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Lake Fact Sheet – Parry Sound District

# Big Deer Lake

Location	
<i>Official Name:</i> ..... Big Deer Lake	<i>Local Names:</i> ..... Ferrie Lake
<i>County/District:</i> ..... Parry Sound	<i>Geographic Twp:</i> ..... Ferrie
<i>Municipality:</i> ..... Municipality of Whitestone	<i>MNR Admin. Area:</i> ..... Bracebridge
<i>Lat./Long:</i> ..... 45.7675 N -79.7508 W	<i>UTM (NAD83):</i> ..... 17 597130 5068974
<i>Topographic Map (1:50,000):</i> ..... 31E13	<i>Drainage Basin:</i> ..... Ferrie River

Physical Features		
<i>Surface Area (ha):</i> ..... 160	<i>Maximum Depth (m):</i> ..... 18	<i>Mean Depth (m):</i> ..... 3.2
<i>Elevation (m asl):</i> ..... 305	<i>Perimeter (km):</i> ..... 16.0	<i>Island Shoreline (km):</i> ..... 3.0
<i>Volume (10<sup>4</sup> m<sup>3</sup>):</i> ..... 512	<i>Watershed (km<sup>2</sup>):</i> ..... 91.1 (excludes area of lake)	<i>Water Clarity (m):</i> .....

Land Use and Development	
<i>Crown Land (%):</i> ..... 99	<i>Provincial Parks:</i> ..... none
<i>Shoreline Development:</i> ..... low; recreation camp	
<i>Access:</i> ..... public; remote access by air and possibly ATV's trails	
<i>Water Level Management:</i> ..... not regulated	

Fish Species
<i>Major Fish Species:</i> ..... smallmouth bass (I), cisco (lake herring), yellow perch, walleye
<i>Other Fish Species:</i> ..... common shiner, pumpkinseed, white sucker, bluntnose minnow, spottail shiner, .....blacknose shiner, lowa darter
<i>Other Species:</i>

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

# Lake name

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> .....	walleye (1939), smallmouth bass (1961)
<i>Contaminants (species tested):</i> .....	none
<i>Assessment:</i>	<i>Completed Projects:</i>
	1976      Lake survey

## Synopsis

Very little work has been done on Big Deer Lake because of its' remote nature. Although, walleye were stocked in the past, it is believed that the species is native to the lake.

Big Deer Lake has been chosen as a 'fixed' lake for the provincial Broad-scale Monitoring program. Repeated sampling on a five year cycle is planned to monitor long-term trends in water quality, fish community and sport fish abundance in randomly selected lakes across the province.

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