Lake Fact Sheet – Parry Sound District

Bass Lake

Location

Official Name:	Bass Lake	*Local Names:*	
County/District:	Muskoka	*Geographic Twp:*	Medora
Municipality:	Township of Muskoka Lakes	*MNR Admin. Area:*	Bracebridge
Lat./Long:	45.108 N 79.698 W	*UTM (NAD83):*	17 602398 4995779
Topographic Map (1:50,000):	31E04	*Drainage Basin:*	Muskoka River - Lake Rosseau

Physical Features

Surface Area (ha):	98	*Maximum Depth (m):*	11.7	*Mean Depth (m):*	4.3
Elevation (m asl):	229	*Perimeter (km):*	9.3	*Island Shoreline (km):*	0
Volume (10^4 m^3):	422.7	*Watershed (km^2):* (excludes area of lake)	5.3	*Water Clarity (m):*	3.6

Land Use and Development

Crown Land (%): 0 *Provincial Parks:* none

Shoreline Development: high; shoreline residential.

Access: public; launch off Hwy 169.

Water Level Management: not regulated

Fish Species

Major Fish Species: yellow perch, largemouth bass (I), smallmouth bass (I), rock bass (I), burbot

Other Fish Species: white sucker, 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

Current Stocking: ..... none

Historic Stocking (last year stocked): ..... smallmouth bass (1963)

Contaminants (species tested): ..... none

Assessment: Completed Projects:

1974 Lake survey

Synopsis

The name Bass Lake appears on a township map in an 1879 guide book to Muskoka. This early record suggests that one or more species of bass were native to the lake. Although smallmouth bass were stocked at one time, supplemental stocking of existing populations often occurred so it can't be assumed that they were introduced. Regardless, true to its' name, the fishery today, like many small lakes in the area, is dominated by bass.

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