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PARKS TRAILS
AND MORE!

TOWNSHIP OF MUSKOKA LAKES 2025 COMMUNITY GUIDE



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MAYOR'S WELCOME

Whether you are here for a visit, the season or have made our beautiful community your year-round home, we are thrilled to have you here! This community guide is designed to help you navigate all the services, amenities, and recreational opportunities that make Muskoka Lakes so special. From scenic parks, trails and beaches to library programs and by-law information, this guide will be your go-to source for information to make the most of your time here.

For those visiting the area, we understand that each visit may bring new questions or needs, and we've included a comprehensive overview of everything you'll need, from details on swimming spots and park facilities to key information on local services. Our goal is to ensure that you feel informed, comfortable, and connected to all that Muskoka Lakes has to offer.

We are proud of our community's spirit, where both residents and visitors contribute to the charm and livability of Muskoka Lakes. Your engagement and care for our environment and services help us maintain the high quality of life that we cherish.

Should you have any questions or need assistance, our dedicated team is always ready to help. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

On behalf of Township Council, I thank you for being a part of Muskoka Lakes!

MAYOR PETER KELLEY

YOUR COUNCILLORS

To learn more about Muskoka Lakes Council, how to delegate at Council or view meetings dates, agendas, and minutes: www.muskokalakes.ca/council.



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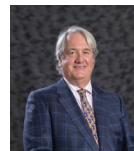
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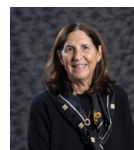
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705-765-3156

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*Programs
&
Events*



View programs, services, events or activities within the Township. Browse, explore and try a program!



[MUSKOKALAKES.CA/CALENDAR](https://muskokalakes.ca/calendar) | [@MUSKOKALAKESTWP](https://twitter.com/MUSKOKALAKESTWP)



VIEW THE *Lakes*

A SELF-GUIDED MUSKOKA CHAIR
TOUR HIGHLIGHTING THE TOP VIEWS
ACROSS MUSKOKA LAKES!

MUSKOKALAKES.CA

VIEW THE LAKES FROM THESE 10 SPOTS:

#VIEWTHELAKES #THISISTHELIFE @MUSKOKALAKESTWP

Looking for a fun adventure boasting great scenery and fantastic family fun? The Township of Muskoka Lakes has put out ten unique Muskoka Chairs to act as a living visitors guide highlighting the top views across Muskoka Lakes!



WINDERMERE DOCK

2510 WINDERMERE RD, WINDERMERE

HUCKLEBERRY ROCK LOOKOUT

1057 MILFORD BAY RD, MILFORD BAY

JAMES BARTLEMAN ISLAND

100-2 JOSEPH STREET, PORT CARLING

THE WALL

JAMES BARTLEMAN WAY, PORT CARLING

ARCHDEKIN PARK

HARRIS STREET, PORT CARLING

PORT SANDFIELD SWING BRIDGE

MUSKOKA ROAD 7, PORT SANDFIELD

BALA TOWN DOCK

1018 GORDON STREET, BALA

MOON RIVER LOOKOUT

3105 HWY 169, BALA

WINDSOR PARK

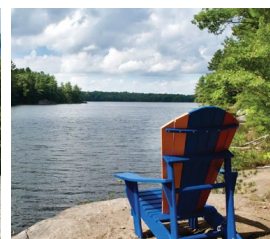
3070 HWY 169, BALA

WALKER'S POINT LOOKOUT TRAIL

WALKER'S POINT RD, WALKER'S POINT



MAKE SURE YOU HAVE
YOUR PHONE AND
CAMERA READY, TAKE
LOTS OF PICTURES
AS YOU VISIT ALL
TEN CHAIRS FOR AN
UNFORGETTABLE TRIP!



FIND A DESIGNATED MUSKOKA CHAIR AND SHARE YOUR PHOTO ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

#VIEWTHELAKES | #THISISTHELIFE | @MUSKOKALAKESTWP

SMOKE ALARMS & HOME ESCAPE PLANNING

Fires have drastically changed over the last 30 years. They are now burning hotter, faster, and are more poisonous than ever before. This is attributed to the modern plastics, glues, and hydro-carbon-based products that we have in our homes. Individual items throughout the home combust more quickly, which causes flames and smoke to fill rooms at a faster rate.

SMOKE ALARMS

Did you know that if a fire starts in your home you may have as little as two minutes to escape? During a fire, early warning from a working smoke alarm can be the difference between making it out alive or not.

- Are your smoke alarms older than 10 years? If so, it is time to replace them.
- Have you changed the batteries in the last 12 months? If not, it is time to replace them.
- Have you tested your smoke alarms? If not, it is time to test it.
- Do you have an adequate number of smoke alarms? You should have one on each level of the home, outside all sleeping areas and it is best if they are interconnected, so when one sounds, they all sound. Large homes need extra smoke alarms.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, while mitigating nuisance and false alarms.
- Smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling or high on a wall, always follow manufacturers instructions. Keep away from kitchens (at least 10 feet) to reduce nuisance alarms.

- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. The Canadian Hearing Society has more information on this.
- Smoke alarms are an important part of a home escape plan.

HOME ESCAPE PLANNING

Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you little time to escape once the smoke alarms sound. Plan ahead so everyone knows what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows
- Visit each room and find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should easily open so they can be used to go outside.
- Make sure your home has working smoke alarms.
- Pick a meeting place outside, it should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place in an emergency.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your meeting place with everyone in your home, including family, friends, and guests who stay over.
- If there are infants, older adults, or family members with mobility limitations, make sure someone is assigned to help them.
- Make sure everyone in your home knows to dial 9-1-1 and knows the address.
- Practise your home escape plan on a regular basis.

More information about smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and home escape plans, visit www.NFPA.org or call Muskoka Lakes Fire Prevention Officer at (705) 765-3156 x 282.

Fireworks IN MUSKOKA LAKES

**Fireworks are only permitted
between dusk and 11:00 pm on:**

- **Victoria Day**, and the Saturday and Sunday of that weekend.
- **Canada Day**, and when Canada Day falls on a Monday or Tuesday, the preceding Saturday and Sunday and when Canada Day falls on a Wednesday, Thursday, the proceeding Friday and Saturday; and
- **New Years Eve/Day** (dusk-12:30 am).



**Please visit muskokalakess.ca
for more information or to
report a fireworks concern.**



WASTE MANAGEMENT

Green Bins

Clear Bags



A Clear Vision For Our Community

On March 3rd, 2025, the Clear Bag program began at the curb.

Only the **colour** of your **garbage bag** has changed.

Visit www.muskoka.on.ca/clear-bags to learn more about the clear bag program.



SPRING 2025

All curbside collection residents in Muskoka can participate in the Green Bin program!



Need a Green Bin?

www.muskoka.on.ca/green-bin

Join us in making Muskoka greener!



www.muskoka.on.ca/organics



COMMUNITY CENTRES

COMMUNITY CENTRE	HALL SIZE (FEET)	SEATS	RECEPTION CENTRE	BAR	KITCHEN	TABLE & CHAIRS	WHEEL CHAIR ACCESSIBLE	OTHER
BALA 1008 Maple Ave	80 x 36	200		●	●	●	●	Library, Stage, Playground
FOOT'S BAY 1006 Buckeye Rd.	1600 ft ²	125		●	●	●	●	Fire Hall Attached
HEKKLA 1448 Hekkla Rd.	21 x 34	30	●		●	●	●	
MILFORD BAY 1020 Beaumaris Rd.	54 x 100	UPSTAIRS 330 DOWNSTAIRS 125	●	●	●	●	●	Dance Floor, Stage, Meeting Room, Library, Elevator, Tennis Courts
PENINSULA RECREATION CENTRE 1131 Juddhaven Rd.	1865 ft ²	200			●	●	●	Meeting Room, Lower Hall, Stage, Fire Hall Attached
PORT CARLING 3 Bailey St., Unit 1		UPPER 200 Banquet, 280 Theatre LOWER 150	●	●	●	●	●	Outdoor Patio, Shower Rooms, Meeting Room
RAYMOND 2013 Highway 141	24 x 60	90	●	●	●	●	●	Stage, Main and Lower Levels
TORRANCE 1030 Torrance Rd.	60 x 30	170	●		●	●	●	Outdoor Court/ Basketball, Fire Hall Attached
ULLSWATER 1503 Old Parry Sound Rd.	32 x 40	150			●	●	●	
WALKER'S POINT 1074 Walker's Point Rd.	66 x 34	188			●	●	●	Tennis Courts, Library, Playground, Meeting Room, Fire Hall Attached
WINDERMERE 2416 Windermere Rd.	806 ft ²	60			●	●	●	Archive
WINDERMERE - VILLAGE HALL 2496 Windermere Rd.	Please contact township for information					●		Playground (Swings)

The Township of Muskoka Lakes has 12 community centres available for rent for public and private events, meetings, special occasions, and more.



**ONLINE
BOOKING**



**AVAILABILITY
CALENDAR**



**RENTAL
RATES**

ARENAS

BALA SPORTS CENTRE

1009 Maple Ave, Bala, ON, P0C 1A0

For ice availability, email the Bala Arena or call directly at 705-762-5390.

PORT CARLING ARENA

**Designated Emergency Evacuation Centre*

3 Bailey Street, Port Carling, ON, P0B 1J0

For ice availability, email the Port Carling Arena or call directly at 705-765-5725.

RENTAL RATES (PER HOUR) - BALA AND PORT CARLING

Prime Ice Rate \$170.00

Non-Prime Ice Rate (Monday - Friday, Before 6:00 pm) \$85.00

*Please check muskokalakes.ca for new rates when available.

*Both rinks are closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

SPORTS CLUBS

SKATING

PORT CARLING SKATING CLUB

Email: pcfsc2@gmail.com

Levels:

- CanSkate - Progressive
Learn-to-Skate program for all ages with reduced rates for first year Canskater
- Skate Canada Star Skate -
Advanced skating program including dance, free style skills and interpretive
- Synchronized Skating - Team skating for both youth and adults

See portcarlingskatingclub.ca for more details.

HOCKEY

MUSKOKA ROCK

MINOR HOCKEY

See muskokarockhockey.ca for registration details

SOCCER

MUSKOKA LAKES SOCCER CLUB

Email: muskokalakessoccerclub@outlook.com

Ages: Boys & Girls ages 3 – 15

PUBLIC BALL DIAMONDS

TORRANCE BALL DIAMOND

2677 Muskoka Road 169

(705) 706-4393

MILFORD BAY COMMUNITY

CENTRE BALL DIAMOND

1020 Beaumaris Road

(705) 765-3156

PORT CARLING LIONS CLUB

BALL DIAMOND

1090 Ferndale Road

(705) 765-6083

PUBLIC TENNIS COURTS

WALKER'S POINT

COMMUNITY CENTRE

1074 Walker's Point Road

(705) 765-3156

MILFORD BAY

COMMUNITY CENTRE

1020 Beaumaris Road

(705) 765-3156

PICKLE BALL

Pickleball in Muskoka Lakes is hosted by Muskoka Lakes Pickleball, a group of dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to continue to offer pickleball in the Township.



Indoor Roller Skating in Muskoka Lakes!
Nostalgic fun at a nostalgic price. The Bala and Port Carling Arenas host indoor roller skating all summer long.

JULY & AUGUST at the Port Carling and Bala Arenas

\$2.50 FEE AND \$2.50 SKATE RENTAL



Skating opportunities available 7 days a week! Public Skating and Stick & Puck programs. **\$3.00 FEE**

STICK AND PUCK (HELMET, GLOVES, AND STICK) is an informal session to improve skating, stick handling, puck control, passing and other related hockey skills - no goalies and zero contact.

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by a guardian who is 18 years or older on the ice. The arenas are accepting cash only at this time. Use the QR code to view the schedule.



Muskoka Lakes Museum

EXPLORE MUSKOKA LAKE'S RICH HERITAGE

On James Bartleman Island between the locks, the Muskoka Lakes Museum houses an extensive collection of artifacts and exhibits that provide a colourful glimpse into the area's history.



Adults: \$10

Family: \$20

Students/Seniors: \$6

Children under 5: FREE

*Open Victoria Day Weekend until Thanksgiving.
Visit our website for hours, special programs and weekly activities.*

100 Joseph Street, Box 432, Port Carling, ON P0B 1J0
www.mlmuseum.com 705-765-5367



@mlmuseum



Port Carling
69 Joseph St.
Port Carling, ON
705-765-5650

Bala
1008 Maple Ave
Bala, ON
705-762-1086



info@mlpl.ca



mlpl.ca

Check It Out!



@muskokalakespl



Muskoka Lakes
Public Library

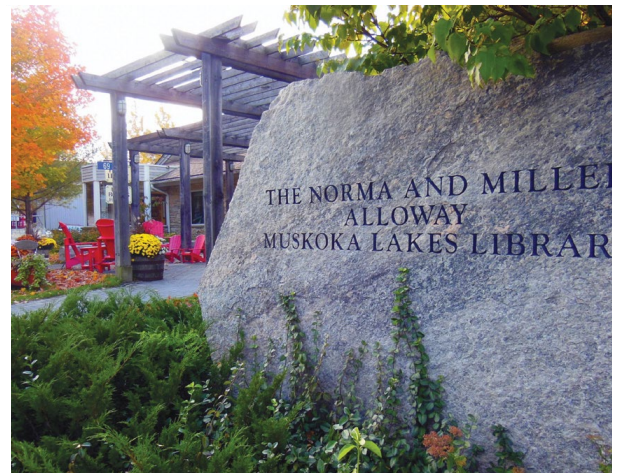
AT THE MUSKOKA LAKES
PUBLIC LIBRARY

"The only thing you absolutely have to know, is the location of
the library" - Albert Einstein

The Muskoka Lakes Public Library is a two branch
system with locations in Bala and Port Carling.

Both branches are open year round and offer a wide
variety of physical and digital resources for you to
explore! New items are always being added to the
collection.

MLPL also offers year round programming for all ages!
From family games and craft nights, to senior lunch
and learns, art classes for kids and adults, book clubs,
author talks, nature clubs, movie nights and so much
more...come check it out!



PORT CARLING LOCKS & SWING BRIDGE

LARGE LOCK - HOURS OF OPERATION		
JANUARY 1, 2025 – MAY 4, 2025	CLOSED	
MAY 5, 2025 – MAY 16, 2025	Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
	Saturday & Sunday	CLOSED
MAY 17, 2025 – SEPTEMBER 1, 2025	Monday – Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
	Friday – Sunday	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 – OCTOBER 13, 2025	Monday – Sunday	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
OCTOBER 14, 2025 – NOVEMBER 29, 2025	Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. *Weekend passages after Thanksgiving are by appointment only.
NOVEMBER 30, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025	CLOSED FOR THE SEASON	
SMALL LOCK - HOURS OF OPERATION		
JANUARY 1, 2025 – JUNE 1, 2025	CLOSED	
JUNE 2, 2025 – OCTOBER 11, 2025	Monday – Sunday	Self-Serve – 24 Hours
OCTOBER 12, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025	USE AT OWN RISK *Low water levels can make the small locks challenging to maneuver through.	

NOTE: HST EXTRA

LARGE LOCK FEES	One-way Passage (WITHOUT LIFT BRIDGE)	One-way Passage (WITH LIFT BRIDGE)	Yearly Rate (WITHOUT LIFT BRIDGE)	Yearly Rate (WITH LIFT BRIDGE)
LARGE COMMERCIAL/RECREATIONAL BOATS (BARGES ETC.)				
Normal operating hours	\$ 125.22	\$ 153.43	N/A	N/A
Outside normal operating hours	\$ 189.30	\$ 215.20	N/A	N/A
Where operation of the large lock is required by a yearly pass holder outside of normal operating hours	\$ 98.63	N/A	\$ 1,155.73	N/A
Large commercial/recreational boats, with lift bridge, Capacity between 20 - 80 passengers during normal operating hours	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 1,988.64

*NOTE: The subject fee is not applicable to commercial vessels with a capacity of 20 passengers or greater.

PORT CARLING LOCKS & SWING BRIDGE

NOTE: HST EXTRA

SMALL LOCK FEES	One-way Passage	Yearly Rate
Recreational boat capable of using the small lock whether small or large lock is used.	\$ 12.39	\$ 113.27 (Normal operating hours only)
Two-way passage for vessels described above (return trip fee).	One-way x 2	N/A
Ten pack of one-way passes for vessels described above.	One-way x 10	N/A
Day pass for vessels described	\$ 18.36	N/A
Small commercial boats (barges etc.) capable of using the small locks whether small or large lock is used.	\$ 36.06	N/A
MISCELLANEOUS		
Dock facilities: pleasure craft or commercial vessels of any kind are either of:	Per day or part thereof after 3 hours: \$ 5.08 per metre of length	\$ 119.88 per metre per month
Overnight berthage fees for tour boats	\$ 5.08 per metre of length per night	N/A

BOATER'S CODE

Respectful boating guidelines from Safe Quiet Lakes

1. I will never operate my boat beyond the level of my skills.
2. I will be aware of and obey all laws and regulations governing operation of my boat.
3. I will operate my boat with caution and courtesy to others at all times.
4. I will minimize my wake impact on shorelines, docks, structures and people.
5. I will always steer well clear of other boats, swimmers and wildlife.
6. I will set a speed and heading that is safe and comfortable for my passengers and others on the water.
7. I will provide safety instructions and offer appropriate life jackets or PFDs to everyone who travels in my boat.
8. I will carry all equipment necessary to operate my boat safely and within the law.
9. I will not consume drugs and alcohol in my boat or allow my boat to be operated by anyone who is impaired.
10. I understand that boating is a shared experience and I will not create excessive noise or operate my boat in a manner that disrupts the peaceful enjoyment of the lake by others.



Learn about responsible boating, noise reduction and speed impact at safequiet.ca

MUNICIPAL DOCKS, LAUNCH RAMPS & LAKE ACCESS



LAKE MUSKOKA			LAKE ACCESS	DOCK	RAMP	PARKING*
ACTON ISLAND	1712	Acton Island Road		●		●
	1295	Innisfree Road		●		
BALA	1018	Gordon Street		●		
	1061	Weismiller Street		●	●	●
	3040	Windsor Park	●	●		
BEAUMARIS	1216	Beaumaris Road		●		
MILFORD BAY	1148	Milford Bay Road		●	●	●
	1071	Beaumaris Road	●			
	1541	Butter & Egg Road	●			
	1008	Church Dock Road		●	●	
PORT CARLING	40	Bailey Street		●	●	●
	21	West Street		●	●	
GLEN ORCHARD	1152	Whiteside Road		●		
TORRANCE	1031	Queen's Walk Road		●	●	●
	1062	Whittings Road		●	●	
WALKER'S POINT	1007	Ann Street			●	
LAKE JOSEPH			LAKE ACCESS	DOCK	RAMP	PARKING*
FOOT'S BAY	1040	McDonald Road		●	●	
GLEN ORCHARD	1026	Appian Way		●	●	
MINETT	1264	Carlingford Road, Unit 5		●		
	1830	Peninsula Road, Unit 3		●		

LAKE ROSSEAU			LAKE ACCESS	DOCK	RAMP	PARKING*
BRACKENRIG	1033	Dock Road		●		
	1280	Dawson Road	●			
PORT CARLING	1021	Birch Avenue		●	●	
	1065	Boyce Road		●		
ULLSWATER	4023	Skeleton Bay Hwy 141		●	●	●
WINDERMERE	1007	Maple Leaf Bay Road		●		
	2510	Windermere Road		●		
OTHER LAKES			LAKE ACCESS	DOCK	RAMP	PARKING*
CLEAR LAKE, TORRANCE		1.3 km down Clear Lake Rd.			●	
MOON RIVER, BALA	1011	Portage Street, Unit 8		●		
LONG LAKE, BALA	1017	River Street			●	
	2871	Muskoka Road 169, Unit 3		●	●	●
SKELETON LAKE, ULLSWATER	1115 A	Bert Sims Road		●		
	1002	Skeleton Lake Road 3		●	●	●
	1254	Skeleton Lake Road 2		●		
THREE MILE LAKE, UFFORD	1184	Shea Road		●	●	
LEONARD LAKE, MILFORD BAY	2008	Muskoka Road 118 West		●	●	●
NINE MILE LAKE	1201	Nine Mile Lake Road		●	●	●
BRANDY LAKE, BRACKENRIG	1010	Pickerel Lane		●	●	●
HIGH LAKE		Bower Lane		●	●	

Please visit the Municipal office or the Township website for site specific usage details.

*Parking by Permit. By-Law 2003-29.

1. Tondern Island, Beaumaris.
2. Maple Leaf Bay Road, Windermere.
3. Windermere Dock, Muskoka Road 4.
4. Foot's Bay, McDonald Road.

INFORMATION CENTRE

MUSKOKA LAKES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
INFORMATION CENTRE



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- Permanent: 3125 Muskoka Road 169,
P.O. Box 536
Bala, ON, P0C 1A0

Phone: 705-762-5663

Fax: 705-762-5664

Email: info@muskokalakeschamber.ca

muskokalakeschamber.ca



PARKS & RECREATION - PARKS, BEACHES, PICNIC AREAS

LOCATION		PARK	PUBLIC BATHROOM	TABLES	BEACH	PLAY GROUND	OTHER
BALA	Bala Falls 3111 M.R. #169	●		●			
	Cenotaph Park 1012 Bala Falls Road	●	●	●			
	Jaspen Park 1005 Pine Ridge Road	●	●	●	●	●	Pavilion
	ML Sports Park 3224 M.R. #169	●	●	●			Soccer field, Skate Park
	Windsor Park 3040 M.R. #169	●	●	●			
MILFORD BAY	Baycliffe Park 1148 Milford Bay Road	●	●	●	●		
	Valley Green Beach 2605 M.R. #118	●	●	●	●		
PORT CARLING	Archdekin Park 24 Harris Street	●		●	●		
	Hanna Park 40 Bailey Street	●	●	●	●	●	Pavilion, Volleyball, Basketball
	Indian Crescent Park 28 Indian Crescent		●	●	●		
PORT SANDFIELD	Port Sandfield Park 1306 Peninsula Road	●	●	●			
TORRANCE	Sunset Park 1031 Queens Walk Road	●	●	●	●	●	
	Torrance Ball Field 2667 M.R. Hwy #169						Ball Diamond
ULLSWATER	Dee Bank Park 1026 North Shore Road	●		●			
	Fish Hatchery Park 111 Fish Hatchery Road	●	●	●			
	Skeleton Lake Park 1167 Skeleton Park Road #5	●	●	●	●		
WINDERMERE	Four Mile Pt. Park 1230 Rosseau Road #3	●	●	●	●		
	Windermere Park 2510 Windermere Road	●	●	●	●		
WALKER'S POINT	Walker's Point Beach 1010 Nixon Road	●	●	●	●		

For information regarding beach updates and closures, please visit the Simcoe Muskoka Unit at simcoemuskokahealth.org

SWIMMING LESSONS



HANNA PARK, PORT CARLING

The Township of Muskoka Lakes offers swimming lessons during July and August at two locations:

BALA – Jaspen Park

MILFORD BAY – Baycliffe Park

Lessons follow the curriculum of the Canadian Red Cross Swim Preschool, Red Cross Swim Kids, and the Lifesaving Society Lifesaving programs. All swim participants (exclusive of the Preschool Sea Turtle Lessons) must be a minimum of three years of age, toilet trained and not in diapers at the commencement of the swim program. Adult lessons may be available upon request.

SWIMMING SESSION SCHEDULES

*On days with inclement weather, lessons will still be held.

*Course schedule is tentative dependent on enrollment. Hours may vary within a half hour span. No lessons on the civic holiday.

Session A	July 2 – July 11
Session B	July 14 – July 24
Session C	July 28 – August 8 (no lessons on the 4th)
Session D	August 11 – August 21
PM Lessons (NEW)	Tuesdays and Thursdays July 2 - August 22
9 Day Sessions	

LESSON	PRICE PER PERSON
Preschool & Swim Kids	\$60
Life Saving Rookie Patrol	\$60
Lifesaving Ranger Patrol	\$60
Lifesaving Star Patrol	\$60
Bronze Star	\$80
Bronze Medallion and Emergency First Aid	\$170
Bronze Cross	\$160

* Multiple Family Member rates are available, please contact the Township office for more information.

* Please note that Leadership Courses may be offered pending sufficient registration. These courses require additional course materials which may be purchased prior to the lesson start date or through the Township for an additional fee.

Swimming beaches are NOT patrolled by lifeguards. Instructors will NOT take registration at the beaches.



REGISTRATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Online Registration
& Payment Beginning May
swimming@muskokalakelakes.ca

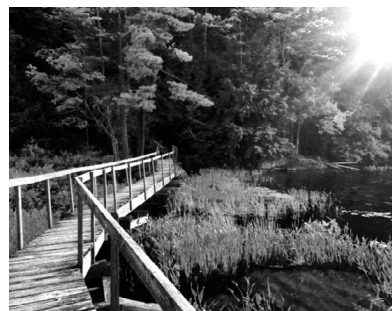
ONLINE
www.muskokalakelakes.ca
Registration is confirmed when payment is received. Payment can be made by cash, interact (debit) or cheque (payable to the Township of Muskoka Lakes). Returned cheques are subject to a \$25 service charge.

IN PERSON

1 Bailey Street, Port Carling, ON
Monday to Friday 8:15 am – 4:00 pm
Or via secure drop box at municipal
office front door

MAIL

Township of Muskoka Lakes
1 Bailey Street, P.O. Box 129
Port Carling, ON, P0B 1J0



PARKS & RECREATION – TRAILS

All trails are open year round but in the winter parking may be limited due to weather.
Trail brochures available online at muskokalakes.ca

HAZLEWOOD TRAIL • 20 Hazlewood Road	
DIFFICULTY & LENGTH	Difficult – 5 km return trail
USES	Hiking, Cross-Country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Mountain Biking, OFSC trail in winter
DIRECTIONS	Muskoka Road 118 to Port Carling. Trail parking available on Hazlewood Road east of Morrow Electric
HUCKLEBERRY TRAIL • 1057 Milford Bay Road	
DIFFICULTY & LENGTH	Moderate – 2.5 km loop
USES	Hiking, Cross-Country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Mountain Biking, OFSC trail in winter
DIRECTIONS	Trail parking off Muskoka Road 118 to Milford Bay Road
RAYMOND TRAIL • End of Skeleton Lake Rd. 1.	
DIFFICULTY & LENGTH	Moderate – 3.5 km one-way trail
USES	Hiking, Cross-Country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Mountain Biking, OFSC trail in winter
DIRECTIONS	Take Hwy 141 to Skeleton Lake Road. Trail is 1/2 km north of Raymond Community Centre. Trail parking along roadway.
SKELETON LAKE FISH HATCHERY TRAIL • End of Fish Hatchery Rd.	
DIFFICULTY & LENGTH	Easy – 1 km trail
USES	Hiking, Snowshoeing
DIRECTIONS	Take Hwy 141 to Fish Hatchery Road near Watt Public School
WALKER'S POINT TRAIL • Intersection of Walker's Point Road and Bradley Road.	
DIFFICULTY & LENGTH	Moderate – 1km
USES	Hiking, Snowshoeing
DIRECTIONS	Take Walker's Point Road from Hwy 169. Follow road until Walker's Point Community Centre. Trail entrance is at rear parking lot.
WALKER'S POINT LOOKOUT TRAIL • Intersection of Walker's Point Road and Bradley Road.	
DIFFICULTY & LENGTH	Moderate to Difficult – <1km
USES	Hiking, Snowshoeing
DIRECTIONS	Take Walker's Point Road from Hwy 169. Follow road until intersection with Bradley Road.
WEIR LAKE TRAIL • Highway 141, Bent River	
DIFFICULTY & LENGTH	Moderate – 3.6km
USES	Hiking, Snowshoeing
DIRECTIONS	Trail parking available off Highway 141 near Bent River.
HARDY LAKE TRAIL • 2346 Muskoka Road 169 (Washrooms Available, Provincial Trail)	
DIFFICULTY & LENGTH	Moderate to Difficult – 3 km and 8 km loop around the lake, 3.5 km trail through forest
USES	Hiking, Cross-Country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Canoeing
DIRECTIONS	Trail parking available Muskoka Road 169, 1 km west of Walker's Point, Between Gravenhurst and Bala
TORRANCE BARRENS TRAIL • 3924 Southwood Rd. (Washrooms Available, Provincial Trail)	
DIFFICULTY & LENGTH	Difficult – 5,000 acre Conservation Reserve
USES	Hiking, Cross-Country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Mountain Biking, OFSC trail in winter
DIRECTIONS	Take Hwy 169 to Southwood Road in Torrance (between Gravenhurst and Bala). Follow Southwood Road 7 km



HISTORIC WALKS

Muskoka Lakes has a rich, storied history and what better way to truly experience the fascinating history than by journeying along the very same trails used by the early-day explorers and settlers. Stretch those legs and get ready for an immersive history lesson as you check out these intriguing historical walks and tours.



BALA HISTORIC WALK

3070 MUSKOKA DISTRICT RD 169, BALA



DIFFICULTY: Easy
DISTANCE: 4.5km

ACCESS TO TRAIL / PARKING:

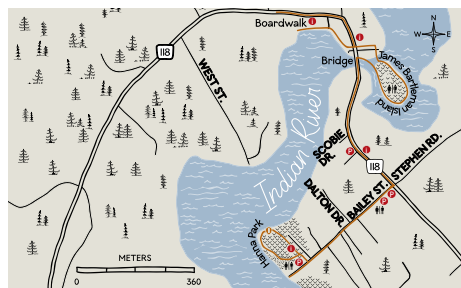
The walk starts at Windsor Park but of course you may start and end anywhere you like.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION / KEY POINTS OF INTEREST:

The Town of Bala consists of three islands interconnected by bridges over beautiful waterfalls. There is a spectacular view of the Moon River and the falls on this walk. These falls, the South Falls, run with water from Lakes Muskoka, Rosseau, and Joseph funneling through Bala enroute to Georgian Bay. You can also enjoy a visit to the Lucy Maud Montgomery Museum. This is just a taste of the many historical sites that are along this self-guided walk of historic Bala. Come and enjoy the walk and a bit of Bala hospitality.

PORT CARLING MURAL WALK

BAILEY STREET, PORT CARLING



DIFFICULTY: Easy
DISTANCE: 2.5km

ACCESS TO TRAIL / PARKING:

Take Hwy 118 to Port Carling. Turn onto Bailey Street to the end. Parking is at Hanna Park.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION / KEY POINTS OF INTEREST:

Water surrounds you on this trek through the picturesque town of Port Carling situated at the "hub of the lakes". This urban route offers many creative ways to enjoy a walk. Stop and view the Port Carling mural as "The Wall Looks Back". If shopping suits your fancy visit the many shops all along the way. Enjoy!

Winter Fun IN MUSKOKA LAKES



Winter is a magical time of year! Embrace the cooler weather, grab your gear, and get ready to make the most of winter.



DISCOVER Muskoka EVENTS CALENDAR

While in Muskoka check out the many events going on across the region. Find festivals, concerts and theatre productions, live music, art exhibits, markets and more all year long in the region.



ART EXHIBITIONS
THEATRE • FESTIVALS
LIVE MUSIC • CONCERTS
FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS



MUSKOKA OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW



The Muskoka Official Plan is being updated to align with Provincial policies and address current issues across the District of Muskoka. Plan components under review include:

The Archaeological Master Plan, Watershed Management Initiatives and Lake System Health Policies, Climate Action, Growth Strategy, Resort Development Policies and Mapping Updates.

Public consultation is an important part of the process, and there will be several opportunities to learn more and stay informed.

To find out more about the review, timelines and how you can be involved, visit www.engagemuskoka.ca/muskoka-official-plan

Stay Informed!

HOME IGNITION ZONE

EXTENDED ZONE

10 m to 30 m

INTERMEDIATE ZONE

1.5 m to 10 m

IMMEDIATE ZONE

0 m to 1.5 m



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THERE ARE MANY FACTORS THAT MAY IMPACT YOUR PROPERTY'S RISK TO WILDFIRE

Check out the *FireSmart Begins at Home Guide* for an in-depth look at how you can build wildfire resiliency.

YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE IMMEDIATE ZONE

0 m to 1.5 m

The Immediate Zone is a non-combustible area that starts at the house and extends to a 1.5 metre perimeter around the home and attached structures, including decks. Reduce the chance of wind-blown embers igniting your home by starting with these proactive steps:

- Choose non-combustible building materials when contracting or renovating your home.
- Clear vegetation and combustible material down to mineral soil and cover with non-combustible materials like gravel, brick, or concrete.
- Avoid planting woody shrubs or trees. If any are present, prune and maintain them regularly.

Get started on your FireSmart journey!

WWW.FIRESMARTCANADA.CA



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BALA CRANBERRY FESTIVAL
office@balacranberryfestival.on.ca
(705) 762-1564

BALA CURLING CLUB
contactus@balacurlingclub.ca
(705) 762-3392

BALA FARMERS MARKET
balafmarket@gmail.com
(705) 571-0999

BALA LEGION
(705) 762-3913

BALA IN BLOOM

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
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seniorsprograms@muskoka.on.ca
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MEALS ON WHEELS
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BRACEBRIDGE ROTARY**
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(705) 646-3330

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thebalatrek@gmail.com

WALKER'S POINT LIBRARY
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MILFORD BAY LIBRARY
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WEST MUSKOKA FOOD BANK
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windermereandareaarchive@gmail.com



Child and Family Centre



Play, Learn, Connect!

Free drop-in programs for families with children from birth to 6 years of age. Join us in **Port Carling, Bala and MacTier!**

- Welcoming spaces where every family belongs
- Support for child development and well-being
- Access to community resources
- Opportunities to learn, grow and connect

Find your nearest EarlyON location:
www.muskoka.on.ca/earlyon



Make a difference every day.

Join our early learning
community in Muskoka

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BALA



PORT CARLING



TOWNSHIP OFFICE



CHAMBER



INFORMATION CENTRE



ARENA



PUBLIC ARENA



PARKING



WATER TAP



WATER



LEGION



LOCKS



HISTORIC WALKS



HIKING



BOAT LAUNCH



FARMERS' MARKETS



PUBLIC WASHROOMS



COMMUNITY CENTRE



PARKLAND



BEACH



SHOPPING DISTRICT



TOWNSHIP/DISTRICT DOCKS



VIEW THE LAKES MUSKOKA CHAIRS

Goodnight MUSKOKA LAKES

HOW CAN WE PROTECT THE DARK SKY?



EVERY LIGHT FIXTURE SHOULD HAVE A CLEAR PURPOSE

When installing a light fixture, ask yourself, how does this impact the environment and wildlife? Does this impact neighbouring properties?



ONLY DIRECT LIGHT TO WHERE IT IS INTENDED TO GO

Full-cut-off fixtures are required in the Township, if directing light, ensure that it is illuminating a walking path or patio area and does not shine outwards, only down towards the ground.



ONLY USE NECESSARY BRIGHTNESS FOR EACH LIGHT

Use natural light from the moon to your advantage, if lights are on after dark, install dimmers so that the brightness can be reduced to only what is required.



ONLY HAVE YOUR LIGHTS ON WHEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY

If you are not at your property and have no intention of arriving after dark, keep all of your lights off. This goes for indoor lights as well, if they are not in use or serve no purpose, turn them off.

ONLY ILLUMINATE WHAT YOU NEED, WHERE YOU NEED IT.

When was the last time you remember seeing a starry night sky? This phenomenon seems to have diminished over the years due to the use of artificial illumination. While this may seem minor in nature, if everyone does their part and ensures that responsible lighting practices are used at their properties, everyone will be able to experience the beauty of a starry night sky.



How do I know if my property is dark sky compliant?
For more information visit our Dark Sky Webpage by scanning the QR code.

If you are unsure please contact the By-law division to ensure the lights are compliant, we are here to help!



MUSKOKA LAKES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

YOUR BUSINESS VOICE & COMMUNITY SUPPORTER

The Muskoka Lakes Chamber is the voice and support for almost 400 businesses and non-profit organizations across the greater Muskoka Lakes region.

We're stronger together: ask about joining the Chamber today and how we work to make business conditions better.

In partnership with the Township, the Chamber has a jam-packed Events Calendar supporting community and Chamber Member events.

Check it out at muskokalakeschamber.ca/events





SHORT TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS

WHAT IS A SHORT TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATION (STRA)?

A Short Term Rental Accommodation is the use of any part (or all) of a dwelling used for accommodation in exchange for payment for 28 consecutive days or less.

This does not include motels, hotels, resorts, bed and breakfasts, cabin rentals, tourist lodges or similar commercial or institutional establishments.

Do you own or operate a STRA in Muskoka Lakes?

All operators must apply for a license by December 31, 2025 in order to operate a STRA in Muskoka Lakes. All operators can continue to advertise and operate without a license through 2025.

1

Apply for License

Be prepared to submit: insurance, a site map, floor plan, photos, etc.

2

Always Keep Limitations Top of Mind

Be mindful of booking dates and occupancy limits. Rental restrictions come into effect May 1, 2026.

3

Should You Contravene the By-law, License will be Revoked or Suspended

If you receive 15 demerit points your license will be revoked or suspended

All STRA's in Muskoka Lakes will be limited to 2 people per bedroom. If an operator can provide sufficient evidence that their sewage system is properly equipped to service more than this amount, the Township may increase the maximum occupancy for the STRA on the issued license.

Concerns about a neighbour operating a STRA?

To report visit www.muskokalakelakes.ca, and fill out the report a concern form or contact the by-law division at 705-765-3156.



CEMETERIES

Contact the Township of Muskoka Lakes for cemetery inquiries.

Cemetery Regulations can be found on our website at muskokalakes.ca

* Morinus Cemetery

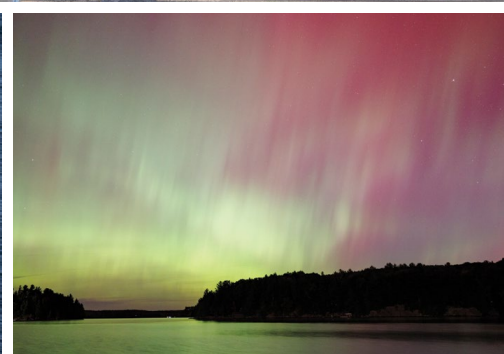
All lots have been sold. Burials will be carried out in the purchased lots, therefore, the cemetery cannot be considered closed.

** Ufford United, Ufford Anglican and Doherty

The above cemeteries are closed.

LEGEND	CEMETERY	CIVIC ADDRESS
**	DOHERTY	1428 Doherty Road
	FOOT'S BAY	1036 United Church Road
	GLEN ORCHARD	1017 West Whites Road
	MILFORD BAY	1000 Old Lakeshore Road
*	MORINUS	1227 Morinus Road
	PORT CARLING	45 Joseph Street
	TORRANCE	1026 East Bay Road
	UFFORD	1450 Doherty Road
**	UFFORD UNITED	1570 Windermere Road
**	UFFORD ANGLICAN	1520 Windermere Road
	ULLSWATER	1289 Old Parry Sound Road
	ZISKA	1139 Ziska Road





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