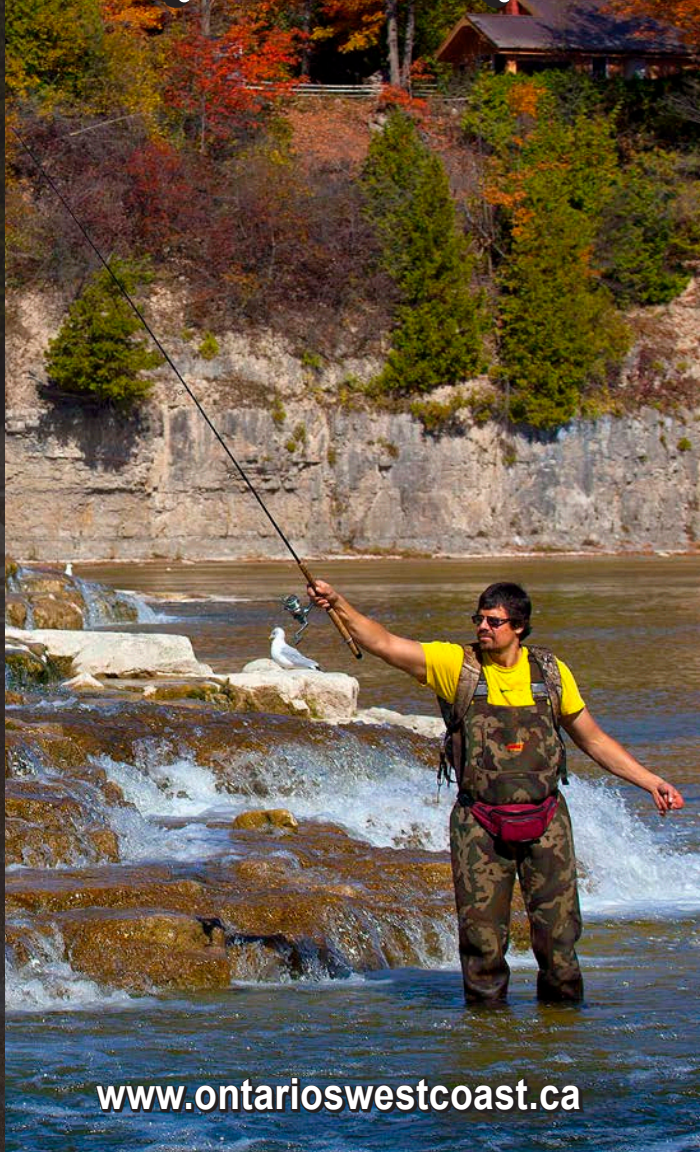


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Detroit / Windsor Border = 2.5 hours

Sarnia / Port Huron = 45 minutes

Toronto = 2.5 hours

London = 30 minutes

Stratford = 20 minutes

The above driving times are to the boundaries of Huron County at posted speed limits

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COLD WATER FISHING

WATERWAY NAME <i>Referenced to Map on Reverse</i>	Stream Residents		Migratory Spring-Fall	
	Brook Trout	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Chinook Salmon
TEESWATER RIVER WATERSHED: Belmore Creek	●			
LAKE HURON WATERSHED: Naftel's Creek Kintail Creek	● ●	●	● ●	●
NINE MILE RIVER WATERSHED: Erber Creek Nine Mile River - below Lucknow Nine Mile - above Lucknow St. Helen's Creek Anderson Creek Kinloss Creek Henry's Creek Hunter Drain	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ● ●
MAITLAND RIVER WATERSHED: Maitland R. - below Auburn Maitland R. - Auburn to Wingham Sharpe's Creek Holmesville Creek Blyth Brook Lawlor Drain Higginbottom Creek St. Augustine Creek Belgrave Creek Morris Dump Creek Sunshine Creek Bluevale Creek Salem Creek Wroxeter Creek Blind Lake Creek	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
BAYFIELD RIVER WATERSHED: Trick's Creek Middleton's Creek Hellgrammite Creek Perdues Creek Nott's Creek Brand's Creek	● ● ● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ● ●
AUSABLE RIVER WATERSHED: Ausable River			●	●

WARM WATER FISHING

WATERWAY NAME <i>Referenced to Map on Reverse</i>	Northern Pike	Smallmouth Bass	Panfish	Yellow Perch
LAKE HURON WATERSHED: Eighteen Mile River		●		
MAITLAND RIVER WATERSHED: Maitland R. - below Auburn Maitland R. - Auburn to Wingham Maitland R. - above Wingham South Maitland River Middle Maitland River Little Maitland River	● ● ● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ● ●	● ● ● ● ● ●	
BAYFIELD RIVER WATERSHED: Bayfield R. - above Trick's Creek Bayfield R. - below Trick's Creek Bannockburn River	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●	
AUSABLE RIVER WATERSHED: Ausable River- to area edge Ausable River- Centralia to headwaters Black Creek Parkhill Creek		● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●	
NORTH THAMES RIVER WATERSHED: Fish Creek		●	●	
INLAND LAKES: Lakelet Lake Morrison Dam Lake Wawanosh	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●



Fishing on the Maitland River near Benmiller.

FISHING IN HURON COUNTY

There are three distinct groups based on the type of fishery that predominates: the cool and cold water fish communities in Lake Huron; cold water fish found in rivers and streams; warm water fish found in rivers, streams, and smaller inland lakes.

LAKE HURON

The Lake Huron fishery consists of cold water species such as the rainbow/brown/lake trout, chinook, and coho salmon, as well as cool water species like yellow perch, smallmouth bass, and walleye. A significant sports fishery exists at the mouths of the Bayfield, Maitland, and Nine Mile Rivers for migratory spawning species during mid March to the end of May for rainbow trout and during September and October for chinook, coho salmon and rainbow trout. These cold water species are found approximately six to ten miles offshore during the summer months. Yellow perch, smallmouth bass, and sunfish are taken from late spring to early fall along the entire Lake Huron shoreline. Most of the fishing for these particular species takes place on piers and at river mouths.

COLD WATER RIVERS

Cold water river and stream fish consist of brook and brown trout, as well as the migratory rainbow trout and salmon. All the cold water species prefer water with mid summer temperatures less than 20°C (68°F). These spring fed streams are concentrated in a belt from Bayfield through to Wingham. The Cold Water Fishing Chart can be used to determine which fish species are commonly found in the rivers, and creeks shown on the reverse map.

WARM WATER RIVERS / LAKES

The warm water river and lake fish consist of species such as the smallmouth bass, panfish (includes rock bass, bluegill, and pumpkinseed), northern pike, and yellow perch. These fish are generally found in inland lakes and rivers having summer temperatures in excess of 20°C (68°F). Lakelet Lake, Lake Wawanosh, and the Morrison Dam represent the most significant areas available for warm water lake fishing. The main river sections of the Maitland and Bayfield Rivers also provide excellent areas to fish for smallmouth bass. The Warm Water Fishing Chart can be used to determine which fish species are commonly found in the various lakes, rivers, and creeks shown on the reverse map.

FISHING EVENTS:

Catch Fishing

NATIONAL FISHING WEEK IN JULY

*For all you need to know about the
joys of family fishing visit:*

www.catchfishing.com

ONTARIO FAMILY FISHING WEEK

*(1st or 2nd Week in July and one weekend in February).
Residents will be allowed to fish without a licence.
People fishing without a licence are still subject to
Conservation Fishing Licence Limits. For information
and dates contact:*

Phone: 705-748-6324 X254

Website: www.ontariofamilyfishing.com



Mike Verhoef of Fly Fitters, with a fall steelhead.

FLY FISHING CHARTERS

FLY FITTERS - Mike Verhoef

37213 Hills Road, R.R.#4

Goderich, Ontario, N7A 3Y1

Phone: 519-524-7474

Email: Mike@flyfitters.ca

Website: www.flyfitters.ca

Guided fly fishing for trout, salmon and summer bass on local rivers. Beginner workshops to full day walk and wade or drift boat adventures! All equipment supplied. Season: April to December. Sunrise to sunset. Book early! Use your own equipment or ours.

FLY FISHING ANYONE?

c/o 14 McGivern St. W

Walkerton, Ontario,

N0G 2V0

Phone: 519-507-2200

Fly fishing instruction and guiding on local rivers. Equipment provided. Half and full day pricing. April through December. Sun-up to sun-down.

NOMAD ADVENTURES

71 Christopher Dr

Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 4J6

Phone: 519-502-3397

Email: info@nomadac.com

Website: www.nomadadventures.net

Outdoor Recreation - Fly Fishing

Guided walk and wade fishing and kayak fishing in the Huron County/ Lake Huron area. Fishing can be on river or Lake.

PUBLIC FEE FISHING

HEDLEY'S TROUT FARM

R.R.#1, 84534 Marnoch Line

Belgrave, Ontario, N0G 1E0

Phone/fax: 519-357-2329

E-mail: fish@hedley.ca

Website: www.hedley.ca

Order your pollution-free trout (high in omega3) from our tanks or fish from our spring water pond. Use your rod or rent here. No licence, season or limits. No C&R. Cleaning, ice provided. Summer fishing restricted to 7 - 9:30 am. Guaranteed fish. Bring a cooler. Located 1.25 miles/2 km north of the Hamlet of Westfield (#84534 Marnoch Line). Open year round by appointment only (call first). Limited hours for fishing in the summer.

REGULATIONS & LICENSING

For information regarding the required fishing licence (Outdoors Card and fishing licence tag), please got to:

www.ontario.ca

The licence can be purchased online or in person at the following locations:

EXETER

Canadian Tire, 100 Thames Rd. E. - 519-235-0160

GODERICH

Canadian Tire, HWY 8, 35430 Huron Rd. - 519-524-2124

Service Ontario, 38 North St. - 519-524-9562

WINGHAM

Wingham Sales Arena/ Hunters Haven , 680 Josephine St.- 519-357-2987

The Ontario Fishing Regulations summary is available on

www.ontario.ca

LOCAL FISHING RETAIL

GODERICH BAIT AND TACKLE

201 Huron Rd. Goderich

Phone: 519-524-7910

Fishing and bait supply store.

PORT ALBERT GENERAL STORE

4 Central Wellington St. Port Albert

Phone: 519-529-7334

Website: www.portalbertgeneralstore.com

15 km north of Goderich. Our quality stocked Fishing Pro Shop has the bait and equipment which you need for a full fishing experience on the Nine Mile River or at its mouth in Lake Huron. Lots of parking for the day or we can help you find accommodation for that special fishing getaway. Open year round, accessible and public washroom.

GODERICH BAIT AND TACKLE

35 Huron St. Clinton, Phone: 519-606-3474

Fishing and bait supply store.

Water Levels

Check out the Environment Canada website for water levels on Huron County water courses www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca. You can also create your own station or access the Huron County station (/my_station_list).

Report A Poacher

Please do your part for waterway conservation and report poachers. If you observe any fishing violations, please contact a local Conservation Officer at: 519-482-3333

Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477

Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122

NOTE: If you did not receive a current Ontario Sport Fishing Regulations Summary with this brochure, it is very important that you obtain and read the appropriate sections before fishing in Ontario. Learn the catch limits and various seasons dates and do your part to help conserve Ontario's waterways.

CONSERVATION AREAS

For a listing and location reference of conservation areas, please refer to the map on the reverse. Detailed descriptions of Huron County conservation areas can be found in the annual Huron County Vacation Guide or at www.ontarioswestcoast.ca

AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

R.R.#3, 71108 Morrison Line, Exeter, Ontario, N0M 1S5

Phone: 519-235-2610 or toll free: 1-888-286-2610 Website: www.abca.on.ca

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) manages a number of conservation areas with public access for fishing and paddling opportunities. No gate fees, but donations are accepted to help towards maintaining these properties. Please refer to the listing of conservation areas on the reverse map for ABCA managed properties.

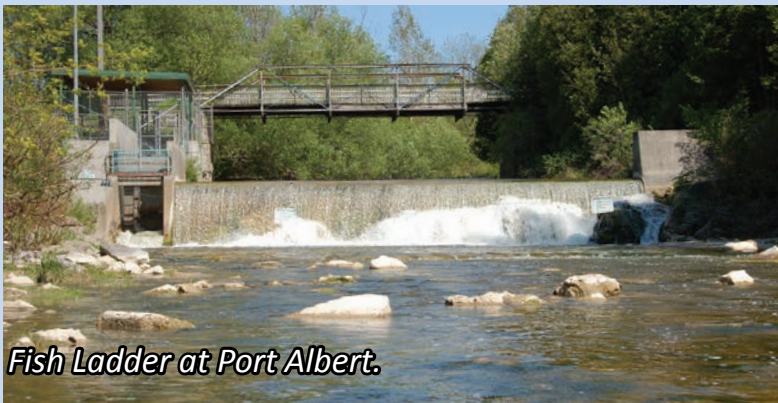
MAITLAND VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Box 127, Wroxeter, Ontario, N0G 2X0

Phone: 519-335-3557 Email: maitland@mvca.on.ca Website: www.mvca.on.ca

The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) manages a number of conservation areas with public access for fishing and paddling opportunities. The Falls Reserve near Benmiller offers exceptional opportunities for rainbow trout and salmon. Camping is also available. Please refer to the listing of conservation areas on the reverse map for MVCA managed properties.

FISH VIEWING AT PORT ALBERT FISHWAY



Fish Ladder at Port Albert.

The Port Albert Fishway (PAF) was constructed at the historical mill dam in the village of Port Albert, to allow the passage of spawning fish to upstream coldwater streams in the Nine Mile River Watershed.

During the spring runs around 1500 adult rainbow trout pass through the fishway. Fall runs of pacific salmon as well as rainbow and brown trout occur from mid-September until the end of November. Right beside the fishway is the Port Albert Store which offers fishing and outfitting supplies to the many anglers that visit.

Several of the local sporting clubs (such as the Nine Mile River Steelheaders, Maitland Valley Anglers and the Bayfield Anglers Association) collect eggs for their incubation box programs or transport ripe adults upstream to prime spawning habitat to ensure the successful reproduction of the rainbow trout in the watershed.

Located in the village of Port Albert, Highway 21 north of Goderich at the mouth of the Nine Mile River and Lake Huron shoreline. Fish jumping can be viewed from late March until early May, with peak runs occurring during the last 2 weeks in April. In the fall, jumping occurs from mid-September until late November, with peak runs occurring during October and early November.

BE A GOOD FISHER / PADDLER

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- No Littering
- Park on road allowances without impeding traffic flow
- Camp in designated campgrounds only

MARINE HERITAGE

Experience Marine Heritage in Goderich by visiting the marine museum at the beach in Goderich or picking up your Marine Heritage brochure at Tourism Goderich.
Phone: 1-800-280-7637

PADDLE HURON

Huron County offers a variety of paddling opportunities ranging from flat water to mild white water (during flood conditions). There are 6 dams located in Huron County which provide all summer flat water paddling ranging from 1.5hrs to 3hrs round trip and none require a shuttle. The Maitland River is Huron's crown jewel, offering a 2 - 3 day leisurely trip from Wingham to Goderich with campgrounds located along the way. Early spring or after a large rainfall is the best time for this trip as the river is very wide and water levels fluctuate quickly. Hullett Marsh is also located in Huron County and provides spring and fall paddling in the Marsh. An abundance of wildlife and migrating birds can be viewed while in the Marsh.

Paddling in Huron offers commanding views specific to where you are and the time of year. Spring offers spring run off, trees and wildlife waking up, new growth to see and the remainders of winter left in the hills and valleys. Summer shows off the variety of trees and shrubs, young ducks and geese learning to swim, and the summer breezes (and bugs) that get you away from the office to enjoy nature. Fall is an exciting time to paddle as the fall migration of ducks and geese is at its peak, the colours of the trees change daily and the summer heat and bugs have dissipated, making for a more enjoyable paddle.

Paddling doesn't have to be a week long trip in the wild; it can be an hour trip in your own 'back yard'. Check out the details of this map to find out what Huron County has to offer!

LOCAL PADDLING SUPPLIES & RETAIL

360 BIKES AND BOARDS - Goderich - 519-524-7171
www.350bikesnboards.com

CANA CANOE - TOWN? - 519-200-8414

DONKS OUTDOORS & SPORTS - Goderich -
519-612-1973 - www.donksoutdoors.com

OUTSIDE PROJECTS - Bayfield - 519-565-4034 -
www.outsideprojects.ca

TIMBER'S OUTFITTERS - Seaforth - 519-600- 2267 -
www.timbersoutfitters.com

COMPOSITE CREATIONS - Vanastra - 519-525-5356
www.compositecreations.ca

BLUEWATER MARINA - Bayfield -
www.town.bluewater.on.ca

SHADOW RIVER BOATWORKS - Grand Bend -
519-238-6838

SUGGESTED TRIPS

GOT AN HOUR?

Try here... Access #3 Wroxeter Dam Area – From the dock on the north side of the bridge, head east through the meandering river towards Gorrie. This is an easy paddle for after supper and doesn't require a shuttle. Watch out for dead heads.

Access #23 Hullett Marsh – Check your Hullett guide book for the access points surrounding the marsh for easy, wildlife filled paddling. No shuttle required. Remember access is not allowed from May 15th to Aug 1st to minimize disturbances to nesting waterfowl.

GOT TWO HOURS?

Try here... Access #22 Brussels Conservation Area – Starting from the Old Mill Pond Dam, paddle south going by a few backyards into the wilderness. You will see a variety of birds and hardwood bush along this stretch. You can paddle past the Cranbrook Line Bridge before running out of water. This can be a 6 mile round trip or the trip can be made shorter by shuttling from the bridge to Brussels.

Access #9 Auburn Bridge to Ball's Bridge access #10 – Starting from under the County Road Bridge, paddle down river through the majestic banks of the Maitland River to a feel of being in the middle of nowhere. This trip depends on water levels and vehicles must be shuttled. Beware of the odd attacking goose!

GOT A WEEKEND?

Try here... Access #5 Wingham County Road 86 bridge to Goderich access #17 – This could be up to a 3 day paddle depending on water levels and paddler experience (or head winds). Starting from Wingham, paddle down river watching for swifts and dead heads. Camping is available at 4 locations along the river (be sure to book your site before you leave). Faster water is located between access #14 and #17 and portages may be required. Check local water levels before heading out and scout all rapids before running.

HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE PADDLING EXPERIENCE!

REEL PADDLE FILM FESTIVAL

Spend a night out and watch a movie or two that involves water, you might get some ideas for your next vacation! For information on this film festival visit:

www.compositecreations.com



Paddling on the Ausable River.

PADDLING ACCESS POINTS

WATERWAY

Referenced to
Map on Reverse

	WASHROOMS NEARBY	PARKING	FOOD OR DRINK NEARBY	FLAT WATER	MOVING WATER	POT AND PLAY	TRIP / SHUTTLE	CAMPING AREA
1. Lakelet	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
2. Gorrie Conservation Area*		✓		✓		✓		
3. Wroxeter Dam Area*		✓	✓	✓		✓		
4. Wingham Turnberry Flood Plain Conservation Area*	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
4a. Wingham Turnberry Flood Plain Conservation Area* (Helena St.)	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
5. Zetland Bridge (Scott Line)		✓			✓		✓	
6. Marnoch Access		✓			✓		✓	
7. Wawanosh Park Conservation Area*	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓
8. Donnybrook Bridge Access		✓			✓		✓	
9. Pattersons Bridge (Auburn)		✓			✓		✓	
10. Ball's Bridge Access		✓			✓		✓	
11. Bedgar Bridge Access (Boundary)		✓			✓		✓	
12. Forster's Bridge Access(Holmesville)		✓			✓		✓	
13. Benmiller Bridge Access		✓			✓		✓	
14. Falls Conservation Area*	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
15. Colborne Park		✓			✓		✓	✓
16. Tiger Dunlop & Hwy 21 Access		✓			✓		✓	
17. Maitland River mouth	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
20. Lake Wawanosh Conservation Area *	✓	✓		✓		✓		
21. Bluevale/Pioneer Conservation Area*	✓	✓	✓			✓		
22. Brussels Conservation Area*	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
23. Hullett Wildlife Area <small>*see Hullett Guidebook</small>		✓		✓		✓		
24. Egmondville Bridge Access								
25. Clinton Conservation Area**	✓	✓			✓		✓	
26. Bannockburn (Varna Bridge) Access		✓			✓		✓	
27. Bayfield River Mouth	✓	✓		✓		✓		
30. Morrison Dam Conservation Area**	✓	✓		✓		✓		
35. Port Blake Conservation Area**	✓	✓		✓		✓		
36. Crediton Conservation Area **	✓	✓	✓		✓			
40. Pinery Provincial Park	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓

* Managed by Maitland Valley Conservation Authority

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Bruce County

Perth County

Lake Huron

Accommodations along the Maitland River:

www.maitlandmarina.on.ca (Goderich)

www.somerset.co.uk (Saltford)

www.sandwichhotel.co.uk (Sandwich)

www.mvca.ca (Falls Reserve CA at Benmillar and Wawanosh Park CA north of Auburn)

www.benmiller.ca (Benmiller)

www.chiltonallison.com/ground.co (between Godrich and Clifton)

www.biolinspired.org/ (De

www.auburnriverside.on.ca (Auburn)

Selected Conservation and Natural Areas with paddling access and fishing

- | | | | |
|----|---|----|--|
| 1 | Lakeliet
#10277.73 W, #435678.93 N | 17 | Mailand River mouth at Goderich
#10439.32 W, #43484.53 N |
| 2 | Wanwanosh Conservation Area*
#10813.39 W, #43552.15 N | 20 | Lake Wawanosh Conservation Area*
#10248.48 W, #43533.95 N |
| 3 | Wroxeter Dam Area
#10839.98 W, #43552.00 N | 21 | Bluevale/Pioneer Conservation Area*
#10127.42 W, #43517.91 N |
| 4 | Wingham Tumberry Flood Plain
#10183.60 W, #43573.00 N | 22 | Brussels Conservation Area*
#10434.28 W, #43528.81 N |
| 5 | Wingham Area (flat water above Wingham Tumberry Flood Plain)
#10179.74 W, #43573.00 N | 23 | Hullett Wildlife Area
#10722.44 W, #43298.44 N |
| 6 | Concession Area* (Lowwater Bridge - Helena St.)
#10314.74 W, #435314.74 N | 24 | See Huletts Gribbock
#10722.44 W, #43298.44 N |
| 7 | Zeland Bridge (Scott Line)
#10213.13 W, #435343.31 N | 25 | Emmynoville Flood Plain
#10234.70 W, #43525.16 N |
| 8 | Marnoch Access
#10157.95 W, #43525.16 N | 26 | Clinton Conservation Area**
#10157.95 W, #43525.16 N |
| 9 | Wawanosh Park Conservation Area*
#102757.97 W, #434973.99 N | 27 | Bannockburn (Vama Bridge) Access
#10252.15 W, #43533.71 N |
| 10 | Donnybrook Bridge Access
#10157.95 W, #43525.16 N | 28 | Bayfield River Mouth
#10252.15 W, #43533.71 N |
| 11 | Patterson's Bridge (Auburn)
#10152.24 W, #43524.81 N | 29 | Morrison Dam Conservation Area**
#10272.33 W, #43527.46 N |
| 12 | Ball's Bridge Access
#10152.24 W, #43524.81 N | 30 | Port Blake Conservation Area
#10243.70 W, #43503.72 N |
| 13 | B. Edgar Bridge Access (Boundary)
#10153.22 W, #434871.32 N | 31 | Credition Conservation Area
#10243.70 W, #43503.72 N |
| 14 | Forster's Bridge Access (Holmesville)
#10153.22 W, #434871.32 N | 32 | Pinery Protection Park
#10243.70 W, #43503.72 N |

BE A GOOD FISHER / PADDLER

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- Camp in designated campgrounds only

Selected Conservation and Natural Areas which permit fishing

- A** Saratoga Swamp*
(81°56'17.74" W, 43°52'73.27" N)
- B** Elwell Conservation Area*
(81°56'17.74" W, 43°52'73.27" N)
- C** Sharpe's Creek Wildlife Preserve*
(1°06'16.35" W, 43°57'32.07" N)
- D** Naftel's Creek Conservation Area*
(81°47'01.14" W, 43°56'59.38" N)
- E** Seaforth Lion's Park
(81°38'59.44" W, 43°54'45.16" N)
- F** Elliott Park
(81°48'58.62" W, 43°53°54.26" N)
- G** MacNaughton Park
(81°47'11.98" W, 43°53°43.92" N)
- H** Bannockburn Conservation

Please note that not all of the Conservation Areas in Huron County offer fishing or paddling. For a detailed description of these and more Conservation Areas, please refer to the Huron County Vacation Guide or the website www.ontarioswestcoast.ca

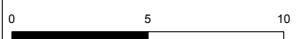
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This map is a guideline. All suggested routes, times, and distances are estimations. These can change due to water conditions, erosion, weather, and paddler skill level. Use this guide with discretion and at your own risk.

**With lake and pier fishing, check weather and water conditions*

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-  Accessible Pier Fishing
 -  Marina
 -  Natural Area, No Paddling
 -  Natural Area, Paddling Access
 -  Public Fee Fishing
 -  Reservoir
 -  Campgrounds
- For detailed camp information visit www.mn.dnr.gov/camping*

Huron County Roads

-  Provincial Highway: Paved
-  County Road: Paved
-  Municipal Road: Paved
-  Municipal & All Other Designations: Gravel



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