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Lake Fact Sheet – Parry Sound District

Echo Lake

Location

Official Name: Echo Lake *Local Names:* Resound Lake
County/District: Muskoka *Geographic Twp:* Wood
Municipality: Township of Muskoka Lakes *MNR Admin. Area:* Bracebridge
Lat./Long: 44.969 N 79.543 W *UTM (NAD83):* 17 641869 4980588
Topographic Map (1:50,000): 31D13 *Drainage Basin:* Lake Muskoka

Physical Features

Surface Area (ha): 93 *Maximum Depth (m):* 13 *Mean Depth (m):* 4.5
Elevation (m asl): 229 *Perimeter (km):* 9.6 *Island Shoreline (km):* 2.4
Volume (10⁴ m³): 418 *Watershed (km²):* 16.4 *Water Clarity (m):* 3.3
 (excludes area of lake)

Land Use and Development

Crown Land (%): 50 *Provincial Parks:* Torrance Barrens Conservation Reserve
Shoreline Development: moderate; shoreline residential
Access: private; trailer camp at North of Gullwing lake; boat to Echo (Resound) Lake
Water Level Management: not regulated

Fish Species

Major Fish Species: largemouth bass (I?), smallmouth bass (I?)
Other Fish Species: , cisco (lake herring), yellow perch, rock bass (I), pumpkinseed, white sucker
 brown bullhead, golden shiner
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>	none
<i>Contaminants (species tested):</i>	none
<i>Assessment:</i>	<i>Completed Projects:</i>
	1952 biological assessment
	1976 lake survey
	1990 water chemistry update

Synopsis

Echo Lake is a relatively small lake with a fish community dominated by several species of bass. Although no stocking records were found it is likely that stocking did occur in the past, as neighbouring Torrance and Gullwing Lakes were stocked repeatedly with bass in the past. It is not known if the stocking was done to introduce the species or was to supplement naturally occurring populations. Anecdotal reports have been received that northern pike are now present in adjoining lakes. It is likely that they were intentionally introduced by a well-meaning lake user, but without authorization. Pike have the potential to seriously alter the existing fish community. Small lakes like Echo Lake, with an existing diverse warm water fish community, limited cold water habitat and no public access, have minimal fisheries management options available.

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