

COLD WATER FISHING		WARM WATER FISHING						
WATERWAY NAME <i>Referenced to Map on Reverse</i>	Stream Residents	Migratory Spring-Fall			Northern Pike	Smallmouth Bass	Painfish	Yellow Perch
	Brook Trout	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout	Chinook Salmon				
TEESWATER RIVER WATERSHED: Belmore Creek	•							
LAKE HURON WATERSHED: Naftel's Creek Kintail Creek	•	•	•	•				
NINE MILE RIVER WATERSHED: Erber Creek Nine Mile River - below Lucknow Nine Mile - above Lucknow St. Helen's Creek Anderson Creek Kinloss Creek Henry's Creek Hunter Drain	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
MAITLAND RIVER WATERSHED: Maitland R. - below Auburn Maitland R. - Auburn to Wingham Sharpe's Creek Holmesville Creek Blyth Brook Lawlor Drain Higginbottom Creek St. Augustine Creek Belgrave Creek Morris Dump Creek Sunshine Creek Bluevale Creek Salem Creek Wroxeter Creek Blind Lake Creek	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
BAYFIELD RIVER WATERSHED: Trick's Creek Middleton's Creek Hellgrammite Creek Perdues Creek Nott's Creek Brand's Creek	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
AUSABLE RIVER WATERSHED: Ausable River				•				



Fishing on the Ausable River in Exeter.

FISHING IN HURON COUNTY

The types of fish that may be caught in Huron County can be divided into three distinct groups based on the type of fishery that predominates: the cool and cold water fish communities in Lake Huron; cold water fish found in rivers and streams; warm water fish found in rivers, streams, and smaller inland lakes.

LAKE HURON

The Lake Huron fishery consists of cold water species such as the rainbow/brown/lake trout, chinook, and coho salmon, as well as cool water species like yellow perch, smallmouth bass, and walleye. A significant sports fishery exists at the mouths of the Bayfield, Maitland, and Nine Mile Rivers for migratory spawning species during mid March to the end of May for rainbow trout and during September and October for chinook, coho salmon and rainbow trout. These cold water species are found approximately six to ten miles offshore during the summer months. Yellow perch, smallmouth bass, and sunfish are taken from late spring to early fall along the entire Lake Huron shoreline. Most of the fishing for these particular species takes place on piers and at river mouths.

COLD WATER RIVERS

Cold water river and stream fish consist of brook and brown trout, as well as the migratory rainbow trout and salmon. All the cold water species prefer water with mid summer temperatures less than 20°C (68°F). These spring fed streams are concentrated in a belt from Bayfield through to Wingham. The Cold Water Fishing Chart can be used to determine which fish species are commonly found in the rivers, and creeks shown on the reverse map.

WARM WATER RIVERS / LAKES

The warm water river and lake fish consist of species such as the smallmouth bass, panfish (includes rock bass, bluegill, and pumpkinseed), northern pike, and yellow perch. These fish are generally found in inland lakes and rivers having summer temperatures in excess of 20°C (68°F). Lakelet Lake, Lake Wawanosh, and the Morrison Dam represent the most significant areas available for warm water lake fishing. The main river sections of the Maitland and Bayfield Rivers also provide excellent areas to fish for smallmouth bass. The Warm Water Fishing Chart can be used to determine which fish species are commonly found in the various lakes, rivers, and creeks shown on the reverse map.

FISHING EVENTS:

Catch Fishing

NATIONAL FISHING WEEK IN JULY
For all you need to know about the joys of family fishing visit:
www.catchfishing.com

ONTARIO FAMILY FISHING WEEK
(1st or 2nd Week in July and one weekend in February). Residents will be allowed to fish without a licence. People fishing without a licence are still subject to Conservation Fishing Licence Limits. For information and dates contact:
Phone: 1-800-667-1940
Website: www.familyfishingweekend.com



Mike Verhoef of Fly Fitters, with a fall steelhead.

FLY FISHING CHARTERS

FLY FITTERS - Mike Verhoef
37213 Hills Road, R.R.#4
Goderich, Ontario, N7A 3Y1
Phone: 519-524-7474
Email: Mike@flyfitters.ca
Website: www.flyfitters.ca
Guided fly fishing for trout, salmon and summer bass on local rivers. Beginner workshops to full day walk and wade or drift boat adventures! All equipment supplied. Season: April to December. Sunrise to sunset. Book early! Use your own equipment or ours.

FLY FISHING ANYONE?
c/o 166 Maple Hill Rd.
RR#2,
Walkerton, Ontario,
NOM 2B0,
Phone: 519-506-1325.
Fly fishing instruction and guiding on local rivers. Equipment provided. Half and full day pricing. April through December. Sun-up to sun-down.

NOMAD ADVENTURE
71 Christopher Dr
Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 4J6
Phone: 519-502-3397
Email: info@nomadac.com
Website: www.nomadac.com
Outdoor Recreation - Fly Fishing
Eco-adventure tours, events, guided walk-n-wade fishing, kayak, fishing, tournaments, demos on the Maitland River or Lake Huron.

PUBLIC FEE FISHING

HEDLEY'S TROUT FARM
R.R.#1, 84534 Marnoch Line
Belgrave, Ontario, N0G 1E0
Phone/fax: 519-357-2329
E-mail: fish@hedley.ca
Website: www.hedley.ca
Order your pollution-free trout (high in omega3) from our tanks or fish from our spring water pond. Use your rod or rent here. No licence, season or limits. No C&R. Cleaning, ice provided. Summer fishing restricted to 7-9:30am. Guaranteed fish. Bring a cooler. Located 1.25 miles/2 km north of the Hamlet of Westfield (#84534 Marnoch Line). Open year round by appointment only (call first). Limited hours for fishing in the summer.

CONSERVATION AREAS

For a listing and location reference of conservation areas, please refer to the map on the reverse. Detailed descriptions of Huron County conservation areas can be found in the annual Huron County Vacation Guide. Please contact the number or address on the back of this brochure for your free copy.

AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
R.R.#3, 71108 Morrison Line
Exeter, Ontario, NOM 1S5
Phone: 519-235-2610 or toll free: 1-888-286-2610
Website: www.abca.on.ca
The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) manages a number of conservation areas with public access for fishing and paddling opportunities. No gate fees, but donations are accepted to help towards maintaining these properties. Please refer to the listing of conservation areas on the reverse map for ABCA managed properties.

MAITLAND VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Box 127
Wroxeter, Ontario, N0G 2X0
Phone: 519-335-3557
Email: maitland@mvca.on.ca
Website: www.mvca.on.ca
The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) manages a number of conservation areas with public access for fishing and paddling opportunities. The Falls Reserve near Benmillier offers exceptional opportunities for rainbow trout and salmon. Camping is also available. Please refer to the listing of conservation areas on the reverse map for MVCA managed properties.

WATER LEVELS

Check out the Environment Canada website for water levels on Huron County water courses www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca. You can also create your own station or access the Huron County station (/my_station_list).

REGULATIONS & LICENSING

A licence is required to fish in Ontario. There are various types of licences depending on your place of residence and other factors. Detailed rules and regulations, fish sanctuaries, catch limits and dates for the various fishing seasons in Ontario can be found in the Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary. This free publication is produced annually by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and can be obtained by writing to the MNR address on this brochure or at any official licence issuing location.

Fishing licences can be obtained at the following locations in Huron County, or online at www.mnr.gov.on.ca :

BRUSSELS
Oldfield's Tru Pro Hardware, 440 Turnberry St. S. - 519-887-6851

EXETER
Canadian Tire, 100 Thames Rd. E. - 519-235-0160

GODERICH
Goderich Bait & Tackle, 201 Huron Rd. - 519-524-7910
Service Ontario, 38 North St. - 519-524-9562

SEAFORTH
Archie's Service Centre, 24 Goderich St. E. - 519-527-0881

WINGHAM
Stainton's Home Hardware, 184 Josephine St. - 519-357-2910

For a listing of outside issuers in Huron County near you, contact the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) below:

Area MNR Office - 100 Don Street, Clinton
Phone: 519-482-3428 Website: www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/fishing or www.ontario.ca/fishing

For a listing of Bait and Tackle shops in Huron County, please see: www.fishpaddlehuron.ca in fishing column.



Fishing on the Maitland River near Benmillier.

FISH VIEWING AT PORT ALBERT FISHWAY



Fish ladder at Port Albert.

The Port Albert Fishway (PAF) was constructed at the historical mill dam in the village of Port Albert, to allow the passage of spawning fish to upstream coldwater streams in the Nine Mile River Watershed.

During the spring runs around 1500 adult rainbow trout pass through the fishway. Fall runs of pacific salmon as well as rainbow and brown trout occur from mid-September until the end of November. Right beside the fishway is the Port Albert Store which offers fishing and outfitting supplies to the many anglers that visit.

Several of the local sporting clubs (such as the Nine Mile River Steelheaders, Maitland Valley Anglers and the Bayfield Anglers Association) collect eggs for their incubation box programs or transport ripe adults upstream to prime spawning habitat to ensure the successful reproduction of the rainbow trout in the watershed.

Located in the village of Port Albert, Highway 21 north of Goderich at the mouth of the Nine Mile River and Lake Huron shoreline. Fish jumping can be viewed from late March until early May, with peak runs occurring during the last 2 weeks in April. In the fall, jumping occurs from mid-September until late November, with peak runs occurring during October and early November.

REPORT A POACHER:
Please do your part for waterway conservation and report poachers. If you observe any fishing violations, please contact a local Conservation Officer at: 519-482-3428
Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)
Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122

NOTE: If you did not receive a current Ontario Sport Fishing Regulations Summary with this brochure, it is very important that you obtain and read the appropriate sections before fishing in Ontario. Learn the catch limits and various seasons dates and do your part to help conserve Ontario's waterways.

MARINE HERITAGE

Experience Marine Heritage in Goderich by visiting the marine museum at the beach in Goderich or picking up your marine heritage brochure at Tourism Goderich. Phone: 1-800-280-7637

PADDLING IN HURON COUNTY

PADDLE HURON
Huron County offers a variety of paddling opportunities ranging from flat water to mild white water (during flood conditions). There are 6 dams located in Huron County which provide all summer flat water paddling ranging from 1.5hrs to 3hrs round trip and none require a shuttle. The Maitland River is Huron's crown jewel, offering a 2 - 3 day leisurely trip from Wingham to Goderich with campgrounds located along the way. Early spring or after a large rainfall is the best time for this trip as the river is very wide and water levels fluctuate quickly. Hullett Marsh is also located in Huron County and provides spring and fall paddling in the Marsh. An abundance of wildlife and migrating birds can be viewed while in the Marsh.

Paddling in Huron offers commanding views specific to where you are and the time of year. Spring offers spring run off, trees and wildlife waking up, new growth to see and the remainders of winter left in the hills and valleys. Summer shows off the variety of trees and shrubs, young ducks and geese learning to swim, and the summer breezes (and bugs) that get you away from the office to enjoy nature. Fall is an exciting time to paddle as the fall migration of ducks and geese is at its peak, the colours of the trees change daily and the summer heat and bugs have dissipated, making for a more enjoyable paddle.

Paddling doesn't have to be a week long trip in the wild; it can be an hour trip in your own 'back yard'. Check out the details of this map to find out what Huron County has to offer!

PADDLING RENTALS

TIMBER'S OUTFITTERS
63 Main St S
Seaforth, Ontario, N0K 1W0
Phone: 519-600-2267
Email: timbersoutfit@tcc.on.ca
Website: www.timbersoutfitters.com
Huron County's outdoor adventure centre. Canoes, kayaks, snowshoes, camping gear, shoes and more. Rentals available. Open Tues. to Friday 9 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 9 am to 3 pm. Closed Sunday and Monday. Check website for "Water Days"!



Paddling on the Maitland River.

PADDLING ACCESS POINTS

WATERWAY NAME <i>Referenced to Map on Reverse</i>	WASHROOMS NEARBY	PARKING	FOOD OR DRINK NEARBY	FLAT WATER	MOVING WATER	PUT AND PLAY	TRIP / SHUTTLING	CAMPING AREA
1. LAKELET	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2. GORRIE CONSERVATION AREA*		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
3. WROXETER DAM AREA*		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
4. WINGHAM TURNBERRY FLOOD PLAIN CONSERVATION AREA*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5. WINGHAM TURNBERRY FLOOD PLAIN CONSERVATION AREA*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
6. MARNOCH ACCESS		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
7. WAWANOSH PARK CONSERVATION AREA*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8. DONNYBROOK ACCESS		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
9. AUBURN BRIDGE /ROBERTSON TRACT		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
10. BALL'S BRIDGE ACCESS		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
11. BOUNDARY BRIDGE ACCESS		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
12. HOLMESVILLE BRIDGE ACCESS		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
13. BENMILLER BRIDGE ACCESS		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
14. FALLS CONSERVATION AREA*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15. COLBORNE PARK		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16. TIGER DUNLOP & HWY 21 ACCESS		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
17. MAITLAND RIVER MOUTH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
20. LAKE WAWANOSH CONSERVATION AREA *	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
21. BLUEVALE/PIONEER CONSERVATION AREA*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
22. BRUSSELS CONSERVATION AREA*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
23. HULLETT WILDLIFE AREA *see Hullett Guidebook		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
24. EGMONDVILLE ACCESS		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
25. CLINTON CONSERVATION AREA**	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
26. BANNOCKBURN ACCESS		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
27. BAYFIELD RIVER MOUTH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
30. MORRISON DAM CONSERVATION AREA**	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
35. PORT BLAKE CONSERVATION AREA**	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
36. CREDITON CONSERVATION AREA **	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
40. PINERY PROVINCIAL PARK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

* Managed by Maitland Valley Conservation Authority ** Managed by Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority

PADDLING IN HURON COUNTY

SUGGESTED TRIPS
GOT AN HOUR?
Try here... Access #3 Wroxeter Dam Area – From the dock on the north side of the bridge, head east through the meandering river towards Gorrie. This is an easy paddle for after supper and doesn't require a shuttle. Watch out for dead heads.

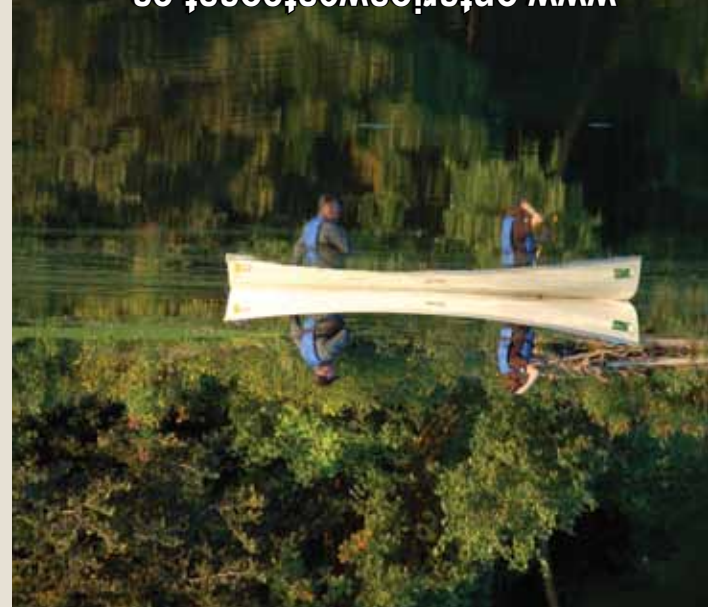
Access #23 Hullett Marsh – Check your Hullett guide book for the access points surrounding the marsh for easy, wildlife filled paddling. No shuttle required. Remember access is not allowed from May 15th to Aug 1st to minimize disturbances to nesting waterfowl.

GOT TWO HOURS?
Try here... Access #22 Brussels Conservation Area – Starting from the Old Mill Pond Dam, paddle south going by a few backyards into the wilderness. You will see a variety of birds and hardwood bush along this stretch. You can paddle past the Cranbrook Line Bridge before running out of water. This can be a 6 mile round trip or the trip can be made shorter by shuttling from the bridge to Brussels.

Access #9 Auburn Bridge to Ball's Bridge access #10 – Starting from under the County Road Bridge, paddle down river through the majestic banks of the Maitland River to a feel of being in the middle of nowhere. This trip depends on water levels and vehicles must be shuttled. Beware of the odd attacking goose!

GOT A WEEKEND?
Try here... Access #5 Wingham County Road 86 bridge to Goderich access #17 – This could be up to a 3 day paddle depending on water levels and paddler experience (or head winds). Starting from Wingham, paddle down river watching for swifts and dead heads. Camping is available at 4 locations along the river (be sure to book your site before you leave). Faster water is located between access #14 and #17 and portages may be required. Check local water levels before heading out and scout all rapids before running.

HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE PADDLING EXPERIENCE!



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Ontario's West Coast
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Detroit / Windsor Border = 2.5 hours
Sarnia / Port Huron = 45 minutes
Toronto = 2.5 hours
London = 30 minutes
Stratford = 20 minutes

The above driving times are to the boundaries of Huron County at posted speed limits

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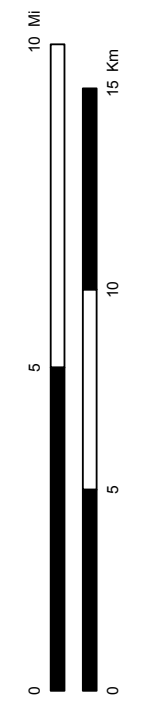


- Selected Conservation and Natural Areas with paddling access and fishing**
- 1 Lakelet
 - 2 Gornie Conservation Area* (81°53'33.96" W, 43°52'16.15" N)
 - 3 Wroxeter Dam Area (81°53'59.98" W, 43°51'56.98" N)
 - 4 Wingham Turnberry Flood Plain Conservation Area* (flat water both ways) (81°18'26.66" W, 43°53'53.05" N)
 - 5 Wingham Turnberry Flood Plain Conservation Area* (flowing river put in) (81°24'23.09" W, 43°52'15.21" N)
 - 6 Marnoch Access (81°13'56.87" W, 43°58'15.33" N)
 - 7 Wawanosh Park Conservation Area* (81°52'52.2" W, 43°52'15.02" N)
 - 8 Donnybrook Access (81°52'32.67" W, 43°49'54.76" N)
 - 9 Auburn Bridge/Robertson Tract (81°52'25.4" W, 43°56'24.81" N)
 - 10 Balls Bridge Access (81°52'46.57" W, 43°43'53.23" N)
 - 11 Boundary Bridge Access (81°53'20.79" W, 43°49'17.33" N)
 - 12 Holmesville Bridge Access (81°53'39.39" N, 43°52'42.16" N)
 - 13 Benmiller Bridge Access (81°52'25.57" W, 43°50'01" N)
 - 14 Falls Conservation Area* (81°58'47.71" W, 43°52'45.87" N)
 - 15 Colborne Park (81°53'35.36" W, 43°54'18.68" N)
 - 16 Tiger Dunlop & Hwy 21 Access (81°54'23.41" W, 43°54'58.54" N)
 - 17 Mailland River mouth at Goderich (81°54'29.14" W, 43°54'45.97" N)
 - 20 Lake Wawanosh Conservation Area* (81°54'48.39" W, 43°53'38.65" N)
 - 21 Bluevale/Pioneer Conservation Area* (81°52'03" W, 43°51'11.86" N)
 - 22 Brussels Conservation Area* (81°53'52.32" W, 43°44'28.61" N)
 - 23 Hullett Wildlife Area (see Hullett guidebook) (81°18'26.66" W, 43°53'53.05" N)
 - 24 Edmondville Access (81°24'23.09" W, 43°52'15.21" N)
 - 25 Clinton Conservation Area** (81°13'56.87" W, 43°58'15.33" N)
 - 26 Bannockburn Access (81°53'21.85" W, 43°53'17.13" N)
 - 27 Bayfield River Mouth (81°44'21.13" W, 43°54'43.02" N)
 - 30 Morrison Dam Conservation Area** (81°27'23.05" W, 43°52'15.02" N)
 - 35 Port Blake Conservation Area (81°54'23.09" W, 43°52'15.02" N)
 - 36 Crediton Conservation Area**
 - 40 Pinery Provincial Park
- Selected Conservation and Natural Areas which permit fishing**
- A Saratoga Swamp* (81°57'17.74" W, 43°52'10.27" N)
 - B Ethel Conservation Area* (81°57'17.74" W, 43°52'10.27" N)
 - C Sharpe's Creek Wildlife Preserve* (81°58'15.35" W, 43°57'52.07" N)
 - D Naffels Creek Conservation Area* (81°57'01.14" W, 43°58'59.38" N)
 - E Searforth Lion's Park (81°53'59.44" W, 43°54'05.15" N)
 - F Elliott Park (81°54'18.62" W, 43°53'59.26" N)
 - G MacNaughton Park (81°54'18.62" W, 43°53'59.26" N)
 - H Bannockburn Conservation (81°53'59.44" W, 43°54'05.15" N)

Please note that not all of the Conservation Areas in Huron County offer fishing or paddling. For a detailed description of these and more Conservation Areas, please refer to the Huron County Vacation Guide or the website www.ontariowestcoast.ca

This map is a guideline. All suggested routes, times, and distances are estimations. These can change due to water conditions, erosion, weather, and paddler skill level. Use this guide with discretion and at your own risk.
*With lake and pier fishing, check weather and water conditions

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Huron County Roads


- Provincial Highway: Paved
- County Road: Paved
- Municipal Road: Paved
- Municipal & All Other Designations: Gravel

Legend

- Accessible Pier Fishing
- Marina
- Natural Area, No Paddling
- Natural Area, Paddling Access
- Public Fee Fishing
- Reservoir
- Campgrounds

For detailed campground information, visit www.ontariowestcoast.ca

Huron County



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