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COMMUNITY FEATURE SHEET

PAUDASH

COMMUNITY PROFILE FOR PAUDASH

Paudash Lake is situated just south of Bancroft, Ontario.

Near the community of Cardiff, nearest shopping centre in the area is the resort town of Bancroft, the second closest is the year round resort town of Haliburton Village.

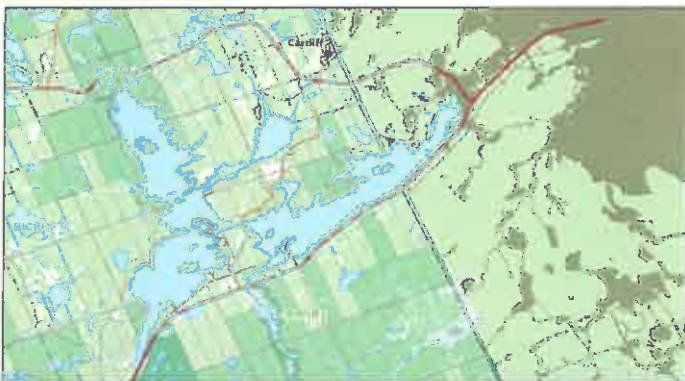
Paudash Lake has several different sections within it; lower Paudash lake (outlet Bay) to the east, North Bay to the North, Joe Bay to the southwest and Inlet bay to the North east. Paudash Lake has a surface area The lake has a surface area of 7.5 km² (1,900 acres) and a maximum depth of 46 m (151 ft).

POINTS OF INTEREST

Paudash's North Bay features a public sand-bottom beach (with rest rooms) that can be accessed by car off of Highway 118 (via North Bay Beach Road) and by boat. The beach features a boat launching ramp. The annual regatta takes place here as well. Many of the classical outboard boats are seen, as well as the latest inboard wakeboard, ski boats and smaller sailboats. Boat traffic on the lake is usually quite moderate, even on holiday weekends. There are numerous species of fish available in the lake. There is also an annual Rock Bass Derby for the children of the lake held by the Conservation Association.

North Bay has massive pink granite, partially tree-covered cliffs, rising hundreds of feet out of the lake along the shoreline. Except in the bare-rock areas, most of the lake's shore is lined with trees and heavy foliage.

LOCATION



SERVICES

3 marinas on the lake offering marine services:

- ▷ The Anchorage Resort
- ▷ The Paudash Lake Marina
- ▷ Landing Point Marine

Lodging and food:

- ▷ The Somerset Inn
- ▷ The Lake House
- ▷ The Anchorage Resort

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THE SEASONS

SUMMER

Daytime temperatures are typically 29 to 30 °C (84 to 86 °F), but can climb to 32 to 37 °C (90 to 99 °F), to a maximum of about 38 °C (100 °F) in July. Winter conditions are extreme, with deep snow cover normally from late November to early April. There are few winters during which nighttime temperatures do not reach as low as -40 °C (-40 °F). Winter daytime temperatures are typically between -12 to -7 °C (10 to 19 °F).

FALL

In autumn, lasting no more than from early September to mid-October, temperatures range from about 24°C (75 °F) during the day to about 0 °C (32 °F) at night. The fall colour usually peaks during the first week in October.

WINTER

Paudash Lake, like similar freshwater lakes in Ontario, freezes over during the winter months with 18 to 24 inches (46-61 centimeters) of ice which will support a fully loaded dump truck. During this time the lake is often traversed by snowmobilers and ice fishing is also common. Just over 1.6 km (0.99 mi) away, Silent Lake Provincial Park has over 40 km (25 mi) of cross-country ski trails, featuring natural, wood-fired warming huts along the trails.

The Paudash Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club maintain trails throughout the region during the winter months. The Central Region of Ontario contains over 5,500 km (3,400 mi) of interconnected, groomed snowmobile trails which, in turn, are interconnected to the Ontario system of 43,000 km (27,000 mi) of maintained snowmobile trails. During the last 20 years, the Ontario provincial government and the huge Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs has spent some CA\$400 million on the development of the largest snowmobile trail system in the world. It is regularly patrolled by the snowmobile clubs and the Ontario Provincial Police.

FISHING

Fish species include large and small mouth bass, walleye, lake trout, and perch as well as small bait fish of various types.

Paudash Lake was named after Chief George Paudash, a Crane-doodem (clan) member of the Chippewa (Ojibwa) Indians of the Hiawatha Reserve of Rice Lake.

The water of Paudash Lake is clear and typically reaches 27 to 28 °C (81 to 82 °F) within six feet of the surface in the summer. The lake is fed by numerous small streams forming the headwaters of the Crowe River, including that from four small lakes including Silent Lake, Deer Lake, Anderson Lake, and Centre Lake. Based on this inflow, and the outflow to the Crowe River, the provincial government estimates that the water of the lake is replaced every three years. The lake is normally totally frozen over from mid-December to the third week in April, when the ice usually breaks up.

WILDLIFE

Paudash Lake is largely surrounded by semi-wilderness, which usually begins right behind the cottages near the lakeshore. The larger mammals include the American black bear, moose, elk, the eastern Canadian wolf, white-tailed deer, the North American cougar, and the Canadian lynx. The smaller mammals include the red fox, beaver, raccoon, muskrat, mink, otter, marten, fisher, weasel, ermine, skunk, porcupine, woodchuck, red and gray squirrel, northern flying squirrel, the snowshoe rabbit, and various shrews, moles, bats, chipmunks, voles, mice, and lemmings.[6]

Reptiles and amphibians include the snapping, spotted, wood, blanding's, and painted turtle, American toad, spring peeper, and the gray tree, striped chorus, bull, green, mink, wood, pickerel, and leopard frog. There are no poisonous snakes in Haliburton, but there are the following non-poisonous snakes: common garter, common water, brown, eastern ribbon, hognose, eastern ringneck, smooth green, milk, and red-bellied