

*"Wilderness is the raw material out of which man
has hammered the artifact called civilization".*

Aldo Leopold



Artist
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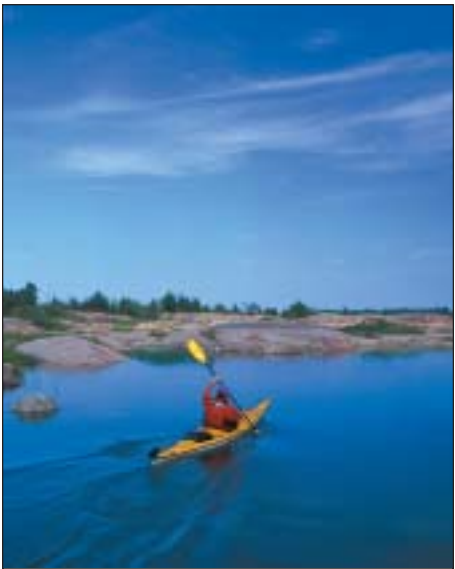
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Killarney...A Wilderness Park of Special Significance

Wilderness: A wild, uncultivated and uninhabited region...

(The Canadian Oxford Dictionary 1998)

Killarney Provincial Park is a wild and generally uncultivated region but calling it uninhabited would be a terrible disservice to the many creatures that call this park their home. Nevertheless, Killarney's designation as a "wilderness" park is the foundation upon which the continued protection of their wilderness home rests. As a wilderness class park, Killarney is also meant to protect, in perpetuity, an important opportunity for humans to reconnect with their wild and uncultivated roots. In Killarney we may leave behind our often stress-inducing civilization to enter a world where balance and harmony are the norm.



Scott Card

Whatever it means to each of us, wilderness has certainly carved a place into the Canadian psyche. Canada can boast of many magnificent wild landscapes stretching from coast to coast to coast, and Canadians across the country identify with those landscapes and the experiences they represent.

Historically, the European view of Canada's wilds was that only by taming forests and pushing back wilderness could one achieve the ordered, civilized society that had been left behind in the Old World. The impenetrable bush was a source of unease for many early settlers...a place where dangerous animals lurked, where people could lose their way and perish. Centuries later, we find ourselves at a point where much of Canada's wilderness has been "tamed", and the remaining wild spaces are now viewed by many as an endangered resource.

As Canadians, we can consider ourselves fortunate. Many countries have already passed the point where they have significant areas of wilderness left; large areas capable of supporting healthy, functioning and complete ecosystems.

In the 1990's, the word "sustainability" became a common term. As a society we asked, how can we reconcile our need for space and resources with our need to keep viable wild landscapes intact for future generations?

These concerns were not just being voiced in Canada. In 1987, the United Nations-sanctioned World Commission on Environment and Development published its report, Our Common Future. Its mandate was to explore long-term environmental strategies for achieving sustainable development by the year 2000 and beyond. Among those findings was a recommendation for the protection of at least 12 percent of the lands and waters of this planet.

In light of those findings, Canadians representing a variety of sectors got together, and the Canadian Wilderness Charter was struck. The Charter reaffirmed the 12 percent protection goal, and further stated that these areas should include at least one representative protected area in each of the natural regions of Canada. It also emphasized that these goals required timely action, in recognition that the opportunity to complete a national network of protected areas might not exist for a long time.

Wilderness protection is an important goal, whether globally, nationally or provincially. Each space that contributes to the 12 percent is

valuable. Killarney is one tiny piece of that target - an island of wilderness that is part of Ontario's contribution to wild spaces.

As a wilderness park, Killarney is a place largely undisturbed by mechanisms of modern society. Such protected landscapes serve important roles.

While you can see wildlife in almost any habitat imaginable, only large tracts of undisturbed lands are capable of supporting mammals such as moose, bears and wolves. Large species require suitably sized territories in which to find food and shelter and to successfully raise young. This is one of the key benefits of protected wilderness areas. In Canada it is still possible to take a walk on a star-lit night and hear coyotes yapping, to come upon a heron standing motionless in the morning mist, or to follow the tracks of a white tailed deer. We are so lucky to have wild spaces where lynx and bobcats, bald eagles, and other species can exist.

Protected places also serve the scientific community, providing priceless baseline information with which we can better understand the workings of natural ecological processes and the impacts in managed landscapes. They also serve as a sort of genetic storehouse, holding answers to questions we may not, at this point, even know enough to ask.

Finally, simply being set aside, protected landscapes are places that we can visit, whether in person, through words, photographs or film. They remain available for our enjoyment today, and for our grandchildren, and their grandchildren, far into the future.

As you travel Killarney's waters, trails and portages, explore your own vision of wilderness. What does this place mean to you? How can you balance your presence, and possible impacts, against the need to protect wild spaces such as this? How do your actions ensure the preservation of wilderness for future generations? What will you do to make a difference?

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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 “Tinkerbell 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.

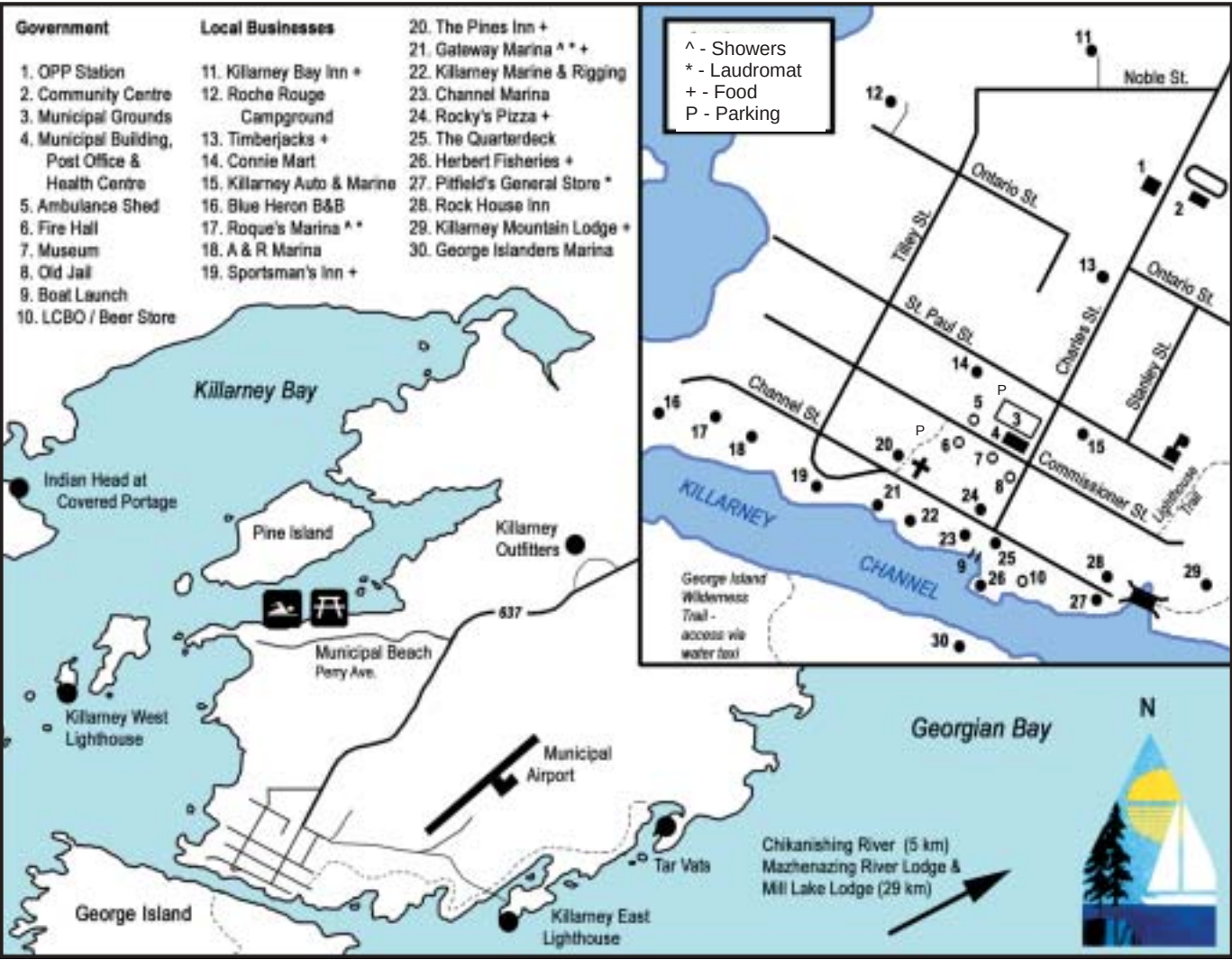
Winter Activities:

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



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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Killarney Annual Fish-Fry Weekend July 26th and 27th 2003

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

Lion’s Club Outdoor Dance

Saturday July 26th 2003, 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 27th 2003, 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





Killarney Provincial Park Information

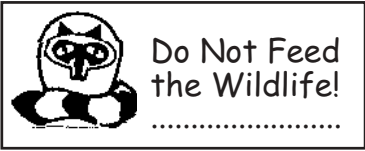
Bagged firewood and kindling can be purchased from The Outpost in the park office at George Lake Campground.

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.

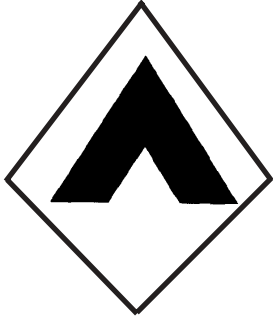
3. **Fires may only be built in established firepits provided on designated campsites.** At your campsite do not build additional firepits, or collect rocks to place around the existing firepit. Elsewhere, fires may not be built in any other areas of the park, including along hiking trails, shorelines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

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



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.

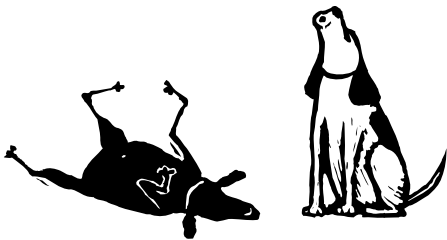
Pet Peeves

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 Ontarions 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 you 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 reuseable 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.

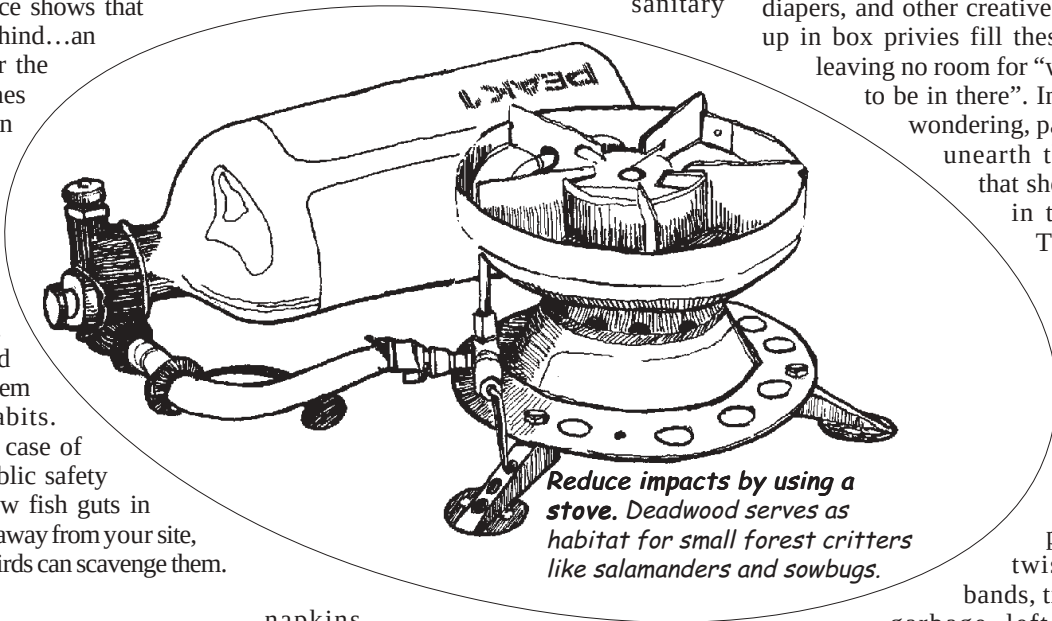
The Scoop on Poop!

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 C a n a d a ' s Wilderness survives!



Planning Ahead

I Will	I Did
travel and camp in small groups	
repackage 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

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

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	

Signed,

 A Concerned Wilderness Visitor

Canoe Route Information

Research your trip before you arrive
Route descriptions, discussion forums

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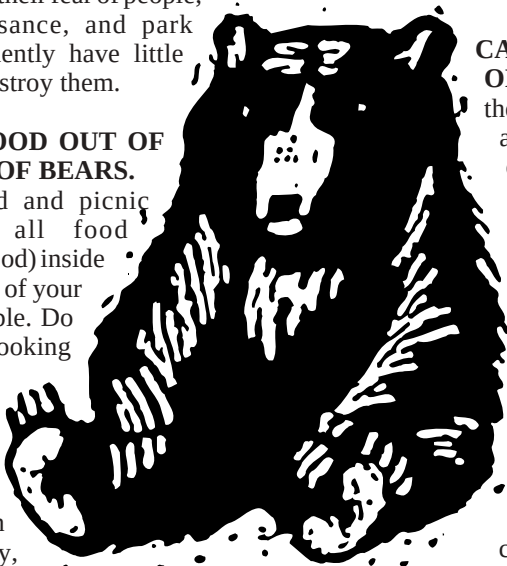
Although your chances of meeting a bear in the wild during your visit to Killarney Provincial Park are very rare, there may be occasions when a bear visits your campground. These are bears that have lost their normal fear of humans through deliberate or unintentional feeding by people.

Bears that may visit campgrounds rarely, if ever, pose a danger to people. However, they can become persistent and destructive nuisances in campgrounds when searching for easy meals of human 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.

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, if possible. Do not store food, cooking utensils or fragrant items, such as soap, toothpaste and shaving cream, in your tent. In the backcountry,



suspend your food 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 disposing of your sealed bags of garbage daily in the bear-proof waste containers provided in organized campgrounds. In the backcountry, keep your campsite clean and wash your dishes after every meal. Burn what refuse you can (where fires are allowed), then pack out the rest in tightly sealed containers.

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

IF A BEAR DOES wander onto your campsite in search of food, don't panic. Face the bear, and shout loudly to discourage it from approaching. To encourage it to leave early in its visit, you can bang pots and pans together or throw something to scare it (without endangering yourself by getting too close). Be sure to report any encounters with problem bears to the George Lake Campground Office so that park staff can advise the Park Superintendent and take any steps necessary to prevent a recurrence.

For more information about black bears, how to prevent bear problems, and what to do if a bear visits your campsite, please speak to any member of our staff or pick up information about bears and bear behaviour at the George Lake Campground Office, Bell Lake or Hwy 6 Permit Issuing Stations.

Monitoring Success in Killarney Park

There is so much more to Killarney Provincial Park than its scenic beauty. Home to an impressive diversity of wildlife living in a wide variety of ecosystems Killarney is an important wilderness area in Ontario. Killarney's wilderness has received a lot of attention over the years. The impacts of acid rain were first discovered here. Killarney's lakes have since become the most studied lakes in the world. Persistent research and monitoring are essential to our understanding of environmental concerns. We invite you to participate in this vital process.

The following projects need the continued support of volunteers, park staff, and researchers. Our sincere thanks to the many individuals and groups for their ongoing support of Killarney Park's monitoring programs. Please call us at (705-287-2900) for more details on each individual project or event.

Spring Loon Survey (May 24th)

Loon breeding success is an important indicator of the relative health of an aquatic ecosystem. During this one-day event each of Killarney's southern lakes will be paddled on or hiked into to determine the spring population of our majestic loons. Information

gathered during this day will be forwarded to the Canadian Loon Lakes Survey (CLLS) and will also be included as data for the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Network (EMAN). Could you think of a better excuse to go paddling for a day?

Included: Free campsites, bug repellent, and a BBQ are provided for interested participants.

Summer Loon Survey (Aug. 17th)

A new generation of loons have 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 than the spring count.

Killarney's 5th Annual Butterfly Count (July 13th)

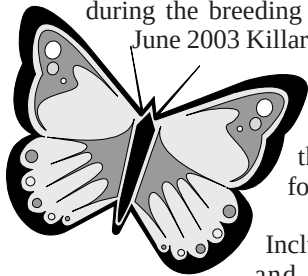
Through the North American Butterfly Association Killarney Provincial Park participates in a continental monitoring program that tracks butterfly populations trends. Butterflies are important indicators

of large-scale environmental changes. Like a canary in the mine butterflies may give us our first indications of global climate change. So grab yourself a net and join us for a fun-filled day of butterfly chasing and identification.

Included: Nets, guidebooks, leadership, instruction, and a wrap up BBQ.

Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas May - July 2001-2005

Over the next five years the entire province of Ontario will be surveyed in 10km x 10km 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. In June 2003 Killarney plays host to a "Square Bash" a one-week birding blitz of the park. Call us for further details.



Included: Binoculars and fields guides. Possibilities for free camping.

Greater Georgian Bay Reptile Awareness Program

The Georgian Bay shoreline is blessed with an exceptional variety of rare Ontario reptiles. Many of these species are listed as Species of Concern for Ontario and Canada. 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 (Dec. 17)

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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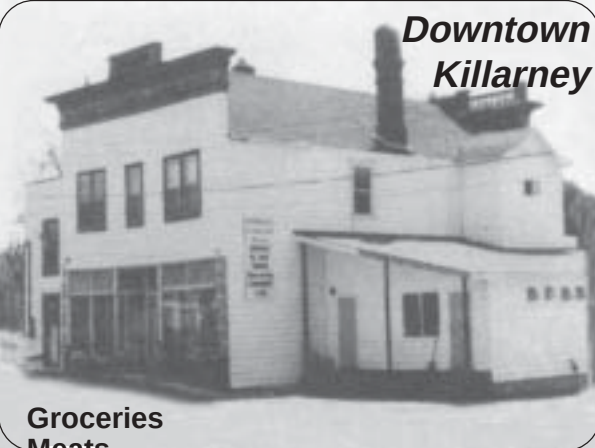
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A black and white photograph of a male deer with large, velvet-covered antlers. The deer is lying down in a field of tall, dry grass, looking directly at the camera. Its head is slightly raised, and its antlers are prominent. The background is out of focus, showing more grass and possibly other animals in the distance.

Elk have been located predominately in the eastern area of the park from Killarney to Johnnie Lake, and northward to Balsam Lake, with locations extending northward from Three Mile Lake to the eastern shores of Lake Panache, and south of Killarney and Johnnie Lake to Georgian Bay. The frequency of elk locations in and around the park has increased over time.

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A black and white photograph showing two people in a white canoe on a calm body of water. The person in the front is wearing a hat and a dark jacket, and the person in the back is also wearing a hat and a dark jacket. The background shows a shoreline with trees and rocks.

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 Chikanishing 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.

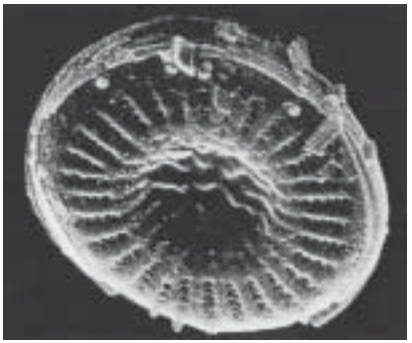


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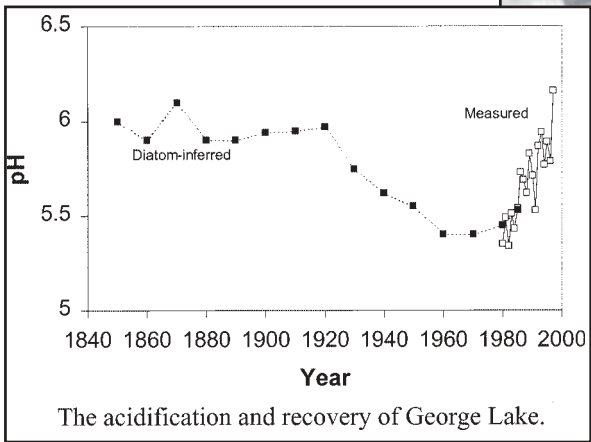


Figure 3.



Figure 2.

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.

An Inco Branch Plant

At first glance, it looks like any other pine seedling, destined to one day grace our northern landscape. But dig a little deeper, and it's another story. In fact a whole lot deeper, for this tiny pine got its start in life almost a mile beneath the surface of the earth.

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Great Mountain Lake

~ Lake Trout Genetic Reserve ~

As the boundaries of Killarney Park expand to include more area, waterbodies, and Great Lakes shoreline, so to does our focus on maintaining the biological integrity of these areas.

The Cooperative Freshwater Ecology Unit in cooperation with several other partners (Friends of Killarney Park, universities, government, and industry) has been studying and monitoring Killarney Park’s terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity for many years. Killarney Park, which once supported healthy native lake trout lakes, was one of the first documented areas in North America that lost substantial fish populations due to acidification. Fortunately things have changed since the 1960’s. With reduced emissions from the Sudbury smelters, water quality has improved in many lakes and some lakes can now support a lake trout population. In fact, for the first time in over three decades, young, wild lake trout were caught during a 2001 NORDIC netting survey in George Lake and Johnnie Lake.

Although not as directly affected by acidification, the Great Lakes have also seen a dramatic decline in the number of native stocks of lake trout. Many stocks have been lost from Lake Superior and all are extinct in Lakes Ontario, Erie and Michigan. In Lake Huron, the only two remaining native lake trout stocks are isolated in Iroquois Bay and Parry Sound.



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 handout, 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.



Lake Trout stocking.

Iroquois Bay, situated adjacent to Killarney Park in the northeast end of McGregor Bay, was once known for its abundance of trophy sized lake trout. However, over the years through overharvesting, introduction of invasive species and severe pH depressions, the Iroquois Bay lake trout stock has become threatened with extinction. By 1976 and 1978 index netting and creel surveys indicated that there was very little natural recruitment occurring and that the only small lake trout being caught bore clips revealing their hatchery origin. A spawning shoal survey conducted in 1993 and 1994 estimated the mature adult population of lake trout in Iroquois Bay to be only 100-200 individuals and the number of native fish in that population was thought to be as low as a few dozen.

To protect this rare genetic stock and as insurance against a catastrophic loss of the brood stock at Tarentorus Fish Culture Station in Sault Saint Marie, Great Mountain Lake, a 198 ha pristine lake found in the heart of Killarney Provincial Park was selected as an ideal refuge lake to create a genetic reserve for the endangered Iroquois Bay lake trout strain. Great Mountain Lake proved to be an excellent candidate lake because it met the following criteria: 1) It is located in a protected wilderness area. 2) It is a headwater lake that is isolated from other waterbodies that contain lake trout populations (ensuring that the introduced fish will not interbreed with other stocks), and invasive species. 3) It was designated a fish sanctuary in 1995 and no angling has been allowed in the lake. 4) Lake trout once resided in the lake and now, although there are currently no trout present, there is suitable pH and a good prey base.

On October 29, 2001 190 adult Iroquois Bay lake trout were stocked into Great Mountain Lake to establish a



Killarney Provincial Park, Killarney Lake



Lake trout spawning.

genetically pure population that will be protected in a wilderness park for years to come.

In future years, follow-up stocking assessments will be conducted in Great Mountain Lake to determine the success and health of the stocked lake trout. Additional Iroquois Bay lake trout will also continue to be planted whenever excess fish become available from the captive breeding program.

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Friends of Killarney Park Photography Contest

And the winners are...

The judges have made their final decision. The task was terribly difficult; all photos were beautiful. Here are the winning photographs! Thanks to all the entrants.

The Great Outdoors!

"Ancient Swept Pine"
Ofra Svorai
Kimberly, Ontario

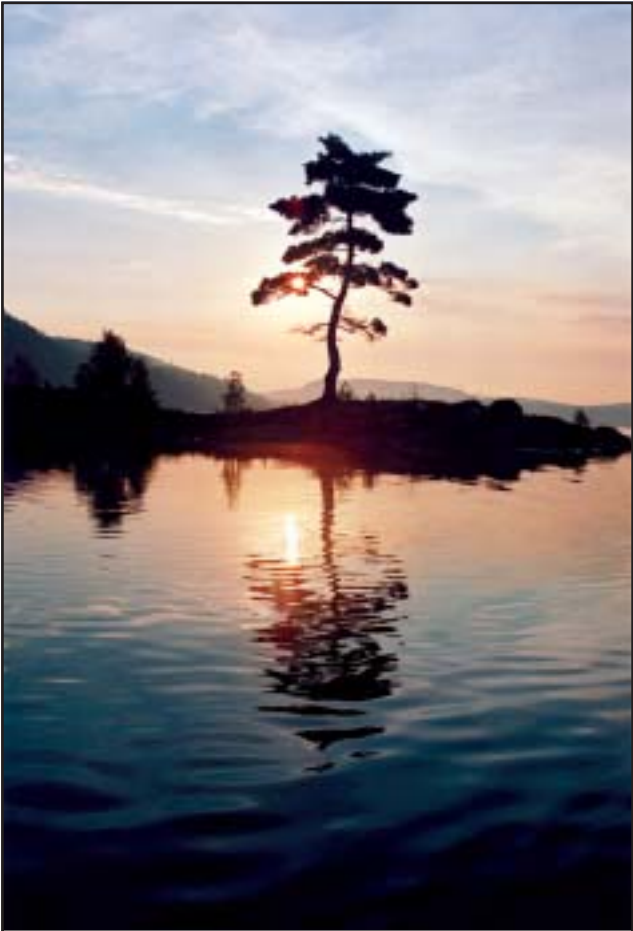


How to enter:

- 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.



Pick up your camera, and enter Killarney's Tenth 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, 2003.
- 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!

"Ready to Roll"
Brenda Nickoloff, Toronto, Ontario

Amazing Prizes!

2002 Contest Winners: Ofra Svorai and Brenda Nickoloff each won a \$100. gift certificate to the Friends of Killarney Park Outpost book store. Honourable mentions Oxanna Adams and Patricia Cameron each won a \$50 Outpost gift certificate.



"Canoeing on Glass"
Oxanna Adams, Guelph, Ontario



Honourable Mentions

"Ducks in a Row"
Patricia Cameron, Hamilton, Ontario



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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As a naturalist, environmentalist or someone who simply enjoys and appreciates Killarney Provincial Park, consider becoming a member of ‘Friends’ (if you haven’t already signed up!). Your membership will go a long way towards supporting the goals of Killarney Provincial Park. An individual membership is \$10; a family membership only \$20, and organized group memberships are \$30 a year! Donations are also welcome. Income tax receipts are provided.

The activities of the Friends are co-ordinated by a volunteer Board of Directors whose members are elected for a two-year term. Different committees divide projects up into specific areas, allowing individuals to focus on their own interests.

- In addition to your overall support of Park activities, a membership entitles you to:
- provide input on future Friends of Killarney Park projects;
 - participate in activity days and volunteer for special events;
 - receive a 15% discount on most items sold at George Lake and Bell Lake Outpost locations;
 - receive Friends’ newsletters *Paddles and Trails* which provide information about current and future projects;
 - get involved in the Friends’ Board of Directors and various committees.

Show your support...share your expertise! By caring together, Friends make Killarney Provincial Park an even better place to be!

Membership information is available at the park office, or by phoning (705) 287-2800

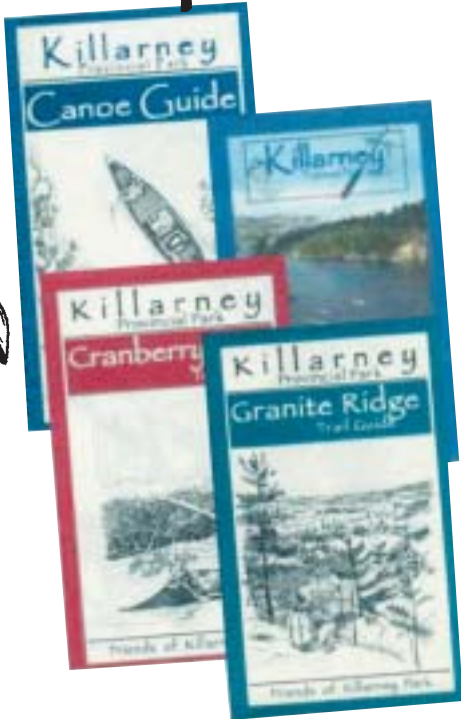
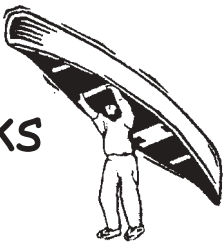
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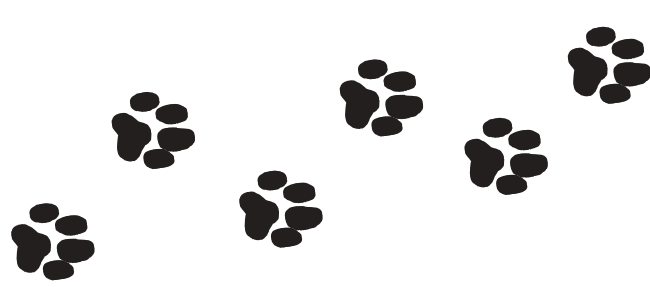
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Killarney Day Hikes



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.

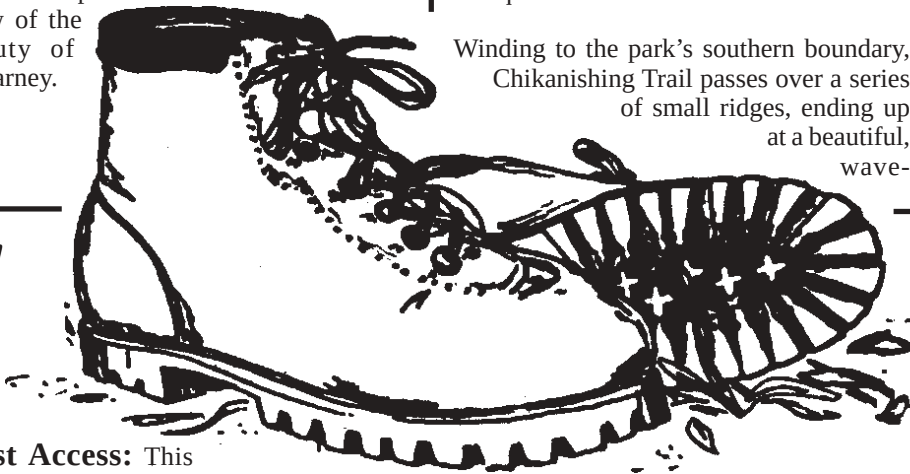
Trail Guides for Cranberry Bog, Granite Ridge and La Cloche Silhouette are available at The Outpost.

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

The trailhead for this scenic 7km trail is located across from the historic Sportsman’s Inn in the town of Killarney. Heading both inland and south this trail promptly slips into the wilderness of George Island. The main part of the trail, laid out as a clockwise loop, will take hikers through an incredible variety of landscapes and habitats. The first part of the journey is through a lowland area of towering stands of coniferous and deciduous forest separated by numerous beaver ponds. Both the forest and the beaver ponds offer possible glimpses of wildlife, such as deer, moose, songbirds, and wildflowers.

After leaving the low-lying areas the trail climbs towards a peak looking out over Georgian Bay and Manitoulin Island. Hikers may see far off islands that are not normally visible from the mainland section of Killarney. 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. Along the historical west shore of George Island visitors will discover “Tar Vats” - relics from an earlier era of commercial fishing - and the skeleton of the “mail-boat” 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. The trail then returns inland past one last beaver pond, connecting back with the main trail leading to the trailhead and the Sportsman’s Inn.



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Paddling Georgian Bay

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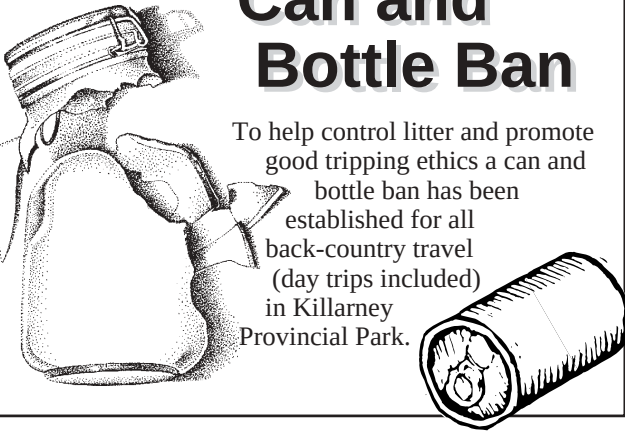
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To help control litter and promote good tripping ethics a can and bottle ban has been established for all back-country travel (day trips included) in Killarney Provincial Park.



Applause, Applause!!

Killarney Provincial Park is fortunate to have the assistance and support of many individuals and groups. Our sincere thanks to all those (named and un-named) who have helped to keep Killarney safe, clean and wild.

Killarney Natural Heritage Education (NHE)

Killarney Provincial Park NHE department is blessed with a superb team of dedicated staff and volunteers. These amazing individuals devote a lot of time and energy into providing exciting and valuable programs to the many visitors to the park. 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, ORCA and Canoe Ontario, The Sudbury District Field Naturalists, The Sudbury Ornithological Society, David Lickley and Family, Tim Jones, Chris Blomm, Bruce Waters, Lara Zamiska, and Andy Fyon.

Killarney’s 2002 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 loons and the health of Killarney’s lakes. Both the spring and summer surveys were a great success. Thank you to all whom braved the mosquitoes of May and the sun of August. A special thanks goes to Lindsay Smiley for organizing the Spring Loon Count.

Killarney’s Fourth Annual Butterfly Count

This one day event took place July 14th, 2002. A total of 27 species were identified and over 650 butterflies were counted this year. Groups of enthusiastic staff and volunteers had a wonderful time chasing these elusive insects around Killarney’s fields and forest. Many thanks to those dedicated individuals who participated in last year’s count. We hope to see you again this year.

Breeding Bird Atlas

Killarney’s birdlife found themselves the focus of attention from binocular clad, field guides wielding volunteers. These volunteers recorded over 140 species of breeding birds for the Killarney region. Congratulations to Charlie Whitelaw and his team of birders for their successful birding blitz. Our many thanks for your support and best wishes in 2003.

Chirstmas Bird Count

A Gyr Falcon, a Great Horned Owl and a Black-backed Woodpecker were the highlights for this

past year’s count. In total 927 birds were sighted and 29 species identified. Congratulations to the many hardy participants.

Adopt a Site

Killarney’s “Adopt a Site” program is in full swing thanks to the hard work of a host of volunteers. Killarney Provincial Park would like to thank the hundreds of volunteers who cleaned and reconditioned our many trails, roadways and campsites. A special thanks goes to Rosseau College staff and students for dedicating three days of their visit to trail maintenance. Please join us in maintaining the natural beauty of Killarney Provincial Park.

Staff Accomplishments:

Congratulations to Killarney Park’s Karen Balkwill for being one of 29 summer students from across the province to receive an Ontario Parks - Partners Bursary in 2002. Karen earned this award through excellence in customer service and outstanding work performance throughout various positions at the park last summer. Karen is the third Killarney staff member in a row to receive this annual award. Killarney is very proud of its award-winning staff.

Nominations for the 2003 Ontario Parks - Partners Bursary maybe submitted by fellow staff or park visitors. If you feel that one of our students have demonstrated exceptional customer service, initiative and/or leadership please consider nominating them for this award. Ask at the park office for details on submitting a nomination.

Wardens for Wishes

In 2002 Killarney Park’s staff, campers, and neighbours had good cause to hold their heads (bald or non-bald) high. Killarney’s Warden for Wishes 2002 campaign raised a record \$4700.00 for Children’s Wish Foundation. Participants in the campaign shaved their head, legs, and dyed their hair to petition for donations. Congratulations to Doug Poirier and the many staff and campers who donated their time, hair and money to this very worthwhile campaign.

Friends 2002-2003

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 2003. Projects include: Campground Rehabilitation and Clean Up, Trailhead Signs and the Canoe Guide Reprint.



Park Once Challenge

Friends of Killarney Park is encouraging all campers to participate in the Park Once Challenge this summer. During the summers of 2001 and 2002, the Killarney area had a number of Smog Advisories-usually unheard of for this area. By not driving your vehicle within the area and using non-motorized means of travel while you are in Killarney Park, you will help reduce harmful emissions and lower levels of noise pollution. If you can meet the Park Once Challenge, you will not only have a chance to win a mountain bike, but you will have contributed to making Killarney Park a cleaner place to camp. For more details, please see the Friends staff in the Outpost.

Campground Rehab/Clean Up and Georgian Bay Islands Clean Up Weekend

Friends of Killarney Park continues to host an annual spring volunteer weekend. The hard work of these volunteers ensures a minimum of eight campsites in the George Lake Campground will be rehabilitated each year. In addition, Friends rake all campsites in the campground and clean all fire pits 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 to the hundreds of volunteers who have participated over the years! This fall, the Friends plan to once again carry out a clean up of the Philip Edward Island area. Work will include garbage pick-up, fire pit clean up and other rehabilitation work.

Killarney Park Updates for 2003

George Lake Campground: In 2002 visitors to the George Lake Campground will be treated to evening presentations and programs at a new 200 seat capacity amphitheatre. This universal access amphitheatre features a rear projection screen, seating with back rest, and enhance sound and light systems. The Great Lake Heritage Coast provided the funding for this project. The new amphitheatre has been built on the same site as the previous amphitheatre and is in close proximity to the proposed location of the new visitor centre. These two new facilities should compliment each other well. Work on the visitor centre is continuing.

An equally important, but less noticeable, development at Killarney this year is an upgrade to the park’s water treatment facilities. Construction has begun (as of February 2003) and is expected to be completed in the spring of 2003. This upgrade is necessary to meet new Ontario Drinking Water Standards (ODWS). Visitors are asked to stay clear of any construction that may be occurring in the campground.

The George Lake Campground now has two barrier-free campsites (sites 35 and 36) thanks to the hard work of staff, Friends of Killarney Park members, and visitors who participated in the Friends of Killarney Park Autumn 2002 Site Rehabilitation Weekend. Killarney Park has also installed a new handicapped access washroom at Trout Creek.

Access Point and Interior Updates: Interior camper should expect a smoother ride on their way to Bell Lake. Resurfaced and graded of the road in the late autumn of 2002 has removed the washboards that were becoming common on the 9 km ride into Bell Lake. The Great Lakes Heritage Coast has provided funding for this project and has helped fund the creation of interpretive signs to be placed at Bell Lake and at each of the highway 637 corridor access points. These 4’ X ‘8’ signs contain valuable information for backcountry/wilderness travellers.

Hikers along the La Cloche Silhouette Trail may find a new bridge awaiting them at the Treenarrows Dam. This new bridge, made necessary by the planned reconstruction of the dam at Threenarrows, will be built approximately 1.5 km downstream of the old bridge. The La Cloche trail will have to be rerouted to accommodate these changes.

CONSTRUCTION HAZARDS

Please be aware that there are several construction projects in Killarney Provincial Park that may be ongoing into the spring, summer, and fall seasons.

Hazards may include open trenches, stockpiled construction supplies and materials, and heavy equipment work.

Please stay clear of any construction areas and equipment, and ensure you keep your children a safe distance from these areas.

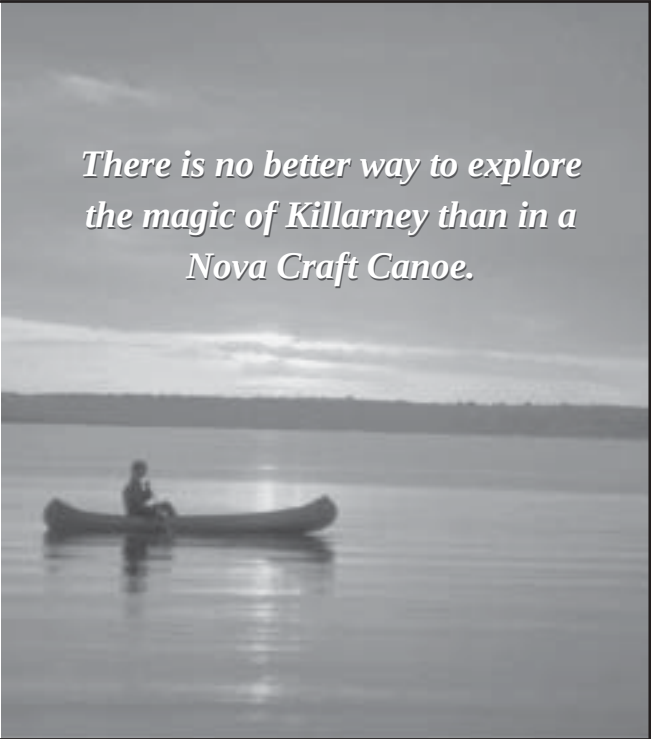


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A "Wet Blanket" on Campfires?

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.

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 many 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.

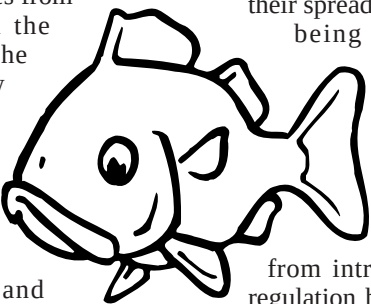
As part of the restoration plan, some lakes have been designated as fish sanctuaries where no fishing is allowed.

Sanctuary lakes (No Fishing): Acid, Amikogaming, A.Y. Jackson, Boundary, Burke, Clearsilver, David, de Lamorandiere, Grace, Great Mountain, Killarney, Lumsden, Muriel, Nellie, Norway, O.S.A., Partridge, Roque, Ruth-Roy, Sandy, Solomon, Whiskeyjack.

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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For full details concerning Ontario Parks Reservation Service, please consult Ontario Parks “Parks Guide 2003”, available through provincial parks, Ontario Travel Centres and many other locations.

Ontario Parks “Parks Guide 2003” 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.

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

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Ontario Seniors Citizens	\$7.25
Persons with disabilities	\$4.25
Summer vehicle permit	\$65.00
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/Amex 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 \$30.00 (\$6.00 cancellation fee, plus \$24.00 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, Amex, 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, debit or credit card. You must still provide a Visa/MasterCard/Amex 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 2003”, 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.

* Information provided is subject to change. Check with park office for current details.

General Reservation Information

1. Reservations may be made for a maximum of 23 nights.

2. A campsite must be occupied by the permit holder for the full reservation period—campsites cannot be transferred to another person.

3. No more than 6 people may occupy a campground campsite, unless they comprise a single-family unit (eg. parents with young children).

4. Killarney Provincial Park provides showers but no electrical sites. Additional shower facilities are available in the town of Killarney. (see Page 2)

5. No more than 6 people may occupy an interior hiking trail campsite.

6. No more than 9 people may occupy an interior canoeing campsite, and no more than 6 is recommended.

7. A maximum of 3 pieces of shelter equipment is allowed per campsite.

8. Out-of Province, and Out-of Country Senior Citizens do not qualify for reduced Senior’s rates.

9. 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).

10. Ontario Senior Citizens must pay full reservation fees and change/cancellation fees.

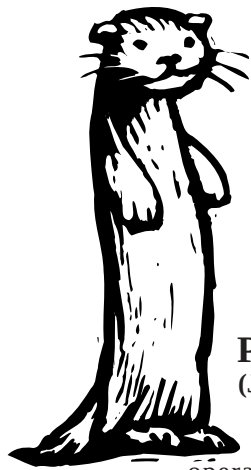
11. All occupants of a campsite must be registered on a permit.

12. 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.

13. 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 20- Sept. 1/2003)

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** apply to interior 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.

Non-Peak Seasons

Spring (April 1 - June 19/2003)
Fall/Winter (Sept. 2/2003 - March 31/2004)

Camping fees are *generally* collected through self-registration—gate attendents 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.

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

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 - reservations should be made separately.

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.

Trivia Answers

1. Moose, Elk, Bear, Deer, and Human are the five largest animals that you can find in Killarney.
2. It is unknown which tree is Killarney's oldest. However, White Cedar, Eastern Hemlock, Sugar Maple, Red Oak, Red Pine, White Pine, and Yellow Birch may reach ages over 300 years.
3. Although commonly referred to as Quarzite. The true name of the rock is Ortho-Quartzite or Quartz-rich Sandstone.
4. Rocks found near the town of Little Current produce a bell-like sound when struck with a stone. French explorers hearing this sound gave the area and the mountains the name "La Cloche" or bell.
5. Franklin Carmichael, A.Y. Jackson, Arthur Lismer, A.J. Casson are known to have painted in the area.
6. Barred, Great-horned, Saw-whet, and Screech Owls are confirmed residents. Snowy, Great Grey, Boreal, Long-Eared, Short-Eared, and Hawk Owls may live in or visit Killarney.
7. Nellie Lake water clarity is 28m.
8. The Cranberry Bog Trail will bring you to the bog where you may observe carnivorous plants.
9. Although Silver Peak is the highest peak in the park, it doesn't even make Ontario's top 30 highest peaks list.
10. Look to the sky. The Perseids meteor shower occurs on the 12th or 13th of August every year.
11. Killarney is a wilderness-class park.
12. Nursing female little brown bats might eat their own body weight in mosquitoes and other insects in a single night.
13. 9000 years ago humans were making tools in the Killarney area out of the Ortho-quartzite rock of the La Cloche Mountains.
14. Apparently the notorious former mayor of Chicago owned a cabin on Three Narrows Lake and may have invited Al Capone up for a visit.
15. September is Killarney's rainiest month.
16. 5000 - 11000 years ago the northern Great Lakes, at times, drained east through the French River area.

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.

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...

Before you know it December arrives, bringing freezing rain, sleet and snow. Then January settles in. The snow is here to stay, and the lakes finally freeze tight. On windy days the snow swirls into great white clouds, so you'd never know the mountains were out there. On sunny days, in wind-sheltered spots, Killarney is what some people just might call heaven.

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.

Snowshoeing in Killarney Park!

Imagine fresh clean snow...
And the only footprints you encounter are those of deer, wolf, fox and hare.

Join us,

Snowshoes are available for rent at the George Lake Campground Office.



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 Kakakise offer good day tripping opportunities for intermediate skiers.

Travel on lake ice generally occurs from early January until late March, please check the ice conditions before travelling on any frozen body of water. 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 2003, 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. This means park staff can devote more time to projects like backcountry campsite rehabilitation.



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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



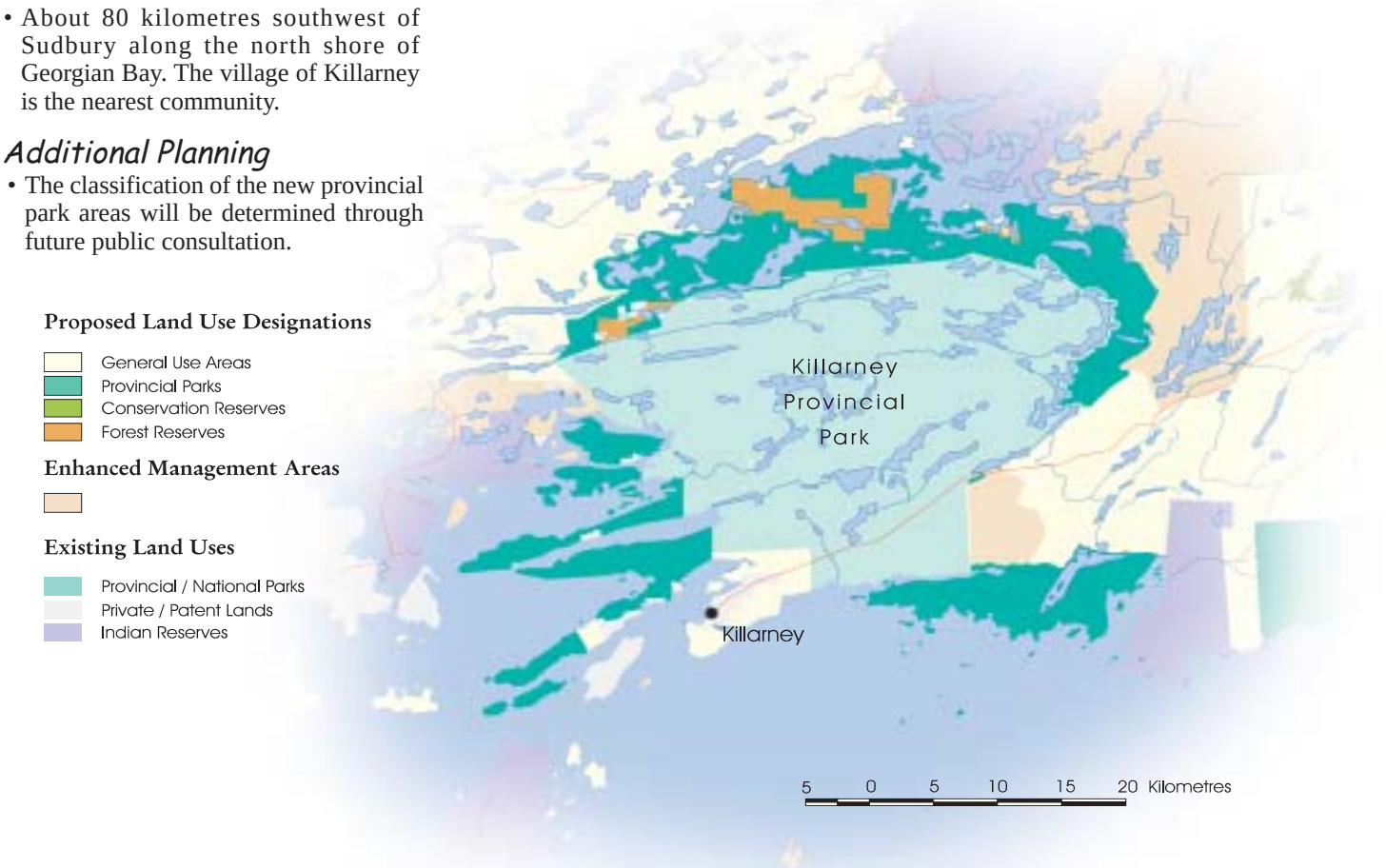
part of the park and preserving a roadless area to be used for backcountry canoeing, camping and backpacking.

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.



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.

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.

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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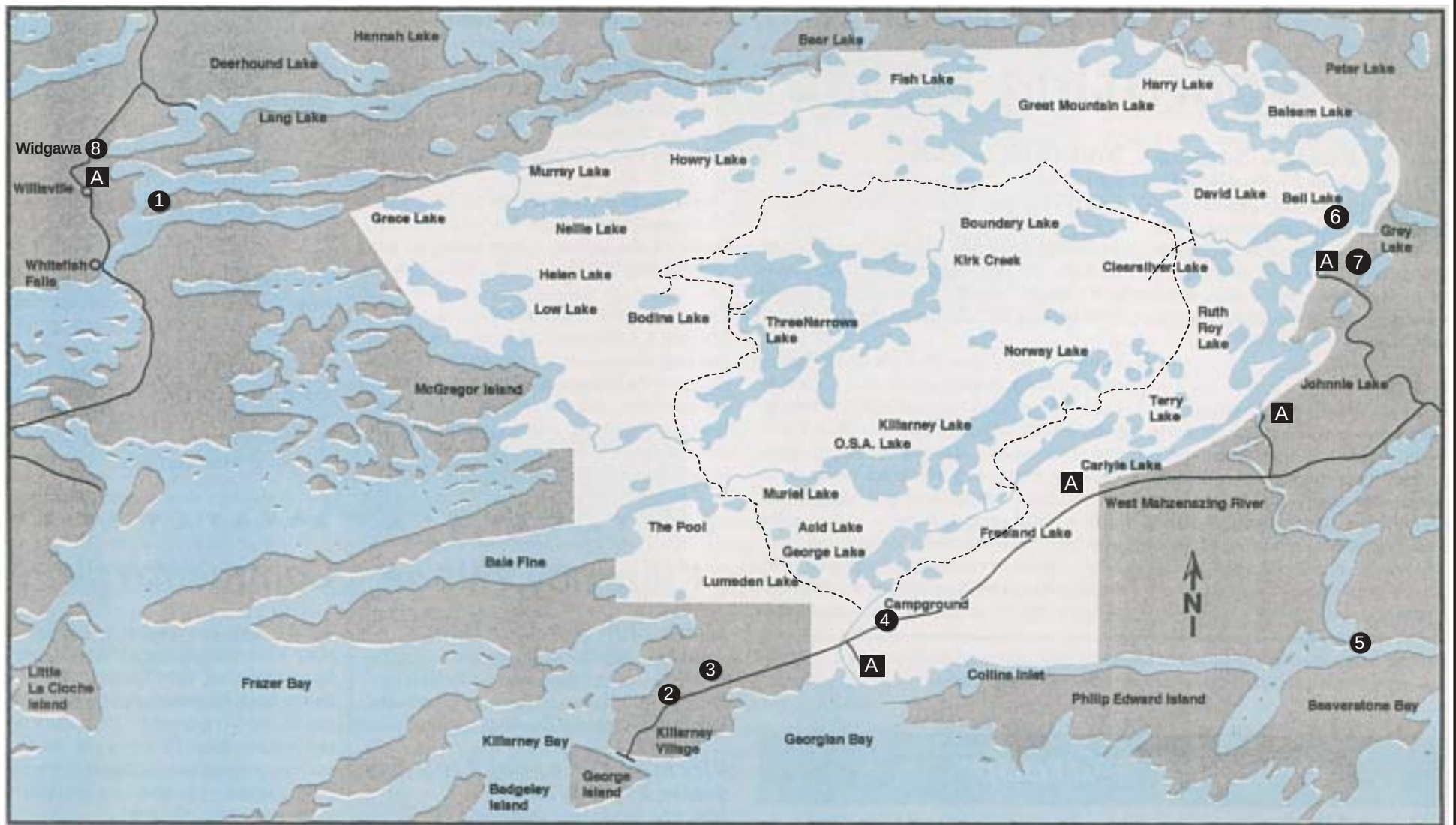
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Killarney Provincial Park Boundary Map



A Interior Access

... Portage
--- Hiking Trail

- ① Charlton Lake Lodge
- ② Shebanoning Lodge
- ③ Killarney Outfitters

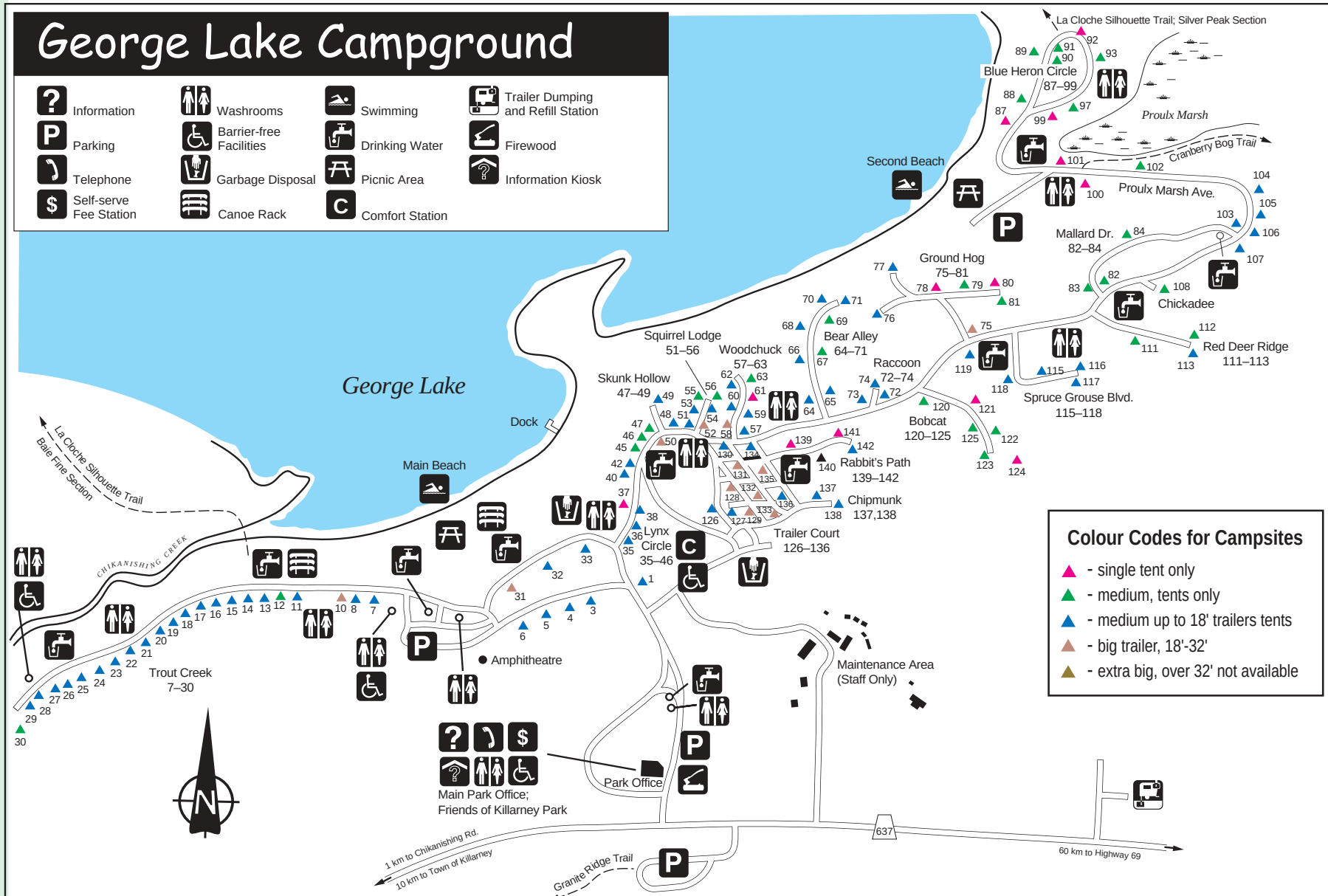
- ④ Park Office/Gatehouse
- ⑤ Mahzenazing River Lodge
- ⑥ Blue Mountain Lodge

- ⑦ Killarney Kanoes
- ⑧ Widgawa

NOTE: New access point for Charlton Lake

George Lake Campground

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| P Parking | Barrier-free Facilities | Drinking Water | Firewood |
| Telephone | Garbage Disposal | Picnic Area | Information Kiosk |
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