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Lake Fact Sheet – Parry Sound District

Gull Lake

Location	
Official Name:.....	Gull Lake
Local Names:.....	
County/District:.....	Muskoka
Geographic Twp:.....	Muskoka
Municipality:.....	Town of Gravenhurst
MNR Admin. Area:.....	Bracebridge
Lat./Long:.....	44.914 N -79.351 W
UTM (NAD83):.....	17 630174 4974708
Topographic Map (1:50,000):.....	31D14
Drainage Basin:.....	Lake Muskoka

Physical Features		
Surface Area (ha):.....	134	Maximum Depth (m):..... 8.2
Mean Depth (m):.....	4.4	Island Shoreline (km):..... 0.6
Elevation (m asl):.....	248	Perimeter (km):..... 7.6
Volume (10 ⁴ m ³):.....	590	Watershed (km ²):..... 10.1
		(excludes area of lake)

Land Use and Development	
Crown Land (%):.....	0
Provincial Parks:.....	none
Shoreline Development:	High; urban, shoreline residential.
Access:	Public; boat launch, parking and municipal park on Bethune Drive in Gravenhurst
Water Level Management:	Not regulated

Fish Species	
Major Fish Species:	smallmouth bass (I), yellow perch, largemouth bass (I), rock bass (I), rainbow trout (S)
Other Fish Species:	white sucker, brown bullhead, pumpkinseed
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 (2009);
<i>Current Stocking:</i>	rainbow trout; stocked a put-grow-take basis, every second year with fall fingerlings
<i>Historic Stocking (last year stocked):</i>	walleye (1946), brook trout (1950), lake trout (1950), smallmouth bass (1963),
<i>Contaminants:</i>	Fish have not been tested by MOE for their suitability for human consumption.
<i>Assessment:</i>	Completed Projects:
	1975 Lake survey

Synopsis

The native fish community of Gull Lake was probably dominated by perch and bullheads. Smallmouth bass were stocked as early as 1905, suggesting they were not native. Several other species were stocked up until the 1950's with little success. Bass are now the dominant sport fish species in the lake. Rainbow trout are stocked in an attempt to diversify the fishery in this easily accessible, near-urban lake. Although the amount of suitable cold water habitat is quite limited, the trout stocking is currently very successful. We speculate that trout move between Gull and Silver Lake, taking advantage of the deeper water afforded by Silver Lake.

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