



Clear Lake

Fishing



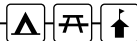
As a part of the Rideau Canal, Clear Lake does experience significant boating traffic throughout the summer months. As a result, the lake is heavily fished but still remains a relatively good angling option.

The main sportfish species are smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, northern pike and walleye. Both bass species are the easiest to find, as they will hide near any sort of structure, either manmade or natural. Try working spinners or jigs around cottage docks to see if you can lure a bass from the shadows. Some of the biggest bass are caught right below the docks.

A good area for both bass and northern pike is the western end of the lake. This region is home to weedy bays, which make up prime habitat for ambush ready bass and pike. Weedless type spinners or top water lures can be quite productive in these areas, especially during overcast periods or at dusk.

Walleye in Clear Lake are definitely the hardest sportfish to find on a consistent basis. The best way to locate these predators is to sit off one of the many shoal humps found around the lake and jig not far off bottom. The shoal area located in the eastern middle of the lake is a good spot to try to find cruising walleye. The shoal is shallow enough to provide weed growth, which enhances baitfish activity and eventually brings in predatory fish like walleye. Many anglers looking for walleye do not even go out onto the lake during the summer until almost dark. As with most walleye producing lakes, this species is almost nocturnal in nature and increases feeding as evening sets in.

Facilities



There are several cottages and lodges along Clear Lake, many of which can be rented during the summer. Inquire locally for rental opportunities. For basic supplies, the village of Newboro is located to the north of Clear Lake off County Road 36.

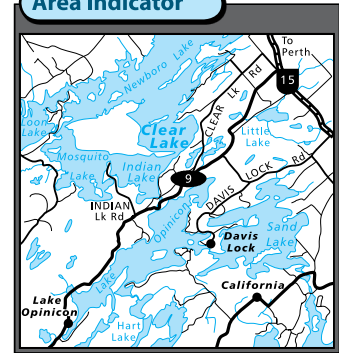
Directions



Clear Lake is part of the Rideau Canal waterway and is located between Indian Lake to the south and Newboro Lake to the north. The quickest route to the lake by vehicle is by taking Highway 15 to Chaffey's Lock Road (County Road 9). Follow Chaffey's Lock Road southwest and look for Garrett Road off the north side. After a short trek north, you will pass Clear Lake Road, which heads west to the shoreline of Clear Lake.

Travellers that wish to reach Scott Island on the west side of Clear Lake can take a short ferry across the inlet between Indian Lake and Clear Lake.

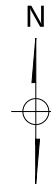
Area Indicator



Other Options



Via the Rideau Canal, visitors to Clear Lake can access **Newboro Lake** to the north and **Indian Lake** to the south. If your luck is slow on Clear Lake, it is a short ride to either of these great Eastern Ontario fishing lakes. Visitors to Indian Lake can fish for smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, northern pike and stocked splake. Both bass species along with walleye and northern pike inhabit Newboro Lake. Be sure to check the depth chart and details found on these lakes later in the book.



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