

Superintendent's Welcome

Welcome to Killarney Provincial

Wilderness Park.

Killarney is a real wilderness area encompassing over 64,000 ha of protected landscapes. It is comprised of a globally unique Great Lakes coast, white quartzite hills, exceptionally clear blue lakes and intact ecosystems that support wolves, bear, moose and deer.

Killarney offers an outstanding variety of year round opportunities to connect with nature, from backcountry multi-day trips – to exploring road accessible day use facilities while staying at the George Lake Campground or a nearby lodge in Killarney village. That such an area is protected as a wilderness area and can be enjoyed by those wishing to explore it – is a testament to forward thinking in a modern world. Put simply - it just does not get any better!

Congratulations on 25 years of Friendship

In 2011 we celebrate 25 years of “caring and sharing” with the Friends of Killarney Park. In 1962 the headlines read “*Long Isolated, Killarney Finally Gets a Road*” ... “*a major event in the 142 year history of this Georgian Bay community*”. Killarney Provincial Park would follow in 1964; the defining of the Park as a wilderness area in the 1970's, and the first Friends of Killarney Park Board in 1986.

The Friends have had a continuous tradition of assisting others to enjoy and protect the Park by providing publications, personal assistance, special events, educational programs, information on electronic media, hands-on labour, research, and built interpretive facilities. The Friends have always met new challenges with innovation, and adopted new technologies and strategies. The Friends long standing and evolving support for the cultural resource industry plays a major role in continuing to fix a sense of place at Killarney.



Jamieson Dyer

Lake Of The Woods Trail

New situations will continue to arise such as global climate change, thinking locally, reducing energy use, and establishing new friendships with First Nations.

Congratulations on 25 years of Friendship and looking forward to Killarney Park's 50th anniversary in 2014.

What's New?

Consider trying something new this year. Explore a new trail, appreciate a night sky, try winter camping in a heated yurt, go on a backcountry trip, or join a group doing citizen science. Meet with the park staff, the Friends and volunteers - see familiar items – for the first time - with enriched understanding; learn a new skill and gain safety

knowledge about wilderness travel. People are here to help you enrich your experiences through education and assistance.

Recent new additions include, the Friends learning centre, an observatory to view the night sky, a new trail at Lake of the Woods, upgrades at “the Crack”, park solar panels that help offset our electrical needs, new canoe routes in Killarney Lakelands and Headwaters, improved Ontario Ranger camp facilities and upgraded firewood storage.

I hope you make plenty of happy memories during your visit by having opportunities to get away and be with friends and family; to explore the backcountry beyond the reach of roads and cell phones; and experience a variety landscapes. Make this the year to try something new with the

kids and break away from the built environment to be rewarded with a view of wildlife. It is an opportunity for everyone to instill in a new generation the wonders of nature, and the need to preserve it for future generations.

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

With your help, we can maintain the ecological integrity of the park and ensure the safety and enjoyment of visitors.

Please keep in mind the following rules during your stay.

- Collection of deadfall and cutting live trees is prohibited.
- Do not feed the wildlife. Safely store all food and garbage in your vehicle whenever you leave your campsite. (For interior campers, hang your food in a tree away from your site.)
- Dogs must be on a leash at all times.
- There is no excessive noise allowed at any time. This means that visitors should not make noise that is loud enough to disturb the experience of other visitors.
- To prevent forest fires, extinguish your campfire completely before you leave your campsite, and before you go to bed.
- There must be a valid Park Permit visible on the dash of your vehicle at all times.
- There are no cans or glass bottles allowed in the interior of the Park, including all day hikes.
- There is only one vehicle allowed per campsite. All other vehicles must purchase an Additional Vehicle Permit.

The above Park Rules are also Provincial Laws and are punishable by fine or eviction.
For more information about these Park Rules and other Provincial Park Offences please see page 5.

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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

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

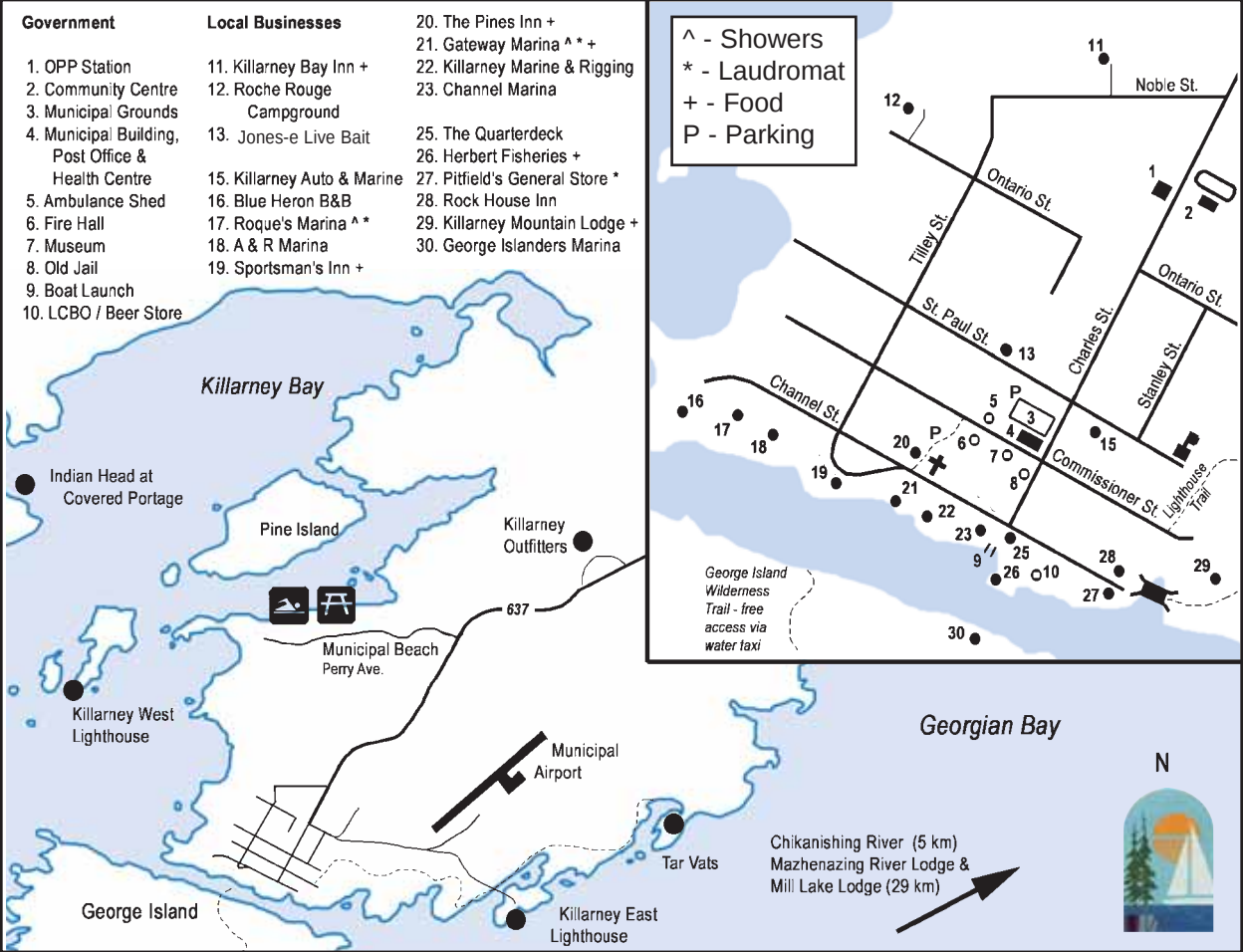
Nurse-Killarney Health Centre
(705) 287-2300

Ontario Provincial Police
1-888-310-1122

Park Office
(705) 287-2900

Forest Fire Reporting
310-FIRE (3473)

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



A Brief History of the Village of Killarney

In June 1820, Etienne Augustin Robbert de la Morandiere arrived here with his native wife Josephte Sai sai go no kwe, (“woman of the falling snow”) to establish a fur trade post.



Cam Hoeppe

Killarney village, then known as Shebahonaning (“safe passage”), was home to the Anishnaabek, a well-known sheltering spot for voyageurs, and part of the main transportation route that brought travellers to and from various communities on Georgian Bay. Natives, fur traders, government officials, entrepreneurs, surveyors, settlers, and missionaries passed through Killarney – the entrance to the North Channel.

The first steamer on Georgian Bay, Penetanguishene, arrived here in 1836. She represented a new milestone in a long era of water travel that lasted until 1963, when the

Killarney Highway was officially opened.

There is no known official explanation for the 1854 change in postal address from “Shebahonaning” to “Killarney”. Some have attributed it to Lady Dufferin, wife of Canada’s Governor-General, but their visit to Killarney took place in the 1870s – more than 20 years after the post office was established.

In July of 1867, Killarney West became the first new lighthouse in Canada to begin operating after Confederation. Within a month, the East Lighthouse had begun operating. Both were rebuilt in 1909 and continue to mark the entrances to the Killarney channel. The East Lighthouse remains a popular spot where families can have a picnic and spend the day hiking, swimming and sunbathing.

Over the years, we earned our living in the fur trade, logging, commercial fishing, trapping, mining, and tourism industries. Today, Killarney village offers a variety of services, including a liquor and beer store, gifts and souvenirs, kayak and boat rentals, tourist resorts, restaurants, a grocery store, an ice cream store, bed and breakfast operations, marinas, camp grounds, laundromats, a boat launch, a health clinic, a post office, a credit union, and a museum. Spend some time with us. We have a tradition of welcoming all visitors to our community.

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

Visit the Killarney Museum
(Located on Commissioner Street)

Open July and August
10 am – 12 noon & 1 pm – 5 pm
Everyday except Wed.

Camping in Black Bear Country



Camping in Black Bear Country

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 your 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 "habituated campsite" bears can become persistent and destructive.

Capturing and relocating campsite bears has only limited success in established campgrounds and is not practical in the backcountry. Often, the only option because of public safety is to destroy them. Keeping a clean campsite is the best way to avoid habituating a bear.

The Nature of Bears

Bears 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 including many items you would not consider 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 some steps to follow:

- Confront the animal. All members of your party should be out of your tent(s), standing up, yelling, making noise, if the bear doesn't retreat, start throwing sticks and rocks – while ensuring the bear has a clear escape route. You should wave your arms above your head. The aim is to show dominance 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 you with the bear in pursuit.
- If a bear stands upright to get a better look at you, makes huffing or "popping" sounds, stamps 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 move away. 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 stamp 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.
- 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.
- On rare occasions if you are attacked by a sow protecting her cubs, playing dead may convince her that you are no longer a threat and cease her attack. Only play dead if you know cubs are involved.

Human-bear encounters are rare in Ontario. 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.

Going Camping? Be Bear Wise



Parks are home to a variety of wildlife, including black bears. Respect nature and be a good guest by following these smart outdoor living tips.

- Keep wildlife wild. Never intentionally feed or approach wild animals.
- Put food away. To avoid attracting wildlife, store coolers and food inside a vehicle.
- Seal garbage, recycling and compost in a bag and daily deposit items into the park's bins.
- Maintain a clean campsite. Wash dishes and cooking equipment right after each meal.

Black bears prefer to avoid people. If a bear is at your site:

(Insert park bear emergency phone number and/or local police/911. Insert one or more numbers as is appropriate for local needs. In smaller print and below the emergency numbers, always include the Bear Reporting Line information as follows:)



ontario.ca/bearwise • 1 866 514-2327 • TTY 1 705 945-7641



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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 • Penage Bay Marina	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 fro your fellow visitors and the park environment. The following table list some of the more common laws enforced in provincial parks. Under the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, the register permit holder is responsible for the conduct of all campsite occupants and could be charged with an offence based on the cations of the occupants of the registered campsite. The Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act and other legislation governing behavior 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 authority of a member of the Ontario Provincial Police within a provincial park. Many of the listed offences would result in eviction from a provincial park. Evicted visitors are prohibited from en-entering any Provincial Park for a period of 72 hours. Fine 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.
Rowdyism / Noise - Use discriminatory, harassing, abusive or insulting language or gestures - Make excessive noise - Disturb other persons - Operate auto device in prohibited area	\$150.00 \$75.00	Provincial Parks are established to provide a setting for peaceful and natural experiences. Rowdy behavior 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 or original condition	\$125.00	Deposit al garbage and litter in the containers provided to discourage wildlife form becoming pest. 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) Posses 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 container 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 provision 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. Your must prominently display your valid park permit on you dashboard.
Pets - Permit domestic animal to be with 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, Your must ensure your pet does not interfere with other 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 nature 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 damage of any natural or other object. You may not take any fallen or dead wood from a provincial park for the purpose of campfire or other such intent.
Camping Permit - Fail to vacate and remove property form campsite on permit expiry - Unlawfully occupy campsite - Camp over time limit	\$75.00 \$125.00 \$75.00	Your 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 other 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 on ten-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 maxium 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 - Star 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 started by the Park Superintendent.
Fireworks - Posses 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.



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
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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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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.*

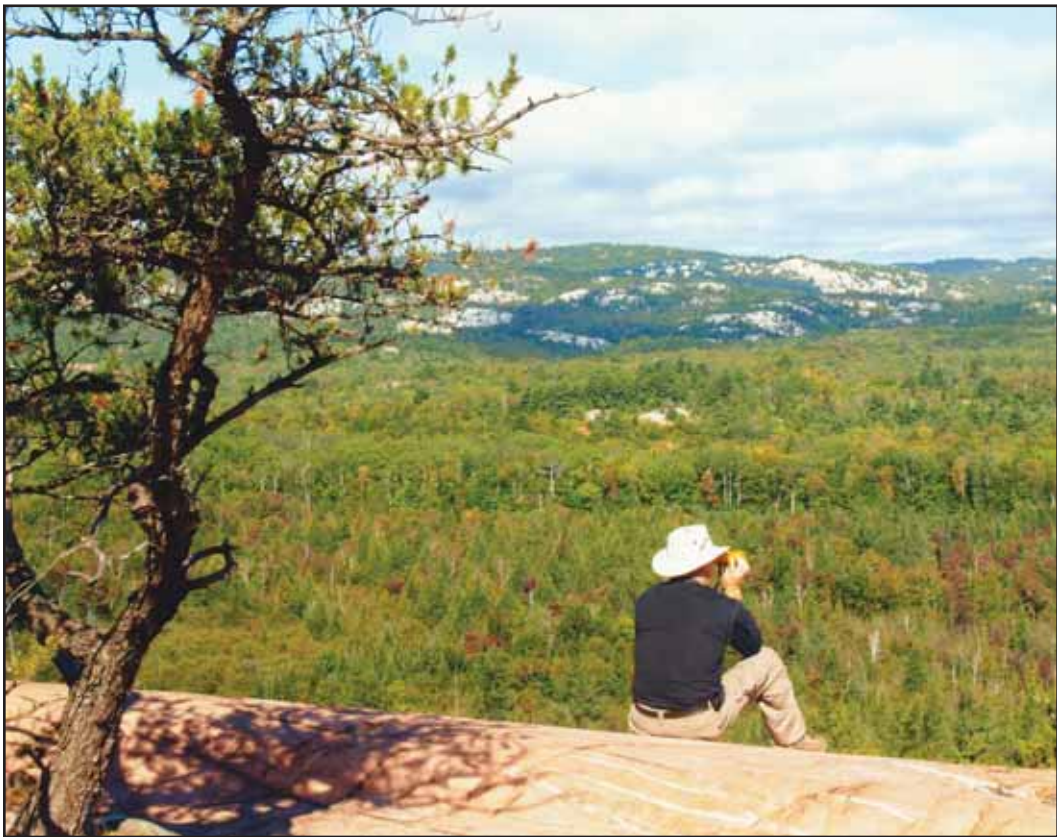
Capture the beauty of Killarney and enter Killarney Provincial Park's Photo Contest. You can choose between two categories in this contest!

- 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.

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.

Go For it!



Winner: “The View From Granite Ridge Trail” Dixie Boyd, Grimsby, Ontario



Runner Up: “Up And Over” Cathy Robinson, Ptb, 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,
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**Killarney Provincial Park and
Friends of Killarney Park staff
are not eligible to enter.*

The Great Outdoors



Winner: “Cookout in Paradise” David Andrews, Markham, Ontario



Runner Up: “On My Way To Killarney Village”
Chester Chorazyczewski, Stoney Creek, Ontario

What Are Friends For?



Art in the Park

It was a beautiful summer. We got site number 91 again across from the entrance to the La Cloche Silhouette Trail. Three and a half weeks of interior, painting and astronomy! The beauty of Killarney taught me some great secrets during my stay.

Colour informed our journey as the tropical green of Killarney Lake and next the impossible blue of O.S.A. Lake. I was honoured by being the first official Friends of Killarney Park Artist In Residence. During my stay, I taught two weeks of drawing and painting both privately and organized lessons. I painted seven paintings towards my Woods project. Painting en plein air was exhilarating, exhausting and completely worth it! I was able to understand my subject matter and the



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artists who have worked before me. I met like minded individuals who I taught and they created unique works of art of their own. Painting with Jim Morlock was a plus and it was great to collaborate with him. Both staff and campers felt that the days teaching and creating were a successful in teaching about the idea of art for art's sake. The time provided me with the studio of the outdoors for which I have an even greater respect.

By Danielle Gardner

A Message from your Friends

The Friends of Killarney Park can be proud of our contributions over the past year in preserving, protecting, and promoting the educational, environmental, and recreational goals of Killarney Provincial Park

During the summer of 2010, we launched our first Artist in Residence program. Danielle Gardner and Pierre Sabourin graciously gave their time, in a total of 15 workshops, to share their expertise in and passion for the art of painting, and thus bring out the artistic talents in participants, young and old.

We celebrated the opening of the Killarney astronomical observatory. This extraordinary gift, as well as the text for the Killarney Guide to the Night Skies, which will be available this summer, was donated by Bruce Waters.

Many of you who visited the Park recently may have noticed that the winter warm-up cabin has been relocated, just above the first beach. The upgraded building will serve as a meeting and learning centre for Friends and Park events in the future.

Recently we launched our new website, so please visit www.friendsofkillarney.ca for all your Killarney Provincial Park and FOKP info. We are anxious to hear your feedback on this or any other Friends activity, so feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail.

We are here to welcome you during every season. On behalf of Friends of Killarney Park, have a safe and enjoyable visit.

Best Regards,
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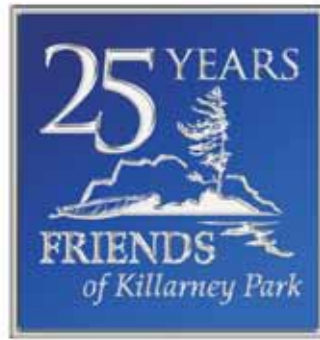
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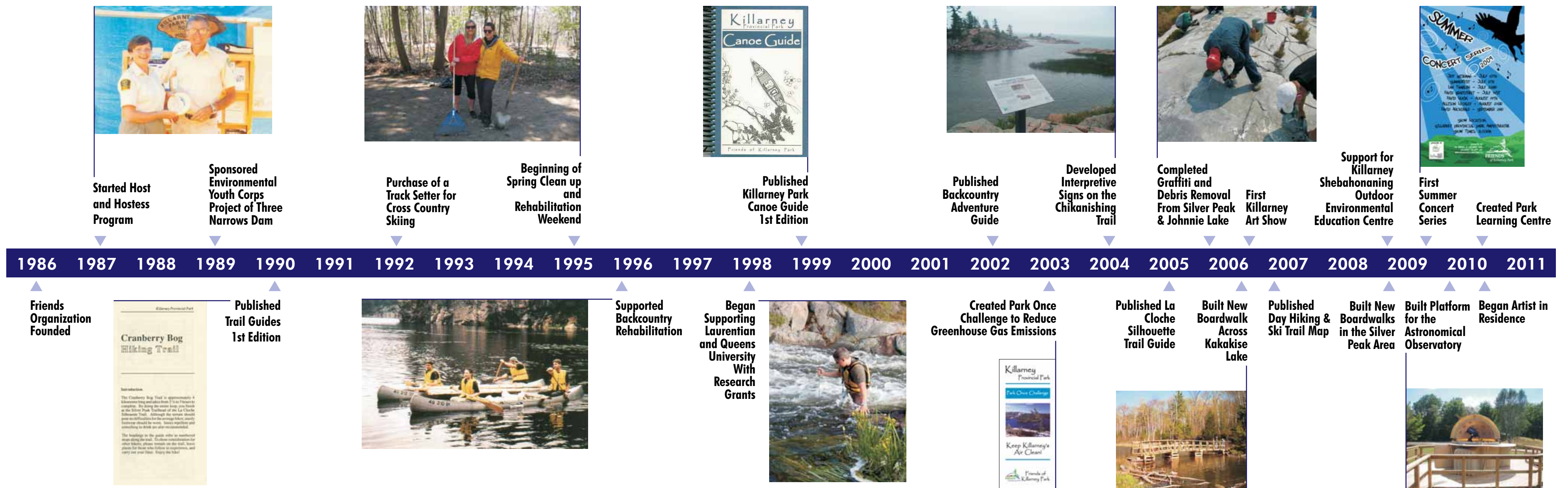
2011-12 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Details	Location	Need more info?	Contact
June 11th	Spring Loon Survey	Register to paddle for the day, complimentary dinner, fun & sun	Killarney Park	Killarney Park	705-287-2900
July 1st	Canada Day Celebrations	Cake, Swimming, Kids Games	Town Beach, Perry Avenue	Municipality of Killarney	705-287-2424
July 1st	Canada Day Fireworks	Fireworks Display beginning at dusk	St. Joseph's School	Municipality of Killarney	705-287-2424
July 9-10	Friends Weekend	Silent Auction, Musical Entertainment, Friends AGM on Sunday	Killarney Park	Friends of Killarney Park	705-287-2800
July 11th	12th Annual Butterfly Count	Butterfly chasing and identification, complimentary dinner	Killarney Park	Killarney Park	705-287-2900
July 30th-July 31st	Killarney Art Show	View and purchase art from the area	Veterans Memorial Hall	Friends of Killarney Park	705-287-2800
July 30th-July 31st	Killarney Volunteer Fireman's Fish Fry Weekend	Live Entertainment, Fresh Fish, Kids Games, Dancing	Killarney Community Centre	Municipality of Killarney	705-287-2424
Aug 13th	Summer Loon Survey	Register to paddle for the day, complimentary dinner, fun & sun	Killarney Park	Killarney Park	705-287-2900
December 14th	Annual Christmas Bird Count	Snowshoeing, Skiing, Bird Watching & Identification	Killarney Area	Killarney Park	705-287-2900
Feb 3rd-5th, 2012	Killarney's Annual Winter Carnival	Hockey & Curling Tournaments, Dancing, Contests, FUN!	Killarney Community Centre	Municipality of Killarney	705-287-2424
Feb 18th & 19th, 2012	Friends of Killarney Winter Activity Day	Snowshoeing, Skiing, Presentations	Killarney Park	Friends of Killarney Park	705-287-2800



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Friendship for 25 Years

Chuck Miller, Killarney Provincial Park Superintendent

Killarney village made front page news in the *Globe and Mail* on July 19, 1962, with the headline "Long Isolated, Killarney Finally Gets a Road" ... "a major event in the 142 year history of this Georgian Bay community". Killarney Provincial Park would follow in 1964, the end of logging in Killarney in 1969, and by the late 1970's the classification of the area as a "wilderness" Park with policies limiting motorized access, and sport hunting.

The early 1980's defined the Park as a wilderness area of canoe routes and hiking trails harbouring the ideals of solitude and personal integration with nature ; designated backcountry campsites, quotas and park reservations would soon follow; this necessitated the printing a park map. The creation of a not-for-profit organization was seen as the best way of sustaining Park publications. The group became known as the "Friends".

The first Friends of Killarney Park Board in 1986 was made up of local cottagers, interested campers, and Park staff. Part of the motivation for joining the Friends may have been to keep an eye on and influence government policy makers. Bert Treff, a Park cottager, would be the Friends first president. The first task of the Friends was centred on printing a high-quality Park map. Two founding families of the Friends, the Swatkows and the Parks, would expand the role of the Friends by establishing themselves as "hosts" in the George Lake Campground. The

Friends also hosted a winter ski event as a social event and to boost winter tourism.

In the 1990's the secret of Killarney's wilderness beauty was out and visitation to the Park grew rapidly. The Friends' "hosts" evolved into an "Outpost" store, and when a new Park office was constructed, the "Outpost" moved into the new building. The Friends ability to raise money expanded, and while they continued to print the Park maps, they also developed and published new Park guides, staffed and delivered educational programs, and built Park interpretive facilities and signs. The Friends hired an executive director to coordinate the business of the organization. A growing Friends membership developed "hands-on" involvement with the Park with the cleanup weekend, campsite rehabilitation, and tree planting, that has since become a tradition of the spring season. The Park and the Friends moved from the simple computers and Gestetner stencils publishing of the 1980's, into the age of the electronic-information revolution and quality-print publications.

The Park reached peak summer capacity in the summer of 2000. After that date, visitation to the Park stabilized, and remained at about 100,000 visitors annually to the present. People continued to enjoy and explore nature, but wanted further enriching experiences and more amenities. The protected wilderness core and adjacent parks expanded significantly. The Friends maintained existing programs and expanding websites and electronic social networking; built relationships

with the community of Killarney; fostered cultural events; supported research; repaired trail infrastructure; introduced new infrastructure (observatory, learning centre); promoted winter tourism; focused on "green" (beginning with energy audits); and consolidated its own governance and positioned itself for future fundraising initiatives. The Park and Friends planned for a visitor centre, which was, however, not built.

The wilderness resources at Killarney continue to gain in national and international attention. The challenge is balancing wilderness values, protecting ecological integrity, species at risk, and managing energy use - education and research will be key elements. Service excellence and education programs will continue to be needed to address an aging, more diverse, urban visitor - barriers of language and mobility need to be removed, and outdoor skills development needs to occur. The Friends and Park will meet these new challenges together with innovations and the adoption of new technologies and strategies. The longstanding and evolving support for the cultural resource industry will also play a major role in continuing to fix a sense of place at Killarney. New opportunities will arise to advance the local market in Sudbury and to establish new friendships with First Nations.

Congratulations on 25 years of Friendship and looking forward to The Park's 50th anniversary in 2014.

FOKP President's Message 2011

Murray O'Brien, President

The eastern white pine is Ontario's official tree. It is a talisman of our northern landscape and most of us recognize its beautiful silhouette as a symbol of the Group of Seven artists. It is also one of the dominant features in the Friends of Killarney Park logo.

They say a white pine can grow to heights of 30 to 50 metres and live hundreds of years. At 25 years of age though, a white pine has already grown quite a lot and accomplished much considering many don't even survive the tender sapling stage. They have to compete with others who want the same things. They have to weather powerful storms and unexpected situations. But if a tree has a good support system and a strong heritage, it can truly reach for the sky. At 25, the roots of the eastern white pine will have already been proven strong and the spirit within the tree is ready to reach even higher in the years that follow.

Friends of Killarney Park is celebrating our 25th Anniversary this year and I like to think we are similar to the great eastern white pine. In 1986 a small group of friends had the seed of an idea. They dreamed about an organization dedicated to the goal of preserving, promoting and protecting Killarney Provincial Park. They worked hard to make that happen. And thanks to the support and dedicated hard work of the many friends that followed them, this organization has grown and flourished. It is evidenced all around us in this jewel of the Ontario Parks.

The Friends of Killarney Park roots are strong. This year we will celebrate 25 years of accomplishments and the current Board, staff and volunteers will reach out to achieve even more in the many years to follow. "Let's B Friends".

Innovative Donor at Age 88



Gladys Grant, left, accompanied by her daughter Shirley and granddaughter Jody.

Gladys Grant is not only 88 years old, but she also is a recent newcomer to Killarney. Her first visit was only five years ago. Her granddaughter and grandson-in-law own a camp on Carlyle Lake and introduced her to the Killarney area. She knows how important it is to preserve and protect this beautiful environment, and so she decided to make a financial contribution.

Gladys' daughter Shirley, a smart and practical woman, suggested that she consider donating some of her stocks directly, and thereby avoiding any capital

gains tax. The Friends of Killarney Park assisted her through this process, as this was a new and creative way to give. Thanks to Gladys, the mechanisms are now in place to make this an easy and effective way for anyone to contribute stocks to further the Friends' important mission and mandate.

If you are considering making a donation of stocks to the Friends and need assistance, please contact Kris Puhvel, our Executive Director, at 705-287-2800.

Let's B Friends!

Find out more about the Friends and how you can support our goals by:

- Visit our website at: www.friendsofkillarneypark.ca
- Stop in at the George Lake Outpost Centre
- Join us on Facebook

Here are a few ways you can help:

- Donate
- Become a Member
- Volunteer

We would like to thank all our individual supporters, and the following recent contributors for their generosity towards the Friends of Killarney Park:





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

Boat Safety Equipment

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

Navigational Equipment

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

See Canadian Coast Guard's "Safe Boating Guide" for further details.

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!

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This pest is quickly spreading. In addition to the regulated areas above, the emerald ash borer has also been confirmed in the following Ontario regions: City of Bradford, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Oxford County, City of Ottawa - outside of the Regulated Area, Perth County and Wellington County.

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

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The Group of Seven Painters in Killarney Provincial

Have you ever admired a landscape painting but wished that you could go and see that place yourself? Well, we have! In fact, we have located and photographed many of the places in Killarney Provincial Park that were painted by Canada's best known painters, the Group of Seven.

Although the Group of Seven worked throughout Canada and produced many of the iconic images that we have of the north, the locations of the actual scenes that inspired them are generally unknown. In contrast the places where many of the great European painters did their works are well known. In fact, for example, one may dine in the Maison Fournaise restaurant in Chatou, France, in the very place that Renoir painted "Luncheon of the Boating Party" and "The Rowers' Lunch" but the sites of A.Y. Jackson's "Terre Sauvage" and Franklin Carmichael's "Mirror Lake" are unknown.

The spectacular beauty of Killarney Provincial Park has been the source of inspiration for many painters. None of them are more famous than the Group of Seven. The long hiking trail through the park was named after one of Carmichael's paintings; "La Cloche Silhouette". It is well known that A. Y. Jackson, Franklin W. Carmichael, Arthur Lismer and A. J. Casson painted extensively in the quartzite hills of the La Cloche range but where exactly did they do their work?

In 1977 on one of our first visits to the park, we took along a small copy of the painting "Hills, Killarney, (Nellie Lake)" by A. Y. Jackson. We had seen this spectacular work at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg Ontario. We were surprised that not only could we find the view that he painted, but we could even find the place where he must have sat while sketching. It was thrilling. This inspired us to return to these hills many times with the express purpose of trying to locate the painting sites of the Group of Seven. When we find a likely location, we take a picture of what it looks like now. In many cases the forest has changed considerably in the past seventy years. Much of the area had been logged or burned in the 1920s so the white rock was much more visible then.

Franklin Carmichael made a beautiful watercolour that was left untitled, just a "La Cloche Landscape"(see the accompanying figure). This work has been donated to the Tom Thomson Gallery in Owen Sound. The artist was looking east over the small bay at the west end of Nellie Lake. He must have enjoyed this scene very much because it is the subject of several of his paintings including one at the Art Gallery of Sudbury. He would probably have been delighted to know that this bay was renamed Carmichael Lake.

The Group first visited this region forty years before Highway 637 was opened. So the easy access to village of Killarney was not available. They came by train to the north-west part of the park so most of the works that they produced are in that area. There is some evidence that A.Y. Jackson first visited Nellie Lake in the early 1920s. He was followed by Franklin Carmichael who was so impressed by the quartzite hills and clear lakes that he built a cabin on Cranberry Bay. He produced dozens of very detailed sketches of Frood Lake, Cranberry Bay, Grace Lake and Nellie Lake. Arthur Lismer painted extensively in McGregor Bay and the beautiful Baie Fine. Although both Jackson and Casson painted on O.S.A. Lake, the works are not publicly owned.



Untitled (La Cloche Landscape), watercolour on paper, 28.7 x 34 cm
Tom Thomson Art Gallery, Owen Sound ON, Gift of R. James and Barbara Mastin



Of the better-known paintings we now know where A. Y. Jackson painted, are "Bent Pine", "Hills, Killarney, (Nellie Lake)" and "Lake in the Hills". We have located sites of many of Franklin Carmichael's famous paintings including "Cranberry Bay", several paintings titled "Grace Lake" and "Light and Shadow". We have photographed the spot that Arthur Lismer represented in

"Bright Land". A.J. Casson's "Little Bay in the North Channel" is not in the park but is still in the La Cloche hills. The bay is so small that there is barely room to turn a canoe around in it! All together we have located about 70 painting sites in La Cloche.

In the fall of 1941 A.Y. Jackson brought a film crew from the National Film Board to Willisville and from there by canoe through Cranberry Bay and then up the steep portage trail to Grace Lake. The resulting movie, "Canadian Landscape", is one of the first by the NFB in colour. This little gem, which is available on-line, shows a number of scenes of Jackson sketching from the top of the hills that surround the lake. One can only imagine the complaints of the film crew who had to follow the energetic artist around while lugging all of their equipment.

We continue to canoe and hike in the park looking for more of the beautiful places that were found by the Group of Seven. The McMichael Canadian Art Collection has set up a website that illustrates some of our findings. see www.groupofseven.ca . We particularly like giving talks about our hobby because we have learned a lot from our audiences. We would be happy to hear from you.

Sue and Jim Waddington
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The Killarney Provincial Park Observatory

Killarney Provincial Park is famous for its incredible mountains and pristine waterways; luring thousands of visitors to enjoy the tranquil wilderness every year. The Park has also become known for the quality of its pristine dark skies, some of the last to be found within easy access.

For over twenty-six years, the Park has offered presentations on the night sky as part of its Natural Heritage Education (NHE) programs. These very popular presentations have covered a wide range of topics and always involve an opportunity to learn about the night sky through hands on demonstrations, constellation tours and the opportunity to look through a high powered telescope.

In the summer of 2010, a permanent astronomical observatory became available to all visitors of the park. This new facility – the Killarney Provincial Park Observatory – boasts a fully computer controlled large telescope that sits inside a rotatable dome. The facility is open all year round and can be used to find any one of a thousand objects or more within the computer's memory.

You can enjoy the Observatory in several ways: It is available for regularly scheduled NHE programs, and it is available to any park visitor through a sign-out program – a first in North America. To learn more about how you can enhance your Killarney Provincial Park experience, please visit the Park office and speak to a member of our staff.





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.

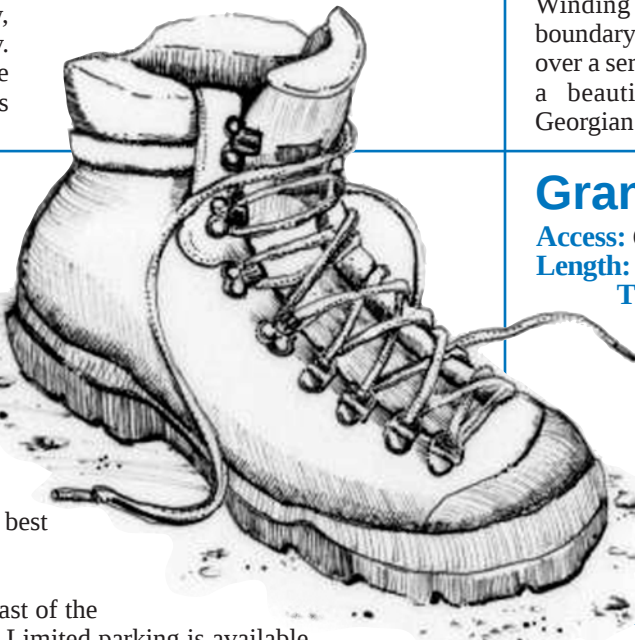
- Bicycles are not allowed on any trails within the park.
- Natural objects such as plants, trees, rock formations as well as archaeological and historical artifacts are for all to enjoy, please do not remove, damage or deface them. Please respect physical, cultural and historical sites. Remember it 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 #101. 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!

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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

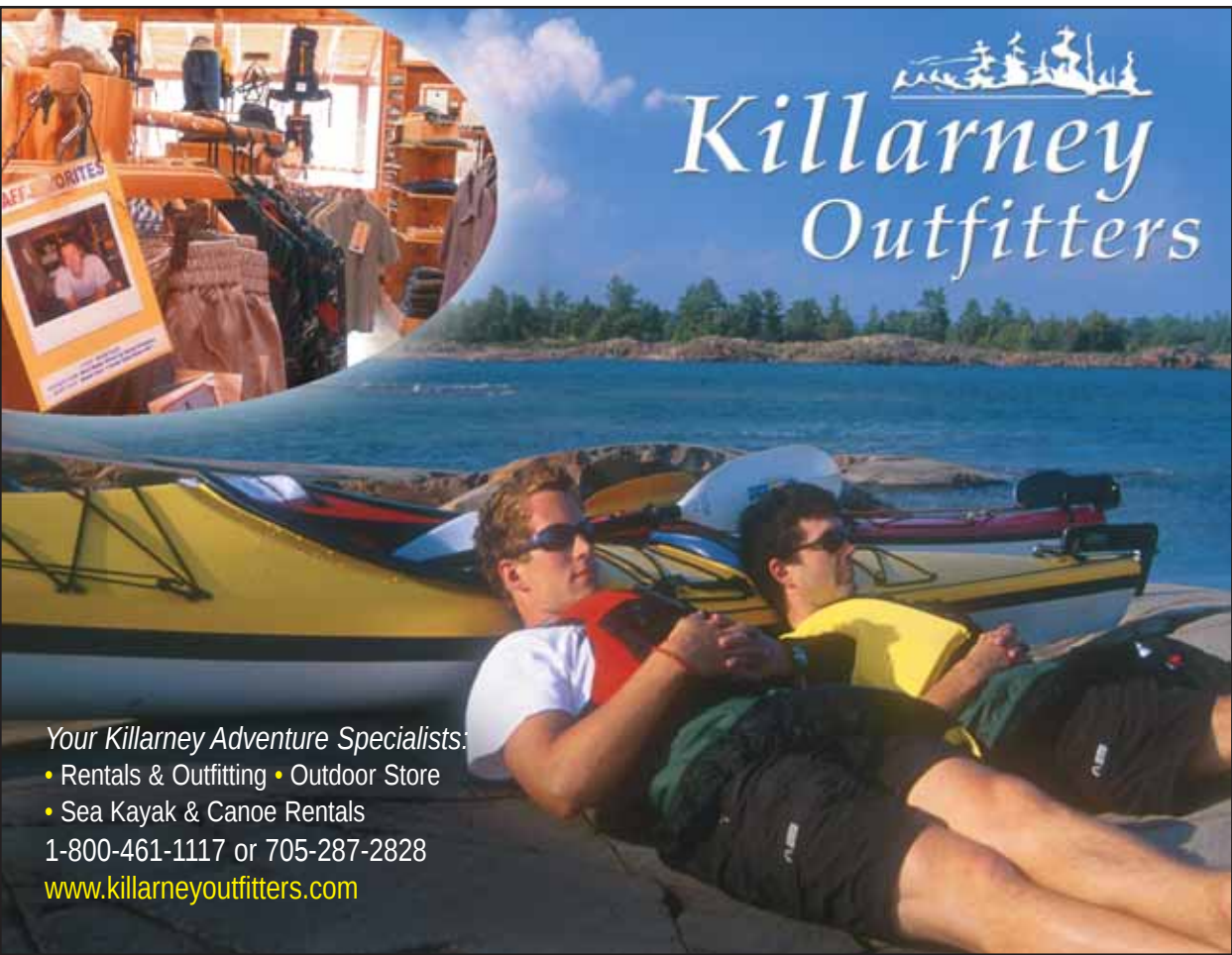
Access: Opposite park office.
Length: Approximately 2 km. Loop trail.
Time: 1 1/4 hours, steady going.
Difficulty: Moderate, with some steep sections. Good footwear required.
Caution: In wet weather rock surfaces are very slippery. The trail path may be wet.
Granite Ridge Trail starts by winding through 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 red 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?

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Lake of The Woods Trail

Access: Travel 21 km west from the George Lake Campground Office along Highway 637. Turn left onto Bell Lake Road. Follow along Bell Lake Road for approximately 7 km. There is parking on the right hand side of the road, next to the portage into Turbid Lake. The Lake of the Woods Trail starts across the road from the parking area.



Length: Approximately 3.5km along a loop trail

Time: 3 hours steady going.

Difficulty: Moderate with multiple steep sections.

Caution: In wet weather rock surfaces are very slippery. This trail includes many short, steep sections; sturdy hiking boots are recommended.

This loop trail encircles Lake of the Woods, traveling through a variety of forest types, from old growth stands to elevated rocky outcrops. These outcrops offer excellent views of Silver Peak six kilometres to the west and Lake of the Woods below. At one point, the trail descends to the lakeshore where a short boardwalk connects to the lake's only island.

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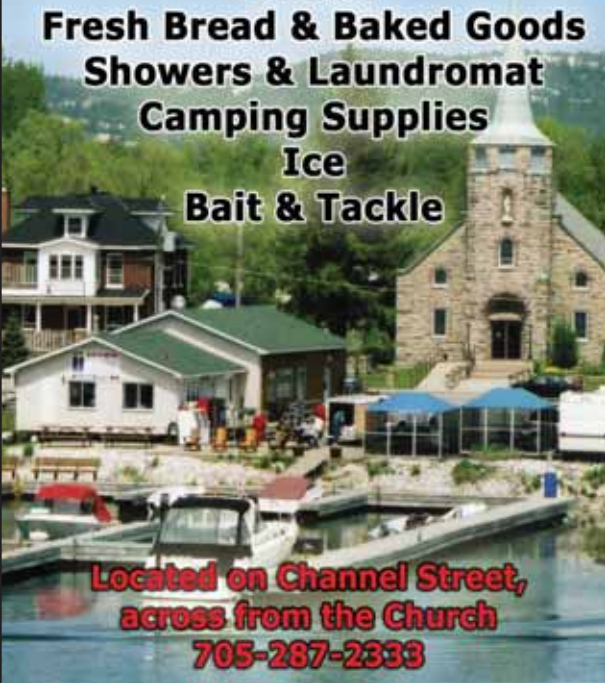
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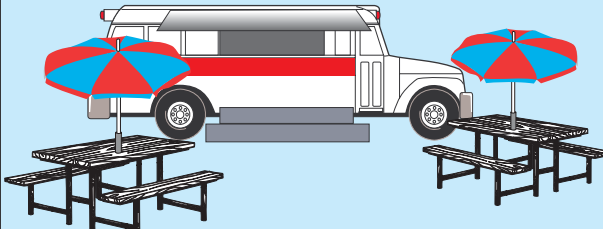
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Mississagi Provincial Park

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



Helenbar Lookout Trail, Mississagi Provincial Park

waters await! Grundy Lake is an excellent spot to stop for a swim or for lunch on your way home.

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.

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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;
- both standing and fallen deadwood is important habitat for cavity nesters, salamanders and many forest bugs;



West Nile virus: Camping

Wear mosquito netting, long sleeves and long pants wherever there are mosquitoes. For exposed skin use an effective bug repellent such as one that contains DEET, and avoid mosquito areas, especially from dusk to dawn when they're most active. Make sure your tent or cabin can keep the bugs out. To learn more visit the WNV website, or call for a brochure.

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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

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.

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

- At the time of registration group supervisors must provide the park with their planned itinerary - reservations should be made separately.
- 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:

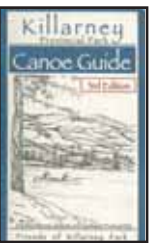
One supervisor: five youth per site, or with additional supervision; two supervisors: six or seven youth (2:6/7).

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.

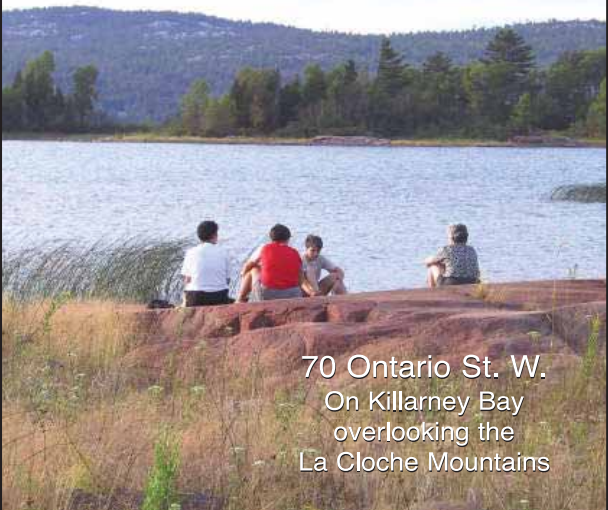
Make sure you have a current copy of the Killarney Provincial Park Backcountry Hiking and Canoe Route Map when making a reservation!

For more information contact the Friends of Killarney Park at 705-287-2800 or www.friendsofkillarneypark.ca.



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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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Yurts

A What?

A Killarney Yurt is a modern aluminum-framed, 8 sided insulated tent 16 feet in diameter constructed on a large wooden deck. Each yurt is remotely located at the end of a trail off of the main interior parking lot and comes furnished with a dining table and 6 chairs; 2 bunk beds each having a twin upper and double lower mattress to sleep a maximum of 6 people. Yurts are also equipped with lights, electric heat, 2 GFIC outlets and 4 windows to add to your comfort. Outside on your private deck, you'll find a BBQ with propane, a picnic table and a metal bear-proof food box, fire ring and 2nd picnic table.



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.

During the rest of the year, when the campground gates are open, you may drive to the yurt access trail and walk to your yurt site in just a few minutes. Each yurt is supplied with a small garden cart (located in the yurt) to help you transport your gear and food to your yurt.

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
Passing through a diverse numbers of landscapes, and with some steeper sections, this trail is best suited for more advanced skiers.

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