



Bruce Peninsula National Park and Fathom Five National Marine Park **Day-Use Guide**

Welcome to two very special parks in the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation. Bruce Peninsula National Park and Fathom Five National Marine Park will inspire you with majestic cliffs, bright blue waters, epic coastlines, islands, lighthouses, shipwrecks and the largest remaining tract of forest in Southwestern Ontario.

All of us must take care to protect these amazing natural spaces for years to come. Help us to preserve these parks for the future.

Looking to go
paper free?





Here on the Saugeen (Bruce) peninsula, we value kindness toward others and respect for the natural and cultural environment.

Please remain calm and respectful at all times so we can build positive memories for everyone! Negative interactions with staff members will lead to refusal of entry.

Don't risk missing out!

In order to experience the Georgian Bay shoreline, reservations are required for access to **Halfway Log Dump** and to the **Cyprus Lake area (including Indian Head Cove and the Grotto)**.

To visit either of these places, you must **reserve a space** in advance. Book by telephone or online:

1-877-737-3783 www.reservation.pc.gc.ca



Parking Reservations for Cyprus Lake/Grotto and Halfway Log Dump are valid, for same day parking at Singing Sands and the Parks Canada Visitor Centre (subject to availability).



CYPRUS LAKE AREA AND GROTTTO

From the Head of Trails parking lot, make your way down one of three trails to reach the Georgian Bay shoreline and the Bruce Trail. Here you can access the Grotto, Indian Head Cove and the Natural Arch. The crystal blue waters, rugged cliffs, and dramatic shoreline of Georgian Bay are highlights of this iconic destination.

From the Head of Trail, you can also hike the Cyprus Lake Trail and the Multi-Use Trail. For a less crowded and less rugged hiking experience, travel around Cyprus Lake through the forest on the Cyprus Lake Trail or explore the campground along the Multi-Use Trail.

Note: The Multi-Use Trail is the only trail in the park you can cycle on. You cannot ride your bike to the Georgian Bay shoreline.

DID YOU KNOW? The deepest point in Georgian Bay is not far from here and it's 165 metres deep.



TRAIL	TIME	DISTANCE	DESCRIPTION
CYPRUS LAKE AREA TRAILS			
● Multi-Use Trail	1.5 hrs	4.3 km	Easy, wide, gravel trail connecting all sections of Cyprus Lake Campground.
■ Cyprus Lake Trail	2.5 hrs	5 km	Narrow, natural forest floor with bridges. Encircles Cyprus Lake.
TRAILS TO THE GROTTTO			
● Georgian Bay Trail	25 mins	1.5 km*	Easy, wide trail with some incline.
■ Horse Lake Trail	55 mins	2.1 km*	Easy wooden boardwalk to more difficult cobblestone shore that connects to Georgian Bay Trail.
◆ Marr Lake Trail	1 hour	1.5 km*	Rugged trail with rocky outcrops and inclines to cobblestone shore.
◆ Bruce Trail	Plan for 30 minutes/kilometre.		Rugged trail along Niagara Escarpment.

*Distances are from Head of Trails to Grotto



HALFWAY LOG DUMP

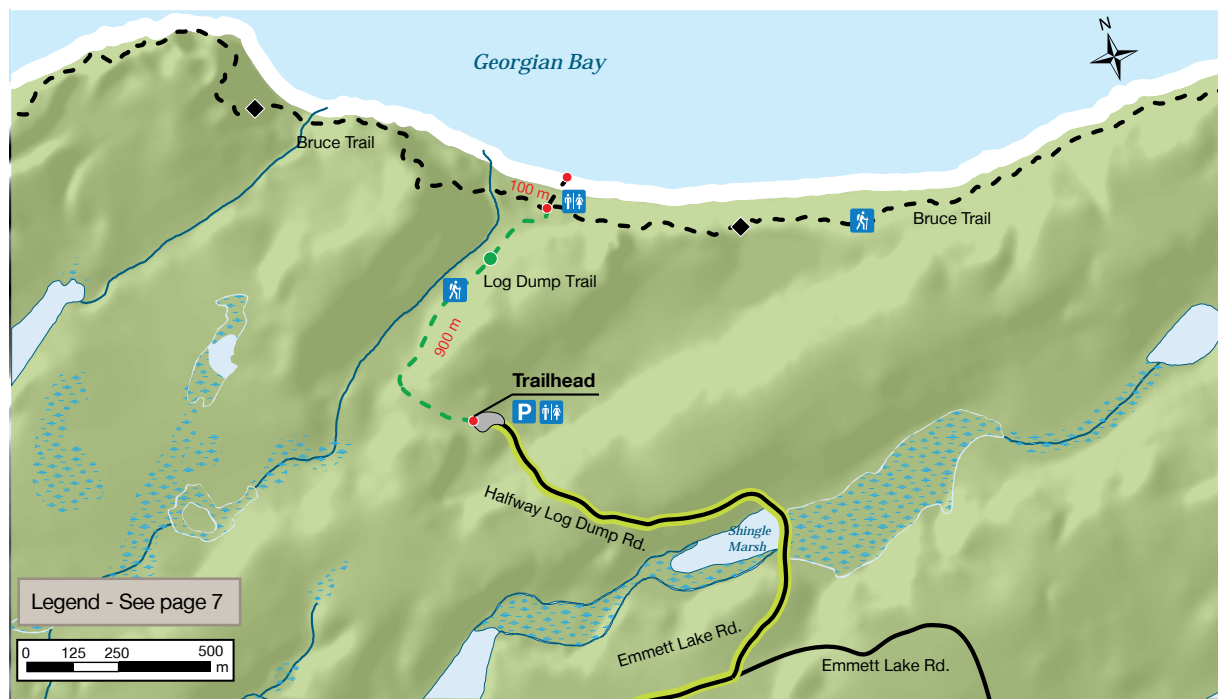
Once you have registered at the gatehouse on Emmett Lake Road, your adventure begins with a drive down the long, winding gravel road. Enjoy views of lush forests and marsh landscapes on your way to the Halfway Log Dump parking lot. Drive slowly and brake for wildlife!

After a short hike from the parking lot, you will be treated to breathtaking views overlooking the crystal blue waters of Georgian Bay, sheer cliffs and cobblestone shorelines.



Halfway Log Dump

TRAIL	TIME	DISTANCE	DESCRIPTION
● Log Dump Trail	30 mins	1 km	Easy, wide trail with some incline to cobblestone shore.
◆ Bruce Trail	Plan for 30 minutes/kilometre.		Rugged trail along Niagara Escarpment.



Proper footwear is a must!



SINGING SANDS

This sandy shoreline is home to a wide variety of unique plants and animals. The raised boardwalk provides access for an easy walk over the fen. The Wild Garden Trail is a natural forest trail and relaxing shoreline hike.

Parking and entry permits may be purchased on-site and are available on a **first-come, first-served basis**. During the summer months the **parking fills quickly**.

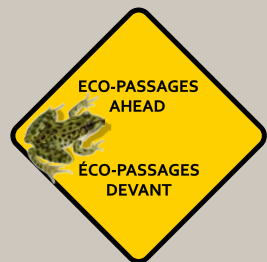


Wild Garden Trail

TRAIL	TIME	DISTANCE	DESCRIPTION
● Wild Garden Trail	45 mins	1.3 km	Interpretive trail guides you on boardwalk, forest floor and shoreline.
● Accessible Boardwalk	15 mins	250 m	Wooden boardwalk overlooking fen. Suitable for wheelchairs, mobility aids and strollers.



Stay out of roped-off areas to help protect the plants and natural habitats that make this location unique!



While exploring the park, you may drive over an ecopassage!

Ecopassages (or wildlife crossings) are tunnels that allow wildlife to travel safely underneath roads. They reduce road mortality of snakes, salamanders, turtles and frogs. These ecopassages have been installed as part of the *On the Road to Recovery* conservation project. Please drive cautiously in the park. Keep an eye out for turtles, snakes and other wildlife.

Adventure awaits with Parks Canada experiences!

Experience hiking, paddling, wildlife viewing, and more by joining one of many guided activities in the park. Let our friendly, knowledgeable guides inspire your love for nature. Scan the QR Code with your phone to see a schedule of activities, or go to www.parksCanada.gc.ca/bruce-activities



DID YOU KNOW? Since 2019, our incubator program has successfully released 589 turtle hatchlings back into their wetlands.

DID YOU KNOW? Singing Sands is a restoration site that connects a significant fen and dune, two important ecosystems.

PARK MAP

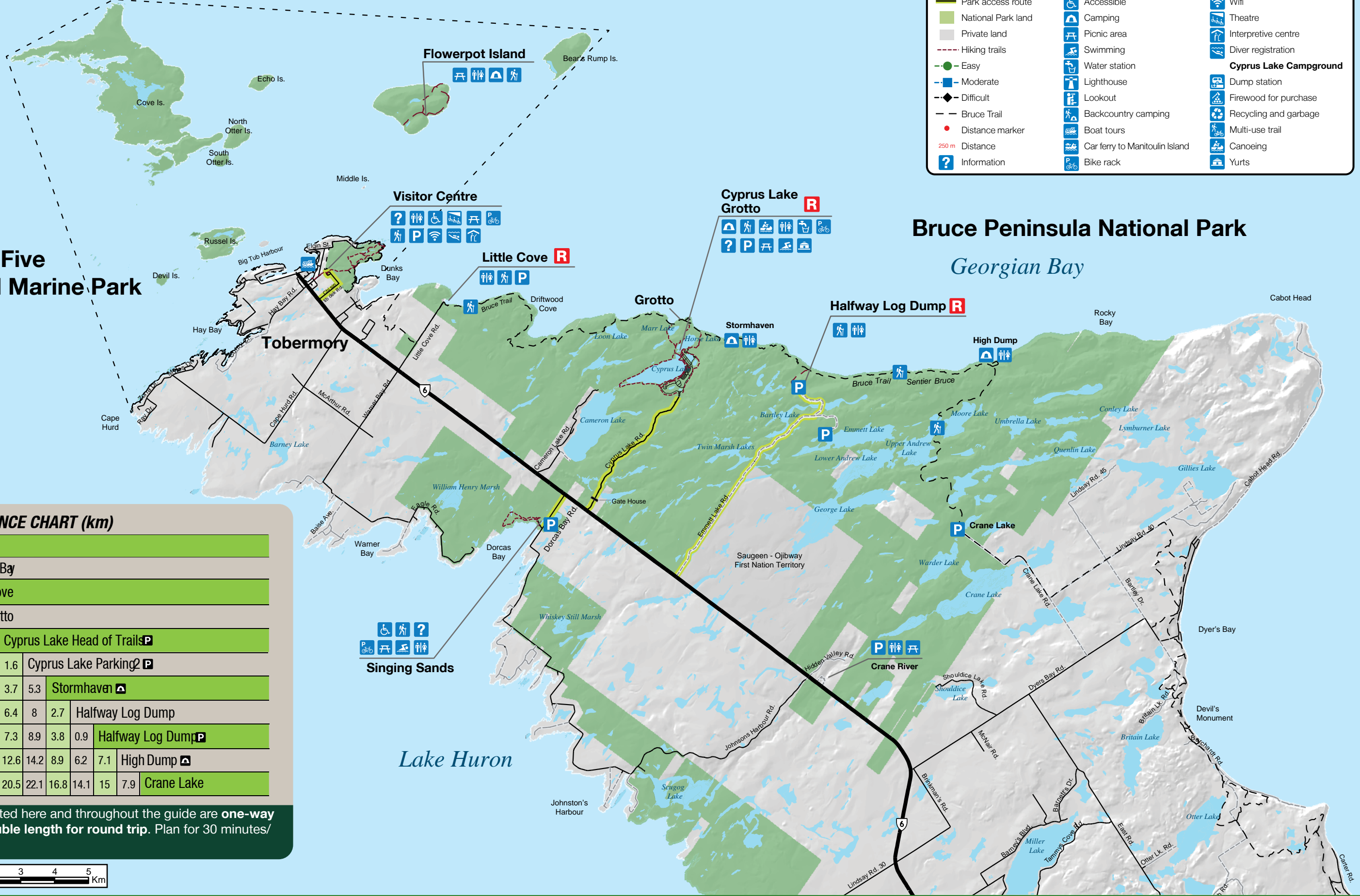
Fathom Five National Marine Park

Bruce Peninsula National Park

Georgian Bay

Lake Huron

Legend	P Parking	R Area requires reservation
Paved road	Washrooms	Visitor Centre
Gravel road	Hiking	Viewing tower
Park access route	Accessible	Wifi
National Park land	Camping	Theatre
Private land	Picnic area	Interpretive centre
Hiking trails	Swimming	Diver registration
Easy	Water station	Cyprus Lake Campground
Moderate	Lighthouse	Dump station
Difficult	Lookout	Firewood for purchase
Bruce Trail	Backcountry camping	Recycling and garbage
Distance marker	Boat tours	Multi-use trail
250 m	Car ferry to Manitoulin Island	Canoeing
Information	Bike rack	Yurts



HIKING DISTANCE CHART (km)

Visitor Centre										
0.8	Little Dunks Bay									
7.6	7	Little Cove								
18.8	18.2	11.2	Grotto							
20.5	19.9	12.9	1.7	Cyprus Lake Head of Trails						
22.1	21.5	14.5	3.3	1.6	Cyprus Lake Parking					
21.5	20.9	13.9	2.7	3.7	5.3	Stormhaven				
24.2	23.6	16.6	5.4	6.4	8	2.7	Halfway Log Dump			
25.1	24.5	17.5	6.3	7.3	8.9	3.8	0.9	Halfway Log Dump		
30.3	29.8	22.8	11.6	12.6	14.2	8.9	6.2	7.1	High Dump	
38.3	37.7	30.7	19.5	20.5	22.1	16.8	14.1	15	7.9	Crane Lake

All distances listed here and throughout the guide are **one-way distances. Double length for round trip.** Plan for 30 minutes/kilometre.



VISITOR CENTRE

The Visitor Centre is a great place to start your adventure. Friendly staff are available to provide you with information to guide your daily activities in the parks and local area. Learn about the permits and fees required to access each location in Bruce Peninsula National Park and Fathom Five National Marine Park.

Watch a short film and explore the gallery before heading outside to climb the viewing tower and take a short hike to the shoreline. Follow the trail to a platform view of Little Dunks on Georgian Bay. If you are looking for a longer hike, explore the Burnt Point Loop trail.

TRAIL	TIME	DISTANCE	DESCRIPTION
Little Dunks Trail	25 mins	950 m	Easy, wide forest trail to Little Dunks Bay lookout.
Burnt Point Loop	1.5 hr	3.2 km	Narrow, uneven forest trail with lake views.
Burnt Point Shortcut	45 mins	1.6 km	Shorter loop option with limited lake views.



Visitor Centre

FLOWERPOT ISLAND

Surrounded by the cold, clear waters of Georgian Bay, Flowerpot Island is a key destination within Fathom Five National Marine Park. It is only accessible by water. Book your ticket with a private boat company to visit the island for a day of exploring.

Flowerpot Island is famous for its natural “flowerpot” sea stacks. While on the island be sure to check out the cave, lightstation, and the unique ferns and orchids along the winding trails.



Big Flowerpot

TRAIL	TIME	DISTANCE	DESCRIPTION
Flowerpot Trail	30 mins	1.3 km	Easy, wide trail with stairs. Rugged access to flowerpots and stairs to cave.
Lightstation Lookout Trail	10 mins	250 m	Narrow catwalk with steep sections and stairs.
Mountain Trail	40 mins	1.4 km	Natural, very rugged trail with steep sections and stairs.
Marl Bed Side Trail	20 mins	800 m	Wooden boardwalk sections, leads to rugged shoreline.

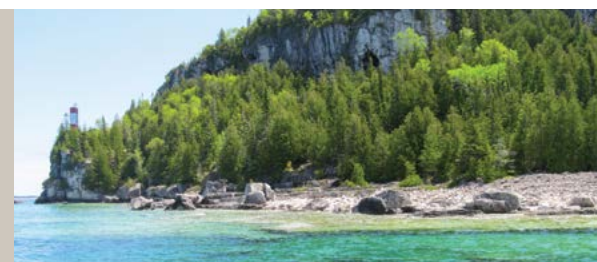


Remember there are no garbage facilities on the island. Please pack in and pack out!

Be kind on the Peninsula

We hope you are enjoying your vacation, and we're happy that you've chosen to spend your days off with us!

Help our staff by being patient and kind during your visit.



RESPECTING THE PARK

We want everyone who visits to have the same experience that you've enjoyed. We ask that you **leave no trace of your visit**. Be sure to pack out all items you brought with you, including water bottles, take-out containers and food scraps. You can deposit your waste in a garbage can at the parking lot.

The Saugeen (Bruce) Peninsula is home to a remarkable diversity of plants and animals, many of which live or grow close to the trails that run through the park. **Be sure to stay on all established trails** to help protect these sensitive habitats and to avoid contact with poison ivy, ticks and/or wildlife.



Listen to the sounds around you: you may hear birds chirping, trees rustling or waves crashing. These are sounds you might not hear at home, which is what makes visiting the park so special. Music can be a distracting and unwelcome addition to someone's visit. **Music from electronic devices is not permitted at any time in day-use areas or on trails.**



Hiking Safety

When hiking in the park, safety is your responsibility. **Be prepared by:**

- Checking the weather forecast.
- Letting someone outside your group know your plan for the day.
- Bringing extra water with you, just in case.
- Wearing proper hiking footwear - a **MUST**.
- Paying attention to your footing and surroundings.
- Taking note of daylight hours- it gets dark in the forest quickly.

In the Saugeen (Bruce) Peninsula area, it is important to know that:

- Cellphone coverage is not reliable.
- There is no transportation services, plan a round trip hike back to your vehicle.
- Rescue services and emergency responders are far away and take a long time to respond to emergencies.



Check www.adventuresmart.ca for more trip planning and safety tips.

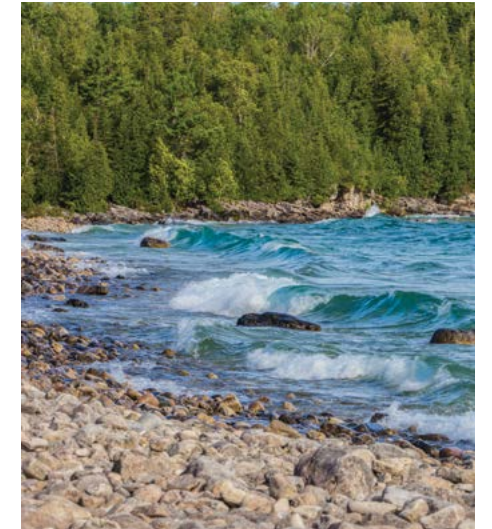
Water Safety

Since 2000, there have been more than 20 deaths related to water recreation activities within the park. Water conditions are extremely dangerous, and swimming is **NOT** recommended on the Georgian Bay shoreline.

All shoreline areas are unsupervised, and rescue services are far away and take a long time to respond to emergencies.

Please remember:

- The water is very cold all year, and water depths change suddenly from shallow to very deep.
- Weather and water conditions can change quickly.
- Look out for everyone in your group **at all times**.
- If entering the water, it is **strongly** recommended that weak swimmers and children wear a life jacket or personal flotation device (PFD).
- **ALWAYS** wear a life jacket or personal flotation device (PFD) when participating in off shore water sports.



PARK REGULATIONS



Camping is permitted in designated areas only.



Fires are permitted in designated fire pits only. Fires are prohibited at backcountry sites and at the shore.



Please carry your garbage back to the trail head, where a garbage can is located. Do not litter.



Drinkable water is available from the water taps in the campground. Please use reusable water bottles.



All pets must be kept on a leash (3 m max.) at all times. Please clean up after your pet.



Firewood is available at the Cyprus Lake Office. Collecting firewood from the forest is prohibited.



Georgian Bay water is cold and often rough. Please use caution.



Please stay on the trails to avoid unwanted wildlife encounters, including Poison Ivy and Black Bears.



Alcohol is prohibited for all day use visitors. Campers may only consume alcohol on their campsite and must abide by the campground alcohol ban.



Drones are prohibited in the park.



Hunting, harassing, disturbing, and possessing wildlife is prohibited.



Removal, damage, or disturbance of any natural, cultural, or scientific object is prohibited.



Human foods, including fruits and vegetables, are harmful to wildlife. Feeding wildlife is prohibited.



Do not carve or write on rocks, trees, furniture or infrastructure.



Motorized boats and natural bait are prohibited in Cyprus Lake and Emmett Lake.



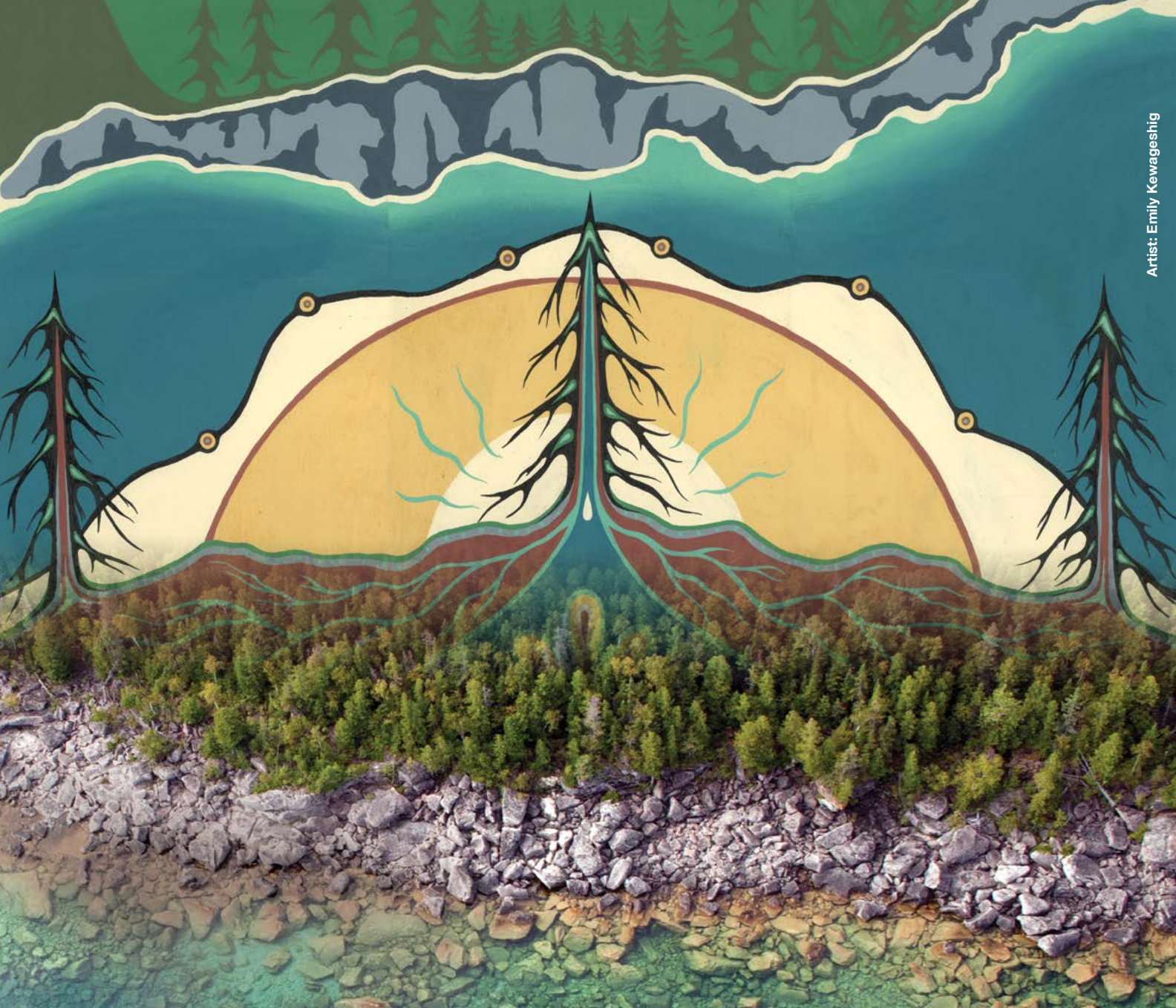
Bicycles and motorized vehicles are prohibited on all trails, unless otherwise authorized.



Music from electronic devices is prohibited in all day use areas or on trails.



Fireworks are prohibited.



Artist: Emily Kewageshig

We acknowledge the Traditional Territory of the Anishinabek Nation: The People of the Three Fires known as Ojibway, Odawa, and Pottawatomie Nations, and further give thanks to the Chippewas of Saugeen and the Chippewas of Nawash, now known as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, as the traditional keepers of this land.

The Saugeen Ojibway Nation and Parks Canada Agency have a shared vision to care for these lands and places, and are learning to walk together, guided by the Grandfather Teachings of honesty, respect, truth, love, humility, bravery, and wisdom.

Together, we aim to protect and preserve the ecological, cultural and spiritual integrity of these places while welcoming visitors to enjoy, understand and connect with the natural, cultural and spiritual values of Bruce Peninsula National Park.



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 911
For campground disturbances or encounters with wildlife, call **Park Wardens 519-596-2702.**



If you are done with this guide, please drop it off at the Visitor Centre or Cyprus Lake Office so it can be recycled.