

BIG GULL LAKE

(Clarendon Lake)

LOCATION:

Big Gull Lake is located approximately 30.5 kilometres northwest of Kaladar. From Kaladar follow Highway # 41 north to Highway # 506. Turn right and follow Highway # 506 to the "Ardoch Road". Follow this road for 11.2 kilometres, the lake is on the right.

SIZE / DEPTH:

Perimeter: - 88 kilometres
Maximum Depth - 25.9 metres
Mean Depth - 3.96 metres
Surface Area - 5840 acres
Width - 2.5 kilometres

QUALITY:

In general the water quality in Big gull Lake remains good. The average secchi depth for the past 25 years is 4.2 metres, indicating that Big Gull is a moderately enriched or mesotrophic lake. Directly related to water clarity is the amount of nutrients, in particular phosphorous, entering the lake. There was a decrease in phosphorous at the main basin station from 1975 to 1999. Chlorophyll a is a measure of the algal density in the lake. The average chlorophyll a densities in 1999 was 1.8 micrograms/litre, indicating a low algae density for Big Gull Lake.

SURROUNDING LAND:

of Cottages - 280 (as of early 1970's)
of Resorts - 7 (as of early 1970's)
A survey done in 1988 reveal the number of permanent and seasonal residents equals 323.

ACCESS:

Three Marine Access Points are available around the lake. The first access point is located on the east end of the lake, 1.6 kilometres south of Coxvale. The second access point is located on the southwest end of the lake, northwest of Kirk Cove. The last access point is located on the west end of the lake, east of Harlowe.

FISH:

Lake Whitefish	Largemouth Bass
Lake Herring (CISCO)	Yellow Perch
Walleye (Yellow Pickerel)	Rock Bass
Northern Pike	Pumpkinseed (Sunfish)
Smallmouth Bass	