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Lake Fact Sheet – Parry Sound District

Arrowhead Lake

Location	
Official Name:	Arrowhead Lake Local Names: Rat Lake
County/District:	Muskoka Geographic Twp: Chaffey
Municipality:	Town of Huntsville MNR Admin. Area: Bracebridge
Lat./Long:	45.397 N 79.201 W UTM (NAD83): 17 640798 5028591
Topographic Map (1:50,000):	31E06 Drainage Basin: Big East River

Physical Features		
Surface Area (ha):	62 Maximum Depth (m):	13 Mean Depth (m):
Elevation (m asl):	335 Perimeter (km):	4.4 Island Shoreline (km):
Volume (10 ⁴ m ³):	434 Watershed (km ²):	94 Water Clarity (m):
(excludes area of lake)		

Land Use and Development	
Crown Land (%):	100 Provincial Parks: located completely inside Arrowhead Provincial Park
Shoreline Development:	low; provincial park campground
Access:	public; no motor boats allowed; park pass required
Water Level Management:	not regulated

Fish Species	
Major Fish Species:	brook trout (O), smallmouth bass (I)
Other Fish Species:	cisco (lake herring), white sucker, creek chub, yellow perch, brown bullhead
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

Fisheries Management Zone:..... 15

Designation for Lake Trout Management:..... not designated

Fishing Regulation Exceptions:

No lake-specific exceptions (2009); refer to current Regulation Summary for details:

www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/index.html

Current Stocking:.....none

Historic Stocking (last year stocked):..... brook trout (1973)

Contaminants (species tested):.....smallmouth bass

Assessment:

Completed Projects:

1931	lake survey
1962	biological survey
1968	creel survey
1969	lake survey
1978	creel survey

Synopsis

Brook trout were probably the only native sport fish species in Arrowhead Lake. Despite the absence of any stocking records, smallmouth bass were probably introduced early in the 1900's. Brook trout still occur, probably mostly through immigration from the Little East River which flows into the lake.

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Refer to Lake Fact Background Information document for explanation of content.

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