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Lake Fact Sheet – Parry Sound District

Gullwing Lake

Location	
Official Name:.....Gullwing Lake	Local Names:.....
County/District:.....Muskoka	Geographic Twp:..... Wood
Municipality:.....Township of Muskoka Lakes	MNR Admin. Area:..... Bracebridge
Lat./Long:.....44.977 N -79.537 W	UTM (NAD83):.....17 615335 4981461
Topographic Map (1:50,000):.....31D13	Drainage Basin:..... Lake Muskoka

Physical Features		
Surface Area (ha):.....82	Maximum Depth (m):.....9	Mean Depth (m):..... 4
Elevation (m asl):.....244	Perimeter (km):.....7.7	Island Shoreline (km):.....0.5
Volume (10 ⁴ m ³):.....328	Watershed (km ²):..... 19.4 (excludes area of lake)	Water Clarity (m):..... 2.9

Land Use and Development	
Crown Land (%):..... 25	Provincial Parks:..... southernmost portion of lake is adjacent to Torrance Barrens Conservation Reserve
Shoreline Development:.....	low; shoreline residential
Access:.....	permitted; via Clear Lake Road
Water Level Management:.....	not regulated

Fish Species
Major Fish Species:..... largemouth bass (I 1974), smallmouth bass (I?), northern pike (I 2002)
Other Fish Species:.....cisco, golden shiner, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, brown bullhead, rock bass, white sucker
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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>	smallmouth bass (1964)
<i>Contaminants (species tested):</i>	none
<i>Assessment:</i>	<i>Completed Projects:</i>
	1967 Original Lake Survey
	1976 Lake Survey

Synopsis

Gullwing Lake is a lake of moderate size and depth and fairly low water clarity. The native fish community was limited to mostly small fish species and possibly smallmouth bass. Bass were stocked into many lakes before many lake surveys were done, so it is not known if early plantings were introductions. Largemouth bass have become established more recently than smallmouth, but before the 1974 survey, probably as a result of an unauthorized stocking. Northern pike have been recently reported as well. As limited information is available on the habitat it is difficult to predict how common they will become.

In 2003, walleye fingerlings were stocked by a private individual. An anecdotal report was received in 2011 that some walleye have been caught. It isn't known whether they are the original stocked fish or their progeny. Given the physical characteristics and existing fish community of the lake it seems unlikely that a significant self-sustaining walleye population could be maintained but put-grow-take stocking may be reasonably successful.

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