

Killarney

2010 Information Guide

Superintendent's Welcome

Welcome to Killarney Provincial Park and to the United Nations' International Year of Biodiversity.

Killarney's wilderness offers outstanding opportunities for people to connect with nature and to do so in a way that sustains the park's resource base.

The management and recreational use of the wilderness must always be done in a way that supports sustainability. Together we can strive to make the park and world a better place for all forms of life on earth. Killarney's designation as a wilderness park provides a level of protection to other species but there are still threats including pollution, climate change, habitat change, invasive species and unsustainable use of resources. Check out the 2010 Ontario Parks Guide for tips on how you can help care for the park.

Bravo – to those who fight for cleaner air and water. It takes persistent vision and hard work. Please join me in saying “thank you” to all those who do research in the park – past and present. You can also help make a difference by monitoring species through citizen science programs such as the loon, butterfly and bird counts at the park and in your home communities. Be sure to check our Natural Heritage Education events calendar for upcoming programs that promise to be both fun and educational for the whole family. With interpretive hikes, Art in the Park, childrens programs, guest speakers and many other programs our NHE department has a program that will be sure to interest and inspire.

Speaking of inspiration - our night sky program “Starry, Starry Nights” will celebrate its 25th year of guest presentations by Bruce Waters and his family. Through programs, a new book, and a donation of a telescope and observatory, Bruce

Colin Davis

“All living things are part of the same life system and no species including people, can live without others.”

and his family have donated much sharing of knowledge. Another source of inspiration is the work of Jim and Sue Waddington – who have documented over 60 sites in the park where the Group of Seven artists have painted in the park. This work of many years is highlighted at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg, Ontario and online at www.groupofseven.ca. We “tip off our hats” and say thank you to the Waddingtons and the Waters.

A way you can make a difference is by joining the Friends of Killarney Park. The Friends continue to work to make the park a better place through education, programs and projects. The Friends are founders of the ‘Park Once Challenge’ program -

now adopted province wide; they fund air pollution and aquatic recovery research and they are working with the regional school board to educate youth and others. The Friends have always been “green” and are planning energy audits and projects to make the park more pedestrian and bike friendly. The Friends also is a hands-on organization and assists in rehabilitating and repairing damaged and stressed campsites, trails and portages. The Friends also produce park publications such as the Killarney Park Map and Trail Guides that encourage safe and thoughtful use of the parks resources.

If this is your first visit to Killamey I think you will discover why the combination of wilderness, white

rocks hills, clear blue lakes, Georgian Bay coast and the people of the village of Killamey make for a unique and enjoyable experience.

For information on Killarney Provincial Park, or Ontario Parks in general, please visit us online at www.OntarioParks.com or call the park information line at 705-287-2900. You should also feel free to stop and talk with any staff member. We are here to serve you and ensure the park resources are managed for future generations.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable stay.

Chuck Miller
Park Superintendent

**Your Park Permit must be visible on the dash of your vehicle.
See page 5 for a more detailed list on our rules and regulations.**

Map of Killarney Area



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Visit the Village of Killarney

Welcome

Located 10 km from Killarney Park, the village of Killarney has been long recognized as the classic northern experience. Founded in 1820 by Etienne Robert de la Mornadiere, today, Killarney stands as a town built by neighbours and infused with community pride. The majority of the 500 residents of Killarney are descendants of its original settlers, which is proven in their hospitality and friendliness.

The Village of Killarney provides all the basic services; groceries, camping supplies, restaurants, LCBO, OPP, church, automobile repair services and an airstrip with a 3500ft runway.

Killarney is a place where every season offers outdoor enthusiasts ample opportunities to experience the grandeur of its beauty.

In summer, the blue waters of Georgian Bay invite you to come and experience what it has to offer. Visit the historic East lighthouse, paddle to Covered Portage Cove, hike the George Island Trail, throw a line in and reel in one of the abundant species of fish in the area.

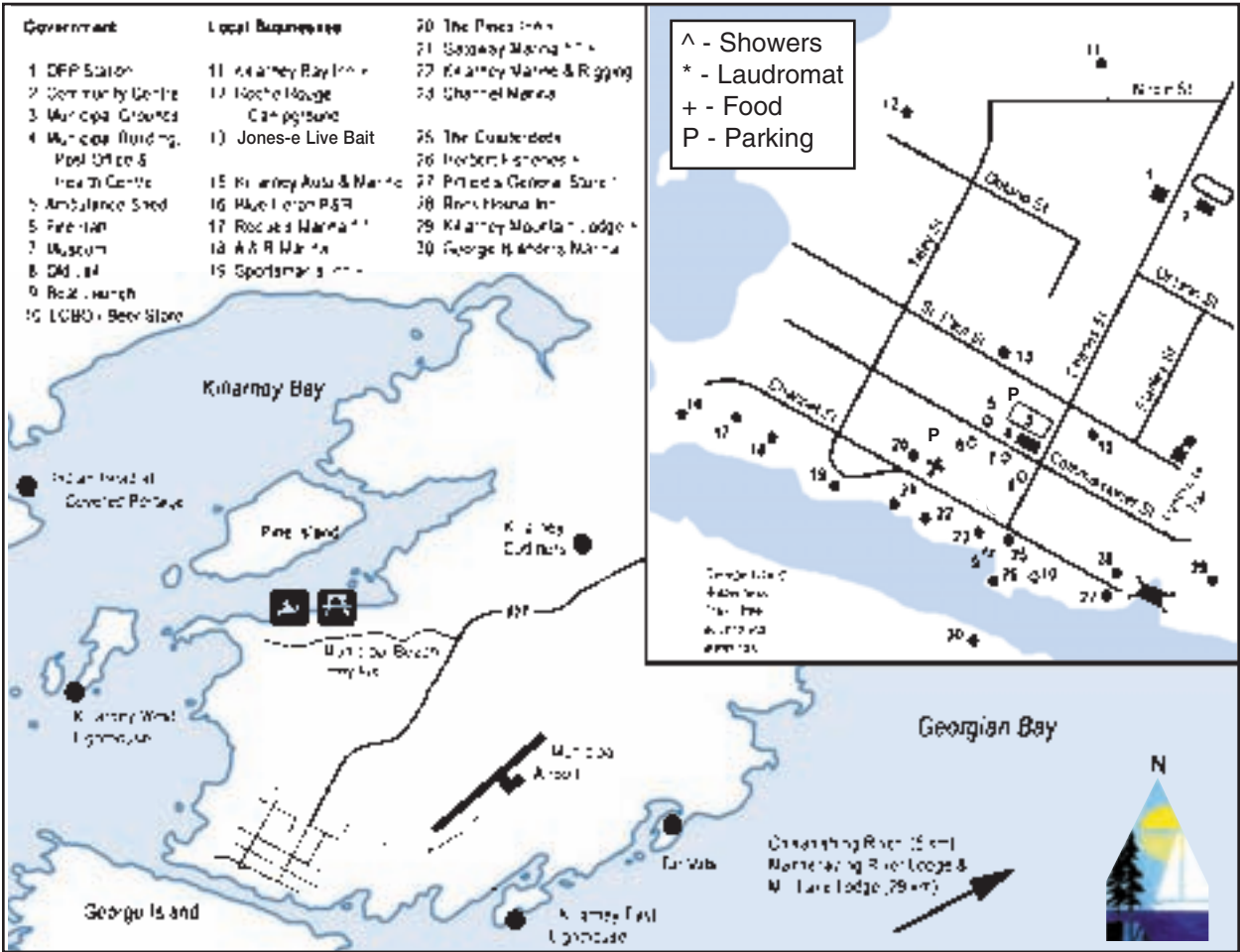
Hwy 637 in the fall is one of the most scenic drives in Ontario; take a drive in for some fish and chips and a stroll down Channel Street.

Discover the wonders of Killarney winter, snowmobile trails tie into the Sudbury and French River Trail systems and marked trails lead over the ice to Manitoulin, Spanish and the North Channel. With plenty of year round accommodations, winter visitors can also curl up indoors from some relaxation.

We invite you to visit us in Killarney, any time of the year.

Sincerely

Mayor Morgan Pitfield



Park Once, Walk the Rest

Are you up for the challenge? Ontario Parks is inviting all visitors to park only once during their camping trip to Killarney Park with the Park Once Challenge, sponsored by Wayfarer Insurance. You can still use your car outside of the park, but walk or bike to events in the park, the park store, the beach, and anywhere else you want to go within the park! When campers choose to walk instead of drive, they are joining the green scene by helping to reduce harmful emissions of smog and noise pollution from their vehicle.

When you first enter the park, let park staff know you want to participate in the program and you will be given a ribbon to tie to your vehicle. If you have successfully completed the Park Once Challenge, you can fill out a ballot at the end of your park visit (one ballot per family) and be entered to win a cool prize!

Park once when you arrive, and walk the rest of the time to help keep Killarney Park green!



In partnership with:

Emergency Phone Numbers

Pay phones are located outside the park office and near the Killarney Liquor Store. George Lake Campground is located on #960 -Hwy. 637

Police/Fire/Ambulance:

In Killarney: 911

In Espanola: 911

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

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

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

Nurse-Killarney Health Centre
(705) 287-2300

Ontario Provincial Police
1-888-310-1122

Park Office
(705) 287-2900

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

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



A Message from the Municipality of Killarney

No Loitering at the Killarney Landfill Site

Only ratepayers who are dumping garbage are allowed at the Killarney Landfill site, and immediately after completing the task, they must leave the area.

The bears feeding at the site are disturbed by the presence of humans, particularly those who harass them or try to feed them. A bear's natural reaction to such disturbances cannot be controlled.

For the safety of all, the Municipality will not permit loitering at the landfill site.

Thanks for your co-operation



Congratulations!

to Killarney Park's Ian Davidson for receiving an Ontario Parks Bursary award in 2009. Ian earned this award through excellence in customer service and outstanding work performance through his position of Gate Attendant at the park for 3 seasons. Killarney is very proud of its award winning staff.

Nominate a staff member today for the 2010 Ontario Parks Partners Bursary.

Camping in Black Bear Country



Prevention is the Key

For most park visitors, seeing a Black Bear in its natural environment is an exciting experience. However, the excitement diminishes when that black bear is rummaging through your cooler or tent, in search of food.

Bears are normally shy of humans and quickly get out of our way. However, if they've had luck finding food at campsites, some bears lose their fear and start visiting campsites regularly looking for something to eat. These "campsite" bears can become persistent and destructive nuisances. Capturing and relocating campsite bears has met with only limited success in established campgrounds and is almost never practical in the backcountry. Often, the only option is to destroy them. Keeping a scrupulously clean campsite is the best way to avoid having to do this.

The Nature of Bears

Bears, like most animals, are constantly looking for food. Since bears will hibernate and not eat for up to five months during the winter, they need to find enough food during the rest of the year to restore their fat reserves. Although they are large and powerful, bears survive by eating almost anything that is edible. Black Bears most often eat things like aspen leaves, nuts, berries, or grubs found by ripping apart old rotting logs. Their diet can also include young deer fawns or moose calves. It is important to keep in mind that all bears can be dangerous. However, Black Bears are almost never interested in people, only in people's food. With a little common sense, you can minimize or avoid bear problems.

Steps to Follow If You Do Encounter a Bear

If a bear actually does come onto your campsite, here are the steps to follow:

- Confront the animal. All members of your party should be out of your tent(s), standing up, yelling, making

noise, and throwing sticks and rocks - while ensuring the bear has a clear escape route. During the day you should wave your arms to appear bigger. At night, shining flashlights in the bear's eyes will help to confuse it. The aim is to be aggressive and persuade the bear to leave.

- If attempts to frighten the bear away fail, back away and give the bear a wide berth.
- If your dog is camping with you, keep it away from the bear. In some cases, dogs may nip at a bear and then run back to their human masters with the bear in pursuit.
- If a bear stands upright to get a better look at you, makes huffing or "popping" sounds, beats the earth with its forepaws, or even bluffs a charge, the bear is feeling threatened by your presence and is trying to get you to back off. Pay attention to such signs. Use bear spray if you have it and if the bear is within range. You should know how to properly use, store and carry this product. Bear spray, available from many outfitters, is pepper spray with a strength, and a propellant, specifically formulated to deter bears when it is sprayed in their eyes. Keep in mind that bear spray is no replacement for appropriate conduct in the outdoors.

Contrary to popular belief, female Black Bears, even with cubs, are almost never aggressive towards humans. Still, if a female Black Bear with cubs comes onto your site, you should not approach the cubs or get between them and their mother.

Predatory Black Bears

On extremely rare occasions Black Bears attack humans with the intent to kill. Since the early 1900s there have been fewer than 70 deaths in North America as a result of black bears. The Black Bears that prey on people are almost never campsite bears accustomed to getting food from humans. Rather, they are almost always large males with little or no previous contact with people.

- Predatory bears do not make huffing or "popping" sounds, nor do they beat the earth with their forepaws, or bluff charge as campsite bears sometimes do. Instead, they stalk, or press closer and closer to their intended prey, apparently assessing whether it is safe to attack.
- If ever faced with a predatory bear, it is essential that you confront the bear. Leave in your canoe if you can, but never turn and run. Do everything in your power to make the bear think twice about attacking you. Be aggressive, yell, throw rocks, hit the bear with sticks, and use bear spray if you have it. If a predatory bear does make contact with you, do not play dead. Fighting back with everything you have is the best way to persuade a predatory Black Bear to halt its attack.

Fortunately, human-bear encounters are rare in Ontario. However, increasing your awareness about the importance of a clean campsite, proper disposal of garbage and what to do when a bear does get too close will help ensure your camping vacation is a safe and memorable experience.

In the Backcountry

If you encounter a black bear or other wildlife that has acted abnormally or exhibited threatening behavior during you stay at the park, ensure your own safety and that of your traveling companions, advise other travelers that you meet and contact park staff to report any occurrence as soon as possible.

In the Campground

Help minimize adverse human - wildlife encounters by never feeding wild animals and by removing food attractants when you are away from your campsite. Any food attractants left on your campsite unattended will be removed by Park staff for safe keeping and can be picked up at the park office.

BEAR WISE

*Prepare
and be aware
at your campsite.*



When enjoying Ontario's campsites, lakes, forests and hiking trails, it's wise to remember that you are in the natural habitat of black bears. To avoid conflicts with bears, remember to:

- Never feed or approach a bear
- Never cook, eat or store any food, cooking gear or toiletries in your tent - reduce or eliminate food odours by keeping your campsite clean
- Store food and garbage, including your pet's food, so that bears cannot reach it - in the trunk of your car or hanging at least 4 metres (13 feet) above the ground
- Use bear resistant waste containers where available - pack out all garbage from the backcountry

For bear emergencies, call:
911 or 1-866-514-2327 (1-866-514-BEAR)

For more information, you can also contact the Bear Wise Centre at:
1 866 514-2327 (1 866 514-BEAR) or TTY 705 945-7641.bears.mnr.gov.on.ca



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Pitfield's Killarney General Store



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Things You Should Know

Service	Location	Information
Comments & Suggestions		Please fill out the Comments section of your permit and deposit it in the expired permit box upon your departure.
Canoe Rentals – George, Bell, Johnnie, Carlyle, Chikanishing Access Points	• Killarney Kanoes – 888-461-4446 • Killarney Outfitters – 800-461-1117 • Tyson Lake Marina & Outfitters -705-690-0326	All canoes rentals are provided through local outfitters. Canoes are stored at the access points. To rent a canoe please contact the outfitters listed.
Canoe Rentals – Hwy 6 Access Point	• Widgawa Lodge – 800-562-9992 • Bearskin Lodge & Outfitters – 705-285-4540 • Charlton Lake Camp – 877-587-3474	
Camping Supplies	Killarney Outfitters, Pitfield’s General Store, Gateway Marina.	
Comfort Station & Showers	Please see map on page 16.	The comfort station is operational from May 14 to October 11.
Crown Land Permits	Service Ontario Information Centres. For locations please call 800-677-1940	If you are camping on Crown Land and are not a Canadian resident, you will require Crown Land camping permits.
Dog Exercise Areas	The far west side of the main beach area at the George Lake Dam.	Pets are not permitted in designated swimming areas.
Drinking Water	Water taps are located throughout the campground.	Unless otherwise posted, all drinking water from taps is potable. Please brush your teeth at the Comfort Station and wash your dishes at your campsite.
Firewood	Friends Outpost at the George Lake Park Office.	Firewood and kindling are available for purchase during store hours. It is illegal to remove any dead or living wood from forests in the park.
Fishing Licences	For purchase in the Town of Killarney and Service Ontario Information Centres. For locations please call 800-677-1940	Special fishing regulations apply within the park (please see page 5) and the use of live bait is banned.
Garbage	In the vicinity of the Comfort Station. Please see map on page 16	Please use the yellow or black garbage bags provided.
Gas	Killarney Outfitters, Pitfield’s General Store, Tyson Lake Marina	
Groceries & Sundries	Pitfield’s General Store	
Ice	Killarney Outfitters, Pitfield’s General Store, Gateway Marina	Ice is not sold within the Park, please visit these locations to purchase ice.
Laundry	The Comfort Station, Pitfield’s General Store, Gateway Marine, Roque’s Marina	Washers and Dryers at the Comfort Station are \$2.00 each and only accept Loonies.
Mechanized Travel		The use of motorboats, snowmobiles and ATV’s is generally prohibited within park boundaries.
Permit Issuing stations	• George Lake Office • Bell Lake Office • Hwy 6	For hours and dates of operation, please call the park office at 705-287-2900.
Public Phones	George Lake Park Office	
Radio Free Zone	The area from Red Deer Ridge to Blue Heron Circle. Please see map on page 16.	The use of generators and electronically amplified equipment is prohibited in this area.
Refunds		Please bring both copies of your permit to the Park Gate before 2:00 pm to determine if you are eligible for a refund.
Renewal of Permits		Permits must be renewed before 12:00pm on their expiry date.
Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ)		In the event of a (RFZ) open fires will not be allowed. If you are going interior, you must display your camp stove before your permits will be issued. To find out if you will be entering an RFZ please call the park at 705-287-2900 or visit www.ontarioparks.com
Recycling	Beside the garbage shed in the vicinity of the Comfort Station. Please see map on page 16	Please use the clear plastic bags provided. For a complete list of recycling guidelines please see page 4.
Swimming	Please see map on page 16.	Dogs are not allowed in designated swimming areas. Beaches are not patrolled by lifeguards.
Trailer Dumping Station	1 km East of the George Lake Park Office on Hwy 637. (Second road on the left). Please see map on page 16	

Killarney Provincial Park Recycling Guidelines

Clear plastic recycling bags are available at the George Lake Park Office.

Category 1 - #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 - Plastic containers, plastic grocery bags, plastic bread bags, Aseptic (Tetra-Pack) and PolyCoat (i.e cream cartons) containers, styrofoam, aluminium and steel cans, paper and box board

Deposit clear bags with category 1 items in the large recycling receptacle at the main garbage drop off location.

Category 1 – Not Allowed

Blister Wrap
Boxboard liners
Batteries
Brake fluid containers
Bubble packaging
Carbon paper
Coffee cups
Construction paper
Corrosive material bottles
Foil multi-layered bags
Herbicide bottles
Kleenex
Kraft paper
Motor oil containers
Plastic multi-layered bags
Pesticide bottles
Plastic drinking cups

Plastic egg cartons
Plastic prescription pill jars
Plastic toys
Stiff/crinkly bags (chip bags)
Straws
String
Syringes
Transmission fluid containers
Waxed cardboard
Wood

Category 2 – Corrugated Cardboard

Flattened and loose or bundled. Deposit in bin at the main garbage drop off location.

Category 3 – Glass

Washed, lids removed. Deposit in blue boxes at the main garbage drop off location.

Category 3 – Not Allowed

Broken Glass
Crocery
Fluorescent tubes, Light Bulbs
Glass drinking cups
Mason jars
Mirror glass
Window/Window glass

Backcountry Can & Bottle Ban

Killarney Provincial Park has a Can & Bottle Ban in effect to help control litter and to promote good camping 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 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.

The Can & Bottle Ban applies without exception to all backcountry 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.

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



More...Things You Should Know



Summary of Provincial Park Offences

There is one basic rule in Ontario Parks: Have respect and consideration for your fellow visitors and the park environment. The following table lists some of the more common laws enforced in provincial parks. Under the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, the registered permit holder is responsible for the conduct of all campsite occupants and could be charged with an offence based on the actions of the occupants of the registered campsite. The Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act and other legislation governing behaviour in provincial parks can be reviewed at provincial park offices and on the e-laws website at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca. These laws are enforced by Provincial Park Wardens who have all the power and the authority of a member of the Ontario Provincial Police within a provincial park. Many of the listed offences could result in eviction from a provincial park. Evicted visitors are prohibited from re-entering any Provincial Park for a period of 72 hours. Fines do not include the victim fine surcharge.

Offence	Min. Fine	Explanation
Alcoholic Beverages - Have liquor in open container other than residence (campsite) - Consume liquor in other than residence - Have open container of liquor in vehicle - Person under 19 years having liquor - Being intoxicated in a Public Place - Unlawfully have liquor in listed park (during alcohol ban)	\$ 100.00 \$ 100.00 \$ 175.00 \$ 100.00 \$ 50.00 \$ 100.00	If you are 19 years of age or older, you are permitted to possess or consume alcoholic beverages on a registered campsite only .
Rowdiness / Noise - Use discriminatory, harassing, abusive or insulting language or gestures - Make excessive noise - Disturb other persons - Operate audio device in prohibited area	\$150.00 \$ 75.00	Provincial Parks are established to provide a setting for peaceful and natural experiences. Rowdy behaviour which includes excessive noise, obscene language or gestures, is not permitted. You cannot disturb any other person or interfere with their enjoyment of the park any time of the day or night. Operation of an audio device (such as a radio, stereo, TV, etc.) in a radio free area is prohibited.
Storing Wildlife Attractants Unlawfully store wildlife attractants	\$ 125.00	Do not maintain or store potential wildlife attractants, including food or beverages, food preparation or storage equipment, cooking devices or utensils, garbage or recycling products, scented products or any other item that is likely to attract wildlife.
Refuse - Litter or cause litter - Fail to keep campsite / facility clean - Fail to restore campsite / facility to original condition	\$125.00	Deposit all garbage and litter in the containers provided to discourage wildlife from becoming pests. Campsites and/or facilities must be clean at all times to eliminate potential hazards to parks visitors and wildlife.
Can and Glass Bottle Ban (INTERIOR and DAY TRAILS ONLY) Possess non-burnable food or beverage containers.	\$100.00	Metal cans and broken glass (often found in fire pits) makeup the bulk of litter removed from interior campsites. Instead use burnable or durable containers designed for repeated use.
Vehicles - Unlawfully take motor vehicle into park or possess or operate it - Speeding –more than 20 km/hr - Operate vehicle off roadway - Disobey stop sign	\$125.00 \$100.00 \$ 125.00 \$85.00 (plus 3 demerit points)	Off-Road vehicles are not permitted in Provincial Parks because of the environmental damage they cause. Licensed motor vehicles may be operated on roads only. All provisions of the Highway Traffic Act apply on all park roads. Each vehicle in the park must have a valid permit. Bicycles are only allowed on park roads and on designated bike trails.
Parking - Park vehicle in area not designated - Fail to display permit on parked vehicle	\$30.00	All vehicles must park in a designated area and display a valid park permit. You must prominently display your valid park permit on your dashboard.
Pets - Permit domestic animal to be without leash - Permit domestic animal to make excessive noise - Permit domestic animal to be in designated swimming area or on a beach - Permit domestic animal to disturb people - Permit domestic animal to be in a posted prohibited area	\$75.00	For health and safety reasons, your pet must be under control and on a leash not exceeding 2 meters at all times. You must ensure your pet does not damage or interfere with campsite vegetation or wildlife. You must ensure your pet does not interfere with others enjoyment of the park. Pets are not permitted in the swimming area, on the beach or in a posted prohibited area at any time.
Environmental Protection - Damage / deface / remove crown property - Disturb / harm / remove natural object - Cut / remove / harm plant or tree - Kill plant or tree - Disturb / kill / remove / harm / harass animal	\$125.00 \$ 125.00 \$ 125.00 \$ 150.00 \$ 150.00	To maintain the park as a natural setting, the removal of natural objects is prohibited. All vegetation, wildlife and natural features are protected in provincial parks. This includes the cutting of any live growth and the damage of any natural or other object. You may not take any fallen or dead wood from a provincial park for the purpose of a campfire or other such intent.
Camping Permit - Fail to vacate and remove property from campsite on permit expiry - Unlawfully occupy campsite - Camp over time limit	\$75.00 \$125.00 \$75.00	You are required to vacate and remove all property from your campground campsite or interior campsite by 2:00 p.m. on the date your permit expires so that others may have access to it. The maximum length of stay in a Provincial Park campground is 23 consecutive nights and 16 consecutive nights on an interior campsite, to ensure park visitors have an equal opportunity to enjoy our campsites and limit environmental impact.
Camping Equipment / Persons - Place more than 3 pieces of shelter equipment on campsite - Place more than one tent-trailer, house trailer or self-propelled camping unit on campsite - Excessive number of persons occupying campground campsite / interior campsite	\$75.00	Without a limit on the amount of camping gear allowed, campsites would quickly deteriorate, becoming larger, eventually destroying the surrounding vegetation. The maximum persons allowed per campsite are as follows: Campground - 6, Canoe -in Site - 9, Hike - in Site - 6
Campfires - Start fire other than in fireplace or designated place - Start fire where notice of fire hazard is posted	\$150.00	Fireplaces are designated by park staff for safety reasons. Restricting fires to these locations greatly reduces the risk of forest fires. At any time during a fire ban no person is permitted to have a fire unless otherwise stated by the Park Superintendent.
Fireworks - Possess fireworks - Ignite fireworks	\$100.00 \$150.00	Possession or use of Fireworks is prohibited in Provincial Parks at all times. They constitute a fire hazard and disturb visitors who wish to enjoy the park in a peaceful manner.
Hours of Closing - Enter park after closing hours - Remain in park after closing	\$125.00	Only registered campers are allowed in a provincial park during the posted hours of closing (10 p.m. to 8 a.m.).

Fines are subject to change. This is not a complete listing of offences; please refer to the specific legislation.

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, George, Johnnie, Kakakise and Peter.

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

Sanctuary lakes (No Fishing): Acid, Burke, David, Grace, Great Mountain, Killarney, Lumsden, Nellie, Norway, OSA Lake, Ruth-Roy, Teardrop.

Provincial Fishing Regulation Guides are available at the park office.



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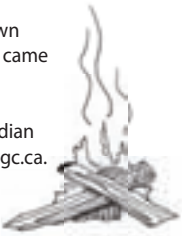
Transporting firewood can destroy our parks.
Please read this.

If you bring your own firewood from home, you could spread insect and plant diseases that threaten the health of our forests. The emerald ash borer, an insect known for destroying ash trees, is of significant concern because it has been detected in a variety of locations in Ontario. The emerald ash borer is a recent arrival to Canada and has no natural controls here. We need to make sure these insects do not cause significant damage to our parks. How can you help?

- Do not bring firewood from any quarantined or infested areas into our parks. This includes firewood from Huron County, Essex County, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, Lambton, Elgin, Norfolk and Middlesex counties, Sault Ste. Marie, Ottawa, Quebec, all of Metropolitan Toronto and the U.S.A.

- Buy firewood locally when you're camping – even if you don't live in a known quarantined area. When you are purchasing firewood, ask where the wood came from to be sure it was not from a quarantined area.

- If you have questions, talk to staff at the park you are visiting, call the Canadian Food Inspection Agency CFIA at 1-800-442-2342, or go to www.inspection.gc.ca.



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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).



**DON'T LET WILDFIRES
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Low Impact Backcountry Camping

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

Home Sweet Home

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

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

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

Table Talk

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

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

Campfires have a certain lure, but the quest for wood results in serious damage to vegetation around sites. If you have a fire, gather small pieces of dead wood as you travel. Keep your fire small. Fires may only be built in the established firepit on designated campsites. Burn your fire to embers and drown it before you go to bed. During a Fire Ban all fires are prohibited. In this case you must show a campstove 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 napkins, and disposable diapers...triple bag them in plastic and pack 'em out! While this sounds like a "messy" practice it isn't really that bad, 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.

Weather Watch



While camping in Killarney Provincial Park it is extremely important to be aware of safety precautions that should be taken during any extreme weather. Storms can arise quickly and in some cases can be damaging. Severe storms can result in hail, lightning, heavy rain and strong winds.

Environment Canada monitors weather at all times. If severe weather is probable Environment Canada

provides information on their webpage, www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca as well as on radio and television. Weather alerts, as well as daily forecasts are posted at the main gate, and are updated as required. Weather for the Killarney area is broadcast on the following radio stations 92.7, 105.3, 94.1, 103.9 FM. In addition; weather watches and warnings are broadcast in real time on Weatheradio. Weatheradio is Environment Canada's network of low-powered VHF-FM radio stations which transmit a continuous stream of weather reports. The weatheradio station serving the Killarney area is 162.475.

What To Do If a Storm Arises

At the first sign of a thunderstorm, get out of or off the water! If you are at your campsite and some distance from a washroom or comfort station, a hard-topped vehicle will provide your next-best shelter. If sheltering in a vehicle, avoid touching anything metal inside and keep the windows rolled up. If the storm is particularly violent, with strong winds and/or large hail, crouch

down low in the vehicle. The thing to remember is to avoid being the tallest object around and/or avoid being near the tallest object around. If you are caught outside and it is not possible to find shelter in a building or vehicle, go deep into a stand of trees and find the lowest-lying area. Crouch down and protect your head. If there are no trees or only solitary trees nearby, still look for the lowest lying area., crouch down and protect your head. Do not lie flat, as this increases your chances of being struck by lightning. If you are camping without sturdy shelter or a vehicle nearby, it is even more important to survey your surroundings ahead of time to locate low-lying areas within nearby woods or fields that you can reach easily if required.

It is always a safe bet to monitor the local weather conditions, especially when the forecast mentions thunderstorms, be aware of your surroundings and be prepared for any severe weather.

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Killarney is a part, the park offers sanctuary to reptiles, birds and insects at risk including the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake, Eastern Hog-nosed Snake and Blanding's Turtle, the Red Shouldered Hawk, the Bald Eagle, the Great Grey Owl, and even the Monarch Butterfly.

You can choose from a variety of adventures and experiences when you visit Ontario Parks - including educational programs about species at risk. Here at Killarney you can learn how to identify and help protect rare species,

or attend interesting and informative programs at the amphitheatre to learn about a species' life history, niche and interaction with other species. During your visit, if you see an animal, plant, or insect that you know is at risk, please report it to park staff.

To find out more, visit the George Lake Campground Office or talk to a park naturalist.

You can also visit:
www.OntarioParks.com/english/sar.html
or www.rom.on.ca/ontario/risk.html.

Wondering what to do with your empty propane cylinder?

Here's what to do

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Refillable tanks should be refilled and reused as many times as it is safe to do so. Single-use cylinders should go to a collection site that accepts this type of waste. To find a location close to you, visit www.dowhatyoucan.ca. You can search by postal code, municipality or by type of waste.

Do What You Can is operated by Stewardship Ontario, the industry organization responsible for managing household hazardous waste such as propane cylinders, paints, solvents, non-rechargeable batteries, and other products that need special care when we have leftovers and empty containers.

Here's what not to do

Because of risks to people and the environment:

- Don't discharge leftover propane into the atmosphere, even if the cylinder comes with a device to do this.
- Don't recycle any propane cylinder into your Blue Box.
- Don't throw them in the garbage.

When it comes to the environment, we all have a responsibility to *do what we can*.



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For more information, visit a park office or www.OntarioParks.com

Robert Bateman Paints Ontario Parks

In 2008, Canadian wildlife artist and naturalist Robert Bateman partnered with Ontario Parks to raise funds for Ontario Parks research and environmental education programs and the Robert Bateman Get to Know Program through the sale of limited-edition prints featuring Ontario wildlife in provincial parks.

This past fall, Ontario Parks offered the four "original" Bateman paintings to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, to be placed on public display. These paintings will be part of scheduled tours and will be viewed by over 80,000 students annually and thousands of international visitors.

These wonderful paintings will remind everyone who walks through the halls of the Legislature that parks are important and we all share a responsibility to future generations to make a positive difference to our environment, our province and our planet.

You can help make a difference by purchasing a set of four matted prints or purchasing an individual print. Each print includes a certificate of authenticity.

These exclusive prints are available for purchase through select Ontario Parks stores, Ontario Travel Information Centres, the Legislative Assembly Gift Shop and online. Visit www.OntarioParks.com for the full list of retail locations.

Make a Lasting Gift to Ontario Parks

Provincial Parks are part of the fabric of Ontario; they're part of our history, our culture, our natural environment. They play an essential role in preserving special landscapes for future generations. Every year thousands of people make new memories, connect with family and learn about the natural environment when they visit a park. The life of every Ontarian would be poorer without provincial parks.



A Lasting Gift

Ontario Parks is funded differently than many government departments. Only a small portion of the Ontario Parks' budget comes from provincial taxes. Most of our funding comes from users; through day-use and camping fees, rentals, leases etc. This allows us to manage the day-to-day operations of the parks system but limits our ability to fund many deserving projects such as species at risk research, improving trails and providing educational programs for young people.

Please consider making a lasting gift to Ontario Parks; whether it is a one-time donation, a gift to celebrate a loved one or part of your estate planning. You can directly support this park by donating to the Friends of Killarney Park or you can support Ontario's system of provincial parks through the Lasting Gift program at OntarioParks.com.



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provide it with food and habitat. All living things are connected. 2010 has been declared by the United Nations as the International Year of Biodiversity! In recognition of this momentous year - Ontario encourages you to get outside and appreciate nature.

Ontario's system of protected areas play a special role in protecting Ontario's biodiversity and providing opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts like you to experience the natural diversity of Ontario. While you are visiting this provincial park discover Ontario's biodiversity for yourself: hike a trail, go on a guided walk, or take a canoe for a paddle and be amazed by the abundance of life around you. Ontario is home to more than 30,000 species, and new species are discovered each year. Ontario is also home to an assortment of ecosystems including prairies, forests and woodlands, wetlands and tundra. How much of Ontario's biodiversity have you experienced?

For more information on Ontario's biodiversity, visit www.ontario.ca/biodiversity



Friends of Killarney Park Photo Contest

And the winners are...

With over 100 photos to choose from, the jury’s decision was not easy. We would like to thank all those who entered, and look forward to seeing your entries this season. Here are the winning photographs.

Capture the beauty of Killarney and enter Killarney Provincial Park’s Photo Contest. You can choose between two categories in this contest!

- 1) The Great Outdoors—showcase your favourite locations by capturing the nature and scenery of Killarney Provincial Park and surrounding area.
- 2) Go For it! Let’s see you having fun—hiking, paddling, enjoying a view, relaxing.

Go For it!



Winner: “Molly and Me at the Crack” Julie DePass, Oakville, Ontario



Winner: “Refuge on George Lake” Marc Roy, Ottawa, ON

Notes:

- Entries are accepted until Nov 30.
- 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 and Friends of Killarney Park reserves the right to copy and use any entries for future programs and publications.

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.*



Runner Up: “La Cloche Trail Half Way”
Colin Davis, Ottawa, Ontario

The Great Outdoors



Runner Up: “Wet and Wild in Killarney” Christine Churchill, Port Burwell, ON

What Are Friends For?



The Green Rush

Within the emerald forests and aquamarine waters of Killarney Park, there’s another green happening- the Green Rush! Now more than ever, park visitors are more innovative and enthusiastic about new ways to camp responsibly. From reusable containers to eco-smart choices for shopping and packing food and supplies, members are coming up with many fabulous ideas to keep Killarney Park green. More families are cycling in the park; it’s a great way to explore or just get to and from the comfort station in a friendlier way. Don’t forget our Park Once challenge. The Friends of Killarney Park remain diligent by constantly challenging themselves to make environmentally responsible and thoughtful business decisions. Choosing green projects with your charitable support, and seeking out new and exciting eco-products for sale at the Outpost are just a few examples of our “Mission Possible” here at Killarney Park.

Every year, more recyclables are dropped in the blue boxes in the park; however we must ask ourselves, “Can we do better?” Maybe the day will come soon when park staff does not have to deliver any garbage to the dump! Think about it. For all Friends programs, including the Winter Activity Day and our famous Spring Rehabilitation weekend in May, everyone is asked to bring their own water bottles, cups or mugs, as the day of using disposables is over and is a dirty word around the Park! Even the smallest green gesture or idea is very important to reach a goal of sustainability. So what did you do last camping season which lightened your carbon footprint? Please send us your ideas, innovations, suggestions and we will share them with our members.

Alan Hills

Friends: Making a Difference

Friends Associations of Ontario Parks, who contribute over \$900,000 in direct dollars and 43,000 person hours in support, met in Killarney from September 25th -27th, 2009, to learn how to further their goals of unwavering support in the protection of Ontario’s valuable system of Provincial Parks.

Hosted by Friends of Killarney Park, the Circle of Friends Conference (that typically occurs every two years) brought together a total of 58 representatives of Ontario Parks Friends’ Associations and officials from Ontario Parks. According to Ron Speck, Partnership Development Specialist for Ontario Parks: “This conference is designed to help the Friends Associations of Ontario Parks manage their Friends operation, such as merchandising, fundraising, strategic planning, volunteer recruitment and managing special events. As well, this conference allows Friends to connect with one another, and to share successes, resources, ideas and future goals. It is absolutely invaluable.”



Join us:

On behalf of the Friends of Killarney Park I would like to this opportunity to welcome you to Killarney. Thanks to the dedication and support of our many volunteers, members, and donors, the Friends continue to play an important role in helping preserve the pristine Killarney wilderness and educating its visitors.

2009 was another year of accomplishments for the Friends. We launched our 1st Annual Summer Concert Series, which featured 6 talented artists and was attended by over 1000 people. Our Spring Clean Up and Rehabilitation Weekend was another huge success, and once again demonstrated the eager willingness of our volunteers to clean up and rehabilitate areas of the Park and surrounding areas. In the fall, in order to protect the environment and ensure the safety of the park visitor, we completed our goal to replace a system of boardwalks and footbridges along the Carlyle-Kakakise-Norway portages. Moreover, an ambitious program to replace 60 aging backcountry campsite privies was begun.

In addition, in 2009 the Friends of Killarney Park supported:

- The development of the new Killarney Shebanonaning Outdoor Educational Centre
- Valuable environmental research on our lakes conducted by Laurentian and Queens University
- The Park Once Challenge to encourage a cleaner and quieter environment
- Information Signs containing important Park Safety messages

Total Investment: Over \$30,000 and countless volunteer hours.

Support from Park visitors such as yourself, is vital to our success. Funds raised through membership fees and donations will enable us to continue undertaking protection and educational projects that benefit the park and local community. We hope that you will join us, and share in our efforts to safeguard this treasured landscape. In the meantime, I wish you have a safe and enjoyable Killarney stay.

Sincerely,
Kris Puhvel, Executive Director, Friends of Killarney Park

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2010-11 Calendar of Events

Date

May 7th–9th

June 5th

July 1st

July 1st

July 9th–11th

July 11th

July 24th–25th

July 24th–25th

August 7th

December 15th

February 4th–6th

February 19th–20th

Event

Spring Clean Up Weekend

Spring Loon Survey

Canada Day Celebrations

Canada Day Fireworks

Friends Weekend

Annual Butterfly Count

Killarney Art Show

Killarney Volunteers Fireman’s Fish Fry

Summer Loon Survey

Annual Christmas Bird Count

Killarney Winter Carnival

Winter Activity Weekend

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Take A Hike

Day Hikes in Killarney Park

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 following rules when heading out on your adventure;

- The Can & Bottle Ban remains in effect for all park trails.
- Please walk single file on trails to avoid widening the paths.
- A valid parking permit must be prominently displayed on your vehicle at all times.
- Pets must be kept on a leash (maximum 2m long) at all times.

- Bicycles are not allowed on any trails within the park.
- Natural objects such as plants, trees, rock formations as well as archaeological and historical artifacts are for all to enjoy, please do not remove, damage or deface them. Please respect physical, cultural and historical sites. Remember it is an offence under the Provincial Parks Act to remove or damage any park feature

Cranberry Bog Trail

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

Length: Approx. 4 km. Loop trail

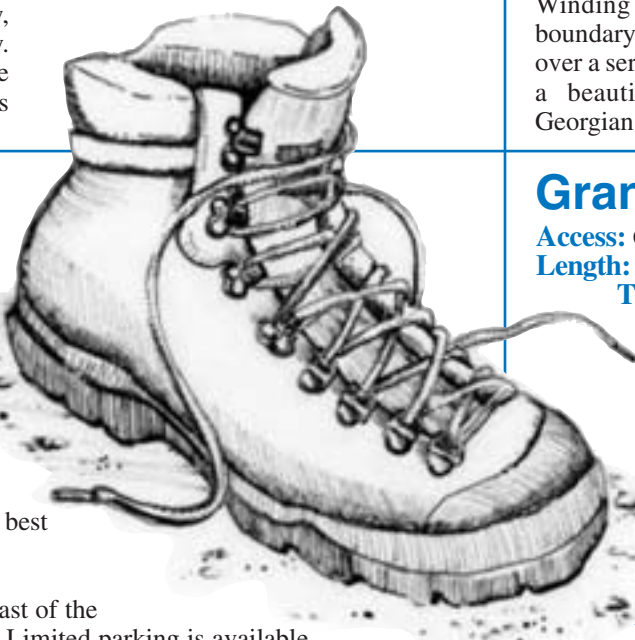
Time: 2 1/2 hours, steady going.

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.



The Crack (6 km)

The view from the top of Killarney Ridge is absolutely stunning. The immense white cliffs of the La Cloche Mountains surround you as you ascend through what is known as "The Crack", climbing up and over the cascade of huge tumbled boulders. Once you reach the top of the ridge, you'll be treated to beautiful panoramic vistas on all sides – certainly one of the best views in the park!

Trail Access: Access is gained 7 km east of the George Lake Park Office, off Hwy 637. Limited parking is available.

Time: This trail must be done in a linear fashion. 4 hours round-trip. You will want to give yourself lots of time, so be sure to pack a lunch, water and your camera.

Rating: Difficult. Please assess the physical capabilities of everyone in your group before attempting this trail. The ascent up to and through The Crack can be quite challenging, so take your time and enjoy the view!

Safe Hiking Techniques

- Learn how to use a map and compass, and always bring them when hiking.
- 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.
- Sturdy hiking boots are recommended on all trails. Running shoes and sandals do not provide adequate support, making you prone to injury.
- Pack a few essentials – first aid kit, compass, sunscreen, bug repellent, a park map, trail guide, a water bottle and some snacks.

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

Access: Opposite park office.

Length: Approximately 2 km. Loop trail.

Time: 1 1/4 hours, steady going.

Difficulty: Moderate, with some steep sections. Good footwear required.

Caution: In wet weather rock surfaces are very slippery. The trail path may be wet.

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, Collins 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.

ATTENTION DAY HIKERS:

Due to the lack of trees on the ridge leading up to and at the top of "the Crack", please be aware that the trail is marked with a combination of rock cairns (small piles of rocks) and blue trail markers. To avoid confusion please refrain from building cairns or "inukshuks" or destroying any large cairns that are clearly used for navigational purposes along the trail.



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George Island Trail *operated by local business*

Access: The George Island Trail can be accessed from either the Killarney Mountain Lodge or The Sportsman's Inn. Each business offers a ferry service across the Killarney channel to access the trail.

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.

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.

Going on a Hike?

Borrow a Friends of Killarney Park Naturalist Pack. These knapsacks are equipped with the essentials to help you explore Killarney Park. Inside you will find: a park map, compass, trail guides, field guides, whistle, first aid kit, 2 way radios and binoculars.

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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 sidebar for list).
- 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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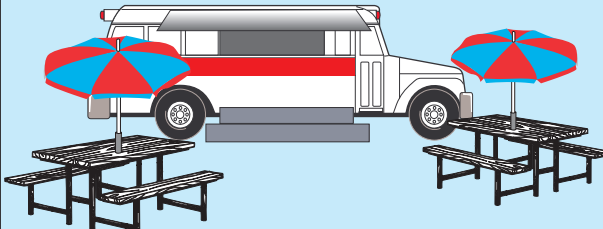
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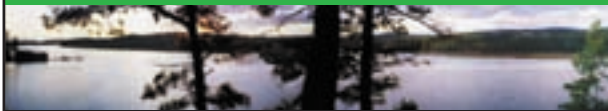
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Mississagi Provincial Park

Looking for more hiking and canoeing opportunities? Visit Mississagi, situated 20 minutes north of Elliot Lake. Its quiet campground offers a variety of sites of all sizes, including pull-through sites for trailers and RVs and walk-in waterfront campsites. The park's location off the hydro grid means that the campground has no electricity – a bonus for those who like camping the way it "used to be." There are also number of backcountry sites which can be accessed by either canoe or hiking. Mississagi is a natural environment class park and contains over 50 km of hiking trails. There are lakes for canoeing and canoes are available for rent. Opportunities abound to view local wildlife; there are dark skies for stargazing, and there is excellent fishing (especially for lake and speckled trout). For more information, please call Chutes Provincial Park anytime 705-865-2021 during July and August 705-848-2806.

Mashkinonje Provincial Park

Located along the West Arm of Lake Nipissing; Mashkinonje is a mix of upland rock ridges, interspersed with a vast complex system of wetlands. Community partners along with Ontario Parks opened 35 km of new hiking trail in 2005. This included an elevated marsh boardwalk. The park has long been a favourite destination for dedicated naturalists to view nature. The rock ridges provide excellent wetland lookouts. The park is best explored by hiking, or by launching a canoe or small kayak in Muskrat Creek Marsh, a protected inlet of Lake Nipissing.

The diversity of habitat that occurs,

including the shorelines and transition zone between the wetlands, makes wildlife viewing the most enticing activity within Mashkinonje. There have been over 270 species of birds identified, 33 mammal species, multiple reptiles and amphibians....come take a hike and learn about the wonders of wetlands.

Restoule Provincial Park

Nestled between two lakes south of Lake Nipissing, Restoule's high bluffs of granite and bedrock as well as dark, glassy lakes lined with red pines is a favoured habitat for herons, birds of prey and white-tailed deer. Wildlife viewing is excellent in Restoule as the park boasts a healthy population of large and small wildlife. You can visit the top of the cliff and enjoy the incredible view on the Fire Tower Trail. Explore Restoule by foot, mountain bike or canoe. One can also embark from here on a five-day canoe trip tracing Samuel de Champlain's original route.

Grundy Lake Provincial Park

Grundy Lake is a family oriented park that falls under the Natural Environment class. For the adventurous, spring and fall provide the best times of year to explore the park. Fewer people create a greater opportunity to view wildlife on one of the three trails within the park, or even catch a peaceful sunset. The spring offers fresh wildflowers while the fall provides breathtaking colours of the changing leaves. Be sure to make a reservation during the summer months where numerous beaches and warm waters await! Grundy Lake is an excellent spot to stop for a swim or for lunch on your way home.



Helenbar Lookout Trail, Mississagi Provincial Park

Please refer to the map on the cover page for park locations

French River Provincial Park

The French River is a broad, tree-lined expanse of open water. The River itself is 105 km in length, running from the headwaters at Lake Nipissing to its mouth at Georgian Bay. Along this route are numerous campsites where paddlers and boaters will find opportunities for fishing, swimming, photography, or just relaxing. Paddlers can spend hours weaving through the braided channels. The rugged topography of the Canadian Shield supports more than 450 plant species, reptiles, mammals, and birds. The French River is an exceptional destination for your next canoeing adventure.

Did you know...

Ontario has an extensive provincial parks system that is envied around the world. Most people have no idea how big our parks system really is: 329 provincial parks, covering a total area that's bigger than Nova Scotia – not to mention many countries in Europe.

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Put 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 ancestors. They relied on fire for warmth, cooking... and their very survival.

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

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

Recent park fires warn us of the consequences of careless actions. O.S.A. Lake: a campfire built on an island with no designated campsite is not thoroughly extinguished, the wind stirs up embers, blowing them into nearby brush, where a fire starts. La Cloche Silhouette Trail: embers left behind by campers burn down to the duff layer, roots smolder and the fire travels beneath the soil until it flares up in dry vegetation. Chikanishing Trail: a smoking cigarette is carelessly tossed away, igniting dry grass. In each case, had different weather conditions prevailed, things could have been much, much worse.



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

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

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

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

With so many potential problems, one may wonder why fires are allowed at all! Certainly fire still fulfills an important

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

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

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 (in the Backcountry only);
- 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;
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For full details concerning park fees and the Ontario Parks Reservation Service, visit www.ontarioparks.com or consult the Ontario Parks Guide, available at all Provincial Parks, Ontario Travel Centres and many other locations.

If We're Full

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

Chutes Provincial Park

The only provincial park on Highway 17 between Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie and located on the Aux Sables River,

Chutes is an excellent stop for Trans-Canada travellers. Tel. (705) 865-2021

Grundy Lake Provincial Park

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

Lake Superior Provincial Park

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

Halfway Lake Provincial Park

Located 1 hour north of Sudbury on Highway 144, Halfway Lake has 215 car campsites and 50 interior sites. The interior is not busy and you'll have a good chance of seeing moose. The park boasts

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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.

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.

Making a Reservation



Thinking about hiking the scenic La Cloche Silhouette Trail? Pick up your copy of this comprehensive guide, filled with information regarding trail distances, campsite descriptions, low-impact wilderness skills and the area's rich natural and cultural history.

Looking to plan your next paddling trip in the Park? This handy paddlers companion details a number of diverse canoe routes, ranging from a few days to a week. In addition, the guide offers the reader with tips on equipment and trip planning, wilderness skills, canoe camping with children and much more.

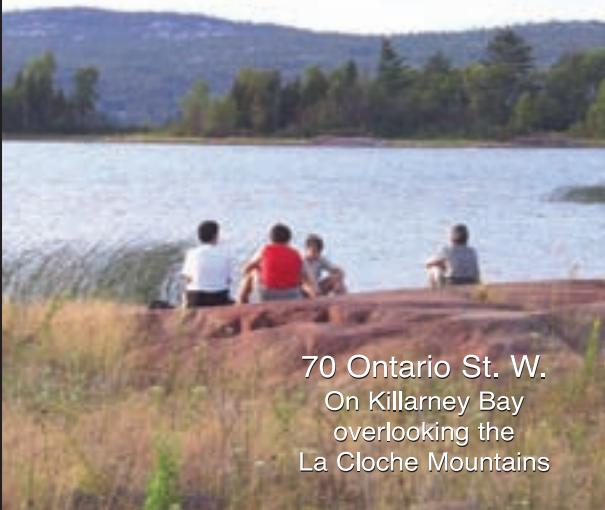
Make sure you have a current copy of the 2010 Edition Killarney Provincial Park Backcountry Hiking and Canoe Route Map when making a reservation!

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Killarney in Winter



It is often observed that the allure of winter in Killarney is positively contagious. Visitors marvel at and embrace the area's quiet winter solitude. With the proximity of Georgian Bay and its moderating effect, the arrival of winter is usually a gradual one. By mid-December, the Killarney landscape

transforms itself. Ice forms on the sheltered bays of the lakes and spreads steadily across the whole expanse of water. Snow starts to accumulate, and before too long the park's lakes, portages, and trails open up limitless possibilities for exploring winter's wonders. A deep snow pack usually persists well into the longer and milder days of March.



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During winter, yurts are accessible only by a short 500m ski or snowshoe into the campground from the front gate. Toboggans are available to pull your gear and food down the hill.

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To rent one of Killarney's 6 Yurts, any time of the year call 1-888-Ont-Park (688-7275).

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 prohibited on designated interior campsites. Make your camp at least 30 metres from shorelines, portages and trails and we recommend that you camp in sheltered areas of low-lying bays, or trek into smaller, more wind-protected lakes. Think about where your own "personal by products" 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.

Killarney Ski Trails

With over 30 km of cross country trails for all ability levels, Killarney Provincial Park offers many choices for the Nordic skiing enthusiast. All trails begin from the George Lake office area and lead you into a pristine landscape dotted by picturesque wetlands, brilliant rock outcroppings, and mature forests of spruce, birch and maple.

Chikanishing Trail
Length: 7km (3.5 km each way)
Trailhead: Park office
Meandering along the Chikanishing creek, the trail is groomed for both classical and skate skiing. With its flat terrain, it is an excellent choice for the novice skier.

Freeland Trail
Length: 11 km (5.5 km each way)
Trailhead: Bobcat Section of Campground
Track set for classical skiing, this trail brings the skier to the east end of Freeland lake. Its gently rolling terrain in places makes it a good choice for the intermediate skier.

Collins Inlet Trail
Length: 14km
Trailhead: Granite Ridge parking lot
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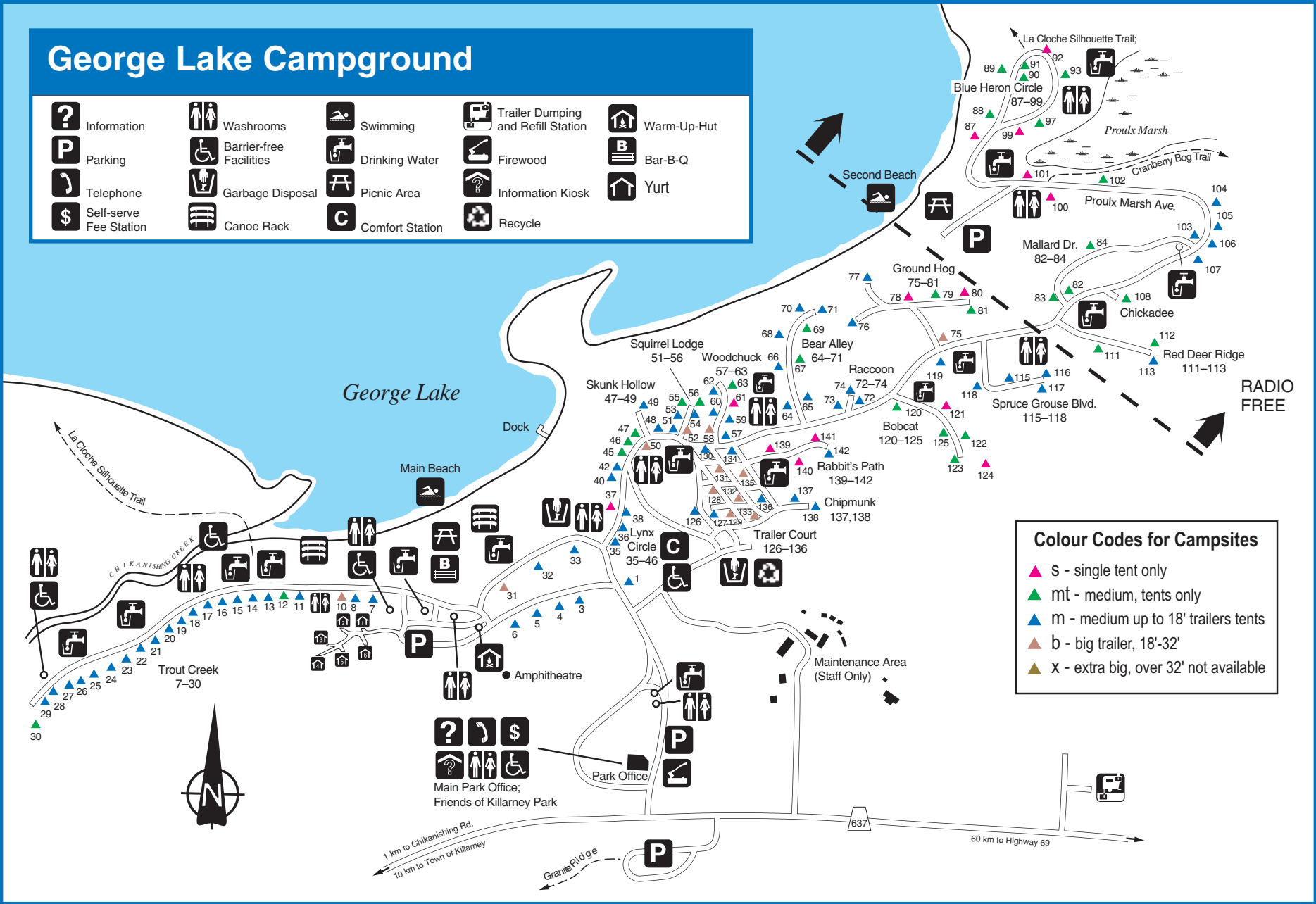
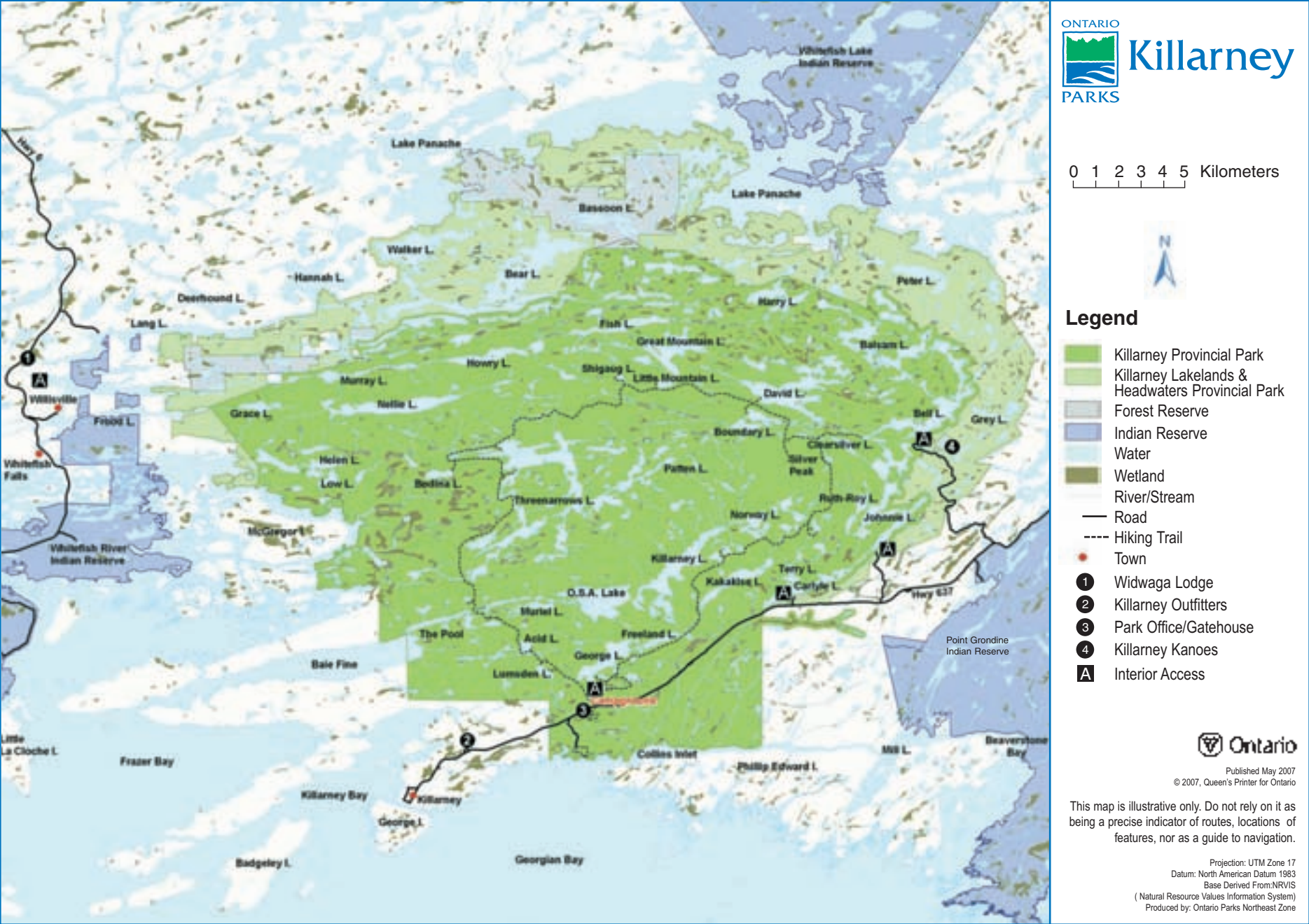
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