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Lake Fact Sheet – Parry Sound District

Morrison Lake

Location	
Official Name:	Morrison Lake Local Names:
County/District:	Muskoka Geographic Twp:..... Wood
Municipality:.....	Town of Gravenhurst MNR Admin. Area:..... Bracebridge
Lat./Long:.....	44.8711 N 79.4539 W UTM (NAD83): 17 622130 4969795
Topographic Map (1:50,000):	31D14 Drainage Basin:..... Severn River

Physical Features		
Surface Area (ha):	249 Maximum Depth (m):.....	18 Mean Depth (m):..... 4
Elevation (m asl):.....	229 Perimeter (km):.....	11 Island Shoreline (km):..... 8
Volume (10 ⁴ m ³):.....	996 Watershed (km ²):	68 Water Clarity (m):..... 3.5
	(excludes area of lake)	

Land Use and Development	
Crown Land (%):.....	5 Provincial Parks:..... Morrison Lake Wetland Conservation Reserve
Shoreline Development:	high; shoreline residential, commercial
Access:.....	permitted; North Morrison Lake Road off Southwood Road
Water Level Management:.....	not regulated

Fish Species	
Major Fish Species:	smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, muskellunge, northern pike(? , 2009)
Other Fish Species:	brown bullhead, golden shiner, pumpkinseed, cisco (lake herring), white sucker, rock bass, trout- perch, yellow perch, spottail shiner
Other Species:	

Notes: E: extirpated, I: introduced – intentional or accidental, O: occasional, R: remnant, S: currently stocked, ?: status uncertain, 2009: year of first record or introduction if known, blank: presumed native

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Fisheries Management

<i>Fisheries Management Zone:</i>	15
<i>Designation for Lake Trout Management:</i>	not designated
<i>Fishing Regulation Exceptions</i>	no lake-specific exceptions
<i>Current Stocking:</i>	none
<i>Historic Stocking (last year stocked):</i>	largemouth bass (1954), smallmouth bass (1957), muskellunge (1965)
<i>Contaminants (species tested):</i>	smallmouth bass
<i>Assessment:</i>	<i>Completed Projects:</i>
	1968 lake survey
	1987 lake survey

Synopsis

Morrison Lake is a cool water lake located at the south end of Wood Township. Most of the lake is relatively shallow and suited to species such as bass. There is a small volume of deeper cold-water habitat that is inhabited by a population of cisco. A study of the population was done by a college student in 1979.

Very little assessment or management work has been done on the lake. It was stocked with bass and muskellunge periodically until the 1950s/60s. It is not known if the early stocking events were introductions, or supplemental stocking of native populations. It is one of very few lakes in the District that supports a muskellunge population. An unverified report has been received that pike have become established in the lake. If true, the pike could have a major impact on the muskellunge population.

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