forests and clean lakes. Imagine arriving at your site only to find extra fire pits, garbage and trampled vegetation. It's up to all of us to practise low-impact camping. Here are some backcountry basics we all need to remember when visiting wild places.

Home Sweet Home

Set up tents and gear on the impacted area of your site. If a tent pad is provided use it. Avoid trampling backsite areas, creating new tent pads and trails.

If you need a campfire, gather dead wood as you paddle or hike, to avoid depleting the area surrounding your site. On site, give the plants and your feet a break. Change into a pair of sneakers. They don't tear up soil and plants like the lug soles found on hiking boots.

Go jump in the lake...but not with your soap! If soap is a must, choose biodegradable. Jump in the water, lather up onshore at least 60 metres from water, and get an "unsoaped" buddy to come and rinse you off with a pot. Remember...biodegradable soap is *only* biodegradable on land, not in the water!

Table Talk

Did you know that meals are a lot quicker to prepare on a stove than over a campfire? And remember, stoves create little or no impact on a site, something we all have to think about in heavily used areas like Killarney.

Stoves start in any conditions. They can quickly provide a cup of soup or tea, and you can be on

your way. **Campfires have a certain lure, but the quest for wood results in serious damage to vegetation around sites.** If you have a fire, gather small pieces of dead wood as you travel. Keep your fire small. Fires may only be built in the established firepit on designated campsites. Burn your fire to embers and drown it before you go to bed. During a Fire Ban all fires are prohibited. In this case you must show a stove to obtain your permit.

Pack it Out!

Cans and bottles are not allowed in Killarney's interior. Past experience shows that they often get left behind...an unsightly souvenir for the next camper who comes along. Repack food in reusable containers and plastic bags...it packs smaller and weighs less.

Pack out or completely burn all food waste. Never bury food scraps—animals dig them up, learning bad habits. Sometimes, as in the case of bears, this creates public safety problems. Never throw fish guts in water; place them well away from your site, on a rocky area where birds can scavenge them.

The Scoop on Poop!

It's not fun to talk about, but it's better to talk about it than end up stepping in it! Human waste, toilet paper, tampons, sanitary

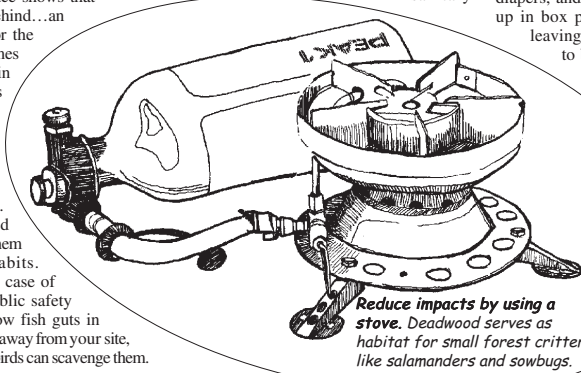
napkins, and disposable diapers are sometimes found strewn about the park. Most interior sites have marked side trails leading to box privies, but if you are caught short with no privy nearby: 1. move 60 meters (at least 80 paces) away from lakeshores, sites, rivers, trails, etc.; 2. dig a hole 6" (15 cm) deep; 3. use it; 4. cover it back in well with the dirt you removed; 5. make sure that no trace of your "visit" remains. Use as little toilet paper as possible. Many people creatively use pine cones, sticks, etc. which can be buried in the hole. As for tampons, sanitary

and it is the only responsible thing to do. The multiple layers and plastic in these products have no place in the bush, and will sit there for years before they biodegrade!

Treasure Chest Etiquette...As one wise person said "The only thing that should go into box privies on interior campsites is what comes out of you, and single ply toilet paper". It's true! Treat interior privies like composting toilets—plastics and other materials interfere with the natural decomposition that needs to occur. Garbage, diapers, and other creative things that end up in box privies fill these facilities up, leaving no room for "what's supposed to be in there". In case you were wondering, park staff have to unearth those treasures that shouldn't be there in the first place. Think about it!

One Last Glance...

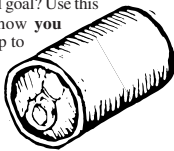
When you go, leave your site better than when you arrived. By packing out twist ties, rubber bands, tinfoil and other garbage left by previous campers, you can help maintain Killarney's campsites, and ensure your future enjoyment of Killarney's backcountry.



The Great Canadian Wilderness Challenge!

Wilderness Survival—is this the ability of humans to survive the wilderness, or the ability of wilderness to survive humans? All too often, our passage through natural areas can leave permanent traces.

Why not take the Great Canadian Wilderness Challenge? Will you make the leave-no-trace ethic your personal goal? Use this checklist to see how you measure up. It's up to each one of us to make sure that Canada's Wilderness survives!



Planning Ahead

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| I Will | I Did |
| ☐ travel and camp in small groups | ☐ |
| ☐ repack food to reduce garbage | ☐ |
| ☐ not use cans or bottles | ☐ |
| ☐ bring a sturdy litterbag for garbage | ☐ |
| ☐ carry a stove and bring foods which require little cooking | ☐ |

Walking Softly

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|---|--------------------------|
| I Will | I Did |
| ☐ walk single-file in middle of trails even if they are wet or muddy | ☐ |
| ☐ take only photos, never pick plants | ☐ |
| ☐ avoid trampling vegetation | ☐ |

Making a No-trace Camp

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| I Will | I Did |
| ☐ never cut live trees, or dead standing trees, for firewood | ☐ |
| ☐ not dig trenches around my tent | ☐ |
| ☐ make campfires only in designated firepits on campsites | ☐ |
| ☐ use portable stoves for cooking | ☐ |
| ☐ only use fires in emergencies | ☐ |
| ☐ wash 60 metres away from water using only biodegradable soap | ☐ |
| ☐ stay as quiet as possible so others may also enjoy the wilderness | ☐ |



Leaving No-trace of My Visit

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|--|--------------------------|
| I Will | I Did |
| ☐ pick up and pack out every trace of litter, both mine and other's | ☐ |
| ☐ make sure my fire is completely out before leaving | ☐ |
| ☐ report significant information or problems to the park office | ☐ |
| ☐ look for signs of my passing. Did I leave any traces? | ☐ |
| ☐ apply the no trace ethic elsewhere | ☐ |

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Prevention is the Key to Bear Problems

Black Bears are an important and natural part of Killarney's wilderness landscape

Although your chances of meeting a bear in the wild during your visit to Killarney are very rare, you may occasionally meet up with a "campground" bear. These are bears that have lost their normal fear of humans through deliberate or unintentional feeding by people.

Campground bears rarely, if ever, pose a danger to people (bears that attack and kill people have almost always been truly wild bears with little or no prior contact with humans), but they can become persistent and destructive nuisances in campgrounds when searching for easy meals of food or garbage.

Here are three simple suggestions to help reduce the chances of a visit to your site by a campground bear:

1. NEVER FEED BEARS. The black bear is an intelligent animal. It has the ability to remember food locations and can become accustomed to artificial sources of food. People who feed bears are creating problems for themselves, and others. Bears that have learned to associate people with food will most likely lose their fear of people, become a nuisance, and park managers



frequently have little choice but to destroy them. A fed bear soon becomes a dead bear.

2. STORE FOOD OUT OF THE REACH OF BEARS. In campground and picnic areas, store all food (including pet food) inside the closed trunk of your vehicle. Do not store food, cooking utensils or fragrant items, such as soap, toothpaste and shaving cream, in your tent. In the backcountry, suspend food, garbage and other scented items in a pack from a rope strung between two trees at least four metres (13 feet) off the ground and about one metre (four feet) away from the nearest tree trunk, out of the reach of bears. Follow the same precautions when camping on islands; bears are good swimmers.

3. KEEP YOUR CAMPSITE CLEAN AND ODOUR FREE. Reduce the availability of garbage and consequently garbage odours by daily disposal of your sealed garbage

bags in the bear-proof garbage sheds provided in the park campground.

Barbeques can also serve as attractants to bears. Clean your barbeque and picnic table after every use, and be sure any spilled grease is cleaned up.

In the backcountry, keep your campsite clean and wash your dishes after every meal. Burn whatever food containers you can (when fires are allowed), and pack out food scraps in tightly-sealed containers or bags.

IF A BEAR DOES wander onto your campsite in search of food, don't panic. Face the bear, and speak to it loudly to show your authority. Throw rocks, bang pots and pans together, and shout at the bear, to encourage it to leave your site. Be sure to report any encounters with problem bears to park staff so that a Bear Occurrence Report can be prepared for review by the Superintendent.

For more information on black bears, how to prevent bear problems, and what to do if a bear visits your site, please ask park staff, or pick up a brochure "Bear Facts" at the George Lake Park Office, or Bell Lake or Charlton Lake Permit Issuing Stations.

Monitoring Success in Killarney Park

Killarney Provincial Park is much more than a beautiful place. With a mandate to provide resource protection and recreational opportunities, staff are constantly monitoring the fine line between human use and resulting impacts. The following projects contribute to the long-term understanding of Killarney's ecosystem, and your enjoyment of Killarney Provincial Park.

Summer 2002 promises to be an exciting season for wildlife viewing in Killarney Park and park staff are already getting ready for the series of annual monitoring programs. An open invitation is extended to all "Friends", friends of "Friends", and visitors to take part in these important (and fun) events. Join us for one, two or all of the following enjoyable events.

Spring Loon Survey

Date: May 25th
Description: This program helps us to assess the health of loon populations on Killarney's acid damaged lakes. Join us for a full day of scrutinizing Killarney's southern lakes for

signs of loons. Information gathered during this day will be forwarded to the Canadian Loon Lakes Survey (CLLS) and will also be included as data for Killarney role in the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Network (EMAN).

Included: Campsites, bug repellent, and a wrap up BBQ are provided for interested participants.
Required: Binoculars, canoes and gear or hiking gear.

Killarney's 4th Annual Butterfly Count

Date: July 14th
Description: Calling any and all net-swinging enthusiasts, beginner and expert lepidopterists for a day of butterfly chasing and counting. Data collected on this day will be forwarded to the North American Butterfly Association.

Included: Nets, guidebooks, leadership, and a wrap up BBQ.
Required: comfortable clothes, sunscreen, and enthusiasm.

Summer Loon Survey

Date: August 11th
Description: A new generation of loons has hit the water and a second scouring of Killarney's southern lakes is needed to assess the reproductive success of our loons. Data collected during this event will go to CLLS and EMAN.

Included: A wrap up BBQ, fun, sun, and less bugs.
Required: Binoculars (a small number are available), canoes and gear or hiking gear.

Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas

Date: May - July 2001-2005
Description: Over the next five years the entire province of Ontario will be surveyed in 10km x 10 km squares for evidence of breeding birds. Killarney occupies 12 of these squares. Data collected will be used to produce an atlas of breeding bird activity for the province. Individuals or groups can participate anytime during the breeding bird season.

Included: Binoculars and fields guides.
Required: better than novice experience in bird-watching and identification.

Greater Georgian Bay Reptile Awareness Program

Date: Anytime
Description: The Georgian Bay area is blessed with an exceptional variety of rare Ontario reptiles. Many of these species are on Species of Concern Lists. Any sightings of reptiles (turtles, snakes, lizards, or crocodiles - although crocodiles are not to be expected in this part of the world) should be reported to the naturalist staff at the George Lake Campground.

Annual Christmas Bird Count

Date: The Wednesday before Christmas.
Description: Killarney is open year round and busy with bird-life even in the coldest of months. Strap on the snowshoes and join us for our annual Christmas Bird Count. Potluck dinner to follow.
Included: Binoculars, bird identification guides, leadership and warm beverages.

Most of these events/programs require prior registration. Please contact the park at (705-287-2900) or the Friends of Killarney Park at (705-287-2800) for further details.

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Protecting wildlife in Ontario Parks

When people visit Ontario Parks they have many different adventures and experiences to choose from, including learning how parks protect Ontario's wildlife and plants, especially those at risk. Park staff have developed fascinating and informative educational programs. They tell visitors about exciting projects within park boundaries that are designed to maintain or restore the places (called habitat) where endangered or threatened animals or plants exist.

In some parks, there are programs that invite campers and other visitors to report sightings of animals that are among Ontario's species at risk. In Wabakimi Provincial Park, for example, staff seek information about the elusive forest-dwelling woodland caribou. In Charleston Lake Provincial Park biologists would like to know if people have seen any black rat snakes.

There are other types of programs as well. In Algonquin Provincial Park there are wolf howls where you may experience the thrill of hearing the eastern wolf, which is listed among the wildlife at risk in Ontario. In Killbear Provincial Park, everyone is asked to Brake for snakes, as part of efforts to recover the now rare eastern Massasauga rattlesnake. Around Georgian Bay seven endangered and threatened reptiles receive special attention in a public awareness program designed to inform people about how they can help maintain the province's species at risk.

Ontario is home to more than 40 per cent of Canada's species at risk, with the highest concentrations of endangered and threatened species occurring in southwestern Ontario. There are several provincial parks in that region providing protected habitat for many species including the prothonotary warbler; the wood turtle; the American badger and the cucumber tree.

If you want to learn more about wildlife in jeopardy in this park, ask for a member of the parks Natural Heritage Education team at the parks main office. If you see an animal, bird, insect or reptile that you know is at risk please report it to Leslie Joynt, the Assistant Park Superintendent.

On returning home from your Ontario Parks, adventure, you can take action in your own neighbourhood. There are many local naturalists clubs that organize projects to help species at risk. Some clubs build nest boxes, others help maintain habitat such as marsh, wood lots or grazed fields, and take part in bird counts or bird banding projects.

There are many other groups and organizations that help species at risk. Several internet sites will give you more information, and you can start by going to www.OntarioParks.com/risk.html or www.rom.on.ca/ontario/risk.html, two sites funded by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

Species at risk, act today so they have tomorrow!



Photo of a Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake taken in the Killarney Provincial Park interior during the summer of 2001 - Melanie Sedge.

Are There Rattlesnakes in Killarney Provincial Park?

The Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake, Ontario's only remaining pit viper, had a range that once extended around the entire shoreline of Georgian Bay and into parts of the Lake Huron and Lake Erie shorelines. Today this timid snake is listed as "threatened" in Canada. Its range and population have diminished substantially and

biologists are concerned with the future well being of the species. Loss of habitat due to shoreline development has been identified as the major threat to Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake.

The shoreline in and around Killarney Provincial Park is one of the most pristine on

Georgian Bay and Killarney is on the northern edge of the Rattlers range, but... ARE THERE EASTERN MASSASAUGA RATTLESNAKES IN KILLARNEY PROVINCIAL PARK?

Two years ago we would not have been able to give you a definite answer regarding the

presence of rattlesnakes in Killarney Provincial Park. In 2001, thanks to reports made by three observant groups of park visitors, the presence of Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnakes in Killarney Provincial Park was confirmed.

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History Book — Buried in the Mud

What were the Killarney lakes like before there was acid rain? Before European settlers first arrived in North America? Before native people first camped at the mouth of the Chikanish River? What about way back, back when the mile-high glaciers first receded and revealed Killarney's white quartzite ridges? What were the lakes like then?

These are the questions that a team of scientists from Queen's University are tackling by looking at microfossils in the mud of Killarney lakes. Most people are probably aware that pollen grains collect in the sediment at the bottom of lakes and can be used to reveal the history of forest cover in an area. But, it is the glass-like remains of the microscopic algae the diatoms that tell many of the new stories these days. These tiny fossils rain down year after year and collect in the sediment layers like tree rings.

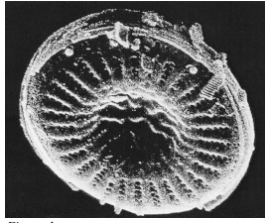


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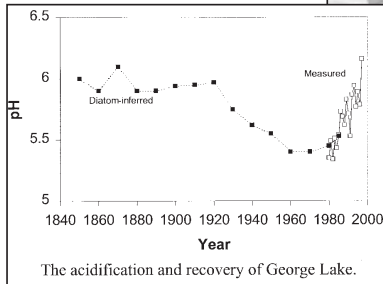


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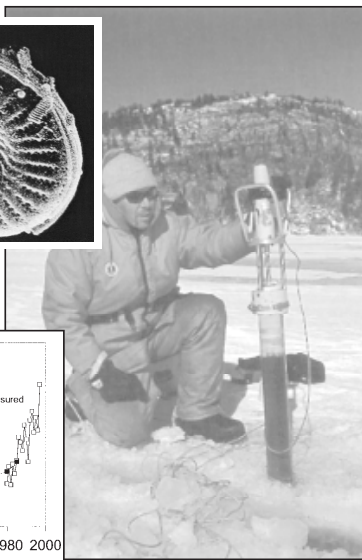


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Deciphering the story of the past by analyzing the composition of the many diatoms in the mud is now part of a very sophisticated science called paleolimnology.

Queen's University scientists Sushil and Aruna Dixit have been studying the paleolimnology of Killarney lakes for more than a decade and have been able to reveal much about the history of these lakes before air pollution impacted many of them. For example, they have been able to reconstruct the acid history of George Lake stretching back to the middle of the 1800s. The diatoms in the mud showed that this lake began to acidify in the 1920s, but then experienced a remarkable recovery when industrial pollution in Ontario was reduced. The close agreement in recent years between the estimated values from the fossil reconstructions and the values measured by scientists at Sudbury's Cooperative Freshwater Ecology Unit show how accurate these diatom techniques are.

The muddy algal graveyard is now being explored for more ancient stories. Long cores of mud samples have been collected from three lakes and will be sliced, dated and analyzed to study the history of the area back 12,000 years to the ice age. Plans are underway to present the findings in displays at the new visitor's centre.

Stay tuned for more stories as the mud detectives explore the buried evidence from the past to answer questions about what the climate was like, whether the lakes were always clear, if fish were always present....

Figure 1. A diatom microfossil.

Figure 2. Collecting a sediment core in Killarney.

Figure 3. The acidification and recovery of George Lake.

Acid Lake Recovery

Don't be surprised if you turn a corner and encounter a scene like this. No, these are not poachers, and no, they are not crazy. Contrary to popular opinion, there are fish in many Killarney lakes. Some day we hope there will be even more.

These young scientists are conducting fish surveys to assess the progress we are making in restoring native fish populations in lakes that are beginning to recover from the effects of acid rain. Most of the surveys in 2002 will be conducted in lakes along the Highway 637 corridor. Lakes like George, Carlyle, Johnnie, and Bell will be the focus of attention.

What the students are looking for is evidence that introduced species like lake trout and bass are surviving and reproducing again. They are also examining whether any exotic species are making their way into these highly accessible lakes.

Our fish surveys are part of an international study called the Northern Lakes Recovery Study. This is collaboration between scientists in Canada and Norway to assess the benefits of reduced air pollution.



The job of protecting our lakes from air pollution is far from over. Killarney has been showing some encouraging signs of improvement. However, much more effort at stopping pollution at the sources in Canada and the United States is needed.

The Friends of Killarney Park have been working hard to help support the acid lake recovery studies through direct donations to the Cooperative Freshwater Ecology Unit and now through their new Sponsor-A-Lake program. Donations to this valuable effort would be much appreciated. All donations made, dollar-for-dollar go directly to acid rain research.



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From a canoe, on a calm sunny day, it is possible to see the bottom of Nellie Lake as far as 34 metres below you. Although one of the clearest lakes on the continent, Nellie Lake is not the only lake in Killarney Provincial Park with highly transparent water. In fact, many of the lakes on the La Cloche Mountain Range, which occupies about half of the park, have extremely clear water. For many visitors, this ultraclear water is a defining element of the Killarney experience.

The high clarity of some Killarney lakes is natural, although in many cases it has been exaggerated by acidification. Water transparency in these lakes is determined mainly by the amount of dissolved organic matter, substances that are released from decaying vegetation. Lakes with lots of decaying plant material, usually originating from wetland plants, have brown-coloured water. These types of lakes are usually found in the lowland areas of the park. Naturally clear lakes have few if any wetlands in their watersheds and these lakes tend to be located high on the white quartzite ridges. The clarity of many waterbodies was increased by acidification from atmospheric pollutants which reduced the amount of brown colour in the water.

The transparency of water can be measured by a simple device called a Secchi disc, which is named after the Italian scientist who invented it. This white and black disc is lowered into the water and the depth at which it disappears from view provides a measure of the water transparency. Sophisticated electronic meters are available to measure light penetration, but the Secchi disc continues to be in popular use because of its simplicity. Secchi disc measurements in Killarney Provincial Park lakes range from as 1.1 metres to over 30 metres.

Killarney Provincial Park is part of a national network of environmental monitoring sites. The Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network (EMAN), administered by Environment Canada, has over 80 monitoring sites across the country (website

is <http://www.cciw.ca/eman/intro.html>). Long term research at these sites will help develop an understanding of how and why changes are occurring in our ecosystems. Killarney's unique contribution to the network is a set of lakes that are recovering from acidification. The extreme clarity of these lakes also makes them exceptionally sensitive to other stresses such as climate change and increased UV penetration. Although these lakes are very vulnerable to various environmental stresses, they are showing signs of recovering from acidification. In fact, at the 2000 Acid Rain conference in Japan, the lakes in Killarney Provincial Park were highlighted as the best example in the world of natural chemical and biological recovery from acidification.

There is little wonder that Killarney Provincial Park continues to be the focus of national and international scientific studies. Growing interest from researchers prompted Ontario Parks, in cooperation with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ministry of Environment, to establish a Research Centre in the park. The new building, finished in spring 2001, provides accommodation and workspace for up to eight researchers, including graduate students.

It rarely escapes the notice of park visitors that Killarney's lakes differ dramatically in colouration. The colour of water is the result of light scattering upward after it has passed through the water and some of it has been absorbed en route. The water acts as a filter that absorbs long wavelengths of light (red, infrared) most quickly, generally within the first two metres. The addition of dissolved organic matter from decaying vegetation increased the absorption of the shorter wavelengths (ultraviolet, blue, green). The greater the amount of organic matter, the greater the amount of yellow and red light that is scattered. As a result, lakes with lots of dissolved organic matter have brown or tea-coloured water. Clear lakes, where the shorter wavelengths of sunlight penetrate furthest, have blue-coloured water.

The sun's rays also heat the water, producing changes in the temperature of lakes that have consequences for the organisms that inhabit them. In brown-coloured lakes, where light penetration is limited by the dissolved organic material, over half of the sun's energy is absorbed in the top couple metres of water. This rapid surface heating protects the deep cold water habitat that is required by some species. In effect, the brown colour acts as a sunscreen. In clear lakes the sun's rays penetrate more deeply, causing the bottom waters to become warmer. Recent research in Killarney has found that clear-water lakes are the most prone to bottom heating and as a consequence, they are the most likely to be affected by climate change. Some of the current research in the park is focussed on determining how these differences in light penetration between lakes affect the organisms that inhabit them.



A student measures the clarity of George Lake's water. Killarney's clearest lakes are Nellie - visibility to 30 metres, and Little Superior - visibility to 24 metres.



Lake trout - A cold water species that may be affected by climate change.

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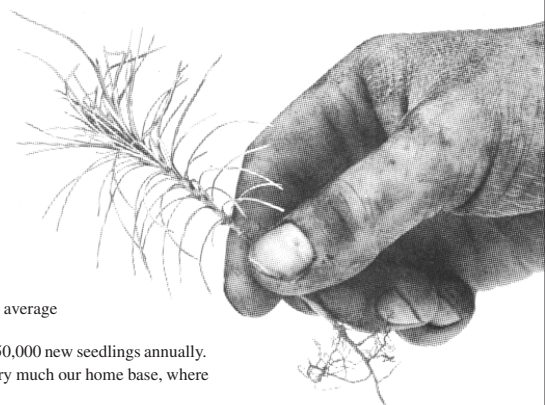
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The Great Outdoors!

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Laura Taylor
Guelph, Ontario



How to enter:

- On the back of each photograph entered, clearly print the photograph's title, category, location in the park, and the photographer's name and address.
- Photographs should be unmounted colour or black and white prints. An 8 x 10 format is preferred, but not mandatory.

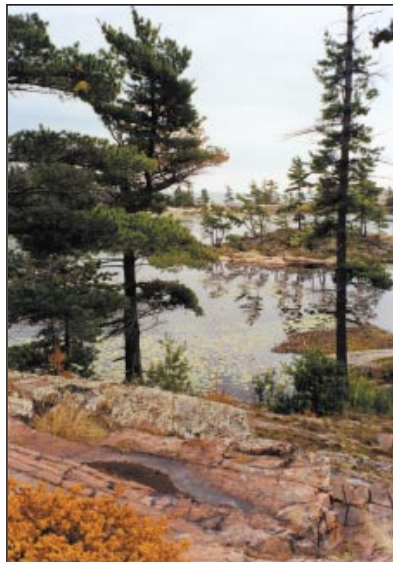
Send entries* to: KILLARNEY PHOTO CONTEST, Killarney Provincial Park, Killarney, Ontario. P0M 2A0

*Killarney Provincial Park and Friends of Killarney Park staff are not eligible to enter.

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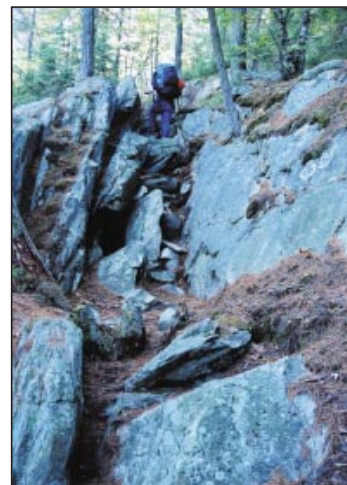
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"A Reflection of Peace",
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Rudy Nikolaus, Richmond Hill, Ontario



Pick up your camera, and enter Killarney's ninth annual Photography Contest. You can choose between two categories in this contest!

- 1) **The Great Outdoors**—show us your favourite spots by capturing the nature and scenery of the park and village of Killarney.
- 2) **Go For it!** Let's see you having fun—hiking, paddling, enjoying a view, relaxing.

Notes:

- Entries are accepted until Nov 30, 2002.
- Photographs will be returned in stamped, self-addressed envelopes only.
- Photos are juried by a panel of Killarney Park and Friends of Killarney Park staff/board members.
- Photographs may be held for one year for use in park publications and displays.
- Ontario Parks reserves the right to copy and use any entries for future programs and publications.

Go For It!

"After The Hike",
Brenda Stevens, Toronto, Ontario



Keep Looking...

Check out Jouni Paajanen's "Sunset over Killarney Channel" on our cover page. If you didn't win, you still may see your photograph in the park tabloid or other park publications. Clara Beissel's "Majestic Loon" (page 3), and Christine Boose's "Elevation Overlooking the Ice of Georgian Bay" (page 18) are two other great additions to this year's tabloid.



What Are Friends For?

They are members of one of the most unique charitable organizations around. They host events such as "Campground Rehabilitation and Clean-Up Weekend". They raise money to restore campsites and carry out research. They publish the park map, canoe guide and trail guides. They are the Friends of Killarney Park!

Established in 1986, Friends of Killarney Park operates under a co-operative agreement with the Ontario Parks. As a non-profit group, its primary mandate is to develop programs and materials to promote public awareness, education, understanding and appreciation of the park's natural and cultural resources. 'Friends' supports park goals in the areas of resource protection and heritage appreciation, through the following:

- hosting the "Friends' Weekend" in July, which provides a variety of special events to further public awareness of the friends group and some of the special research and education projects that they are involved with
- developing high quality items and materials for distribution and/or sale to the public at the Outpost;
- sponsoring research projects to improve understanding of the park ecology;
- maintaining a resource library;
- reprinting the popular park map, Killarney Canoe Guide and Killarney trail guides;
- producing a Friends' newsletters to keep members up-to-date all year long;
- raising funds through memberships and individual/corporate donations to further the goals of Killarney Provincial Park;
- and much more!

Friends of Killarney Park sponsors some of the park's Summer Youth Program staff. Students are hired to carry out a variety of projects that benefit visitors and the environment.

Friends of Killarney Park is a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering the education and protection programs of Killarney Provincial Park



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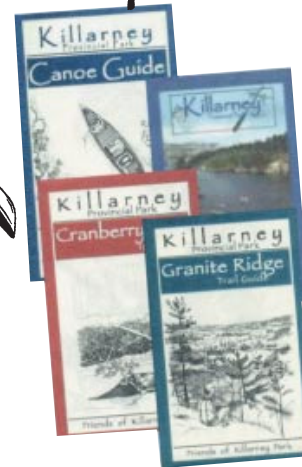
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Killarney Day Hikes



One of the best ways to see Killarney is to hike the trails. So, if you have a notion to really explore, lace up those hiking boots and follow your feet.

- Please remember, the **Can & Bottle Ban** applies to **all** park hiking trails.
- Please walk single-file on park trails to avoid widening the paths.

Safe Hiking Techniques

1. Learn how to use a map & compass, and always bring them hiking.
2. Know your limits and respect them. You are responsible for your health and safety:
- Know how much pack weight you can carry for extended periods.

- Know how many hours you can hike in one day—six hours is usually plenty!
- Do you have injuries or weaknesses (eg. ankles, knees)? Strengthen supporting muscles before you arrive.
- 3. Sturdy hiking boots are recommended on all trails, and are essential on the La Cloche Silhouette Trail. Running shoes

and sandals do not provide adequate support, making you prone to injury.

4. Pack a few essentials—first aid kit, sunscreen, bug repellent, a park map, trail guide, a water bottle and some snacks.

Trail Guides for Cranberry Bog, Granite Ridge and La Cloche Silhouette are available at The Outpost.

Cranberry Bog Trail

Access: Cranberry Bog Trail starts from the campground road, near site #103. Parking/privy nearby.

Length: Approx. 4 km. Loop trail

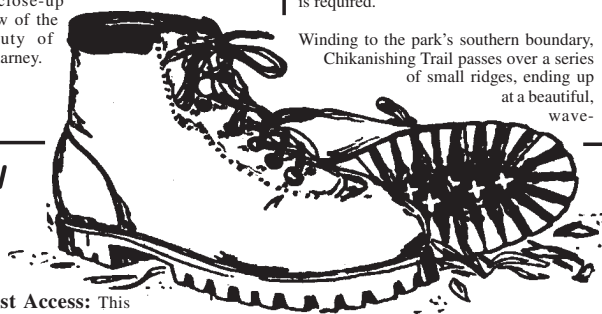
Time: 2 1/2 hours, steady going.

Difficulty: Moderate.

Caution: In wet weather rock surfaces are very slippery.

Cranberry Bog Trail leads hikers past some of the park's loveliest scenery. Bogs, marshes and swamps grow a variety of plants such as sundew, leatherleaf, pitcher plant, and cranberry. Beaver feed piles can be seen along the way. Many birds frequent this trail's habitats, and Blanding's Turtles

have been known to make occasional appearances in Cranberry Bog. Evidence of glaciation ranges from smooth rock surfaces to glacial striations and chatter marks. A.Y. Jackson Lake, named after the Group of Seven artist, is striking—blue waters nestled against a backdrop of pink rock and evergreens—a lovely place to sketch or take a picture. Cranberry Bog Trail shows hikers a close-up view of the beauty of Killarney.



La Cloche Silhouette Trail

The La Cloche Silhouette Trail is named after a painting by the Group of Seven's Franklin Carmichael. These hikes follow sections of the 100 km trail near the park campground, and are not loop trails. Please do not stop for breaks on campsites—they are reserved for overnight hikers.

West Access: The west trailhead is at George Lake Dam. Parking/privy nearby. **Length:** 14 km. to Acid Lake and return. **Linear trail.**

Time: Acid Lake—return, takes about 6 to 7 hours, steady going.

Difficulty: Moderate.

Caution: A couple of stretches of the trail may be quite wet if there's been rain.

The west (Baie Fine) section of trail heads to Acid and Lumsden lakes over rolling forested hills. The trail crosses small streams and rivers, occasionally passing by the rocky shores of some small lakes. Keep on the lookout for wild animals, or clues that they've been around, such as scat, fur tufts, or tracks.

East Access: This trail starts from Blue Heron Circle. Parking/privies nearby.

Length: 20 km. to "the Crack" and return along a **linear trail.**

Time: Round trip to "the Crack" takes around 10 to 12 hours, steady going.

Difficulty: Moderate, some Difficult sections.

Cautions: In wet weather rock surfaces are very slippery. Do not try to reach "the Crack" unless you are in good shape and can get an early start.

The east (Killarney Ridge) section of the trail heads to "the Crack". Forests, wetlands and rocky ridge sections provide variety. Climbing "the Crack" requires effort—large boulders must be negotiated to reach the ridgetop. From the ridge hikers can see the park's rugged and scenic landscape.

Chikanishing Trail

Access: Chikanishing Trail starts at the end of Chikanishing Road, 2 km west of the park office. Parking and privy nearby.

Length: 3 km. along a loop trail

Time: 1 to 1 1/2 hours, steady going.

Difficulty: Moderate with lots of ups and downs over granite outcrops.

Caution: In wet weather rock surfaces are very slippery, so good footwear and caution is required.

Winding to the park's southern boundary, Chikanishing Trail passes over a series of small ridges, ending up at a beautiful, wave-

washed point on Georgian Bay. This trail runs across Pre Cambrian Shield granite, and vegetation along much of the route is typical of the rocky, windswept terrain seen along many stretches of Georgian Bay's coast.

Shallow, acidic soils and harsh growing conditions have stressed the vegetation along this trail. In wind-sheltered spots enough soil has accumulated to support larger trees, such as pine and oak.

Old iron rings used for mooring lines during logging days can still be seen here and there along the trail. Interpretive plaques along this route tell the colourful history of this part of Georgian Bay.

Granite Ridge Trail

Granite Ridge Trail starts by winding through old fields and forests. Soon, you're up on a ridge that offers two lookouts over the park. To the south, Collin's Inlet and Philip Edward Island follow the shore below you, and Georgian Bay stretches as far as your eyes can see. The north lookout opens onto the ridges of the La Cloche Range. The closest ridge is Killarney Ridge, with Blue Ridge sitting beyond to the north. Sometimes, hawks and Turkey Vultures can be seen soaring along the ridges. Granite Ridge Trail shows hikers the unique La Cloche landscape that Killarney is renowned for.

East Lighthouse/Tar Vat Trail operated by Town of Killarney

Access: Tar Vat Trail begins right behind the parking area at Killarney's East Lighthouse. No privy nearby.

Length: approx. 7 km. Linear trail.

Time Required: 3 1/2 hrs.

Difficulty: Moderate.

Caution: Rock surfaces may be slippery.

Tar Vat Trail is a wonderful hike that takes you to Pond Point and back. Following beside Georgian Bay, the trail's name comes from a small bay where fishermen tarred their nets...old rusted vats still stand there today! Keep the bay on your right side heading out, and on your left returning.



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George Island Trail

- Access:** Killarney's newest trail! The George Island trailhead is located on George Island, across the Killarney Channel from the Sportsman's Inn, in the Town of Killarney. The Sportsman's Inn offers a ferry service to the trailhead for a small fee (a Twoonie for adults, round trip - children no charge)
- Length:** 7.5-km round trip
- Terrain:** Moderate-Difficult. Mostly flat or rolling terrain with a few short climbs and an irregular tread-way
- Caution:** Some exposed rocky surfaces, which may be slippery when wet. There are also sections of irregular and unstable tread-way. A sturdy pair of hiking-boots is required.
- Trail Markers:** Standard red arrows on trees and on rock

Starting at the trailhead, located across from the historic Sportsman's Inn in the town of Killarney, this trail quickly travels south and "inland" to the wilderness of George Island. The main part of the trail, laid out as a clockwise loop, will take hikers through towering stands of both coniferous and deciduous forests, allow for viewing of numerous songbirds and water fowl, as well as past many varieties of wildflowers and herbs. The trail passes several beaver ponds which provides the opportunity for close viewing of their dams and lodges, and also serve as watering and bedding areas for both deer and moose.

After leaving the low lying areas and the majority of the beaver ponds, the trail quickly climbs to a peak out-looking Georgian Bay and Manitoulin Island, and allows hikers to see desolate islands such as Squaw and Papoose which are not normally visible from water level. The trail then drops again through a thick cedar forest before coming to the rugged shores of Georgian Bay and Sandy Cove on the southwest corner of George Island. The trail continues along the historical west shore of George Island past the "Tar Vats" - relics from an earlier era of commercial fishing - and the skeleton of the "mail-boat" which used to haul mail, supplies, and people from the isolated Village of Killarney to their closest neighbour, the Town of Little Current on Manitoulin Island. After leaving the west shore, the trail travels inland once again, past one last beaver pond, and connects with the main trail leading back to the trailhead and the Sportsman's Inn.

Heading out on Georgian Bay?

Here's a poem for you to ponder...

Land raged the dreadful tumult,
And stormy was the day,
When the Asia left the harbour,
To cross the Georgian Bay.

One hundred souls she had on board,
Likewise a costly store;
But on this trip, this gallant ship
Did sink to rise no more.

With three and thirty shanty men
So handsome, stout and brave,
Were bound for Collin's Inlet
But found a watery grave.

Anonymous ballad printed
in local newspaper in 1882.

Killarney's "Big-water" Adventures

Killarney has long been a favoured destination of Georgian Bay mariners. Snug harbours, clear blue water, wilderness and wildlife, the emerald and ivory hued La Cloche Mountains...it's no wonder north Georgian Bay's popularity continues to grow.

This year we are repeating our plea to Georgian Bay "big water" enthusiasts to demonstrate a high degree of personal responsibility and stewardship when paddling and camping on the bay. Here are a few considerations for those who are bound for the "big water"...

- Small motor boats, canoes, and kayaks may use the Chikanish boat launch facility and access creek. Make way for fellow travelers and do not linger in access area.
- Conditions can be highly variable on Georgian Bay. Pull into shore and seek shelter if conditions become difficult and beyond your skill and experience level.
- At a minimum you should know self-rescue techniques and should have the skills to be self-reliant before attempting "big water". Consider contacting a local outfitter for instructional programs.
- Seek shelter during storms. Avoid camping on the outer islands as they provide little shelter from wind and lightning. First time kayakers should stick to Collins Inlet.
- Bringing along a marine radio is highly recommended.
- If you are lost...stay calm, stay safe, stay visible and STAY PUT! People will be searching for you and you're easier to find if you're not a moving target.
- Plan for emergencies. Bring sufficient gear and supplies to safely extend your visit if necessary.
- Carry with you and know how to use all the safety equipment required for your mode of travel (see listing below).
- Consider picking up where others inadvertently left off and return any garbage you find to a garbage bin.
- Conserve the sparse wood out on the bay and use camp stoves as much as possible.
- Observe all Fishing and Boating regulations.

Equipment Requirements for Canoes, Kayaks, Rowboats and Rowing Shells (not over 6m in length)



Personal Protection Equipment

- 1) One Canadian-approved personal flotation device or lifejacket of appropriate size for each person on board.
- 2) One buoyant heaving line of not less than 15m in length.

Boat Safety Equipment

- 3) one manual propelling device or an anchor with not less than 15m of cable, rope, or chain in any combination.
- 4) One bailer or one manual water pump fitted with or accompanied by sufficient hose to enable a person using the pump to pump water from the bilge of the vessel over the side of the vessel.

Navigational Equipment

- 5) a sound signaling device or a sound signaling appliance.
- 6) navigational lights that meet the applicable standards set out in the collision regulations if the pleasure craft is operated after sunset or before sunrise or in periods of restricted visibility.

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Killarney Natural Heritage Education

The summer of 2001 was a banner year for Natural Heritage Education programming at Killarney. Attendance was high and program numbers were up. Killarney Park appreciates the hard work and many contributions made by staff, Ontario Rangers, volunteers, and guest speakers. Killarney would specifically like to thank the following individuals and groups:

Marlies Schoenfeld, The cast and crew of De-bah-jeh-mu-jig - Original Native Theatre "The Great Blue Heron Project", ORCA and Canoe Ontario, The Sudbury District Field Naturalist, The Sudbury Ornithological Society, David Lickley and Family, Tim Jones, Chris Blomm, Bruce Waters, Lara Zamiska, Don Johnston, Andy Fyon, Tracey Hillis, and many more.

Killarney's 2001 Loon Survey.

Staff and volunteers conduct loon surveys in May and August each year. Data obtained helps determine the present health of park loon populations and identifies relationships between the health of Killarney's lakes, and loon breeding success. Data collected in Killarney is also provided to Bird Studies Canada and the Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network. Thank you to all whom braved the mosquitoes of May and the sun of August.

Killarney's Third Annual Butterfly Count took place in July, 2001. Groups of enthusiastic staff and volunteers stalked these fluttering creatures in fields, on hills, and in forests and had a wonderful time. Many thanks to those dedicated individuals who participated in last year's count. We hope to see you again this year.

Staff Accomplishments:

Congratulations to Killarney Park's own Sheryl Hiemstra for being one of 40 summer students from across the province to receive an Ontario Parks - Partners Bursary in 2001. Sheryl earned this award through excellent customer service and outstanding work performance throughout various positions at the park last summer.

Friends 2001 - 2002

Killarney Provincial Park would like to thank the hard working Board of Directors and Friends' volunteers who helped out with projects last year, and are continuing their efforts again in 2002. Projects include Campground Rehabilitation and Clean Up, Trailhead Signs and the Canoe Guide Reprint.

In turn, Friends of Killarney Park offers a heartfelt thanks to FedNor Youth Initiative Program, The Metis Nation Training Initiatives and the OMNR Summer Experience Program for staff grants. Check out the Friends' Mountain of Donors display in the Outpost to see all the generous supporters who sponsored this year's projects including the Canoe Raffle and Silent Auction.



Adopt-A-Site Program

Killarney Provincial Park invites all interior park users to help preserve and maintain Killarney's wilderness and beauty through the Adopt-A-Site Program. This program, implemented in 1999, is an excellent way for you or your group to become directly involved in the backcountry management of Killarney Provincial Park. To take part, campers, visitors and groups can donate a small portion of their time to maintain interior campsites, portages and trails. For more information, pick up an Adopt-A-Site hand-out, and sign up at George Lake, Bell Lake or Willisville Access Points. Day-Users visiting the backcountry and organized groups are also encouraged to participate. To Thank you for your efforts you'll receive a limited addition Killarney Provincial Park collector's patch, reserved for those that give generously of their time and effort.



Friends of Killarney Park Projects 2002

Sponsor-a-Lake

The Friends of Killarney Park Sponsor-a-Lake Program provides you with an opportunity to support the acid damaged lakes research conducted in Killarney Provincial Park. Through the Sponsor-a-Lake Program you can sponsor one of nine lakes for a period of one year. All funds raised from sponsored lakes will go directly to the South Shield Acid Lakes Restoration, Research, Monitoring and Education Program 2002. This project along with research and monitoring, will encourage volunteerism through rehabilitation projects, guided ecotours, interpretive displays and brochures. For more information on the Sponsor-a-Lake Project or the South Shield Acid Lakes Restoration, Research,

Monitoring and Education Program, see the Friends staff at George Lake or Bell Lake Access Points.

Naturalist Packs

Many thanks to Bushnell, Mountain Equipment Co-Op, Kodak and Soucie Salo Safety for sponsoring our Naturalist Pack Program. Friends have collected six packs filled with donated equipment and publications that may be loaned out to campers for their self-guided day hikes. Contents of the packs include items such as map and compass, trail guides, a first aid kit, whistle, binoculars and a camera. This educational program offers visitors the chance to enhance their camping experience and knowledge of the natural history of the area.

Campground Rehab and Clean Up

Friends of Killarney Park continues to host an annual spring volunteer weekend. The hard work of these volunteers ensures a minimum of six campsites in the George Lake Campground will be rehabilitated each year. In addition to campsite rehabilitation, Friends rake all campsites in the campground and clean all firepits in preparation for the summer season. If you are camped on a site that has been rehabilitated by the Friends, please take extra care not to trample new trees by staying within the designated site area. Thank you the hundreds of volunteers who have participated over the years!

Park Once Challenge

Friends of Killarney Park is encouraging all campers to participate in the Park Once Challenge this summer. In the summer of 2001, the Killarney area had a number of Smog Advisories - usually unheard of for this area. By parking your car for your entire vacation and using a non-motorized means of travel while you are in Killarney Park, you will help reduce harmful emissions and cut down on smog. If you can meet the Park Once Challenge, you will not only receive a Park Once Challenge sticker, but you will feel better knowing you have helped make Killarney Park a cleaner place camp. For more details, please see the Friends staff in the Outpost.

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Firewood for sale

A reminder that the cutting of live trees and the collection of deadfall is not permitted in the George Lake campground. Trees and other vegetation provide valuable habitat for wildlife and return valuable nutrients to the forest floor. Bagged firewood and kindling can be purchased from the Outpost Store located at the George Lake park office. Please help preserve Killarney's nature.



A "Wet Blanket" on Campfires?

Sitting by a campfire, gazing into glowing embers, it's easy to let your imagination wander to ancient times. A campfire may be one of the few experiences we share with our ancestors. They relied on fire for warmth, cooking... and their very survival.

While pondering this, consider that while campfires seem important to our modern wilderness experience, they are, in fact, a bit of an indulgence, especially in high use areas like Killarney.



Today, campfires create the single greatest impact in the park interior. First, there is the very real danger of fires getting out of control, with disastrous results! During a Fire Ban, you must show park staff your stove to receive an interior permit.

Recent park fires warn us of the consequences of careless actions. O.S.A. Lake: a campfire built on an island with no designated campsite is not thoroughly extinguished, the wind stirs up embers, blowing them into nearby brush, where a fire starts. La Cloche Silhouette Trail: embers left behind by campers burn down to the duff layer, roots smolder and the fire travels beneath the soil until it flares up in dry vegetation. Chikanishing Trail: a smoking

cigarette is carelessly tossed away, igniting dry grass. In each case, had different weather conditions prevailed, things could have been much, much worse.

Campfires also create other impacts, creating fire-scarred rocks and scorched earth. That's why it's so important to only build fires in the one designated firepit on your campsite. Dismantling and cleaning up extra fire pits creates a lot of work for backcountry rangers, whose time could be better spent on other tasks. Numerous sites of blackened bedrock from "extra" firepits leave few clean spots to pitch a tent. In addition, some people use fire pits as garbage dumps, leaving partially burned garbage, food scraps, and even diapers for other campers to deal with.

The popularity of campfires also results in the depletion of deadwood near heavily used campsites. Countless campers glean every scrap of downed or standing deadwood, leaving nothing for future campfires.

There is nothing left for nature either. Think what would otherwise happen to dead trees. Left standing, they make excellent nest sites and perches for wildlife. Once fallen they decay, providing habitat for insects and small animals. Eventually they decay into the organic matter and soil of the forest floor.

Once all the dead wood is gone, some desperate campers turn to cutting live trees for fuel. Not only does this wet, green wood make for a lousy campfire, this destruction of live vegetation further ruins the campsite and compromises its ecological integrity.

With so many potential problems, one may wonder why fires are allowed at all!

Certainly fire still fulfills an important emotional need as we seek a wilder, simpler experience away from everyday life. But why not cook all your meals on a stove, and indulge in an occasional, small, well-tended campfire as a special treat. Using this approach you will be doing your part to reduce environmental degradation in Killarney's backcountry. With modern lightweight stoves, warm high-tech clothing and reliable camping gear, campfires are no longer crucial for survival.

Think of creative alternatives. A candle lantern provides enough light for evening chores, or as a small beacon to show you the way back to your site after a moonlight paddle. Wonderful evenings can be enjoyed without campfires, tuning your senses to the night world around you. Imagine, lying stretched out on a smooth rock under the night sky, gazing up at the stars and dreaming—another pastime which we have in common with our prehistoric ancestors!

A Few Campfire Do's and Don'ts

DO:

- cook with a lightweight camp stove as much as possible;
- use only the existing fire pit on your site;
- keep campfires small; they are easier to control and require less wood for fuel;
- let your fire burn down to ashes before putting it out. This reduces the amount of charred wood left in the fire pit;
- make sure your fire is totally out before you leave your campsite or turn in for the night—fires left to burn out on their own may appear to be out, but often get stirred up by the wind;
- collect only deadwood, well away from your campsite;
- use only your hands to break pieces of deadwood.

DO NOT:

- leave your campfire unattended—this is extremely hazardous; it's also a waste of wood if you're not there to enjoy it;
- take wood from near the campsite. Never cut live trees;
- make additional fire pits on your campsite—use the one already there;
- burn anything other than wood—do not burn food scraps, plastics or diapers in your fire since this leaves an unsightly and unhealthy mess.
- build a fire if it is extremely windy, or if there is a Fire Restriction in effect.

REMEMBER:

- drown your campfire thoroughly with water, stirring with a stick until it is cold to the touch;
- decaying deadwood plays an important role in replenishing nutrients to forest soils;
- both standing and fallen deadwood is important habitat for cavity nesters, salamanders and many forest bugs;



Special Fishing Regulations

To protect introduced lake trout populations until they become self-sustaining, the angling season for lake trout has been closed in some lakes. Angling for other species is still allowed in those lakes during the seasons outlined in the Provincial Fishing Regulations. If lake trout are accidentally captured they must be released.

Lakes with lake trout season closures: Bell, Three mile, Carlyle, George, Johnnie (incl. Crooked/Brush Camp), and Kakakise.

As part of the restoration plan, some lakes have been designated as fish sanctuaries where no fishing is allowed.

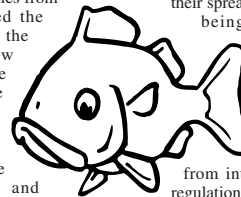
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Provincial Fishing Regulation Guides are available at the park office.

Bythotrephes: They're here...

Yet another unwelcome visitor has begun to make Killarney its home. The Spiny Water Flea, an invasive species from Europe that invaded the Great Lakes during the 1980's has now established itself in the park. Extensive research and sampling during the 2000 summer season has confirmed its presence in both George and Kakakise lakes. Highly



mobile, these little creatures may easily hitch a ride from one lake to another on your gear! You may unknowingly carry them in the contents of your water bottle, in any water lingering in the bottom of your canoe or from ropes dangling in the water. To help slow their spread, please ensure that water is not being transferred unnaturally from one lake to another.

Some additional guidelines: please don't release any live fish, animals or plants that were transported from outside the park. To protect the lakes from introduction of exotic species, a regulation banning the use of live baitfish in the park is now in effect.



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Ontario Parks - Reservation Information

The following information will help you make reservations at Killarney Provincial Park, and at many other provincial parks in Ontario.

**1-888-ONT-PARK
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The telephone number for Ontario Parks Reservation Service is:

1-888-ONT-PARK (1-888-668-7275)

The service is offered in English and French, and a TDD number is provided.

TDD number—(519) 742-9323

For full details concerning Ontario Parks Reservation Service, please consult Ontario Parks "Parks Guide 2002", available through provincial parks, Ontario Travel Centres and many other locations.

Ontario Parks "Parks Guide 2002" provides a summary of current information on all of Ontario's Provincial Parks, Fee Schedules, Reservations, Parks Activity Guide/Special Events schedules, and many other items.

Killarney Reservation Dates for 2002 and 2003

Reservations for Killarney Provincial Park are offered for the following dates:

Year 2002

Campground: May 17 - September 2, 2002
Interior: May 1 - October 7, 2002

Year 2003

Campground: May 16 - September 1, 2003
Interior: May 1 - October 13, 2003

Reservations are not taken for periods outside of the dates indicated above. Campsite availability during the non-reservation period is generally good. Campers wanting current information on site/route availability during the non-reservation period are asked to call the park information line (705) 287-2900 during regular office hours.

**Need park-specific
information?
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2002 Fees*

Reservations	\$9.00
Changes/cancellations	\$6.00
Campground Fees* (June 23-Sept. 4)	
George Lake Campground.....	\$24.00/site
Ontario Senior Citizens	\$19.00/site
Persons with disabilities	\$12.00/site

* reduced rates apply in shoulder seasons

Day Use Permits

Day Use permit	\$9.00
Ontario Seniors Citizens	\$7.25
Persons with disabilities	\$4.25
Summer vehicle permit	\$60.00

Interior Camping Fees (Year-round)	
Adults	\$8.00/person/night
Youths	\$3.25/person/night
(6-17 years of age)	
Ontario Sr Citizens ..	\$6.25/person/night
Persons with disabilities ..	\$4.00/person/night
Children (under 6)	no charge

Additional Vehicle (A/V) Permits

A/V permit	\$8.50/vehicle
Ontario Sr. Citizens	\$6.75/vehicle
Persons with disabilities ..	\$4.25/vehicle

Never been to Killarney? Or maybe you just can't remember the number of your favourite campsite under that big white pine? Perhaps you need a little advice on hiking trail distances, or a canoe route suitable for your family. By all means, call us—park staff will be pleased to assist you with information on Killarney.

Reservations: Information you need to know

Always consult a current Killarney map when requesting a reservation for an Interior Trip. When booking, keep your map handy to refer to during the call. Reservation agents cannot make up a route for you—it is up to you to request a route suited to your skill level and time allowance. Many outdoor recreation stores carry Killarney Provincial Park Maps and the Killarney Provincial Park Canoe Guide. Friends of Killarney Park also offer a convenient mail-order service for these publications—it's easy—just contact the park information number (705) 287-2900.

Other details you should have handy when making a reservation include:

- Park Name;
 - Type of camping (campground or interior);
 - Arrival/Departure dates;
 - Name, Address, and Telephone number;
 - For campground reservations—type of site required (eg. tent or trailer—if trailer, provide trailer length);
 - Number in party;
 - Vehicle Licence Number
 - a Visa/MasterCard number, and expiry date.
- Payment may also be made by cheque or money order, payable to the Minister of Finance. Specific conditions, which will be explained when you make the reservation, apply to payments by cheque/money order.

If reserving for another party all the above information is needed for the person who will be checking in for the group.

Before calling to make your reservation, we recommend that you have **several choices prepared for routes or sites**, in case your first choice is not available. By providing several options, reservation agents can better meet your needs.

Reservation Confirmations

After you have made your reservation booking, reservation agents will confirm all the details of your trip. The information that has been booked for your reservation will be repeated to you as it appears on their computer screen. **When reviewing these details make sure you check this verbal confirmation of your reservation with a calendar.** Once you are satisfied that your booking details are correct, and that you are in agreement with what has been booked for you, you will be given a Confirmation Number that guarantees your reservation. A follow-up confirmation letter will be mailed out to you for your records.

Reservation Changes? Call 1-888-ONT-PARK

If you want to change the route, or dates of your reservation, phone 1-888-668-7275 (1-888-ONT-PARK). Please note that a \$6.00 fee applies to each change you make.

Have to Cancel? Call 1-888-ONT-PARK

Let us know if you're not coming. Cancel your reservation by calling 1-888-668-7275 (1-888-ONT-PARK). Please have your confirmation number ready to avoid delays.

Campground:

When you cancel before 12 noon on your

arrival date, all prepaid fees, less a \$6.00 cancellation fee, will be refunded. If you cancel later than that time, you forfeit the \$6.00 cancellation fee, plus a one night campground fee—for a total of \$30.00. For the sake of other campers who are trying to book a holiday in Killarney, we ask that you cancel your trip as soon as you know your plans have changed.

Unclaimed reservations are sold on the day after the booked arrival date. If we have not been contacted by 8:00 a.m. that day, your reserved campsite will be sold, and you will forfeit the \$30.00 charge (see above) for not cancelling your reservation. **This policy includes prepaid reservations.**

Interior:

Cancellations for interior reservations must be received 72 hours in advance of your booked arrival date. Cancellations received 72 hours or more before your trip date will be charged a \$6.00 cancellation charge. Failure to cancel on time will result in a charge of \$28.50 (\$6.00 cancellation fee, plus \$22.50 late cancel/no show fee).

Delayed? Call (705) 287-2900

Unexpected delays, such as car breakdowns, can happen to the best of us. **If you have a reservation, but are delayed, call (705) 287-2900—this applies to prepaid reservations as well**, because vacant prepaid sites are treated as "no-shows" after 8:00 a.m. on the day following the booked arrival date. We will make every effort to accommodate these types of situations. In the summer, park staff take calls from 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Payment

1. Campground:

Site Specific Reservations: When your campground reservation is confirmed, full payment of fees is charged to your credit card. When you arrive, your permit will be ready, allowing you to proceed directly to your campsite.

Non-Specific Site Reservations: If you don't want to pay your camping fees up front, you can *request* a non-specific site reservation. You still must guarantee your reservation by paying a \$9.00 reservation fee by Visa, MasterCard, or cheque/money order. In this case, a reservation will be made which holds a site somewhere in the campground. The site is not assigned until your arrival in the park, so choice of site may be severely limited by availability. **Please note that you must request this option.**

2. Interior:

For interior reservations, fees are not charged to your credit card *unless* prepayment is specifically requested. On arrival, you may pay by cash or credit card. You must still provide a Visa/MasterCard number, or a cheque/money order for \$9.00 to guarantee your reservation.

Ontario Parks Nearby and Natural!

Interested in Ontario's other provincial parks? Ontario Parks "Parks Guide 2002", available at park offices and Ontario Tourism Travel Centres, provides basic information and park phone numbers to get you started! For general park vacancy information during camping season, phone 1-800-ONTARIO. On the web, visit www.OntarioParks.com for a look at many of Ontario's provincial parks, as well as information on park research and management, and other activities carried out by Ontario Parks.

General Reservation Information

- Reservations may be made for a maximum of 23 nights.
- A campsite must be occupied by the permit holder for the full reservation period—campsites cannot be transferred to another person.
- No more than 6 people may occupy a campground campsite, unless they comprise a single-family unit (eg. parents with young children).
- Killarney Provincial Park provides showers but no electrical sites. Additional shower facilities are available in the town of Killarney. (see Page 2)
- No more than 6 people may occupy an interior hiking trail campsite.
- No more than 9 people may occupy an interior canoeing campsite, and no more than 6 is recommended.
- A maximum of 3 pieces of shelter equipment is allowed per campsite.
- Out-of Province, and Out-of Country Senior Citizens do not qualify for reduced Senior's rates.
- Ontario Senior Citizens are required to pay full camping fees when accompanied by anyone between the ages of 18-64 (this does not include spouses of Sr. Citizens).
- Ontario Senior Citizens must pay full reservation fees and change/cancellation fees.
- All occupants of a campsite must be registered on a permit.
- In the park campground, only one vehicle is allowed to be parked at a campsite. All additional vehicles are charged a daily fee above and beyond the daily camping fee, and are required to park in the parking lot.
- Always book the longest possible time that you want to remain in the park. Once you've arrived it may be difficult to extend the length of your stay, because of a lack of available sites, but it's easy to get a refund if you leave early.



**Need more Park Information?
Please Call: (705) 287-2900**



Killarney Provincial Park Operating Dates

Peak Season (June 21- Sept. 2/2002)

The campground and comfort station is fully operational. Park gate attendants will register campers on a daily basis. All campground and day-use areas have vault toilets. Cold drinking water is available in the George Lake campground.

Group Use

Group Leaders—you are responsible for ensuring your group complies with Leader:Youth ratios, low-impact camping practices and other regulations. **Youth Group Fees** now apply to interior and campground trips. Group information packages are available—if your organization or school has not received a package, phone (705) 287-2900 to request one prior to planning your trip.

Note: In the interests of park management and safety, all visitors must possess a valid permit regardless of time of year.

Non-Peak Seasons

Spring (April 1 - June 20/2002)
Fall/Winter (Sept. 3/2002 - March 31/2003)

Camping fees are *generally* collected through self-registration—gate attendants will register campers at George Lake on the Victoria Day and Thanksgiving weekends.

From first snow through to the end of spring melt (usually beginning of May), George Lake campground is gated. Vehicles may be parked in the lot beside the park office. Trails, canoe routes and day-use areas are open. Fees are charged. Visitors are welcome to use the park campground and backcountry with a valid permit. Potable water is *not* provided between mid-October and mid-May. Park regulations prohibiting snowmobiles, and banning cans and bottles in the park interior remain in effect year-round.

Bringing a Group?

Group Information Packages are available for anyone planning on bringing a Youth or Special Group to Killarney.

Do You Qualify?

Some Youth and Special Groups qualify for reduced rates. The Group Information Package will help you determine if you do qualify;

What We Need

If your group does qualify, a request for group use **must** be submitted on official letterhead following initial contact. **Reduced rates will not apply until this is received.**

Fee Payment

Trip organizers pay by credit card or cash on arrival. Cheques will not be accepted, unless they arrive 21 days before you do.

Registration Information

1. At the time of registration group supervisors must provide the park with their planned itinerary

2. Supervisors must provide Group Lists, indicating supervisors and youths in each group, and the ages of each group member. **It is imperative that this information is received before any members of the group head off on their trip.**

Supervision Requirements

All groups require adequate and responsible adult supervision. In Killarney this means:

Hiking and Campground sites:

• One supervisor: five youth maximum per campsite (1:5 ratio).

Canoe campsites:

One supervisor: five youth per site, or with additional supervision; two supervisors: six or seven youth (2:6/7).

Groups hold a special responsibility to minimize impacts on the park. Larger groups result in more damage unless extreme care is taken. If your group size is greater than six people per site you may want to discuss alternate opportunities with park staff.

If We're Full

If we can't satisfy your reservation request you may want to try these locations:

Chutes Provincial Park

The only provincial park on Highway 17 between Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie and located on the Aux Sables River, Chutes is an excellent stop for Trans-Canada travellers. Tel. (705) 865-2021

Grundy Lake Provincial Park

20 minutes south of the Hwy 637 turnoff, Grundy Lake is only 1 hour away, so you can still visit Killarney. (705) 383-2369.

Lake Superior Provincial Park

Located 1 hour north of Sault Ste. Marie, this park looks over the big waters of Lake Superior. Paddling and hiking opportunities are available, and the scenery is fabulous! Hikes, slide shows and other activities are offered during the summer season. For information, call (705) 856-2284.

Halfway Lake Provincial Park

Located 1 hour north of Sudbury on Highway 144, Halfway Lake has 215 car campsites and 50 interior sites. The interior is not busy and you'll have a good chance of seeing moose. The park boasts a 1 km sand beach, children's playground, Natural Heritage Education programs and a nature centre. (705) 965-2702.

Day Use in other Parks

Have you ever passed by other Provincial Parks on your way home from Killarney and wondered what they were like? The vehicle copy of your campsite permit entitles you to free day-use at any other provincial park in Ontario up until 10:00 p.m. on the "date of departure" marked on your campsite permit. So the next time you want to stretch your legs on the way home, wheel into one of Ontario's other parks, and you will be welcomed with open arms.

Trivia Answers

- 1) Beetles are the most numerous and diverse of all groups of animals on the earth and in Killarney Park.
- 2) Mourning Cloaks over-winter in adult form and are our first butterflies of the year.
- 3) The Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake was sighted three times in Killarney last year. Contrary to popular opinion this animal poses little threat to humans.
- 4) The large bumps on a toad's back are not warts but paratoid glands containing a weak toxin.
- 5) The chickadee gains brain mass in the autumn and loses it in the spring.
- 6) Woodland Strawberries...poison ivy has white berries and is rarely encountered in Killarney Park.
- 7) The town of Killarney is 182 years old... hwy 637 is only 40 years old but an ice road from Manitoulin Island existed in the 1800's.
- 8) Common sense. Your safety is primarily your responsibility.
- 9) Peregrine Falcons have been known to dive at speeds of over 300km/hour. 60 falcons were reintroduced to the park in the early to mid-nineties.
- 10) Approximately 38 000 people visited Killarney in 2001.

Comments please!

We'd like to know what you think about your visit to Killarney! You can do this by completing the "Comments" section on the back of your camping permit. Any topic is fair game. Comments are reviewed weekly by park staff. We encourage you to use this opportunity to participate in the operation and management of the park.

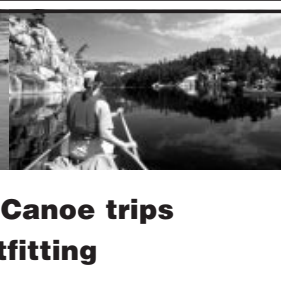
If your comments won't fit on the comment card, drop by the office to share your comments and concerns. If you don't have time to stop in, send us a letter. All letters are answered, and the comments you provide help us gain a broader understanding of your experiences in Killarney Provincial Park.

If something needs immediate attention during your stay, such as a noise problem or a washroom, please let us know as soon as possible, so that we can take care of it quickly, and you can have a more pleasant vacation.



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Killarney in Winter

The late October wind suddenly has that raw bite to it...

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Winter offers an exhilarating freshness that can't be experienced in summer. Killarney winters offer up nights of northern lights and star shows, mazes of animal tracks, and a stillness and peace that's hard to imagine.



It's a special time for those who are prepared to get out and meet those cold days and nights head on. The majesty of Killarney Provincial Park in January and February is totally different than in any other season. In winter, skis, snowshoes, extra layers of clothing and lots of high energy snacks are needed to explore the lakes and hills.

Mistakes in winter can prove to be most unforgiving. All winter recreationists should learn their own personal limits, and then respect those limits to ensure comfort as well as safety. First-time winter campers can test gear and skills in George Lake Campground, and later progress to interior trips. Day trips are a good lead-up to overnight trips...and there's nothing wrong with skiing all day, and then being pampered with a fine dinner and warm bed at a town lodges or bed & breakfast. Lakes such as Killarney or Kakase offer good day tripping opportunities for intermediate skiers.

Travel on lake ice is generally safe from early January until late March, but always check conditions at the park office, or by calling ahead. Skiing is a great way to see Killarney, and provides relatively easy access to most of the park. If you're thinking about following the hiking trails, and your backcountry skiing skills aren't well-honed, consider strapping on a pair of snowshoes. Bring your own, or rent a pair when you register. Call ahead for details.



Snowshoeing - a wonderful way to explore

Backcountry etiquette in winter

Most of the time your tracks will be erased by wind or fresh snow not long after your passage, but what can be done to minimize other impacts of your visit?

Winter is very challenging for wildlife; they don't have sleeping bags and high-energy foods to help them bounce back from additional stresses. Don't disturb Killarney's wildlife; camp away from winter feeding, watering and bedding grounds.

Winter camping is not permitted on summer campsites, which are, in any case, often too exposed to provide proper winter shelter. Follow park policy—camp on backshore areas of low-lying bays, or trek in to smaller, more wind protected lakes which are hard to reach in summer. Always camp at least 30 meters back from shorelines, trails and portages, where impact will be negligible.

Think about where your own "personal byproducts" will end up after spring melt. Avoidance of water pollution by proper human waste disposal is one of the most important impact-related factors to consider when deciding where to camp.

Keep campfires small, and remove all evidence by dispersing charcoal and ashes.

Be particularly wary of littering in winter. Snow gives a false sense of cleanliness by covering up gum wrappers, plastic bags and other small bits of garbage.

The best books available on winter camping emphasize low-impact techniques and safety guidelines. Good planning is essential anytime; on a winter trip it may be a life-saver. With preparation, good companionship, and a sunny day or two, your winter trek to Killarney will turn into an annual event that you'll cherish and talk about for years.

Things You Should Know... Permit Renewals; Vacating Campsites; Reservations; Bell Lake; New Backcountry Signs...

Here are some important items which you should know for 2002/2003.

1. Permit Renewal Time

Permits must be renewed before 12:00 noon, on their expiry date. Unrenewed sites are made available to arriving visitors waiting to get a campsite. Please note: park staff are not responsible for campsites lost due to late renewal requests. Please allow sufficient time to allow for possible delays due to line-ups in the gatehouse.

2. Vacating Campsites

Campsites must be vacated no later than 2:00 p.m. on their expiry date. You are welcome to stay in the park on a day-use basis until

10:00 p.m. on your departure date. Simply pack up your site by 2:00 p.m., park your vehicle in a parking area, and enjoy the park until you're ready for the drive home.

3. Bell Lake Changes

Bell Lake Access Point is now operated by Ontario Parks' staff. In 2002, the dates and hours of operation for Bell Lake are:

**Last Friday in June to Labour Day
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

At all other times, reservation permits must be picked up at George Lake Park Office—call ahead for current office hours. Please remember, all camping and day-use visitors

must be covered by a valid permit while in Killarney Provincial Park.

4. New Interior Portage & Campsite Signs

In the park backcountry, you'll notice smaller signs indicating park portages and interior campsites. These have been adopted for several reasons:

• **Park Mandate:** one of the mandates of Killarney Provincial Park is to encourage people to develop backcountry skills which will allow them to travel into more remote wilderness locations. The new smaller signs mean that paddlers have to navigate using the park map—an essential camping skill that everyone should possess;

• **Wilderness Classification:** Smaller signs in Killarney, a Wilderness Class park, are less obtrusive on the environment, enhancing the wilderness experience for paddlers;

• **Maintenance:** maintenance of the park backcountry is a BIG job. Every step taken to become more efficient in one area, means another task can be tackled. The older poster signs often had to be replaced annually, due to weather damage, or their appeal as souvenirs, costing the park more money and staff time. The new smaller signs are more durable, and expected to last several years before replacement is required. This means park staff can devote more time to projects like backcountry campsite rehabilitation.

Can and Bottle Ban

To help control litter and promote good tripping ethics a can and bottle ban has been established for all back-country travel (day trips included) in Killarney Provincial Park.

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Ontario's Living Legacy - Killarney

Hugging the north shore of Georgian Bay, Killarney is a vast tract of unspoiled wilderness with crystal-clear blue lakes, white quartzite ridges, and pine and hardwood forests. Well-known as a paradise for backcountry canoeing, camping and hiking, Killarney Provincial Park is one of the jewels in Ontario's parks system. Its spectacular scenery has long been an inspiration to artists, particularly the Group of Seven.

More than 78,000 hectares of this remote and beautiful wilderness will be protected for future generations in existing and new protected areas. The new areas include islands and special features along the Georgian Bay shore, as well as the existing park's watershed, a number of lakes to the north and northeast, and a sinkhole bog.

Forestry operations and mineral exploration will occur in three adjacent enhanced

management areas giving careful consideration to Killarney's wilderness values and recreation potential. Enhanced management areas are a new land use category established to maintain special features or values while allowing a wide variety of resource uses.

Two new forest reserves will also allow mineral exploration, while at the same time protecting headwater lakes for the western



part of the park and preserving a roadless area to be used for backcountry canoeing, camping and backpacking.

Location

- About 80 kilometres southwest of Sudbury along the north shore of Georgian Bay. The village of Killarney is the nearest community.

Additional Planning

- The classification of the new provincial park areas will be determined through future public consultation.

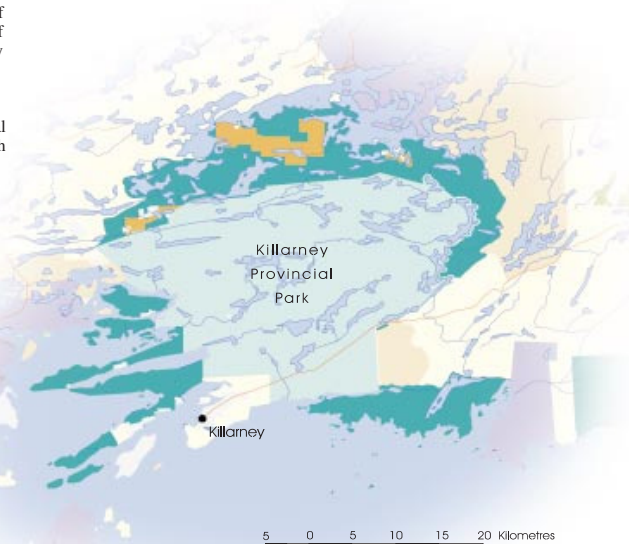
Proposed Land Use Designations

- General Use Areas
- Provincial Parks
- Conservation Reserves
- Forest Reserves

Enhanced Management Areas

Existing Land Uses

- Provincial / National Parks
- Private / Patent Lands
- Indian Reserves



Note: Minor changes to map boundary have occurred since time of original printing.

Land Use Classifications

- Existing provincial park (48,500 ha*)
 - Two additions to existing park (1,900 ha)
 - Two new park areas (28,366 ha)
 - Two forest reserves (2,837 ha)
 - Three enhanced management areas (60,064 ha)
- *ha = hectares

Uses

- Camping, canoeing, backpacking, fishing and wildlife viewing will continue in the existing park.
- The new parks and forest reserves will also allow activities such as hunting, trapping, boating and snowmobiling.
- Forestry and mineral exploration will be permitted in the enhanced management

areas taking into account the key values of the signature site, although forestry will not occur in locations identified as Great Lakes Coastal Areas.

- Opportunities are being identified for controlled exploration in new protected areas that have very high mineral potential.

Natural Features

- Killarney is in the transition zone between the northern boreal forest and the southern St. Lawrence-Great Lakes forest, providing habitat for a wide variety of plant and animal life.
- Upland forests of sugar maple, yellow birch and hemlock; red and white pine along shorelines and islands; lowland white birch forests.
- Some black cherry and American beech, rarely found this far north.
- More than 100 species of birds nest in the area.
- The white quartzite hills are what remains of a ring of mountains that formed about two billion years ago and once towered higher than the present-day Rockies. Four ice ages over the last million years scraped the mountains down to the rounded hills seen today.
- The many inland lakes and interconnecting rivers and portages provide high quality backcountry canoeing.

Proposed land use designations and enhanced management areas apply only to Ontario Crown land. Where a designation or area appears to overlap private land, Federal land, land with mining patents, leases, or claims, or Indian Reserves, that portion of the site is not being considered as a part of the designation or areas.

This article is a reprint of the "Ontario's Living Legacy — Killarney" factsheet.

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We invite you to help us develop and maintain our network of campsites, trails and portages. A good pair of outdoor gloves, a garbage bag to collect litter and a few hours of your volunteer time are all that is required to adopt a site. The work involves the clean-up of two or more campsites in the park, the removal of light obstacles that have fallen across the portage(s) & trails and the completion of a short report on the location and condition of campsites, portages and trails. The information you provide will be used to update park records and prepare summer work plans. Contact the park office for more information on Killarney's Adopt A Site program.



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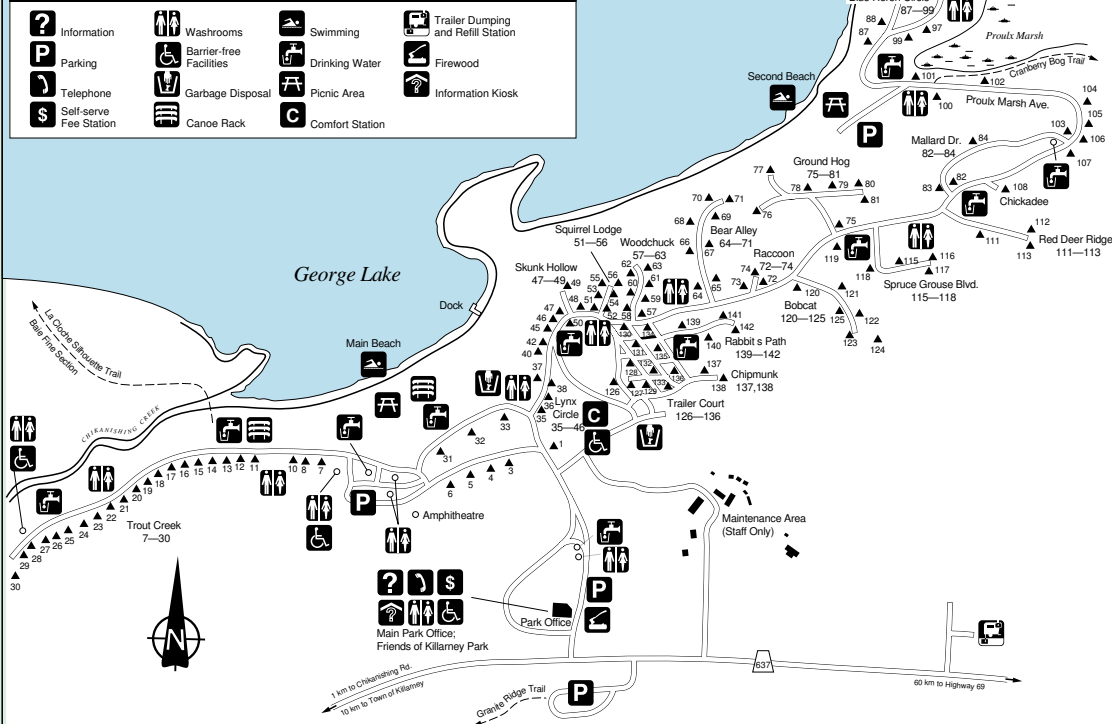


Killarney Provincial Park Boundary Map



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| A Interior Access | ... Portage | ① Charlton Lake Lodge | ③ Killarney Outfitters | ⑤ Mahzenazing River Lodge |
| --- Hiking Trail | | ② Shebanoning Lodge | ④ Park Office/Gatehouse | ⑥ Blue Mountain Lodge |

George Lake Campground



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