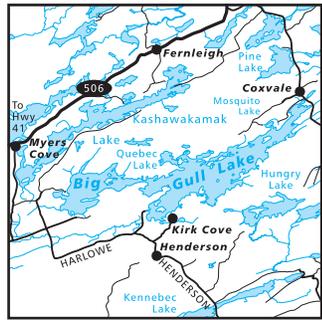


Big Gull (Clarendon) Lake

Eastern Ontario



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Fishing



Big Gull Lake is a popular summer cottage destination lake that is inhabited with smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, northern pike and walleye. Due to the popularity of the lake, the lake receives significant angling pressure throughout the year.

Fishing is fair for smallmouth and largemouth bass in the 0.5-1.5 kg (1-3.5 lb) range. Smallmouth are often found along rock walls and off any of the islands around the lake. Try working a jig or tube jig along the bottom. A crayfish imitation fly or lure can also work quite well. Largemouth bass are predominately found in the shallower more weedy areas of the lake. There are a number of quiet weedy bays around the lake that are good holding areas for largemouth. As evening approaches, top water flies and lures can be productive for largemouth, with the odd pike adding excitement to well presented offerings.

Fishing success for northern pike and especially walleye is much slower than for bass. This is due primarily to over fishing over the years. Walleye is the number one targeted species in Southern Ontario and Big Gull Lake is no exception. Anglers will still find pike in the shallower sections of the lake as well as cruising along island areas at times. Trolling a spoon or casting spinner baits along these structure areas can entice northern pike strikes.

Access



Sometimes referred to as Clarendon Lake, Big Gull Lake is found to the southeast of Bon Echo Provincial Park. To reach the lake, follow Highway 7 to the Harlowe Henderson Road located at the yellow flashing light near Arden. Head north along this side road and look for the Veley Road off the east side. Veley Road leads to a couple of public launching areas. If you continue west along the Harlowe Henderson Road, you will pass by the access road to Earls Bay where another boat launching area and small marina are located.

Visitors wishing to access the east side of the lake can follow the Coxvale Clarendon Road to a launching area near the dam at Coxvale. The Coxvale Clarendon Road can be reached by following Highway 509 north from Highway 7 at Sharbot Lake.

Facilities



A number of cottages and tourist operators are located around Big Gull Lake. Private launching and accommodations can be found at the lake. The lake is also home to four public boat launches that provide good access to different bays on the big lake.

For the adventurer at heart, the **Mazinaw/Mississippi Canoe Route** passes through Big Gull. As a result, there are several rustic Crown Land campsites scattered around the lake. All campsites are quite basic with only a few offering a fire pit and privy.

Lake Definition



Elevation: 253.3 m (831 ft)
Surface Area: 2,364.4 ha (5,840 ac)
Mean Depth: 4 m (12.9 ft)
Max Depth: 26 m (85 ft)
Perimeter: 88.5 km (55 mi)
Way Point: 44° 50' 00" Lat - N
 76° 58' 00" Lon - W

Other Options



There are two small lakes that can be accessed by portage off the north side of Big Gull Lake. **Quebec Lake** can be reached from the northern middle part of Big Gull and offers fishing opportunities for smallmouth bass, largemouth bass and the odd small northern pike. **Mosquito Lake** can be found by a short portage along the northeast end of Big Gull. **Mosquito Lake** is inhabited by largemouth bass, which provide for fair fishing on occasion. Both Mosquito Lake and Quebec Lake are home to rustic Crown Land campsites.

