



Cyprus Lake Campground Guide

WELCOME to the Cyprus Lake Campground in Bruce Peninsula National Park. The campground is the perfect base for your park visit. From here, you can hike to the Georgian Bay shoreline to see cliffs, coves and caves overlooking clear blue water. Or, if you'd prefer to relax, kick back at your campsite and enjoy the refreshing breeze off of Cyprus Lake.

This national park is a special place. It is home to the largest forest in southern Ontario, and unique wildlife and habitats - including some found almost nowhere else on earth. While you're here, don't miss the opportunity to learn about the nature and culture that surrounds you.

As you explore, please 'tread lightly' so future generations can visit this park and be inspired by its beauty, the same way you are experiencing it today.



Cyprus Lake



PERMITS

Permits expire at 11:00 am on the day you check out.

If you wish to use the park after 11:00 am you can visit the Parks Canada Visitor Centre or Singing Sands. These locations operate on a first come, first served basis. You will need to pay parking and daily entry fees.

WATCH YOUR SPEED

Please drive slowly through the campground there are kids playing and wildlife crossing the roads.





Horse Lake

Cyprus Lake Trail

No bikes beyond this point

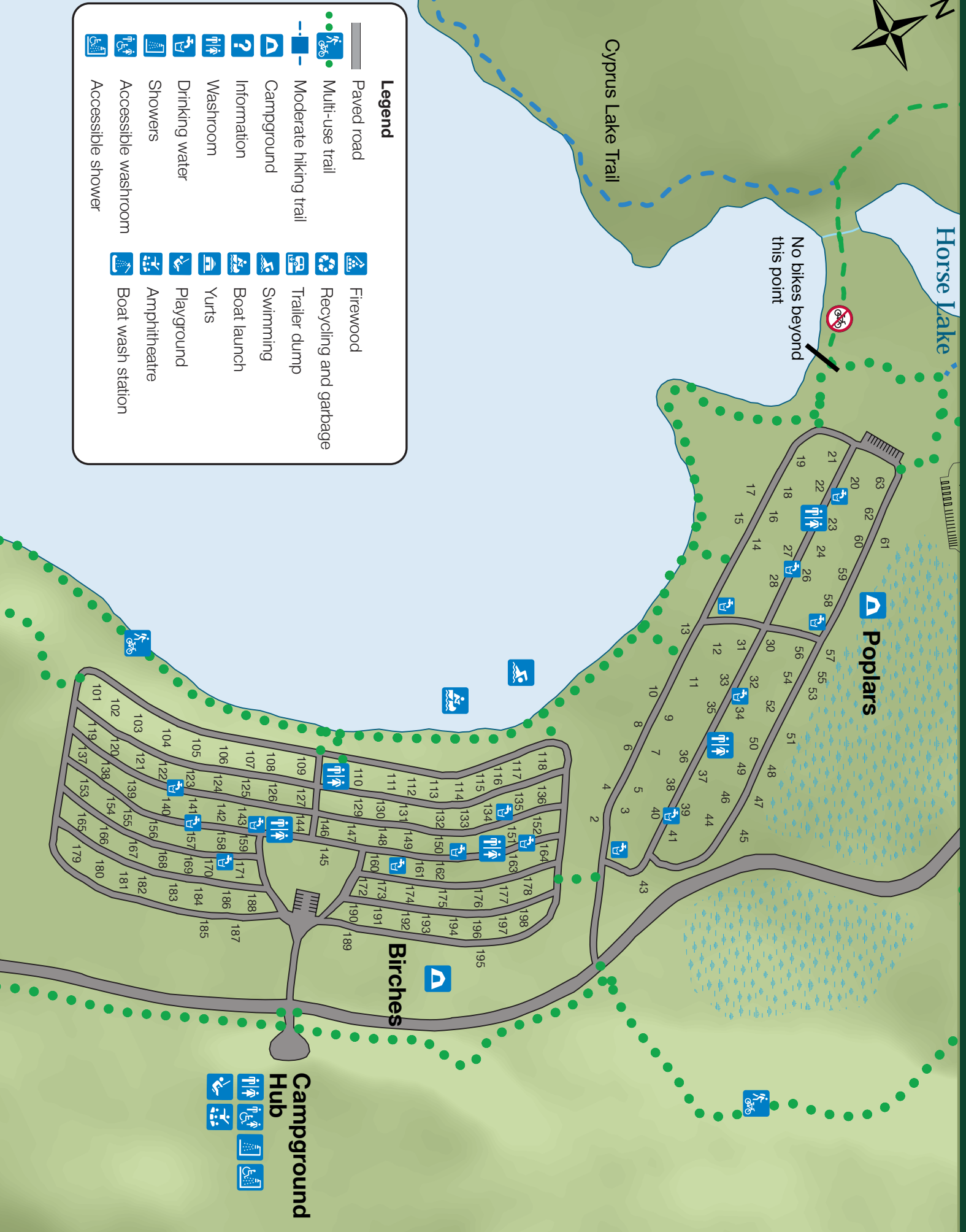
Poplars

Birches

Campground Hub

Legend

	Paved road		Firewood
	Multi-use trail		Recycling and garbage
	Moderate hiking trail		Trailer dump
	Campground		Swimming
	Information		Boat launch
	Washroom		Yurts
	Drinking water		Playground
	Showers		Amphitheatre
	Accessible washroom		Boat wash station
	Accessible shower		



CAMPGROUND BASICS

During your stay, please remember that you share this space with other campers and with protected plants and animals. Being respectful of your fellow campers and all park rules will ensure that everyone enjoys their visit. **A reminder that picking any type of vegetation or disturbing or feeding any wildlife is strictly prohibited.**

Parking: Two (2) regular sized vehicles are permitted to park on reserved campsite. One (1) vehicle is included in fees at time of booking. Additional vehicles must register at the office and display valid permit. (Fees apply).

Camping vehicle permits: Valid until 11:00 a.m. on the date of your departure. During your stay, the permit may be used at Singing Sands and the Parks Canada Visitor Centre, subject to parking availability. Parking at P1 (Head of Trails for the Grotto/Indian Head Cove shoreline area) or Halfway Log Dump require separate reservations. Vehicle permits are not valid on municipal roads.

Water Taps: Water taps are located in the campground and provide safe drinking water unless otherwise posted. Please do not wash your dishes or brush your teeth at the water taps.

Dish Washing: Wash your dishes at your site. Water taps and washroom sinks are not to be used for dish washing. Once completing dishes, thoroughly remove food scraps from your dish water and dispose of grey water in your firepit.

Soaps: Do not use any kind of soap in our lakes - it is harmful to the plants and animals that live there.

Bicycles can be used on the roads in the campground area and on the Multi-Use Trail. All other trails to the shoreline are for hiking only.

Garbage/Recycling/Septic Dumping is located on Cyprus Lake Road near the entrance to Cyprus Lake Office.

Propane Cylinders are hazardous waste. Please take them home and return them to your local hazardous waste depot.

Pets are welcome and must be leashed at all times. Do not leave a pet unattended on your site or in a vehicle. Remember to always clean up after your pet.

Firewood must be purchased at Cyprus Lake Office to prevent the spread of invasive pests. Bringing your own firewood and/or collecting firewood from the forest is prohibited.

Questions? Please ask a Parks Canada staff member or visit the Cyprus Lake Office.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 911

For campground disturbances or encounters with wildlife call **Park Wardens 519-596-2702.**





‘BARE’ CAMPSITE PROGRAM

This national park is home to animals including black bears, squirrels, chipmunks and raccoons. If you leave food, or items that smell like food (including garbage) on your campsite, these animals will be attracted to the scent and may pay you an unwanted visit. This could end badly for you and them! Follow the “Bare Campsite” rules by never leaving wildlife attractants unattended on your campsite.



Keeping your campsite ‘Bare’

All campers must store all food and food-related items (eg. garbage, food waste, dirty pots, toothpaste) in a hard-sided vehicle (not in a tent or tent-trailer). This applies whenever these items are not in use, at night while you are sleeping or when your site is unattended for any length of time. When away from your site, you may leave your camping furniture out (eg. lawn chairs, lanterns and tents).

If your campsite is not ‘Bare’?

Park staff patrol the campground to ensure that animal attractants have not been left unattended on campsites. If you come back to your site and items that you have left out are missing, look for a written notice left by park staff which contains further instructions.

Campers who do not comply with the requirements of the ‘Bare’ Campsite program may have their camping permit cancelled, be evicted without refund, and may be charged.

Anything that has an odour or could be considered food may attract wildlife to your site.

Never leave ANY of these items unattended at your campsite:

- Coolers – full/empty
- Food – open/closed
- Garbage/Wrappings
- Dishes/Pots
- Barbeques
- Pet Food/Bowls
- Bottles/Cans
- **ANY** item associated with food preparation

NEVER feed wildlife.



BLACK BEARS

If you encounter a bear on your site or in the park;

- stay calm;
- leave the area slowly;
- report bear sighting to staff.

Be sure to make noise while hiking to avoid surprising a Black Bear.

LEAVE NO TRACE

National Parks are an important part of Canada’s shared natural heritage. Used tissues and cigarette butts are not. Parks Canada asks you to adopt the “Leave No Trace” outdoor principles while visiting the park.

Leave no trace of your visit by packing out all items you bring with you (and thanks for picking up litter you see along the way).

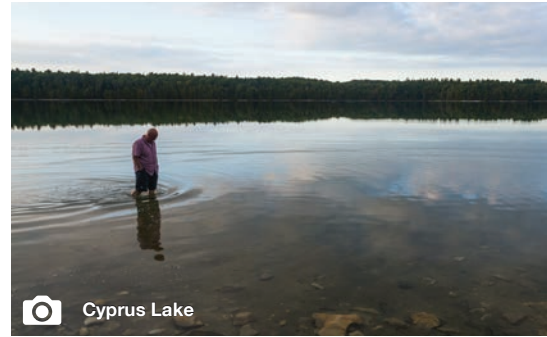


CYPRUS LAKE AREA

Make the most out of your stay!

As a registered camper, you have unlimited access to all hiking trails and attractions at the Cyprus Lake area, as long as you walk from your campsite.

Enjoy the nearby Cyprus Lake shoreline and dip your toes in the water. Hike out to the Georgian Bay shoreline to explore Indian Head Cove and the natural arch, the Grotto, and breathtaking sights that the area is known for.



IMPORTANT

Camping permits **ONLY** allow your vehicle to remain parked on your numbered campsite. **If you choose to drive to other park locations, additional reservations and permits are required. Ask park staff for more information.**



CYPRUS LAKE AREA

The Campground Hub is where you'll find many campground amenities, including flush toilets, showers, and free Wi-Fi.

Wi-Fi password - PARKA

Looking to keep the kids entertained? A playground and soccer field are located just behind the building.

Hoping to learn more about the history, land and wildlife of the park? Many of our outdoor education programs take place at the Hub amphitheatre and covered fireplace gathering area.



Go Green! Consider taking a short walk or bike ride to the Hub instead of taking your vehicle.

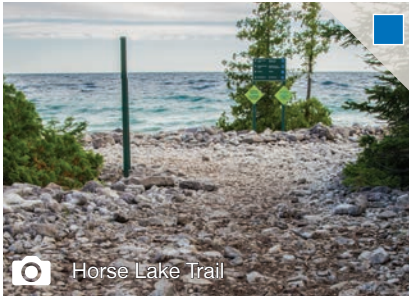


POISON IVY

Poison Ivy is commonly found in the park. Oil from any part of the plant can cause a severe, itchy and blistering rash. **Remember: leaves of three, let them be!**



Georgian Bay Trail



Horse Lake Trail



Marr Lake Trail




Natural arch



Grotto



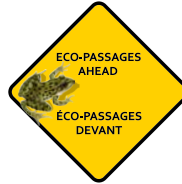
TRAIL	TIME	DISTANCE	DESCRIPTION
CAMPGROUND TRAILS			
● Multi-use Trail 	1.5 hrs	4.3 km	Easy, wide, gravel trail connecting all sections of Cyprus Lake Campground.
■ Cyprus Lake Trail	2.5 hrs	5 km	Narrow, natural forest floor with bridges. Encircles Cyprus Lake.
TRAILS TO THE GROTTO			
● Georgian Bay 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.



PROTECTING THE PARK

Helping critters cross the road

Do you remember hearing a metallic “clunk” or a “bump” on your way into the campground? You were driving over a wildlife eco-passage!



Roads are a serious problem for reptiles and amphibians, especially during breeding season when these critters are on the move. Small and slow-moving, they often don't make it to the other side of a busy road. Sadly, over 1,000 reptiles and amphibians are killed on park roads every year.

Parks Canada has been making roads safer for wildlife using eco-passages, or wildlife tunnels, under the road. These tunnels are designed to allow sunlight through the top so the cold-blooded creatures don't have to travel into cold, dark places.



As of 2020, over 4000 reptiles and amphibians have safely crossed park roads using eco-passages, including 190 turtles, 2819 frogs and 1209 snakes.



Sadly, the Massasauga Rattlesnake, Eastern Ribbonsnake and Common Snapping Turtle, are at risk of extinction.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- Slow down and keep an eye out for wildlife crossing when driving on park roads.
- Help reptiles and amphibians cross the road using a stick to gently encourage it to move or by guiding traffic to slow down (remember, your safety comes first!).
- Report your sighting to park staff, or submit your observation using the iNaturalist app.



MASSASAUGA RATTLESNAKES

When threatened, a Massasauga may shake its tail as a warning. **If you hear a rattlesnake;**

- stay calm
- stop walking
- determine the location of the snake
- slowly move away.

Don't move firewood

Bruce Peninsula National Park protects some of the largest forests in all of southern Ontario. These forests are important homes for many special plants and animals. Bringing firewood from other places can put these forests at risk from diseases and invasive bugs, such as the Emerald Ash Borer. It only takes one bug to start a deadly infestation. Although we might not see them, these invasive pests can easily hide in firewood as adults, larvae or tiny eggs. And when firewood moves, so do they!

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- Buy firewood at the Cyprus Lake campground office or from a local supplier in the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula.
- If you've brought your own firewood please let our staff know.
- Do not bring firewood purchased on the Bruce Peninsula home with you or to your next destination.



Keep our inland lakes invasive free

Unlike most lakes in southern Ontario, the inland lakes in Bruce Peninsula National Park have no invasive species. **None.**

However, it only takes one new invader to change these lakes forever. Whether it's a Quagga Mussel, a Spiny Waterflea or Phragmites, these alien invaders can destroy fish and wildlife habitat, and make the water unsuitable for swimming, fishing or paddling. Invasive plants, animals and diseases easily spread from one body of water to another, unknowingly hitching a ride on boats, trailers, equipment, or even in small pools of water left in your boat.



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- Remember that the use of natural bait is prohibited in Bruce Peninsula National Park, this includes worms, leeches, minnows or crayfish.
- Clean your boat and trailer at the pressure wash station near Cyprus Lake campground office to remove any mud, sand and plant material on your canoe or kayak before putting it in the water.
- Report any sightings to park staff if you come across an invasive species.



PROTECTING YOURSELF

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 are no transportation services - plan for a round trip.
- Rescue services are far away and take a long time.

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.

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

EXPLORE AND LEARN



Adventure awaits with Parks Canada experiences

Experience hiking, paddling, wildlife viewing, and more by joining one of many guided activities in the park. What are you waiting for? 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.pc.gc.ca/BruceActivities



Family camping?

Ask for a FREE Xplorers booklet filled with fun activities for kids at the Cyprus Lake campground office. At the end of your visit, Xplorers can stop by to receive an official collectable souvenir!



Orchids bloom here! Watch your step.

Rare and beautiful orchids, such as the Calypso, have a special relationship with fungi and are very sensitive to disturbance. We need your help to protect these wildflowers by staying on the trail! Most orchids in the Park flower from mid-May to late August.



Explore the campground on two wheels!

Enjoy a bicycle friendly multi-use trail that surround the Cyprus Lake Campground. Bike from your campsite and park at the Head of Trails to continue your journey on foot to the Georgian Bay Shoreline.



We are a Dark Sky Preserve. Look up at the stars!

The campground is the perfect spot to sit back and enjoy a stellar view of stars, planets, meteors and the Milky Way. Why not try out a stargazing app? **Pro tip:** Red headlamps maintain the best night vision.

The exploring doesn't stop in the campground!



Visitor Centre, a great place to start your adventure and plan your visit.

Exciting exhibits for all ages; watch the film "Life on the edge" in our accessible 100 seat theatre; climb the lookout tower or take the trails to view and access Georgian Bay. Located in the quaint harbour village of **Tobermory**, be sure to walk into town to check out Little Tub Harbour, grab a bite to eat or browse the local shops and galleries.



See the natural wonders of Fathom Five National Marine Park.

Famous for its natural "flowerpot" rock pillars, caves, historic light station and rare plants. Take a tour boat from Tobermory to spend a half or full day on the island to hike the trails and view amazing scenery.



We want to hear your thoughts! Help us with future planning...

Have you visited the park before? Y ___ or N ___

Have you been redirected from one of our locations? Y ___ or N ___ If yes where? _____

How far ahead did you plan your trip? 1-3 days 4-7 days 7+ days

Comments: _____

Here's how to submit:



Drop it off with staff at any of our locations or leave it in the green drop box behind the gatehouse on Cyprus Lake rd.



Email us at :
bruce-fathomfive@pc.gc.ca



Mail it to:
Parks Canada Visitor Centre
120 Chi sin tib dek Rd.
Tobermory ON N0H 2R0

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.



Excessive noise is prohibited at all times 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.



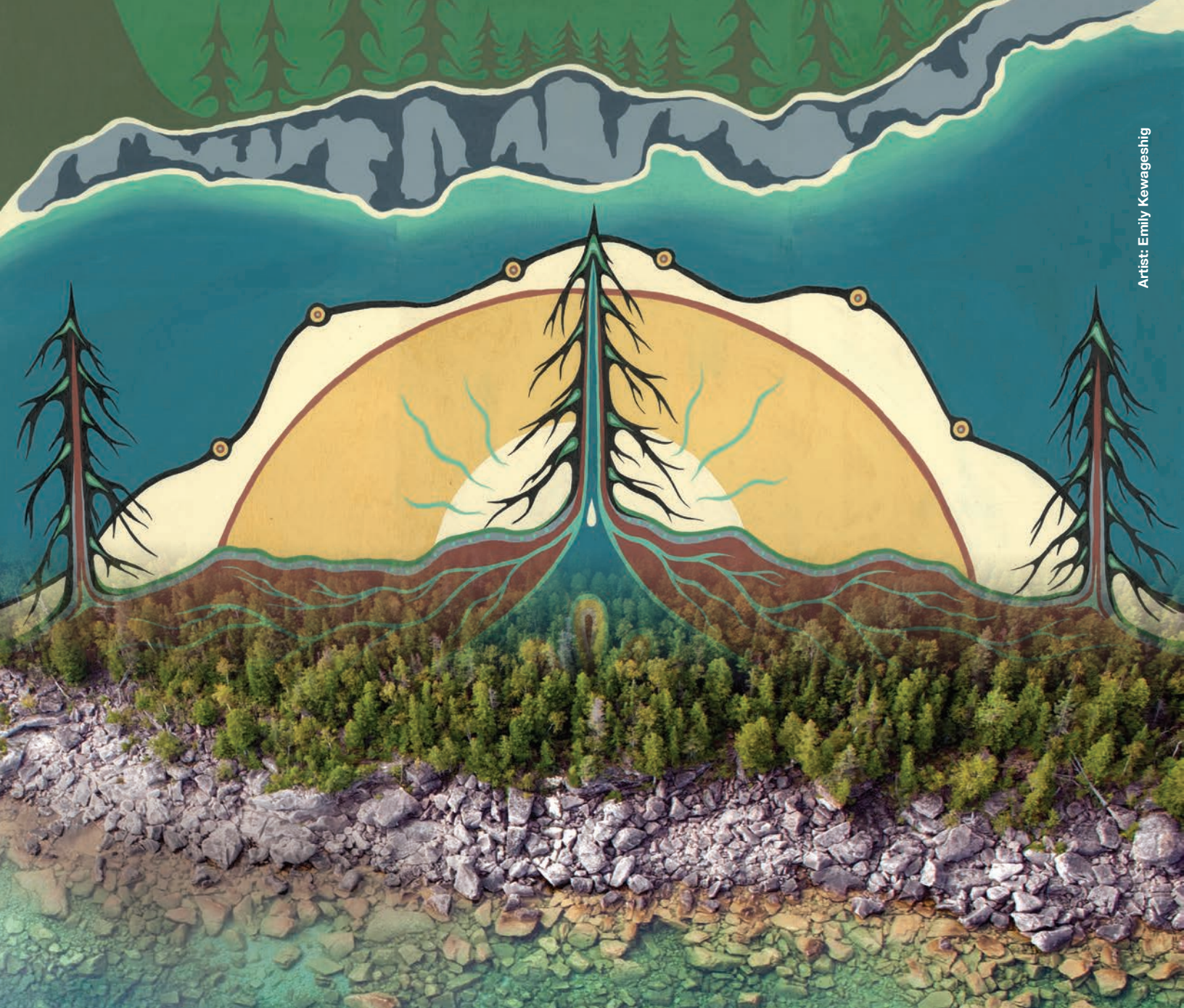
Bicycles and motorized vehicles are prohibited on all trails, unless otherwise authorized.



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.

Photo : Shari Chambers



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