

2021 Cottage Season Newsletter

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Welcome back!

It has been a long, isolated winter season and the Board of Directors of Wasausink Lands Inc. would like to say thank you to all of our cottagers who stayed home and respected the provincially imposed Stay at home order and helped to reduce the spread of Covid-19 and keep each other safe.

COVID-19:

With the on-going COVID-19 Pandemic, all protocols and/or restrictions as set out Health Emergency orders issued by our Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments override any access permitted within the Lease Agreement, including Occasional Use during the Off-season., (thereby further limiting access).

Lessees should expect and prepare for the possibility of restricted access to Wasauksing First Nation. Wasausink Lands Inc. will continue to follow protocols as set out in Wasauksing First Nation Emergency Response Orders.

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A Message from the Board of Directors

Chi-Miigwech to all the Cottagers who stayed at home and respected the “Stay at Home” orders by the Province. It showed great respect and concern to our community members, elders, and children. We would like to recognize and extend our appreciation to the U.S. Citizens who have been unable to visit their cottage since the Pandemic began. It is certainly a different time in the world. This global pandemic has triggered many changes in how businesses operate including how work is being conducted at our office. Thank you for your patience.

The Board of Directors position is and has always been that we are “Stewards of the Land” in preparation for the legal transfer of the land back to Wasauksing (Parry Island Reserve #16) First Nation which happens in 2032; the land needs to be in a condition that is satisfactory to Wasauksing First Nation.

WLI has always conducted regular lot patrols by road and waterfront throughout the year. The reason for the patrols is safety and security of your lots, lease fulfillment, land erosion, degradation, and shoreline dynamics.

As we all have been informed, on June 1, 2017, Wasauksing (Parry Island Reserve #16) First Nation passed their Land Code which gives them the ability to govern their land and resources.

This also means the Lease Agreement you have with Wasausink Lands Inc. remains in effect until April 2032 when the Head Lease expires.

With the passing of the Land Code, the 10% of the Lease fees that went to the Government of Canada (Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada) in trust for Wasauksing (Parry Island Reserve #16) First Nation now goes directly to the First Nation.

Until Wasauksing (Parry Island Reserve #16) First Nation implemented the Land Code, Wasausink Lands Inc. entered into yearly road maintenance agreements with Wasauksing (Parry Island Reserve #16) First Nation for road upkeep. With the Land Code, Wasauksing (Parry Island Reserve #16) First Nation exerted their jurisdiction over the land, air, and water.

This information was included in our 2019 Cottage Newsletter.

In 2019 Wasauksing (Parry Island Reserve #16) First Nation implemented the Property Taxes. This has made stewardship of the land for Wasausink Lands Inc. more difficult as the First Nation now oversees the building construction/renovation and land maintenance (tree cutting/removal, dock repair/replacement etc.) and overall use of the Leased land.

During this off-season Wasausink Lands Inc. created an “Occasional Use” Policy outlining off-season access of the Leased Land. Prior to implementation of the Property Taxes there was occasional use happening with the odd misuse of the “Occasional Use” however it was not as much of a concern as it is now.

Currently, we are in litigation with Wasauksing (Parry Island Reserve #16) First Nation, to resolve outstanding issues regarding jurisdiction including road maintenance and liability as it pertains to the Head Lease. These issues stem from implementation of both the Land Code and Property Taxes being enforced by the First Nation. We are anxiously anticipating court resolution to move past these issues to enable us to properly conduct our business to the end of the Head Lease.

We are planning another Green Day this year which will be confirmed with Wasauksing (Parry Island Reserve #16) First Nation and more information will be provided as they are finalized. These Green Days are in support of our being Stewards of the Land and assisting all of you in removing unwanted debris from the land.

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Wasausink Lands Inc. (WLI) Occasional Use Policy

Introduction:

When the Head Lease between Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada and Wasausink Lands Inc. originated on June 6th, 1974, it was created with the intention of Seasonal Sublets, with the Residential Lease Season running from May 1st to October 31st each year, with Lease rates reflecting as such. During the balance of the year, only non- residential occasional use is permitted. The operative term "Occasional Use" has been applied throughout the Lease Agreement documents, as follows;

Section 4 of Original Assignment of Sublease Amended 1997:

"The demised land shall be used for one summer cottage only and appurtenant outbuildings and shall not be used for permanent residence by the Lessee or other occupant during the period from October 31st to May 1st following in each and every year; occasional use being at all times permitted during the said period.."

Section 15 of Schedule B. Consent to Assignment of Sublease:

"Off-season/Occasional Use

The demised land shall not be used for permanent residence by the Tenant or other occupant during the period from October 31st to May 1st following in each and every year (the "Off Season/Occasional Use"); occasional use being at all times permitted during the said period. Access during the Off-Season may be subject to dangerous driving conditions or no access. WLI may incur costs for supervision and legal advice to enforce this occupancy restriction and the Tenant shall reimburse WLI for any such costs resulting from the Tenant 's breach of this occupancy restriction.."

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to define the intended meaning of the term "Occasional Use" as it pertains to the Subleases between Wasausink Lands Inc. and our Lessees. The policy will act as a guide for our Lessees, with regards to their Seasonal Lease signed with Wasausink Lands Inc. The intention of the "Occasional Use" provision in the Lease Agreement as well as this policy, is to permit Lessees to come for occasional day trips (overnight if necessary), for the sole purpose of checking on their cottages. Not for any residential use or for the purpose of weekend visits or holiday gatherings.

Responsibility and Enforcement:

Wasausink Lands Inc. is the Landlord of the subleases, and responsible to uphold our Head Lease agreement with the Crown/Wasauksing First Nation. It is our responsibility to ensure that the terms of the sub-lease agreement are observed and complied with, as they are set out. These terms are not open for interpretation or negotiation. When Lessees choose to ignore our communications, and/or continue to violate the terms of the sub-lease, they are in breach of the Lease Agreement signed with Wasausink Lands Inc. In these cases, our only course of action is Trespassing charges and/or Termination of the Lease Agreement, due to non-compliance.

The responsibilities of Wasausink Lands Inc. include the completion of regular Lot Patrols throughout the Lease Season, as well as the Off-Season. During these patrols, Staff monitor the properties, look for any damage caused by weather or otherwise, and record any vehicles present at the Leased lots during the Off-Season, in case of suspicious activity. Staff then inform Lessees as appropriate, thereby preventing and/or reducing incidents of potential vandalism or break-ins. Wasausink Lands Inc. Staff will be enforcing the "Occasional-Use" provision during the off-season, in accordance with the Lease Agreement and this Policy.

Trespass to Property Act, R.S.O. 1990. Chapter T.21

Pursuant to the Trespass to Property Act, you are notified that Lessees are prohibited from entering upon the leased cottage lots 1 to 72 inclusive, on Plan No. 5061, and lots 73 to 143 inclusive, on Plan 5062, and lots 144 to 244 inclusive, on Plan 51788, Parry Island Reserve, from the period commencing October 31st to May 1st each year, except in accordance with this Policy.

It is the responsibility of the Lessees to notify Wasausink Lands Inc. in advance, when they plan to visit their leased lot during the Off-Season, advising the intended length of stay and purpose of visit.

Anyone violating this prohibition may be arrested, be guilty of an offence and on conviction may be liable to a fine of not more than \$10, 000.

*Lessees are responsible to ensure that their Insurance coverage complies with the Lease Agreement and its provisions, including Occasional Use during the Off-Season. Insurance policies requiring visits over and above these terms are not compliant.

Wasausink Lands Inc. Board of Directors reserves the right to amend this policy and the terms within, as necessary, ie: in response to a Pandemic, helping to ensure the safety of the Wasauksing First Nation community, as well as our Lessees.

Should Wasauksing First Nation choose to issue any special considerations and/or extension requests outside of the Lease season, Wasausink Lands Inc. is not responsible and will not be held liable.

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Definitions:

Occasional: Occurring at irregular or infrequent intervals.

Synonyms; intermittent, aperiodic, discontinuous, rare.

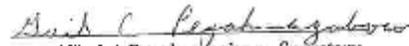
Seasonal Residence: a dwelling which is designed or intended for seasonal or recreational use and is not intended for use as permanent living quarters

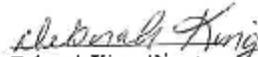
DATED at Parry Sound, Ontario, this 30 day of March, A.D. 2021.


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Approved: March 2021.

HANDY TIPS FOR GETTING READY TO OPEN THE COTTAGE.

It's time to open the cottage, making May Two-Four one of the most chore-filled weekends of the year up here. But there's no reason it has to be all busy work and no beach.

Sure, there are things that absolutely need to be looked after, but not everything is urgent. So to make sure you have time this weekend to relax on the deck, we've compiled a simple checklist of tasks you absolutely need to do so you can make the most of your long weekend.

Before you go

There's nothing worse than arriving at the cottage to realize you've forgotten something. Sure, you'll always need to make one more trip to the hardware store, but the better prepared you are, the more quickly you'll be able to kick back and relax.

- Make sure your electricity is turned on. And be sure to phone whatever other services you'll need before heading up. It's always best to do this before the weekend to be sure someone can help you.
- Be sure that everything is insured and you know where the documents are. This includes boat, trailer, and cottage insurance. And if you're pulling a trailer, be sure to test all the lights and connections before your family is loaded into the car.
- Try to remember all and any keys you'll need. Track them down and make sure you bring them with you.
- Put a tool kit together. You will need tools this weekend. Figure out which ones you're going to need and pack them. And don't forget the duct tape!
- Gather some cleaning supplies. You're definitely going to need to do a little bit of cleaning this weekend. Even if all you do is wipe off the deck chair, you'll need to have the right equipment to do it!
- If you're going to need filters or batteries, then charge them and pack them. And obviously you'll need clothes, water and food

On arrival

After this year's dramatic spring, there's no telling what could be waiting for you when you arrive at your cottage property, especially if you haven't been there all winter. The first thing you'll want to do is look around for any outdoor or indoor issues that need to be fixed.

- Check for any damage to power lines, phone lines, the chimney, the deck, the dock, windows, screens, and under the cottage at the posts, pads, and beams.
- After surveying your property, head inside and check cupboards and counter tops for signs of mice or other animals, and look for any water damage that may have occurred over the winter.

Tuning up

Before the relaxation begins, start the cottage season off right with a few minor chores that will make sure everyone is safe and sound for the summer.

- Replace batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Make sure your fire extinguishers are charged.
- Replace batteries in any flashlights.
- Clean the eaves troughs.

- Clear any large branches off the building and trim any that may have become too close to your cottage over the winter.
- Replace any filters that may need to be changed.

Turning on the taps

Perhaps the most involved part of opening the cottage is getting your water system going. If you have a pump that draws directly from the lake, here are the steps to get it up and running.

- Inspect all lines for signs of damage.
- Replace the pump's filter.
- Prime the pump.
- Open a cold-water tap in your cottage, and be sure the cold-water valve to your hot water tanks is closed.
- Switch on the water pump at the panel box.
- Open all valves between the pump and your cottage.
- Open all cold water taps to remove air from the system.
- Close all the taps and look for leaks and hissing.

Turning on the hot water

Once your water's running, you need to fill your hot water tank with water before turning it on. It's pretty simple, really, but there are a number of steps you should follow to ensure you do it right.

- Be sure the hot water tank is off and all your taps are closed.
- Connect a hose to the drainage valve and run it outside. Open that tap.
- Open a hot-water tap.
- Close the drainage valve.
- Turn on the cold-water intake to fill the tank.
- Watch the open hot-water tap. Once water is flowing through it, the tanks is full.
- Turn on the hot water tank, and watch for leaks.

COVID-19 Core Four



Stay apart

Maintain 2-metres distance from everyone outside your **safe social circle**.



Lather up

Wash your hands with soap and water; or use hand sanitizer.



Mask up

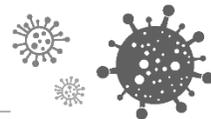
Wear a non-medical mask where maintaining physical distancing is difficult and **where masks are mandatory**. Protect the supply of medical grade masks for health care workers.



Get tested

Get tested if you think you have COVID-19 or may have been exposed to it. Stay home, self-isolate and prevent potential spread.

COPING DURING COVID-19 STRESS, ANXIETY AND SUBSTANCE USE



Feelings of stress and anxiety during COVID-19 are normal and coping can be a struggle. These actions may help.



Taking care of your body is a good first step

Eating, sleeping and drinking water can help you maintain good health.



Being kind to yourself is good for your mental health

You are doing your best to manage during a difficult time.



Staying connected with friends and family can help with coping

Giving attention to the people that support you can be helpful.



Talking about how you are feeling can lighten the load

Whether it's a friend, family member or a professional – support is available.



Being active can boost your mood

Finding an activity you enjoy and moving everyday is good for your mental health.



Spending time in nature is good for your mental health

Twenty minutes a day in nature can reduce stress.

IF YOU NEED HELP NOW, 24/7 SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE THROUGH CRISIS SERVICES CANADA

Phone (toll-free): 1-833-456-4566 Text: 45645
Find more mental health resources: myhealthunit.ca/mentalhealthservices

General Reminders to all Lessees.

With Spring 2021 upon us and as we approach another Lease season, Wasausink Lands Incorporated (WLI) Board of Directors and Staff would like to take this opportunity to go over some general reminders for our Sub-Lessees.

Wasausink Lands Incorporated (WLI) has a Head Lease Agreement for 244 Lots with The Crown/Wasauksing First Nation (WFN). The 244 Lots are separately leased to cottagers pursuant to Sublease Agreements. This Head Lease Agreement and all Sublease Agreements currently expire on April 30th, 2032.

Each of the 244 Lots have a **Seasonal** residence “cottage”, located on the lot. The cottages belong to the registered Lessee, and Lessees are responsible to pay a yearly rent to lease the property. Rents are collected by Wasausink Lands Incorporated (WLI), and 10% of the total rents collected, are paid to Wasauksing First Nation (WFN), directly from Wasausink Lands Incorporated (WLI). The remainder of these funds are invested into programs for WFN community members, both on and off reserve.

As of January 2019, Wasauksing First Nation (WFN) implemented a Property Tax Law; including Land Transfer fees, on Wasausink Lands Incorporated (WLI) Leased lots. Those Taxes and fees are in addition to (and separate from) rent payable to Wasausink Lands Incorporated (WLI). Inquiries with regards to Taxes, Permits, Waste Removal, Roads, etc., should be directed to Wasauksing First Nation (WFN), at (705) 746-2531.

Wasausink Lands Incorporated (WLI) and Wasauksing First Nation (WFN) are separate entities. Any inquiries pertaining to your Lease Agreements should be directed to Wasausink Lands Incorporated (WLI).

As a friendly reminder, please note that in order to comply with the Lease Agreement, it is the responsibility of the Lessee to provide Wasausink Lands Incorporated (WLI) with proof of Property Insurance, **each year**. The policy must show Wasausink Lands Incorporated (WLI) as an Additional Insured for Premises Liability, and/or “As Their Interests May Appear”.

Septic Inspection certificates are required **every 5 years**, as per Indigenous Services Canada, First Nation, and Inuit Health Branch, (formerly Health Canada) guidelines.

WLI wishes you All the Best for the 2021 Lease Season, with hopes that we are nearing the end of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office!



Building during Off-Season:

"Wasausink Lands Inc.'s subleases require that the Lessees obtain the consent of Wasausink Lands Inc., to any construction on the subleased cottage lots. Wasausink Lands Inc. acknowledges that since Wasauksing First Nation established their Land Code in 2017, the First Nation has jurisdiction over building related matters on Wasauksing First Nation. Wasausink Lands Inc. recognizes that Wasauksing First Nation is the governing body that authorizes building and issues permits.

As Wasauksing First Nation would process building permits in accordance with the Land Code, Wasausink Lands Inc. Lessees should be advised that a building permit issued by Wasauksing First Nation would lead to consent under the sublease; however, it is the position of the Wasausink Lands Inc. Board of Directors that any building/renovations should be done during the Lease Season, May 1st to October 31st. Please note that it is the responsibility of the Lessee to provide a copy of the permit to Wasausink Lands Inc."

*During the off season Wasausink Lands Inc. will not be responsible for activity including Construction and or Renovations, that are done without prior approval from the Board of Directors.

How Many Can You Find?



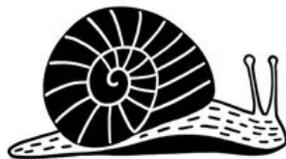
Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

Looking for ways to entice kids outside to take in some fresh air and burn off some surplus energy? An outdoor scavenger hunt is a timeless classic.

Depending on the age of your kids and how many are participating, you can make it a friendly competition, or perhaps just come up with some rewards for completing the hunt (some screen time, coins or dollar bills, etc.)

How it works:

- Print out a copy of the list for each participant. Use the items on the list or modify them as you see fit.
- If you have little kids, simply have them point out what they find and mark off the items on the list. Maybe restrict the hunt to the backyard to keep it simple.
- For older kids, you might give them access to a camera and have them take photos of their finds. You might give them more leeway to explore around the block or farther afield.
- For neighborhood hunts, consider adding bonus points for trash picked up. (If you do this, adults should supervise and make sure this is done safely and trash or recycling is disposed of properly.)
- Be sure kids don't trespass on private property.
- Observe one of the Leave No Trace principles: Leave what you find.



Items to find:

- Worm
- Flower or flower bud
- Round rock
- Sports ball
- Piece of wood
- Flower pot
- A crack in the concrete
- Water spigot
- Something red
- Something blue
- Leaf
- Pine cone
- Bug
- Moss
- Squirrel
- Dandelion
- Basketball hoop
- Kids' bike
- Street sign
- Recycling container
- Alley
- Squirrel
- Picket fence
- Dog
- Cat
- Jogger
- Bicyclist
- Ladder
- Porch swing
- Flag
- Mailbox
- Vegetable garden
- Fire Hydrant
- Bird on a wire
- _____



IDENTIFYING POISONOUS PLANTS

They Grow Everywhere!

Fact. Poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac grow in wooded or marshy areas throughout North America. The plants aren't really poisonous. They have a sticky, long-lasting oil called urushiol that causes an itchy, blistering rash after it touches your skin. Even slight contact, like brushing up against the leaves, can leave the oil behind. Poison ivy and poison oak grow as vines or shrubs. Poison sumac is a shrub or tree.

- Leaves of three, let them be.
- The rash shows up right away.
- Don't burn poison ivy, oak, or sumac. Particles of urushiol remain in the smoke and can aggravate your eyes, nose, and respiratory tract, and can land on the skin.
- covering your skin by wearing long pants and sleeves can protect you.
- The oil stays on your skin. If you know you've made contact with poison ivy, oak, or sumac, wash the area with lukewarm water and soap ASAP. If there's no water, rubbing alcohol or alcohol wipes can remove it. Keep the area cool, dry, and clean. Wash your clothes and clean your boots or shoes. Hose down any garden tools that might have touched the plant.
- the rash is contagious.
- See your doc if the rash is close to your eyes or is widespread over your body. If needed, they can prescribe medications you take by mouth that will help with swelling and itching. Head to the emergency room if you have severe reactions in addition to the rash, like nausea, fever, shortness of breath, extreme soreness at the rash site, or swollen lymph nodes. Call 911 if you have any trouble breathing or feel faint.
- A dog's or a cat's fur usually protects its skin from urushiol. But it can stay on the fur and rub off on you. If your pet explores areas where these plants are found, bathe them with soap and cool water. Be sure to wear gloves.



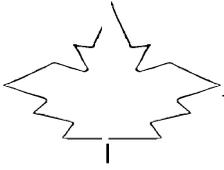
Poison oak



Poison sumac



Poison ivy



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Wasausink Lands Inc.-Lessee Consent Form

Please complete this consent form should you wish to have someone else who is not on the lease agreement to be able to communicate with Wasausink Lands Inc. on your behalf. This consent form gives the individual the ability to make inquiries about the lease agreement and WLI policies.

Lessee Information

Name: _____

WLI Lease Lot #: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

I _____ hold a lease agreement with Wasausink Lands Inc., and I give

Lessee Name

permission to _____,

Name

Relationship to Lessee

to make inquires to WLI on my behalf. As the Lessee, I understand I am only giving permission for the

individual to make inquires.

Lessee Signature

Date

Office use:

Date Received: _____
_____ WLI Signature

Comments:

Documents required to Transfer or Purchase a cottage on WLI Lease Lots

<u>Adding/Removing an individual (s)</u>	<u>Death of a Lessee</u>
Application	Application
\$500.00 Administration Fee	Last Will and Testament
Two (2) Financial References (see below)	Power of Attorney
Two (2) Character References (see below)	Death Certificate

First Financial Reference

-A reference from any Bank (TD, CIBC, BMO etc.)

Second Financial Reference can be:

-Investments

-RRSP

-A loan or Lease

-Credit Rating i.e. Equifax

-Employer

Character Reference can be:

-Family Member

-Friend

-Mentor

Transferring a Lease over to a potential new cottage owner and for Board Review

Application

\$500.00 Administration fee

Two (2) Financial References for potential cottage buyer

Two (2) Character Reference for potential cottage buyer

Lease Lot Compliance Completed and form submitted

Septic Compliance form submitted

Purchase of Sale Agreement

Documents provided upon Board Approval of Transfer of Lease.

Original Assignment of Sublease

Assignment of Sublease

Affidavit

Consent to Assignment of Sublease

Matrimonial Real Property Assessment Form (completed by Seller and Buyer)

Please Note: Above documents need to be original and cannot be photocopied or faxed back and forth.

Wasausink Lands Inc. holds their Lease Meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month. It is at these meetings that Transfers to new potential cottage owners are reviewed. Please ensure all documents are handed in at least 3 business days prior to a meeting so staff can review and request for transfer can be added to Lease Meeting Agenda.

Office Hours

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Please note that Wasausink Lands Inc. regular office hours are:

Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

However due to the coronavirus, our office is closed to the public until further notice.

Staff are intermittently in the office and will return your call or email as soon as possible.

Miigwetch for your understanding.

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Contact Information

In order to ensure our file are up to date, could you please complete this section, detach it and return it to our office, if there are any changes to any of your contact information.

Lessee(s): Lot # _____ Plan # _____

911# _____

Main Contact:

Secondary Contact:

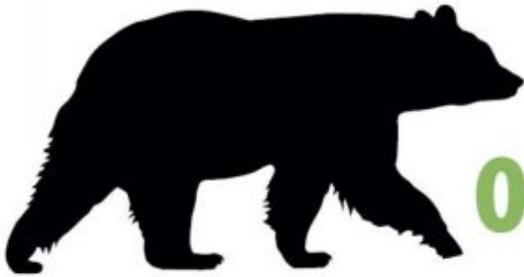
Address:

Cell #

Cell #

Email address:

Email address:



BearWise

Outdoor Safety Tips

Hiking



- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Try not to hike alone.
- Keep kids within sight and close by.
- Make noise periodically so bears in the area can avoid you.
- Keep dogs leashed at all times, or leave them at home.
- Double bag your food and pack out all food and trash.

Leaving scraps, wrappers or even "harmless" items like apple cores teaches bears to associate trails and campsites with food.

Camping



- Keep a clean camp.
- Don't burn food scraps or trash in your fire ring or grill.
- **Do not store food, trash, clothes worn when cooking, or toiletries in your tent.** Store in approved bear-resistant containers OR out of sight in a locked vehicle OR suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and 10 feet from any part of the tree.
- In the backcountry, set up camp away from dense cover and natural food sources.
- Cook at least 100 yards from your tent, downwind if possible.

Hunting & Fishing



Hunters and anglers are more likely to encounter bears because they move quietly and travel during early morning and late evening hours when bears are most active.

- Follow tips for hiking and camping safely.
- Know that carcasses, gut piles, and bait may attract bears.
- If a bear beats you to your catch or kill, don't try to reclaim it; leave the area when it is safe to do so.



Carry Bear Spray & Know How To Use It

Keep bear spray accessible; it's proven to be the easiest and most effective way to deter a bear that threatens you. It doesn't work like bug repellent, so **never** spray your tent, campsite or belongings.

If You Encounter a Bear



Black bears are seldom aggressive and attacks are rare.

- **If you see a bear before it notices you:** stand still, don't approach and enjoy the moment. Then move away quietly in the opposite direction.
- **If you encounter a bear that's aware of you:** don't run; running may trigger a chase response. Back away slowly in the opposite direction and wait for the bear to leave.

Visit [BearWise.org/bear-safety-tips/](https://www.bearwise.org/bear-safety-tips/) to learn what to do if a black bear approaches, charges or follows you.

Precautions for Dog Walkers, Cyclists and Joggers



- **Keep dogs leashed.** Letting dogs chase or bark at bears is asking for trouble; don't force a bear to defend itself.
- **Leave earbuds at home.** Cyclists and joggers traveling quickly and quietly can easily surprise bears. Be aware of your surroundings and make noise periodically.

Learn More:
BearWise.org



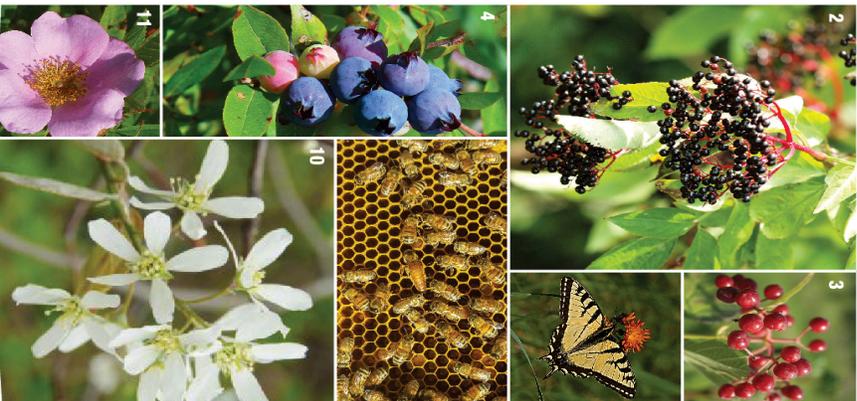
Best for the Biosphere



Choose plants for your property that are native to eastern Georgian Bay and help protect our UNESCO biosphere reserve. Select these species to enhance your property and conserve important natural habitats. They are beautiful, low maintenance, and provide food and shelter for a variety of wildlife. Thank you!

NATIVE SHRUBS

- 1 **Black Chokeberry**
- 2 **Common Elderberry**
- 3 **Highbush Cranberry**
- 4 **Lowbush Blueberry**
- 5 **Meadowsweet**
- 6 **Nannyberry**
- 7 **Northern Bush - Honeysuckle**
- 8 **Pagoda Dogwood**
- 9 **Red Osier Dogwood**
- 10 **Serviceberry**
- 11 **Smooth Wild Rose**
- 12 **Steeplebush**
- 13 **Swamp Rose**
- 14 **Sweet Gale**
- 15 **Winterberry Holly**



FOREST EDGE

- 16 **Bearberry**
- 17 **Bloodroot**
- 18 **Bunchberry**
- 19 **False Solomon's Seal**
- 20 **Foamflower**
- 21 **Jack-in-the-pulpit**
- 22 **Ostrich Fern**
- 23 **Wild Columbine**



SHORELINE

- 24 **Blue Flag Iris**
- 25 **Blue Vervain**
- 26 **Boneset**
- 27 **Cardinal Flower**
- 28 **Joe Pye Weed**
- 29 **Swamp Milkweed**
- 30 **White Turtlehead**



FULL SUN

- 31 **Black-eyed Susan**
- 32 **Big Bluestem Grass**
- 33 **Canada Goldenrod**
- 34 **Common Milkweed**
- 35 **Flat-topped Aster**
- 36 **New England Aster**
- 37 **Pearly Everlasting**



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Little Gardens



TOP 10 LOCAL FISH



BROWN BULL-HEAD



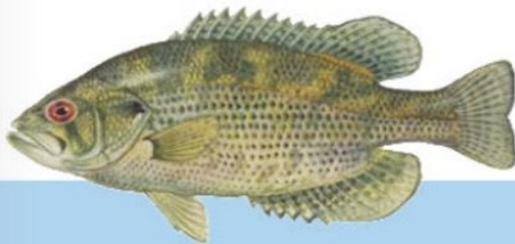
YELLOW PERCH



NORTHERN PIKE



PUMPKINSEED/SUNFISH



ROCK BASS



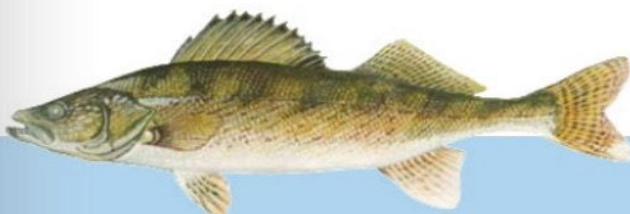
BLACK CRAPPIE



SMALL MOUTH BASS



LARGE MOUTH BASS

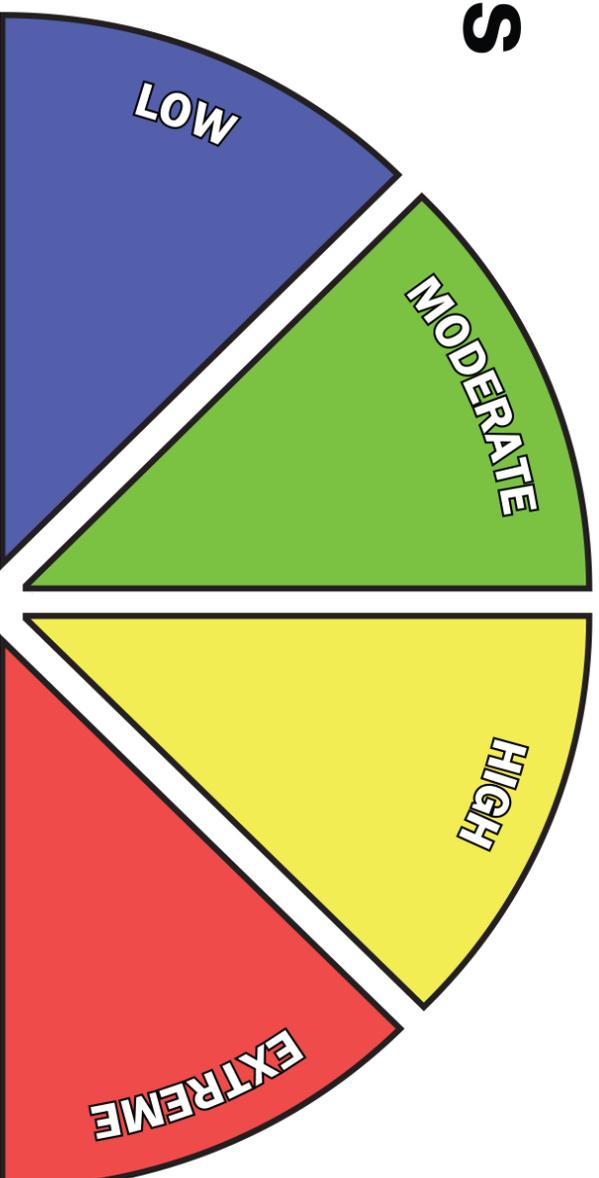


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Fire Ratings and Allowable Activities



Activity	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH	EXTREME
Campfires (1 metre or less)	✓	✓	✓	✗
Permit Burning (2 metres or less)	✓	✓	✗	✗
Residential Fireworks	✓	✓	✗	✗



CAMPING TRIVIA WORD SEARCH



Directions: Find the answers to the questions in the word search puzzle.

1. What is a big, brown animal that you might find in the woods?

2. What do you need to light to start a campfire?

3. What do you hang between two trees to take a rest?

4. What is a bag that you use when you go hiking in the woods?

5. What do need to roast a marshmallow?

6. What do you take with you so you do not get lost?

7. What is the tool called that points to the North?

8. What do you use when you take a walk in the dark?

9. What type of wooden boat do you paddle?

10. Finish the statement: Sleep under the _____.

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Green Day/ Dump day

By Adrian King

In past years, the Board of Directors and staff of Wasausink Lands Inc. have held a Green Day/Dump Day. A large dumpster bin will be brought up to the cottage line for Lessees to bring their large debris to be removed.

Date: TBA

(Covid-19 Safety protocols will be in place: Masks and social distancing)



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