



## Canoeing

With close to 50 lakes to choose from and over 40 kilometres of portage trails linking them, Killarney Park offers some of the best canoeing opportunities in the province. Please note the following recommendations and regulations for canoeing in the park.

- While choosing your route, consider distances and difficulty of portages. Note that the average paddler can travel three kilometres per hour.
- To minimize human impact, the number of people on canoe-in sites is limited to nine or less.
- Paddlers are required to comply with federal boating regulations. The following items must be present in your canoe: a paddle (plus a spare paddle) and one personal flotation device per person, a bailer, a whistle, a buoyant throw line and a water-tight flashlight.
- Be aware of changing water levels. Check with park staff for current water conditions.
- To avoid winds, travel early in the day. Winds on inland lakes generally increase in the afternoon.

## Kayaking



With its sheltered bays, picturesque coves, and secluded islands, Killarney Provincial Park's Georgian Bay coastline is a kayaker's paradise. Listed below are some helpful tips to remember for your kayaking tour.

- Before departing, obtain the latest weather forecast and plan accordingly. Consider purchasing a small, portable weather radio.
- Do not travel far from shore at any time. Wind and other weather conditions can change dramatically in a short period of time.
- All kayaks must be equipped with a bailing device, towline, whistle, paddle float/spoonson, personal flotation device (wear it!), and a paddle (plus a spare paddle).
- Help protect the fragile coastline ecosystem by camping on rocky points.
- Be aware of and yield to motorized boat traffic.



## Hiking

The 100 kilometre La Cloche Silhouette Trail leads the hiker through a landscape of quartzite ridges, deep valleys and crystal clear lakes. The trail's length and rugged nature requires a good level of preparation and physical conditioning. Please consider the following information while planning for and during your trip.

- The maximum number of people permitted on hike-in sites is six. Sites along the trail are designated with yellow markers.
- You must camp on the specific site which you have reserved.
- Plan your trip wisely by taking a close look at the map. Tight contour lines means more climbing!
- Consider how much weight you will have to carry. Go for a trial walk around the block with your packed backpack. For a safe, pleasurable trip, carry no more than 30 lbs.
- The trail is marked with blue markers. Pay close attention to where the next marker is.

## Winter Travel



A wilderness of frozen lakes, snow capped ridges, crisp clean air and a sense of solitude await the winter traveller to Killarney. Here are some things to consider for your winter trip.

- If planning to cross lakes, check for the latest ice conditions with park staff. Always be prudent near creek inlets, narrows, dams, and other areas of moving water.
- Do not set up camp on designated summer campsites. Camp in protected low-lying areas, away from shorelines and trails.
- Be prepared for severe cold temperatures. Bring the proper clothing, sleeping bag and other equipment for these conditions.
- In winter, permits are available only at the George Lake campground.

## Killarney Provincial Park's

landscape of deep blue lakes, striking quartzite ridges and a coastline of weathered pink granite is considered by many to be the crown jewel of the Ontario Parks system. With its sheltered bays, a one hundred kilometre hiking trail and an intricate network of canoe routes, Killarney Park offers the wilderness traveller a unique opportunity to discover and explore this fascinating region.

Designated as a wilderness class park, Killarney Provincial Park is managed to protect and maintain the natural environment in its pristine state. As a visitor, please follow all park regulations and embrace the practices of low impact camping to ensure the continued well-being of the Killarney wilderness for future generations.



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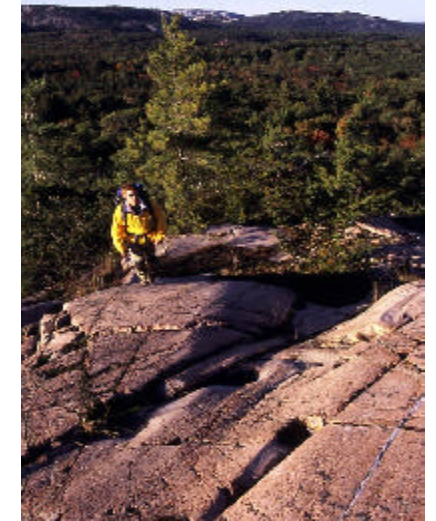
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# Killarney Provincial Park

## Backcountry Adventure Guide



## Friends of Killarney Park

# Getting Started

## Reservations and Permits

A permit is required before travelling into the interior of Killarney Provincial Park. To avoid disappointment, reservations are highly recommended. All reservations must be booked using Ontario Park's 1-888-ONT-PARK central reservation number and can be made up to five months in advance. Interior reservations are available for the period starting May 1st to Thanksgiving. Once your reservation has been finalized, a computerized printout will be mailed to you. Store this document in a prominent place and bring it with you to the park. Interior permits will be issued from one of the three park permit issuing offices.

**George Lake**, the main park office, is located 60 kilometres west of Hwy 69 on Hwy 637. Operating dates: year-round

**Bell Lake** access point is reached via the 9 kilometre Bell Lake access road at kilometre 38 on Hwy 637. Operating dates: late June-Labour Day

**Charlton Lake** access point, near the northwest boundary of the park, is located just outside the town of Willisville on Hwy 6. Operating dates: May 1st-October 31st

## Cancellations

Cancellations for your interior reservations must be made at least 72 hours in advance of your booked entry date by calling 1-888-ONT-PARK. A cancellation fee of \$6 will be applied to all cancelled reservations.

## Trip Planning

First time to Killarney? Or maybe it's been a few years. If you require any assistance in planning your backcountry adventure feel free to contact park staff at (705) 287-2900 or the Friends of Killarney Park at (705) 287-2800. We would be more than happy to assist you with information about Killarney.

## Outfitters

Need to rent a canoe? There are a number of seasonal outfitters in the Killarney area who can accommodate your camping needs. Please call the park or the Friends of Killarney Park for contact numbers.

## Park Map and Guides

The Killarney Provincial Park Map, showing interior campsites, portages, hiking trails and natural history information is an essential companion for the backcountry traveller. For the canoeist, the 250 page Killarney Provincial Park Canoe Guide, outlines 11 different canoe routes. These publications can be ordered through the Friends of Killarney at (705) 287-2800 or on-line at [www.friendsofkillarneypark.ca](http://www.friendsofkillarneypark.ca)



## Park Regulations

- Pets must be kept on a leash at all times.
- Camping is only permitted on designated campsites.
- Cans and bottles are not permitted in the interior of the park.
- Never occupy a campsite unless you are registered on that site.
- The removal or destruction of any vegetation is prohibited.
- All fires are prohibited during a fire ban.
- Excessive noise is not allowed at any time.

(Regulations are strictly enforced by park wardens)

## Low Impact Camping

- Please use box privies where they are available. In the absence of one, dig a small hole at least 60 metres from your campsite, trail or any body of water. Make sure to bury all waste with dirt and cover up your hole.
- Use your campstove as much as possible. If you do choose to make a fire:
  1. Use the designated fire pit;
  2. Use only deadwood found on the ground;
  3. Keep it small;
  4. Never leave it unattended; and
  5. Make sure your fire is out before retiring for the night or leaving your site.
- All dish and personal hygiene water should be disposed of at least 60 metres away from your site. Dig a small hole and pour all dirty water into it.
- Pack out all garbage. Before leaving your site, take a look around to make sure nothing is left behind.
- Avoid damaging vegetation by staying on marked trails and set-up tents on impacted/cleared areas or where provided, tent pads.

## Animal Encounters

With healthy populations of a wide variety of animal species, interior travel in Killarney Provincial Park may provide a great opportunity for wildlife viewing. It can also lead to undesired human interaction with negative consequences. Please take note of the following measures to ensure that your encounter remains a safe and nuisance free experience.

- Never approach or feed a wild animal.
- All food, garbage and pots should be stored in an airtight bag. Suspend the bag three metres above the ground- away from your campsite.
- Please keep your campsite clean and free of discarded food
- Never bring any food or personal hygiene products into your tent.



## Your Safety

Travelling in the interior of Killarney Park can be a memorable and exhilarating experience. It does, however, call for a total reliance on you and your companions. It is important to be prepared for the unexpected risks and challenges which you might encounter during your trip. Here are some recommendations to help ensure that your visit to the park will be a safe and healthy one.

- Leave a copy of your route and date of return with someone at home. If you don't return within a 24 hour period of the time of your expected return, have them call the park.
- Carry a complete first-aid kit with you at all times. Before departure, make sure all group members know its contents and the uses thereof.

- Familiarize yourself with the area and acquire basic orienteering skills. Carry a map and compass with you at all times.
- Treat all lake and stream water before consumption using one of the following methods:
  - boiling for a minimum of five minutes;
  - filtering; or
  - treatment with water purification chemicals
- If you get lost, stay calm and remain in place.
- Know the limitations of your group and do not exceed them.