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Lake Fact Sheet – Parry Sound District Clear Lake

Location	
<i>Official Name:</i> Clear Lake	<i>Local Names:</i> Torrance Lake
<i>County/District:</i> Muskoka	<i>Geographic Twp:</i> Wood
<i>Municipality:</i> Township of Muskoka Lakes	<i>MNR Admin. Area:</i> Bracebridge
<i>Lat./Long:</i> 44.9836 N -79.5542 W	<i>UTM (NAD83):</i> 17 613986 4982146
<i>Topographic Map (1:50,000):</i> 31D13	<i>Drainage Basin:</i> Lake Muskoka

Physical Features		
<i>Surface Area (ha):</i> 149	<i>Maximum Depth (m):</i> 17	<i>Mean Depth (m):</i> 8
<i>Elevation (m asl):</i> 244	<i>Perimeter (km):</i> 7.0	<i>Island Shoreline (km):</i> 1.0
<i>Volume (10⁴ m³):</i> 1237	<i>Watershed (km²):</i> 1.1 (excludes area of lake)	<i>Water Clarity (m):</i> 7.4

Land Use and Development	
<i>Crown Land (%):</i> 0	<i>Provincial Parks:</i> none
<i>Shoreline Development:</i>	high; shoreline residential
<i>Access:</i>	private
<i>Water Level Management:</i>	not regulated

Fish Species
<i>Major Fish Species:</i> largemouth bass (I), smallmouth bass (I), burbot, rainbow trout (S), northern pike (I 2007)
<i>Other Fish Species:</i> rock bass (I), yellow perch, rainbow smelt (I), pumpkinseed, white sucker, brown bullhead
<i>Other Species:</i> spiny water flea (I 2006)

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>		rainbow trout; put-grow-take - no natural reproduction is expected stocked every second year with fall fingerlings
<i>Historic Stocking (last year stocked):</i>		smallmouth bass (1967), splake (1985)
<i>Contaminants (species tested):</i>		none
<i>Assessment:</i>	<i>Completed Projects:</i>	
	1952	biological survey report
	1973	lake survey
	1986	splake stocking assessment

Synopsis

True to its name, Clear Lake comes by its high water clarity due to the very small watershed, relative to the size of the lake. The lake has a moderate amount of cold water habitat and attempts have been made to use this habitat by stocking different species, namely splake and rainbow trout. Given the limited access and recently reported invasion by pike, the value of continued stocking is probably limited.

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