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Lake Fact Sheet – Parry Sound District

Ril Lake

Location

Official Name: Ril Lake *Local Names:*
County/District: Muskoka *Geographic Twp:* Ridout
Municipality: Township of Lake of Bays *MNR Admin. Area:* Bracebridge
Lat./Long: 45.164 N -79.013 W *UTM (NAD83):* 17 656131 5003138
Topographic Map (1:50,000): 31E03 *Drainage Basin:* South Muskoka River

Physical Features

Surface Area (ha): 144 *Maximum Depth (m):* 9.1 *Mean Depth (m):* 3.4
Elevation (m asl): 366 *Perimeter (km):* 12.0 *Island Shoreline (km):* 0.4
Volume (10⁴ m³): 490 *Watershed (km²):* 17.0 *Water Clarity (m)* 3.0
 (excludes area of lake)

Land Use and Development

Crown Land (%): 25 *Provincial Parks:* none
Shoreline Development: Intense; shoreline residential
Access: Public; North Ril Lake Road
Water Level Management: Not regulated

Fish Species

Major Fish Species: largemouth bass (I), smallmouth bass (I), rock bass (I), brook trout (R), yellow perch
Other Fish Species: white sucker, bluntnose minnow
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>	No lake-specific exceptions
<i>Current Stocking:</i>	None
<i>Historic Stocking (last year stocked):</i>	brook trout (1959), rainbow trout (1962)
<i>Contaminants (species tested):</i>	None
<i>Assessment:</i>	<i>Completed Projects:</i>
	1969 Lake survey

Synopsis

Brook trout was probably the only native sport fish species in Ril Lake. A Biological Survey Report from 1963 makes reference to the quality of the fishery as conflicting with some reporting brook trout in abundance and others denying the existence of trout being plentiful at any time. Brook trout had been stocked prior to 1959 and sampled during netting assessments.

Ril Lake currently supports a warm water fishery with the primary sport fish being smallmouth and largemouth bass. Evidence of the continued persistence of a remnant brook trout population exists in correspondence from a cottager on the lake indicated the bass fishing was good, and incidentally, their angling party had caught a 1 ¼ lb. brook trout in 1988.

The lake file contains a large correspondence file expressing the cottagers desire to improve the fishery. Unfortunately, small lakes with limited depth and established bass populations present minimal management options.

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Refer to Lake Fact Sheet Interpretation document for explanation of content.

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