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Lake Fact Sheet – Parry Sound District

# Black Lake

Location	
Official Name: .....	Black Lake Local Names: .....
County/District: .....	Muskoka Geographic Twp:..... Ridout
Municipality:.....	Township of Lake of Bays MNR Admin. Area:..... Bracebridge
Lat./Long:.....	45.16889 N -78.905W UTM (NAD83):..... 17 785418 451008
Topographic Map (1:50,000):.....	31E02 Drainage Basin:..... Lake of Bays

Physical Features		
Surface Area (ha): .....	61 Maximum Depth (m):.....	16.2 Mean Depth (m):.....
Elevation (m asl):.....	396 Perimeter (km):.....	6.5 Island Shoreline (km):.....
Volume (10 <sup>4</sup> m <sup>3</sup> ):.....	317 Watershed (km <sup>2</sup> ):.....	89.3 Water Clarity (m):.....
(excludes area of lake)		

Land Use and Development	
Crown Land (%):.....	98 Provincial Parks:..... none
Shoreline Development:..... low; recreation camp	
Access:..... public; portage via Wren Lake access point; winter access via snowmobile trail	
Water Level Management:.....not regulated	

Fish Species
Major Fish Species: splake (S), brook trout (?), lake trout (?), largemouth bass (I), smallmouth bass (I), burbot
Other Fish Species:.....cisco (lake herring), yellow perch, brown bullhead, creek chub, blacknose dace, pumpkinseed, white sucker
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> .....	none
<i>Current Stocking:</i> .....splake; put-grow-take – no natural reproduction is expected .....stocked every second year with yearlings	
<i>Historic Stocking (last year stocked):</i> .....	brook trout (1983), smallmouth bass (1960)
<i>Contaminants (species tested):</i> .....	none
<i>Assessment:</i>	Completed Projects
	1973            Lake Survey
	1985-1992    Volunteer Creel Survey

### Synopsis

The composition historic fish community of Black Lake is poorly known. At the time of the 1973 lake survey a report was recorded that lake trout had been caught in the lake, but none were caught in the test nets. No further work has been done to confirm their presence, but in the absence of stocking records, it can only be assumed they were native to the lake. The amount of habitat available for lake trout is limited; therefore a decision was made in the 1980's to stock the lake with splake, to better utilize the available cold water habitat.

Brook trout were probably native as well, but the introduction of smallmouth bass has probably marginalized or extirpated the population.

There are no stocking records, but largemouth bass were introduced, possibly without authority, some time before the 1973 survey.

With no recent assessment and few reports from anglers the current status of the fishery is largely unknown.

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