

The Algonquin Park Trout Fishing Survey Results for the 2009 Season

Algonquin Provincial Park is home to the world's largest group of naturally reproducing brook trout lakes. With the help of the public, staff of the Algonquin Fisheries Assessment Unit and Ontario Parks annually try to collect data from as many natural trout waters as possible. We ask trout anglers to tell us about the lakes and rivers they have fished, their estimated effort, trout catches and harvest. In June, a preliminary summary is posted on the Algonquin Park web site. As promised, we also present an annual summary for all surveys returned up to October 31.

We are very grateful to The Friends of Algonquin for their generous support and for allowing us to present the results of this survey on their site. **We encourage everyone to become a member** of this fine organization, as the Friends are responsible for publishing all of the excellent books on fish and fishing in the Park. In future they will offer a detailed and fact-filled depth contour map book for every Algonquin Park stocked lake.

A New Feature - Your Words

Each year we ask anglers to tell us about their fishing trips, and in 2009, we received 268 comments among the 589 returned surveys. All of them are presented verbatim and anonymously, with a corresponding lake or river to the left of each entry. As fisheries professionals, we feel obliged to address any concerns or inquiries and we'll do so in this open forum. Additionally, this educational and entertaining exercise should reduce the number of questions in future surveys.

The following sections, labeled **A** through **M**, address the most 'Frequently Asked Questions' (FAQ) or Frequently Made Comments (FMC). The question or comment will be followed by one or more upper case letters that refer to these sections, or by our *italicized response*. For example: *Catching more chubb than ever in Allan Lake.* **G**

A Double-crested cormorants have migrated, over the past 10 years, into numerous Park lakes. Each adult bird consumes about .5 kilograms or 1 pound of fish per day and are not species selective. There are currently no plans in effect to limit their spread in the Park.

B Special regulations are designed to try and manage selected trout populations in hundreds of provincial waters, including many in Algonquin Park. Slots exist so that fish of a particular size group will be released to spawn at least once. Minimum size limits and maximum possession limits are in effect for the same purpose. We consider Killing five trout per person, per day to be excessive and, though legal, it is certainly not encouraged.

C Stocking of non-native strains will not result in a successful self-reproducing trout population. Lake-dwelling brook trout need groundwater upwellings or springs in order to reproduce and this is the most limiting factor for their success in the Park. The Dickson Lake *strain* of brook trout is the same *species* as that found in Hogan Lake, for example, but it is a different type that has evolved to be successful in its native waters. In addition, wild strains of brook trout placed into a hatchery environment grow and survive very poorly. The natural trout fisheries of Algonquin Provincial Park are irreplaceable, unique and beyond compare.

D There are ongoing consultations, at the federal and provincial levels, about rights to the lands of Algonquin Park. In the interim, certain concessions are made to accommodate participants in the negotiations. For more information, please check 'Algonquin Land Claim' from this site: www.aboriginalaffairs.gov.on.ca

E Nearly all fish contain some sort of parasite, either in adult or juvenile form. While unsightly and disgusting to anglers, most of these creatures are not particularly harmful to their host and, when the fish is thoroughly cooked, do not normally affect its edibility. The best single source for information on most of the commonly found trout parasites in the Park is from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (Fish Health Issues) at:

<http://www.maine.gov/ifw/fishing/health/issues.htm>

Should the link not work, the site can be readily found using any search engine and typing 'Maine fish health'. Four of most common parasites encountered in Algonquin Park trout are: fish lice (*Salmonicola* sp), fish crab (*Ergasilus* sp.), black spot (*Apophallus brevis*) and tapeworms (*Eubothrium* sp.), which are very prevalent in Dickson Lake brook trout.

F While many people enjoy catching and sometimes eating bass, their introduction, decades ago, has led to the demise of numerous natural brook trout stocks, including Happy Isle and Smoke lakes. Where bass and lake trout co-exist today, our natural preference and tendency to selectively kill trout tips the balance in favour of bass. There's no harm in killing a daily limit of bass, as they are extremely prolific spawners in no fear of decline.

G The chub or 'chubb' referred to in these comments are actually fallfish, *Semotilus corporalis*, a species that is common and apparently becoming more widespread throughout the Petawawa and other river systems in the Park. While prized neither as a gamefish nor for its eating qualities, it is still a competitor for forage wherever it occurs. As a matter of interest, the world record fallfish weighed 1.6 kg or 3 pounds, 9 ounces, and was caught in New York state in 2009. There are also very large fallfish in the York River, Bancroft, Ontario, home of the world record rock bass (1.36 kg or 3 pounds, caught in 1974). According to the book, 'Freshwater Fishes of Canada', the flesh of fallfish is firm, white and sweet, while a State of Virginia website claims that they taste terrible. Either way, they seem to co-exist well with trout in both lakes and rivers. They might be mistaken for a creek chub, but fallfish tend to be considerably larger.



Two fallfish caught in Big Trout Lake, July 2009.

Creek chub for comparison.

H We feel that our participants are entitled to some sort of incentive for their co-operation. As a result, we included a postage-paid return envelope in each survey bag. More than 90 percent of our 587 returns were mailed in and we thank you.

Additionally, in 1000 of the packages, there was a proven trout-catching spoon (see images below) manufactured by Eppinger (www.eppinger.net) in Dearborn, Michigan. The company discounted our price to less than 60 percent of the \$5.25 U.S. listed on their website, and imprinted our logo for a nominal charge. Some recipients were upset that the lure was American made, while others succeeded in catching trout with them. It was intended to be a unique and special keepsake and we regret offending anyone, but as the pictures show, they do catch trout.



Dickson Lake, 2003



Finch Lake, 2004



Actual size: 1 ⁷/₈ inches long, 1/3 ounce

I Suggestions for regulation changes are always welcome, but other than in some lakes in the northern portion of the Park, we're not seeing too many effects of over-harvesting. The overall retention rate of just 41 percent for both brook and lake trout tells us that we're all doing something right.

Releasing Trout

So long as trout are not handled roughly out of the water for more than a couple of minutes, particularly during warm weather months, they are usually pretty resilient and will recover quickly. If a fish is tired, gently move it back and forth lengthwise in order to flush water over its gills. Two useful, non-damaging landing devices are a shallow, rubber mesh dipnet and an open weave bricklayer's glove (about \$7.00 per dozen pair). Grabbing a trout around the base of its tail will immobilize it and it's a great place to hang onto it for the resuscitation motion. Barbless hooks are also the way to go if you plan on releasing trout and we've never found that the loss rate is higher, so long as you keep the pressure on.

J We are in the fisheries business, but any Parks related issues may be addressed to Ontario Parks and their excellent online services option. You may e-mail them directly with your concern and there's a good chance that action will be taken. <http://www.ontarioparks.com/english/index.html>

K Although other reports are interesting, such as an 8 pound bass caught in Ragged Lake, or largemouth bass, we've designed the survey for trout anglers who camp and fish in the interior lakes of Algonquin Park. It is the natural trout lakes that are most at risk and every piece of information that we receive from anglers is vital to our better understanding and management of the resource.

North Depot # of people allowed at interior camping should be lowered to max 6. **J**
Ragged 1 bass was caught on July 30. 3 bass were caught on July 31. All were released. **F**
Opeongo 20 years experience
David 21 years experience
La Muir 23 years experience. The boys working on the trails are doing a great job in the Lamuir area and south. Please pass this information on to them. They are the reason we are able to get to these lakes efficiently as possible to enjoy the fishing and outdoor experience.

Dickson 24 years experience, good as usual
Catfish 24 years experience. Barbless hooks. **I**
Sawyer 26 years experience. Introduced four newcomers to Algonquin spring camping/ fishing, two of which were aged 6 and 8. The 6 year old caught the most and the largest lake trout. Priceless!

Little Minnow 3.4 lb brook trout. We are so lucky to have this beautiful park to enjoy!
Club 30 years experience
Nipissing River 30 years experience
Tom Thomson 30 years experience. Please keep up the good work. While I enjoy a fish meal, please consider lowering limits. I've seen groups where everyone keeps their limit. Seems like a lot of fish *We agree that killing 5 brook trout per person per day is excessive, and limits should be reviewed, but this is an old regulation that caters to stream fishermen who typically catch very small brook trout.*

Brown 34 years experience
Ralph Bice 35 years experience
Rence 37 years experience
Lavieille 37 years experience. We were the first group to go across the Dickson portage. It was a mess we spent a whole day to get through the trail. We had asked to take a small chainsaw to make our trip better but were told not to take it. I have given lots of money to the park over the years and I would like some feedback please. **J** *We directed this gentleman's request to the Operations South supervisor and they spoke about the issue directly.*

Dickson 40 years experience, Reduce kept limits **B** *See reply re. Tom Thomson Lake above.*
Cauliflower 40 years experience. First time here - very disappointing. Too much algae in the lake for this time of year?

Barron 40+ years experience
Big Trout 40+ years experience. In past years I have been irritated to find people driving into remote lakes (Hiawatha, Animoosh) that others must portage to. **D**

Cauliflower 40+ years of experience. Nice Campsite
Louisa 43 years experience. As usual the lake trout fishing was excellent. We have never caught a brook trout in this lake. Therefor we are not targetting brook trout.

North Depot 53 years experience. Greg - Good work, excellent reporting best communications I've seen. **L**
Burnt Island 6lb 15oz Lake trout on Burnt Island!
Dickson 7.8 km portage, 3 days of strong winds, water taxi no show (all worth it for 1 giant lake trout!)
Nipissing River A good deal of small trout caught - largest of the 59 was 2lbs. We only counted landed fish - many we had on up to the boat or shore we could identify them but we did not land them. Another great trip to the park.

Cradle A great trip again (2nd time). Eric flew in from Vancouver. The hope the ice was out. We chased it off Smoke Lake and didn't look back.

Pen A lot of perch in Pen lake ... *and they are very good to eat.*
Dickson A lot of trees down. Fishing not too good. Portage signs missing into little crooked. Problem - cormorants, eating all our fish. 20+ years experience **A, J**

Dickson A lot smaller size class the past few years. The brook trout limit should be 2 on Dickson and Lavieille. **B**

Tom Thomson Actually we would have been happy if we caught any fish but unfortunately we had no luck

Dickson Again, we thoroughly enjoyed our interior experience in Algonquin: good fishing, great scenery, good company and best of all, scooped a new lure reputed to be the favourite of Greg Betteridge. Cheers! **H**

Tim River (Below Longbow Dam) Along with his father I introduced my 10 year old grandson to canoeing and fresh caught trout dinner in spite of the inclement weather. He is ready to go back in again. We in Ontario are lucky to have Algonquin. So keep up the good work for future generations. thank you. **L**

Happy Isle Also caught 2 chubb. Great year for lake trout fishing
We're not sure what species the 'chubb' might have been; no fallfish in Happy Isle.

Little Trout Always a great time! P.S. we are not trout fishermen but it was still good fishing. **K**

Louisa Always a pleasure! although the weather was less than ideal.

Lawren Harris Another great spring fishing trip. p.s. While fishing lower harris lake we came across a dead 8" perch, this we thought strange, since we thought they wouldn't be in this particular lake. *Yellow perch are very widespread and common throughout the Park.*

Dickson Another magical weekend in the park (30+ years experience)

Big Trout Another year another adventure. Sun, rain, wind, snow, caught fish, wind bound 1 day, hiked logging roads behind burntrout. Fun fun and more fun. An island on burntrout that we have watched herons nest on for over 20 years, taken over by cormorants. 25+ birds I'm sure they're getting lots of fish!! **A**

Ryan Apologies late in responding. Could the portage into mcaskil be improved? could some lakes be made fly fishing only on alternate years? would like to see more enforcement. **J**

Pen app. 23" Male kept end in permit

Big Crow Apparently the speckled trout were biting the day before we arrived!

Whitebirch Bad Weather. Was surprised to catch a smallmouth bass on Mink. Didn't know if to kill it or not. Ended up releasing it back into the water. **F**

Louisa Ban motorboats in backcountry **J**

Pen bass fishing good, trout fishing not great. A couple of motor boats were roaring around Galeiry and Rock Lakes at what seemed like excessive speeds. Any chance of reducing motor size? (newer motors are allowing higher speeds in smaller engines) **J, K**

Raveneau Beautiful fish

Nipissing River Beautiful park, great fishing. 6 casts, 6 fish. Our trip precluded us from fishing as much as I would have liked.

York River (Byers rapids) Beautiful spot. Solitude of Byers is awesome. First day fished no luck. Second day was non-stop.

Lavieille best days fishing we've had for quite a few years on dickson. 2 large speckles. Male 2 pounds 9 oz female 2 pounds 14 oz

Cedar best fishing experience in years!

Hogan Best fishing yet in Hogan Lake. Five brook trout over 3 lbs

Shirley Both trout were 15-17 inches, 2 or 2.5 lbs

Nipissing River Brook trout fishing is amazing in the Nipissing river. No wonder though, it's hell to travel. Best tasting fish I've ever had, and I caught the 14" brookie right in front of my campsite. Great Trip as always, be back soon.

Big Trout Brook trout larger than usual, several 17" - 18", one 20". We quit fishing when we have all we need to eat. Could have caught more brook trout easy

Crow River Brook trout smaller than previous years. I think if my partner had liked fishing more we would have caught a lot more. I love the park.

Dickson Louisa Brookies smaller than normal it seems in Lavielle (2 @ 3lbs in Dickson) Bugs were bad but had a good time.

Big Bissett Creek Skuce By far the best fishing experience ever in Algonquin Park (first time seeing a 2lb brookie) Camped on Lil Osler Apr. 29. At 7am heard 4 wheeler and soon after 2 guys appear in a row boat. I found out they drove in via a logging road from Kiosk. Would this be natives and do they have to reserve a site as well? Sure sucks seeing someone driving to this lake. Please pass this to someone who can answer this. Thank you. **D**

Shirley Caught 5 of 7 lake trout on monofilament line. Water was very warm in Shirley (went swimming). Fish were not very aggressive on Sunday Sept. 13. All fish caught were small (under 2lbs). Caught trout number 53 this season during this trip.

Booth Lynx Caught a large pike on Booth lake
Caught and released 10lb lake trout caught on catfish lake south end.
video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqk2Zu7WLDE>

Canisbay Whitebirch Proulx Sunday Caught many perch and 3 SM bass all live released **F**
Caught rockbass in waterclear lake. Lake trout from waterclear were 5-8 lbs.
Caught yellow perch in crow river just below damn! lots of pumpkinseed too!
Conditions - 60km/hr winds - pinned us to our campsite for saturday but we fished from shore. Sunday we got out trolling. The kids (a 5 year old & 3 year old) gave it a valiant try! Site was great. All had a good time even without fish.

Booth Conditions were less than ideal - low pressure, overcast, cold (it snowed), and winds out of the east.

Big Porcupine Disappointed that this survey is sponsored by Eppinson - a US company. Surely there is a Canadian Company that could support this. Also Disappointed that the lures you're giving out contain lead! We can't find a better product to include with the survey? **H**

Little Crow Big Porcupine Email results please. Seems that the fishing has been going down for the past 10 years. Email xxx@____.net & yyy@____.com (30+ years experience)

Canisbay Employed technique passed on by Greg Betteridge to tackle highway 60 lake trout populations! GB - try a #8 cisco pattern, worked for us!! **L**

Dickson Even though the fishing was not great the trip was. Very Windy for 3 days so the fishing was tough.

Louisa La Muir Booth Everything well maintained, damp weather and breezy, low bugs, Fantastic time!!!
Excellent Fishing!
Extremely pleased with cleanliness of trails, sites, and general area.

Tim Fewer fish but larger size than previous years.

Big Crow First father/son trip into the park. Awesome time; great weather; good fishing; priceless experience

Jubilee First trip Skunked with the exception of 1 smallmouth bass which was almost landed out of season anyway)

Welcome Fish had some kind of larva on their gills and fins. **E**

Shirley Fish in Shirley with gill net marks *The Ontario MNR has not done any netting in Shirley, so the origin of the marks is a mystery.*

Burnt Island Fished only 20 minutes and caught an approximately 6lb lake trout on monofilament line. Released this fish and caught a smaller trout for dinner. Had to ask for a fishing survey at the Canoe Lake office. The bass were more aggressive this trip, caught about 10, had 8lb test monofilament line broke twice while fishing bass.

Big Porcupine Fishing in the south part of the park is slowing down. Found 18 fish heads in water at one campsite - Spring fishing is hurting quality of fishing. Also found bait hooks and rig. Never have seen such heavy spring fishing signs as I have seen last 2 years.

Cauliflower Daisy Happy Isle Fishing was fair considering the terribly windy conditions
Fishing was slow this year, still very nice though
Fishing was slow. However my son caught the biggest and most lake trout on the trip. Need I say more. Enjoyable trip.

La Muir Fishing was Super. Have always come to lamuir in may. First time in August. Fantastic. Schools of baitfish everywhere - trout there too. Park and portages were in fantastic shape. Thank you. **L**

Dickson Fishing was very poor on both Little Dickson and on Dickson. We have been fishing on these two lakes for 15 years and this is the poorest year! Again we spotted 12+ cormorants and 7 nests! bad news. **A** *In fact, there are about 20 nests and 60+ cormorants on Dickson Lake.*

Lost Dog Friday was a picture perfect day. Warm sunny and no flies!

Redrock Gill Flukes, fish lice, tapeworms. Is it from the cormorants? **No, naturally occurring E**

Ralph Bice Good fishing and good people. Thanks

Burnt Island Good size. Ones kept were from 3 to 4 lbs

Shirley Good time

Pen Good trip. Clydegale disappointing. third time trying to find camp lake. We did, caught zero. That's fishing. Another bubble burst.

Maggie great program!

Big Crow Great to use our info to save money. It makes us feel a part of things. **L**

North River Lake Great weather - poor fishing

Cauliflower Green algae on rocks; * identify and clean spawning beds and rehab to help improve spawning beds. *Lake trout will use suitable clean rubble areas, and there's usually no shortage of natural sites.*

Gull Gull Lake brook trout feeding on crayfish and caddisfly

North River Lake Had a great time, wished the fishing was a little better.

Merchant Had a great time. Wish the weather would have been more cooperative! You'll hear from me again next year. Thanks

Redrock Happy Isle seems the same (excellent) for as long as I can remember. Merchant is also very good although the average lake trout seems to be smaller now? *Merchant is relatively lightly fished, so ... less pressure = more and smaller lake trout.*

Happy Isle Have fished Algonquin since 2000. Never had much luck. My primary reason for going into the interior is the paddling and camping. There should be more enforcement in the interior. Never checked in 10 years.

Opeongo I caught 2 lake trout right off the dock at the outfitter store. The rest of the weekend was so windy it was too dangerous to be in a canoe.

Mubwayaka I don't really know how to fish for trout. I did get 4 or 5 strikes on my bass lures. **K**

Catfish I fish only to catch dinner. Once I got what I needed I stopped.

North Tea I have been fishing in Algonquin Park for 34 years for 3 days up to a week per year and have found the fishing has deteriorated. I have fished almost every lake in the park. Disappointed with MNR allowing vehicle access for natives into interior Park. **D**

Lavieille I have spent 39 years in Lavieille in the spring. The fishing has always been excellent. I hope I have many more years to go. *and we hope so too!*

Pen I know there is fish early spring but never caught anything over 6" in summer or fall. I've canoed here for 19 years and nothing. *Trolling deeper (15 to 30 feet) with lead core line and small spoons will produce the sort of trout pictured in section H.*

Ralph Bice I love the park!

Lavieille I own EGB Canada. This fishing lure is very well respected in Algonquin park. I would like to sponsor future surveys with a give-away lure, printing and others. The survey is a great opportunity to review overall fishing results. **L** *We've had some very constructive meetings with this gentleman and look forward to teaming up with his company for the 2010 survey and beyond.*

Manitou I personally would like to see canoe racks at the tops of steep hills on portages to get a break from carrying canoes. I am 61 now and need a rest. They used to have these and now they don't. I have used the interior since 1967. **J** *In our experience, there are nice rests along the most heavily used routes, but of course the Park can't do every hill. Mention this to people at the office and they will put you in touch with someone who might be able to accommodate.*

Lost Coin I really didn't think there were fish in the lake *There was only one other report for Lost Coin from a 10+ years experienced angler, who rated brook trout fishing as good.*

Big Bob I saw 2 guys harvest 10 brook trout @ 15 inches one day to bring home. to say "no one kills 5 trout daily" is naive (our document claim). 0.1 lake trout per hour is nothing to brag about. And to think ice fishing is closed too. **I** *We state that "virtually no one" and the overall C.U.E. for lake trout in the Park is about 0.3*

Mink I think the smallmouth bass population has outcompeted the lake and brook trout. Methods I have used in other areas of Ontario were not successful here. I caught and released over 20 bass. I will not be returning to that area for trout. **F**

Biggar I was not trout fishing - just fishing for the fun of it. The kids caught lots of rock bass and a few perch. **K**

Cedar I will likely do it again. Thank you to the Wardens (on Duty) who brought assistance and carried message (urgency) to us. Thank for the lure. Thank you. Great Environment and park. **L**

Kingscote I would like to see less strict rules on the can/bottle ban - Cans/bottles should be allowed in the interior *We must respectfully disagree, as I'm certain that most Park visitors would. Neither cans nor bottles are necessary, and the ban has helped keep the interior much cleaner since 1978.*

Casey Ice was still on the lakes, turnover had not taken place. Conditions would not be reflective of the actual fish populations. Good luck with the survey.

Ralph Bice I'm not sure if you ran out of the fishing lures that were being handed out, but this package didn't have one. If there are any left I wouldn't mind one being mailed to the above address as a collectors item. Thanks. **H** *Yes, sorry but there were 1000 lures available in total. Return a survey next year and we'll have an EGB for you.*

Maple Leaf I'm sure there's fish we just had a bad spot

Marie In 2006 my son and myself caught our limit of brook trout on marie lake. We kept all fish and cleaned and ate them with our group. Also caught and released double digit (in lbs) lake trout.

Opeongo In lakes that are non-slotted like louisa is there anyway to tell male from female and release the females (as in moose/deer season) and would it help? I always regret killing a fish that's full of eggs. How can I avoid this but still have the odd meal? *Other than at spawning time, there's no sure way to externally determine a trout's sex, but don't feel too bad about killing a girl fish. Only a very small percentage of trout actually spawn each fall and there will be others to fill the void.*

Tim Invasive species has introduced into Tim Lake and we feel that has affected the quality of the fishing.

Maple It appears that smelt have been introduced into Tim. The fish caught this year are larger and less red (more yellow). Very large masses on fish finder assumed to be minnows. *The fish in question may have been smelt, but the one badly decomposed stomach sample that was provided contained a fish that was definitely not a smelt. Hopefully we can sort out the problem next year.*

Pen It appears that we keep every fish that we catch. We live by this fishing creed - catch what you can eat: eat what you catch. This means we only fish until we have enough for a meal when we are in the interior of Algonquin Park. 2 trout caught on wire line, 3 on monofilament.

Hogan It is too bad that cormorants are being allowed to destroy vegetation in what is beautiful and unspoiled landscape. It would be hoped this destruction can be stopped. **A**

Big Crow It was a hell of an adventure.

Whitefish It was my first time in Algonquin Park, but not my last! It was a very rewarding experience. Such beauty abounds everywhere! Loved it!

Cedar I've been fishing in this Cedar Lake for 40 years and it has been excellent. Keep up the good work. Thank you for your hard work. See you next year. **L**

Longbow Keep up the good work. Algonquin is amazing whether you catch fish or not **L**

Little Trout Kids had a great time catching and eating the brook trout. It was the icing on the cake for our camping trip

Timberwolf knowing what lakes to fish in would have been helpful. I was informed that timberwolf was excellent for lake trout. We also tried to fish for speckled trout in little misty (no luck). this was based on second hand information also. are the results shown only for the first 6 weeks of the fishing season? *Feel free to call me at 613 637-2780 Ext. 271 or email: greg.betteridge@ontario.ca and I'll try to help*

Big Porcupine Lake trout on Bonnechere and cradle lakes all about 0.8 - 1.4 lbs, caught on mono line in 3-6 feet of water. Stomachs packed with northern redbelly dace. Mayfly and stonefly hatch on. *Extra information is always welcome, thanks.*

McCraney Lovely lake - good lake trout fishing. worth the portage.

Little Trout Make the park a catch and release fishery only! Or a one fish per day limit for every species. Otherwise, the park was great. **I**

Erables Maple and Erables stumped us. however on second day we caught approx. 15 pound monster laker. Biggest fish we've ever caught here.

Warbler Merchant lake when I first was there in 1982 was crystal clear cobalt blue and fishless. Now it has some turbidity and fishing is better. Is this as a result of decreased acid rain? Saw sticklebacks in feeder streams there.

Catfish Missed two lake trout at luckless

Rosebary Moose watching was excellent, campsite excellent, Kearney staff very helpful

Sawyer more info regarding fly fishing the rivers/lakes of the park. *A no-fail fly for us just about everywhere is a Size 6 sparkly woolly bugger, olive, black, white, or orange.*

Big Trout Most of our fishing took place in the morning (except little crooked which we fished into the afternoon). One person used a regular rod/reel combo with mono/braided line and the other person used steel line and both were successful on little crooked.

Cedar My first interior overnight trip. The black lure in this fish survey kit landed me 2 specks, much appreciated. **L**

Dickson My son caught a 28.5" lake trout (fork length) 31" (total length) on wire in booth lake on July 27, 2009. Again this year, I had to ask for the survey when we registered @ shall lake. The only reason I knew about the survey was because we talked about it on the phone earlier this year.

Little Trout No doubt, the high winds and rain had a negative effect on our fishing efforts. This lake has always produced good results

Ralph Bice No minnows seen and yet loons seem successful. Fishing is declining. Stocking would be a good idea. Too much work for the results in the past few years. **C**

Opeongo No motor boats should be allowed beyond opeongo lake. Too much garbage on Proulx-Opeongo portage **J**

Canisbay nothing here but a small bass and a few little perch

Brain On Brain lake more campsites to choose from and stock brain lake **C**

Ragged On July 14 my 9 year old son landed an 8 - 10 pound small mouth bass. We have photos if you would like to see them. Please e-mail me at **F, K** *We contacted this gentleman and estimated that the bass weighed about 8.6 pounds.*

Louisa On Louisa we fished from shore with lures near the east end of the lake. At Opeongo we fished with worms from the dock and caught little smallmouth bass, perch, and sunfish. Avid fishermen we are not. *Every report is appreciated, none more so than those from folks chasing trout.*

Daisy Only method that worked was bi-coloured Williams with minnow. fish average 1.5 pounds. 8 in party but only 3 fished. Biggest 2.5 pounds.

Louisa	Our group feels that survey results should not be reported by lake. The survey was not well advertised at the rock lake access point. we had to ask for it and then it was produced from under the counter. <i>We feel that everyone benefits by having open disclosure and discussion on as many lakes and rivers as possible. Office staff at every access point were to ask all registrants: i) if they would be fishing for trout and ii) if they would like to participate in the survey.</i>
Sunday	Our group stayed at the Brent ranger cabin on Cedar lake - with an outboard motor we were able to cover more territory and fish more hours. We did really well on Cedar. In 2008 on Cedar we only caught 2 lake trout in 4 days of fishing.
Pinetree	Our results were disappointing but it was our first try for lake trout. Better luck next year we hope.
Burnt Island	Our son came along on this trip so much of the time fishing was spent on catching bass. The bass were not as aggressive as June 27 - July 1. We didn't catch anything on July 18. Caught 2 lake trout July 19, one on wire line using williams whitefish, one on monofilament using storm hot n tot.
Timberwolf	Overcast day and rising barometer. Lure: Gold williams
Nipissing River	Paddling and portaging with friends was an incredible experience. It never ceases to amaze me the for-thought in creating such a park for all to enjoy in its natural splendour
Ragged	Permit no. 6337002
Two Rivers	Please reconsider the slot limit on two rivers. Almost all fish kept are in the lower end (very few). Most fish caught are in the 22cm length or over and are not kept. <i>I Historically, Lake of Two Rivers lake trout have always been small, but when the slot limit was put on, there was only one size range, and it was designed for larger bodied populations. We agree with your assessment, but presently, no regulations may be changed. D</i>
North River Lake	Plenty of bites in your lake. We all caught plenty of fish. Nice campgrounds and views. Healthy looking fish.
Chibiabos	Plenty of dace in lake. Observed brook trout feeding on dace at night time.
David	Portage from Ralph Bice to David Lake could use some work at the takeout on Ralph Bice. Good time and good fishing as always. Thanks for keeping the park pristine. J
Cedar	really windy
Tim	Rosebary fish have a lot to eat. Our 2 27" 15.5" girth Lake trout had 29 small perch and 1 pumpkinseed (not native). The trout had a small head vs body size. Sucker run at Tim lake dam. <i>Pumpkinseeds are native and widespread throughout Algonquin Park.</i>
Rosebary	Rosebary was excellent for lake trout. We caught 3 in less than an hour 10lbs and up. However, campsites are terrible and need a lot of maintenance or shut down to regenerate. Lots of fallen trees on sides. J <i>In defense of Ontario Parks maintenance staff, there are only so many staff and it's a big area to maintain.</i>
Length	Saw hundreds of 4" brook trout fingerlings at entrance to creek coming out of length lake. <i>C Length is stocked bi-annually, so these were actually 16 month old wild strain trout. ere they naturally produced fish, they would have been 1.5x longer and 3x heavier.</i>
Hogan	See lots of Cormorants on Hogan that were not so prominent before. I have fished Hogan for the last 20 years.
Little Trout	Slight decrease in numbers caught in Little Trout; 4th year fishing - smaller and less numerous
Allan	So many chubb on Allan and Depot it's crazy. bigger than many creek trout G
Little Minnow	Some fish caught in Shirley lake had gill net marks on them. Not only this year but in the past as well. <i>The Ontario MNR has not done any netting in Shirley, so the origin of the marks is a mystery.</i>
Barron River	Spent the weekend in the Barron Canyon. Had a geat time.
Coon	splake
Coon	splake

Sproule	splake
Sproule	splake
Sproule	Splake? Yes
Pen	Suckers seen where brook trout were caught
Louisa	T_____ would like to volunteer (_____@_____.on.ca)...Louisa is a great place to fish. We're here to serve and contact information is found elsewhere on this site.
Rock	Thank you
Kioshkokwi	Thank you so much for the work you do. The park has been a part of my life for eleven years now and i cherish it with all of my heart
Harry	Thanks
Big Porcupine	Thanks for a great trip
Canisbay	Thanks for all the tips. We had a great shore lunch. This was the first Algonquin experience for my friend, an excellent time
Louisa	Thanks for maintaining the park!
Happy Isle	Thanks for the lure when we met on Happy Isle!
Nipissing River	That was our third annual canoe trip. We are getting better finding and catching brook trout, but still no luck with lake trout.
Fisher	The 2 brook trout were 12.5/11.5" and weighed 15oz and 13oz. Just a little extra info FYI.
Littledoe	The 2 fish we caught were 4" and less
Tea	The ban on cans. People bring in plastics and burn them however one would think they would bring cans out. It would seem to be more environmentally friendly.
Welcome	The current regs don't seem to be achieving their objective of maintaining a trophy fishery. (i.e. more fish but smaller). MNR should consider other alternatives. I Our highest rate of return from live-release netting has come from Welcome Lake, and the brook trout are big and fat. Some regulations seem to work fine, while others are certainly questionable.
Redrock	The fishing is a bonus. Just being in the park is good for me.
North River Lake	The ice conditions were bad otherwise we would have done more. 4 other parties on the lake all did well. One pair of anglers took 8 on the morning of Apr. 25. General consensus that fishing was better this year.
Big Trout	The interior of Algonquin offers a truly quality fishing experience. Keep up the good work. We did not fish for brook trout so I did not rate it based on this trip.
Ralph Bice	The park was beautiful. We had a scare from a bear at Timberwolf on the island campsite. The bear did not hurt us just searched for food and left. I left my knife at a campground on Big Trout. A "Desert Storm" model with a braided cord handle and sheath. Please call me for a 50 dollar reward if turned in. Thank you! We spoke with this gentleman a couple of weeks after his trip, but he couldn't recall which campsite he'd been on, and by that time it was likely too late. In future, should anyone have a request, please give us a call.
Opeongo	The poor weather had a huge impact on the methods and location of fishing. We saw significant numbers of fish on the sonar. Thanks for all you do!
Lost Coin	The small ones taste better. Put back large fish for reproduction! A great idea, especially for brook trout, but this species is also very short-lived, so keeping the occasional big one is alright too.
Chickaree	The survey and release rates are great to know. Suggest adding a category for fish size (Length). You could give the top 5 lengths for each species but not the lakes. We always welcome the opportunity to acquire more data, but we believe felt that openly sharing this information is the best approach.

- Brain** The weather was sporadic, very windy, off and on rain and cold. I think it might have turned the fish off. Originally planned on portaging into stretch lake and farther south but the 845m portage was too far gone, and I wasn't ready to bush wack
- North Tea** The wind prevented us from fishing some lakes we wanted to like Biggar lake. We fished North Tea lake for 4 days and lost only one lake trout
- Mink** there used to be grills left at the campsites. In the past 2 years they seem to be cleared out. Leaving the best grill would be good. *At one time, there were large cast iron grills at a number of heavily used sites, and we agree that leaving a grill for others is a nice gesture.*
- Lavieille** There were too many motor boats on Lavieille all week long checking nets. The trip was great other than the noise. *The Harkness Laboratory of Fisheries Research and the Algonquin Fisheries Assessment Unit were conducting live-release netting and non-lethal hydro-acoustic surveys on Lake Lavieille for 5 days in August. This necessitated the use of three outboard motor boats and it was this gentleman's misfortune to have been on the lake at that time. We spoke with him and his party to inform him of what was taking place.*
- Allan** This is a great idea - Are there no lure manufacturers in Canada - Thanks for the lure but made in Canada would have been nicer to see. Thanks, Great job! **L, H**
- Grand** This is a great opportunity. Thanks. I am a leaseholder on Grand L. I don't see a boat a week on Grand Lake. I'm retired so I spend a lot of time fishing. I'm wondering if the lake is being netted by the first nations. **D**
- Lavieille** This is money well spent. You are flying in the dark and this does not lead to good management. Something that is imperative with diminished stock, more people and damned cormorant and environmental changes. Thanks for the work and effort. **L**
We sincerely appreciate your thoughts and kind words.
- Lavieille** This tag was on a 15 lb lake trout caught Saturday on Dickson Lake. Tag# T5599 (orange) *We sent an email, but it didn't make it to this gentleman. The trout was tagged in 2004 and had increased in weight by about 5 pounds in 5 years.*
- Burnt Island** This trip poor weather (rain) didn't let us get out as much as we would have liked. Also we concentrated on bass, with excellent results. We may have been able to catch more lake trout, however we only fished until we caught one for dinner. It was caught on wire line with a Williams whitefish.
- Crow River** This was a guided trip through Algonquin outfitters. I guided and did not fish. All fish were caught by our clients. 1 trout was 2.5 pounds.
- Catfish** This was one of the few times I have ever been skunked. Even though we were not too serious on fishing I was surprised at the CUE. I did not realize it took so much effort to catch a fish. It made me feel a little better about not catching a fish.
- Ralph Bice** This year was our 19th straight year fishing trout in the interior of ALgonquin Park. We always go in May 10 - 20 to catch Trout. Some of the lakes we fish are Hogan, Lavieille, Dickson, Catfish, Wilkins, Burntroot, Ralph Bice, Redrock
- Burnt Island** Tried fishing bass when we first arrived at Burnt Island. Bass were not as aggressive compared to previous visits this year. Good lake trout fishing between 6 and 8 am and 6 to 8pm. The larger lake trout were caught on monofilament line. 39 trout caught this year so far.
- Burnt Island** Trolling for lake trout 1 person fishing and one person paddling. Do you count that as 2 people fishing? I filled out the chart as one person fishing. I asked for this packet at Canoe Lake but they said they did not have them. **L, M** *Thank you for making the extra effort to participate. It means a lot to have enthusiastic participants.*

Big Porcupine Trout fishing always difficult in the summer. I fished the deepest parts of the lakes with a large spoon and added weight. One hit and miss on Big Porcupine. I have fished the park for years - good to know th ministry is still an active part of fish management. Thank you. **L**

Ragged Used medium cleo, cast from shore, lower light conditions

Bonnechere Very cool project! I think that it's great you're involving the public in this work. For those total newbies maybe 2 easy ways to distinguish lake from speckies?
Easiest, sure-fire ways - lake trout (forked tail) have vermiculations (worm-like markings) on their opercula (gill covers) and brook trout (more squared tail) do not.

Bonnechere Very few hits, most of them didn't result in a hookup. The fishing on Bonnechere was not up to snuff.

Tim Very happy to participate in the survey!

Rence Very happy with all of our experiences in the park. The increase in and size of chub in the North River and Allan lake are significant **G**

Crotch Very large laker caught and released. on north end of Crotch Lake. That was the only action for the weekend.

Rock Very very busy in Pen lake. Keep up the great work.

Redrock Very windy and wet. We could only fish from shore, not canoes

North River Lake Very windy but when we could fish it was great.

Little Crow very windy conditions making it hard to canoe fish. Could not find deep water (deep about 15-20 feet) in little crow lake.

Rock Water temp was perfect for shore fishing. Awesome fishing...a great time

Daisy We came in on Sunday May 3rd and couldn't believe the 75 cars in the parking lot. A kid got his foot run over by a car pulling out. First time on Daisy. Caught a laker in the first 10 minutes on the lake.

Joe We caught 3 large bass and didn't keep them **F** *Joe Lake is not noted for trout and we sincerely wish to have reports only from people who are fishing for brook or lake trout.*

Rock we caught an 18" splake on Opeongo in April. Caught many sm and lg mouth bass but returned all to lake - too small

Biggar We caught one 19" smallmouth bass in Manitou lake trolling with leadcore at 4 colours

Kioshkokwi We caught over 200 smallmouth bass, all released, 2 whitefish released. TOO MANY BASS!

Club We caught some rock bass in each of the lakes fished. Too tired to fish last day on Kioshkokwi but met 2 fellows who had caught 7 smallmouths, 6 over 4 lbs

Lavieille We counted all fish caught but some lake trout and a lot of speckles were between 10-12 inches, too small to keep. Should we differentiate between small fish and, let's say fish over 1 lb? *As the saying goes, every trout's a trophy and they all count.*

Dickson We did not understand the average hours fished. We assume you mean average hours fished per person. This can be confused. **M**

Little Joe We didn't get to fishing at all **K**

Rowan We didn't take that much time to fish and our group has never fished for trout, but we definitely enjoyed ourselves and caught quite a few large perch on St. Andrews lake. The brook trout we caught was only about 6 inches long but still a very nice surprise.

Bartlett We enjoyed our time. Didn't really fish for trout, mainly bass and caught some large mouth bass to make it a success. **F, K**

Crotch	We fished a limited amount of time for lake trout and to catch one was great but we caught many smallmouth bass and pike in the area, all in all it was a great fishing experience F, K
Opeongo	We fished a lot from campsites off rocky points where we used to pick up trout in the evening after a day of travel. This year we couldn't keep the bass away. We caught many of them. F, K
Tim	We fished later this year than last few years. Water temp felt warmer so trout were probably deeper. Had a few hits at 30ft depth but none landed.
Biggar	We found the brook trout were very good firm and good colour. The lake trout were solid and and the colour of the meat was pinkish orange. Excellent eating.
Rock	We had a fantastic time at the park! We were a bit disappointed however in the lack of help from park staff on how/where to fish as well as access to fishing equipment. But again, a wonderful trip! <i>Feel free to call me at 613 637-2780 Ext. 271 or email: greg.betteridge@ontario.ca and I'd be happy to help.</i>
Hambone	We located fish at a few locations using an electronic fish finder. We were fishing with fly rods and tried a few minnow imitation flies with no success.
Louisa	We only fly fished with woolly buggers and wet line
Big Crow	We only tried fishing the one day - lake very rough.
White Trout	We ran short on fishing time but out of 3 experienced fishermen my ten year old daughter got the one and only trout 15ft from shore on a kids rod. <i>Priceless!</i>
Shirley	We spent some time experimenting with a dipsey diver and caught 1 lake trout using it. The other 3 fish were caught using wire line. 2 of the 4 fish were females with well developed eggs.
Big Trout	We were skunked on Big Trout but were given a lake trout there by two fishermen from Bancroft who took pity on us. <i>We'd also like to thank those two gentlemen for their generosity, and this is typical of the good-natured camaraderie shared by anglers.</i>
Booth	We were wind bound for most of our trip. On our drive home we stopped at bud lake and our luck changed <i>It's never a bad idea to try a stocked lake.</i>
Big Crow	We weren't sure what the fish would bite at. We used silver and gold spinner lures.
Big Trout	We would like the results from 2009 sent to our e-mail please. Thank you.
Cauliflower	Weather prevented us from fishing on the 14th. C'est la vie. It would be more environmentally sound to be able to print permits and register online instead of driving into the park gate and then back to Whitney. J <i>Good idea!</i>
Gem	Weather report was a lie. Very rainy and cold so we didn't fish Pen nearly enough. Hope to come back someday.
Head	Weather was fairly windy throughout trip, was campbound for three days. Overall (2 x 1.5 days). Found the fishing excellent as per usual. No brook trout in this watershed within the waters I fished, so none were caught.
Big Porcupine	Weather was poor, High winds, much of hours logged were fishing from shore.
Ralph Bice	Weather: windy/overcast/sunny breaks. Avg Temp 10 C
Rock	We'll be back! Caught 2 bass 1.5 lbs released -Rock lake. Thanks for the lure. It should be canadian made. H
Pen	What a beautiful place not to catch many fish. <i>It couldn't be said much better than that.</i>
Welcome	What a wonderful treasure this park is. Lets keep it that way for future generations
Dickson	What has happened to Dickson? Last five years have been terrible (suddenly) after 15 great seasons (35 years experience). Great Idea. Keep up the good work. Thanks A, L

Phipps	What's up with the helicopter coming around three times Thursday Apr. 30th? All the fish were not very big, are they feeding on insects only? <i>The helicopter was searching for a group that was two days overdue in coming out. Phipps and many other Park lakes, such as Lake Louisa, are home to naturally small-bodied, slower growing lake trout. While they feed on anything that moves, there's only so much food to go around. Sometimes lake trout will turn cannibalistic and become very large.</i>
Booth	Where are all the big Lakers in Booth? Past few years only caught little ones. My friend caught a 15lb pike in booth. Lots of bass in booth. Would love to get some big trout. <i>We believe that this gentleman has answered his own question. With only a limited forage base, unexploited bass and predatory pike, the lake trout in Booth are not likely to be big and plentiful.</i>
North River Lake	Why not continue the survey and collect data from charr fishermen for June - September? Many people continue fishing for them using downriggers, dippy divers, jigging and other deep water methods through the season, not to mention the brookie fishing in the rivers through those months. <i>Thanks; we're pleased to receive reports throughout the season.</i>
Hogan	Windbound 2 days (May 13 and 14th) on Hogan. Had much higher expectations of fishing quality.
Ralph Bice	Windbound at site on Friday May 1st
North Tea	Windy conditions hampered fishing. Nice size 4-5 lb fish were caught. Very few bites.
Dickson	Windy!
Rosebary	Wonderful wildlife trip terrible fishing trip. We also caught perch in rosebary and catfish in Divine this does seem strange <i>Weather can play a big role in fishing success, and yellow perch are common and widespread.</i>
Tim	would like to receive 2008/2009 results by lake/river
North Tea	you can e-mail me the survey results. You don't have to mail them. We did catch a very large bass in Manitou
Big Crow	You may be surprised at the lack of fishing and the lack of fish caught. We could not go on April 29 when we wanted so when we finally got into Big Crow, we just mostly sat around and talked, just happy to enjoy the atmosphere of the park. <i>This final comment sums up what we have always stated:</i>

The Numbers

In total, we received at least one report from 217 different lakes and 15 rivers in Algonquin Provincial Park for the 2009 trout fishing survey.

Trout Fishing is More Than Numbers

In this fast-paced world, it's a rare privilege to pursue wild, unstocked trout in their natural environment. With good friends we can eat, drink, laugh and share great times to remember for years to come. As one of our female participants so eloquently phrased it in 2008:

"Where else in the world can you set out with some cooking oil and a frying pan and know that we will catch our dinner every night? This is why this amazing resource (Algonquin Park) should be protected, so that people can enjoy its beautiful scenery, clean lakes and great fishing for generations to come."

Summary of the 2009 Algonquin Park Trout Fishing Survey

We would like to thank all of those participants who were kind enough to take the time and to make the effort to provide us with what continues to be the best data collected from the trout sport fisheries of Algonquin Provincial Park. While the survey has been designed specifically for trout anglers who camp in the Park interior, every bit of information on trout fishing is useful and appreciated. Since 2009 was our inaugural attempt to have Park-wide coverage, there were some glitches and missed opportunities, but the results are still enlightening and hopefully educational for all.

Results

We tallied a grand total of 19502 rod hours, with 4051 brook trout and 3166 lake trout reported caught (overall average = 2.7 hours per trout caught). Of these, only 1665 and 1310, respectively, were kept, for a remarkable release rate of about 59 percent for both trout species. We say remarkable, since it is unlikely that very many trout are released from lakes outside of Algonquin Provincial Park. Winter fishing, the introduction of non-native fish and other exotics, ease of access and over-harvesting are among the many reasons for the decline of natural trout fisheries in Ontario.

The 589 surveys returned through November 3, yielded data from 217 lakes and 15 rivers and creeks. In addition, there were a few surprises revealed to us (and to you) about previously unknown trout waters. We strongly believe in information sharing and the tables that follow summarize every piece of data received.

Description of Summary Tables

Number of reports was the total number of daily fishing reports, by waterbody. In other words, one group spending 3 days on Happy Isle would have submitted 3 daily reports for the lake.

Number of groups is the number of unique parties, consisting of from 1 to 11 individuals. The overall average party size was three.

Number of anglers is the total number of unique individuals from all group reports.

One rod hour = 1 person fishing for 1 hour. Three people fishing an average of 3 hours = 9 rod hours.

Hours per Trout (catch or success rate) = the average number of rod hours required to catch a trout.

We have included 3 additional tables of the 'Top 30' sorted by: **Popularity** (number of reports, number of rod hours) and **Success** (shortest time to catch a trout).

Where was the best fishing?

Any lake where it took less than 2.7 hours to catch a trout (see summary tables) would, statistically be called better than average. Based strictly on the number of rod hours required to catch a trout, the rivers ranked first. Of course, brook are much more concentrated in rivers than in lakes, and the fish are much smaller in size.

In 2010, we will be asking for your help and support once again in our efforts to monitor the irreplaceable natural trout fisheries of Algonquin Park.

Should you have any comments or questions, please feel free to call:

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Alphabetical Listing

Table 1 of 5.

Waterbody	No. of Reports	No. of Groups	No. of Anglers	Rod Hrs	Brook trout		Lake trout		Hours per Trout
					Caught	Kept	Caught	Kept	
Allan	19	11	25	104.0	51	16	3	2	1.9
Alluring	2	2	8	3.3	0	0	2	2	
Alsever	3	2	4	15.0	0	0	5	5	
Amable du Fond River	1	1	2	6.0	0	0	0	0	
Animoosh	5	3	11	54.3	4	3	0	0	13.6
Ascalon	1	1	1	2.0	0	0	0	0	
Aura Lee	2	2	6	2.5	0	0	0	0	
Aylen River	1	1	2	2.0	8	5	0	0	
Baldwin	1	1	2	3.0	0	0	0	0	
Barron	3	1	2	30.0	11	10	0	0	
Barron River	3	1	2	12.5	3	0	0	0	
Bartlett	4	1	2	18.0	0	0	0	0	
Big Bissett	1	1	4	20.0	14	13	0	0	
Big Bob	5	3	5	7.0	0	0	0	0	
Big Crow	48	32	100	504.0	126	48	16	10	3.5
Big Porcupine	25	11	35	126.8	11	6	28	21	3.3
Big Rock	1	1	4	0.4	0	0	0	0	
Big Thunder	2	2	3	6.0	0	0	0	0	
Big Trout	62	27	84	430.4	6	6	172	60	2.4
Biggar	18	5	10	199.0	31	2	43	6	2.7
Blackfox	7	2	5	70.0	54	23	0	0	1.3
Blowdown	1	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	
Bonfield	3	3	7	2.0	0	0	0	0	
Bonnechere	19	11	26	105.7	0	0	59	23	1.8
Booth	21	11	29	166.0	0	0	11	7	15.1
Brain	3	2	8	90.0	0	0	0	0	
Brown	1	1	3	90.0	0	0	0	0	
Browse	1	1	2	2.0	1	1	0	0	
Brule	1	1	3	4.0	0	0	0	0	
Bud	1	1	4	2.0	0	0	0	0	
Burnt Island	42	14	43	360.2	0	0	91	43	4.0
Burntroot	23	12	34	166.0	45	23	9	2	3.1
Byers	2	2	6	6.0	0	0	0	0	
Cache	3	3	6	13.0	0	0	0	0	
Calm	2	1	4	16.0	11	4	0	0	
Calumet	1	1	2	4.0	1	0	4	1	
Camp	1	1	8	16.0	0	0	0	0	
Camp Five	4	2	4	13.0	0	0	0	0	
Canisbay	11	5	16	65.0	0	0	18	14	3.6
Canoe	1	1	2	2.0	0	0	1	1	
Carcajou	2	2	3	12.0	4	3	0	0	
Carl Wilson	15	6	18	119.5	23	15	7	5	4.0
Casey	6	3	9	37.0	7	7	4	3	3.4
Cat	3	3	10	36.0	2	2	0	0	18.0
Catfish	28	14	40	349.0	62	31	47	14	3.2
Cauchon	2	2	3	9.0	0	0	2	0	
Cauliflower	24	8	44	426.5	5	5	39	31	9.7
Cecil	2	2	6	12.0	4	0	0	0	

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Waterbody	No. of Reports	No. of Groups	No. of Anglers	Rod Hrs	Brook trout		Lake trout		Hours per Trout
					Caught	Kept	Caught	Kept	
Cedar	21	11	43	577.0	47	23	43	33	6.4
Chibiabos	5	2	7	9.0	0	0	0	0	
Chickaree	14	12	39	70.0	0	0	41	26	1.7
Clamshell	4	2	7	32.5	3	1	0	0	10.8
Club	12	6	17	100.0	44	34	0	0	2.3
Clydegale	10	7	16	53.5	3	2	1	0	13.4
Coon	6	1	2	24.5	0	0	0	0	
Cradle	10	7	17	46.7	0	0	15	4	3.1
Craig	3	1	2	8.5	0	0	0	0	
Crotch	6	4	15	32.0	0	0	2	0	16.0
Crow River	35	26	72	206.8	271	68	0	0	0.8
Daisy	17	9	22	160.0	0	0	38	13	4.2
David	10	5	17	137.0	27	8	0	0	5.1
Deeryard	1	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	
Devine	2	1	2	7.0	0	0	0	0	
Dickson	83	33	112	1298.7	297	154	6	2	4.3
Diver	1	1	4	2.0	0	0	0	0	
Dividing	1	1	4	20.0	0	0	0	0	
Erables	6	3	9	68.5	0	0	1	1	68.5
Farm	5	3	10	12.0	0	0	0	0	
Farncomb	1	1	2	2.0	0	0	0	0	
Fisher	1	1	2	4.0	2	2	0	0	
Florence	1	1	6	3.0	0	0	0	0	
Found	1	1	3	2.0	0	0	0	0	
Frank	2	2	12	9.0	1	1	0	0	
Galeairy	2	1	1	5.0	0	0	0	0	
Galipo River	6	3	9	32.5	19	2	0	0	1.7
Gem	3	3	11	10.0	14	14	0	0	
Glacier	1	1	2	1.0	0	0	0	0	
Gormire	1	1	2	6.0	0	0	0	0	
Gouinlock	2	1	2	16.0	0	0	0	0	
Grand	9	3	8	40.0	0	0	0	0	
Gull	5	2	4	27.5	15	5	0	0	1.8
Hambone	3	2	8	12.0	0	0	0	0	
Happy Isle	46	24	78	311.5	0	0	141	49	2.2
Harness	11	5	20	88.0	0	0	77	17	1.1
Harry	14	7	28	83.5	41	23	0	0	2.0
Hayes	1	1	2	4.0	0	0	0	0	
Head	17	9	21	67.5	0	0	23	10	2.9
Hemlock	2	2	5	9.0	1	1	0	0	
Hogan	32	14	46	551.0	305	144	17	11	1.7
Iris	1	1	1	3.0	0	0	0	0	
Islet	3	2	13	67.0	0	0	0	0	
Joe	7	4	7	19.0	0	0	0	0	
Juan	1	1	11	11.0	0	0	0	0	
Jubilee	2	2	13	34.0	0	0	0	0	
Kakasamic	1	1	2	3.0	0	0	0	0	
Kennedy	1	1	2	4.0	9	5	0	0	

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Waterbody	No. of Reports	No. of Groups	No. of Anglers	Rod Hrs	Brook trout		Lake trout		Hours per Trout
					Caught	Kept	Caught	Kept	
Kenneth	6	5	10	34.0	0	0	13	7	2.6
Kingscote	2	2	6	14.0	0	0	0	0	
Kioshkokwi	32	14	36	238.0	3	0	28	17	7.7
Kirkwood	11	7	19	48.5	0	0	19	6	2.6
Kitty	2	2	10	16.0	0	0	0	0	
La Muir	26	12	32	335.0	43	31	172	39	1.6
Langford	1	1	2	6.0	0	0	0	0	
Lantern	4	1	2	33.0	13	4	0	0	
Lauder	2	2	10	22.0	2	2	0	0	
Laurel	1	1	3	3.0	1	1	0	0	
Lavieille	103	42	136	1615.3	677	267	234	100	1.8
Lawren Harris	1	1	2	4.0	0	0	0	0	
Lawrence	5	2	7	50.0	0	0	20	2	2.5
Length	3	3	7	15.0	5	4	0	0	3.0
Little Cauchon	3	3	6	9.0	3	1	0	0	3.0
Little Cauliflower	6	4	19	44.5	6	5	0	0	7.4
Little Coon	1	1	4	3.0	0	0	0	0	
Little Crooked	8	7	22	66.0	47	24	0	0	1.4
Little Crow	15	9	37	120.0	35	14	0	0	3.4
Little Dickson	5	5	23	54.0	8	1	3	2	4.9
Little Eagle	4	1	2	10.0	0	0	0	0	
Little Island	6	3	12	15.0	0	0	7	1	2.1
Little Joe	4	4	6	5.8	0	0	1	0	
Little Madawaska River	2	2	6	18.0	43	6	0	0	0.4
Little Mink	1	1	2	7.0	10	4	0	0	
Little Minnow	2	2	8	26.0	1	1	0	0	26.0
Little Misty	4	3	9	8.0	0	0	7	0	
Little Osler	5	2	3	23.5	3	2	0	0	7.8
Little Otterslide	2	1	2	3.5	0	0	0	0	
Little Trout	26	13	53	209.0	47	28	10	2	3.7
Littledoe	6	3	7	15.5	0	0	4	0	3.9
Longbow	5	4	7	9.0	3	0	0	0	
Longer	9	8	29	39.0	16	8	7	4	1.7
Lorne	4	2	4	11.5	0	0	12	4	
Lost Coin	9	2	3	30.5	5	5	0	0	6.1
Lost Dog	7	3	9	64.5	2	1	17	5	3.4
Louisa	87	38	115	731.5	1	1	388	124	1.9
Lynx	3	1	5	56.0	5	1	7	4	4.7
Madawaska River	1	1	1	2.0	2	0	0	0	
Maggie	2	1	1	2.0	0	0	0	0	
Magnetawan	4	2	4	30.0	0	0	0	0	
Manitou	19	9	19	114.5	1	1	21	11	5.2
Maple	6	5	12	10.5	0	0	0	0	
Maple Creek	1	1	2	1.0	0	0	0	0	
Maple Leaf	4	2	3	19.0	0	0	0	0	
Marie	8	6	14	75.5	46	27	0	0	1.6
Marmot	1	1	3	3.0	0	0	0	0	
McCarthy Creek	1	1	2	4.0	0	0	0	0	

Alphabetical Listing

Table 4 of 5.

Waterbody	No. of Reports	No. of Groups	No. of Anglers	Rod Hrs	Brook trout		Lake trout		Hours per Trout
					Caught	Kept	Caught	Kept	
McCraney	13	5	17	109.5	11	0	64	37	1.5
McGarvey	1	1	4	16.0	0	0	2	1	
McIntosh	8	6	16	45.5	0	0	8	8	5.7
Merchant	53	23	86	644.0	4	3	270	103	2.4
Merganser	2	2	3	4.0	1	1	0	0	
Mink	17	9	21	49.5	5	3	6	4	4.5
Misty	8	7	21	49.5	0	0	0	0	
Moccasin	2	2	12	33.5	0	0	0	0	
Mouse	9	5	12	74.5	21	15	0	0	3.5
Mubwayaka	3	3	7	13.0	1	1	0	0	
Myra	1	1	4	16.0	1	1	0	0	
Nadine	4	2	3	16.0	10	8	0	0	
Narrowbag	2	1	4	10.0	1	1	0	0	
Nepawin	2	2	4	18.0	23	2	2	0	0.7
Nipissing River	39	21	57	239.7	399	46	0	0	0.6
North Depot	36	14	32	235.0	54	25	14	12	3.5
North Grace	1	1	4	10.0	0	0	0	0	
North River	10	7	25	80.0	80	42	0	0	1.0
North River Lake	23	8	25	353.0	35	21	16	6	6.9
North Tea	25	12	28	216.5	4	1	4	2	27.1
Opeongo	20	17	44	163.8	1	0	10	5	14.9
Opeongo River	1	1	2	5.0	1	0	0	0	
Otterslide	1	1	2	4.0	0	0	0	0	
Otterslide Creek	1	1	4	1.5	2	2	0	0	
Pardee	3	2	8	14.0	0	0	1	0	
Pen	53	21	63	396.0	82	24	26	14	3.7
Petawawa River	30	15	42	167.5	174	83	2	2	1.0
Philip	4	3	10	72.0	52	24	0	0	1.4
Phipps	12	7	20	49.5	0	0	29	9	1.7
Pinetree	6	3	11	60.0	0	0	14	8	4.3
Potter	1	1	2	3.0	0	0	1	1	
Prottler	2	1	2	9.0	0	0	4	2	
Proulx	20	11	26	79.0	24	11	0	0	3.3
Queer	8	5	15	60.5	15	10	0	0	4.0
Radiant	6	3	7	13.0	3	1	0	0	
Ragged	23	12	19	70.3	0	0	12	9	5.9
Rain	8	5	14	39.0	0	0	1	0	39.0
Ralph Bice	74	28	97	855.0	3	3	345	137	2.5
Ravenau	2	2	4	14.0	7	6	0	0	
Redrock	24	9	29	237.8	96	42	4	0	2.4
Rence	9	5	20	68.0	44	13	0	0	1.5
Robitaille	5	2	8	72.5	1	1	9	5	7.3
Rock	27	17	50	187.6	16	2	8	5	7.8
Rod and Gun	1	1	2	4.0	0	0	0	0	
Rosebary	16	8	23	147.5	7	7	5	3	12.3
Round Island	2	2	6	24.0	0	0	6	6	
Roundbush	2	1	2	20.0	0	0	0	0	
Rowan	3	2	4	7.0	1	1	0	0	

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Waterbody	No. of Reports	No. of Groups	No. of Anglers	Rod Hrs	Brook trout		Lake trout		Hours per Trout
					Caught	Kept	Caught	Kept	
Ryan	3	1	6	90.0	0	0	0	0	
Sawyer	10	4	18	85.0	0	0	19	14	4.5
Scorch	1	1	2	4.0	0	0	2	0	
Scott	2	2	4	11.0	2	0	0	0	
Shawshaw	1	1	5	4.0	0	0	0	0	
Shirley	12	8	25	135.0	0	0	38	25	3.6
Skuce	2	2	3	4.0	0	0	0	0	
Skylark	3	3	9	10.1	9	2	0	0	
Smoke	6	6	11	22.0	0	0	1	1	
Sproule	8	5	22	52.0	0	0	0	0	
St. Andrews	7	5	10	43.0	1	0	4	3	8.6
St. Anthony	1	1	2	8.0	6	3	0	0	
Stratton	2	1	2	7.0	0	0	2	2	
Sunday	7	5	22	24.5	0	0	0	0	
Sunfish	1	1	4	2.0	0	0	0	0	
Tea	3	2	6	40.0	1	1	16	4	2.4
Tepee	1	1	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	
Three Mile	3	2	3	13.0	5	3	1	1	
Tim	36	14	48	556.5	6	5	42	36	11.6
Tim River	9	9	20	34.0	41	22	0	0	0.8
Timberwolf	8	6	17	60.0	0	0	15	12	4.0
Tom Thomson	7	6	14	25.2	0	0	4	1	6.3
Two Rivers	5	2	3	19.0	0	0	10	3	
Upper Head	2	1	2	14.0	0	0	18	2	
Upper Spectacle	2	1	2	2.0	0	0	0	0	
Varley	1	1	2	1.0	0	0	0	0	
Warbler	2	2	5	9.0	0	0	6	1	
Waterclear	12	5	16	77.0	3	2	12	6	5.1
Welcome	24	10	31	204.5	115	38	0	0	1.8
Westward	2	2	5	15.0	2	0	0	0	
Whiskeyjack	3	2	8	31.0	2	2	3	2	6.2
White Partridge	10	3	18	398.5	32	26	117	54	2.7
White Trout	4	4	8	4.7	3	1	1	1	
Whitebirch	10	7	22	56.0	0	0	9	6	6.2
Whitefish	3	1	1	3.5	0	0	0	0	
Wilkins	4	2	8	63.0	0	0	40	11	1.6
Wendigo	2	2	4	3.0	0	0	0	0	
Woodcock	1	1	2	8.0	5	2	0	0	
Wright	3	3	9	22.5	0	0	4	2	5.6
York River	2	2	6	8.0	23	10	0	0	
TOTALS	2182	589	1752	19502	4051	1665	3166	1310	2.7
						41.1%		41.4%	Average

The following three tables are sorted by: 1 Popularity; a) Number of Reports, b) Number of Rod Hours and 2. Success; Hours required to catch a trout. Of course, they are only an estimate of the total effort, but the catch and harvest data provide valuable insight into Algonquin Park's trout fisheries.

Summary Table 1 of 3

Waterbody	No. of Reports	No. of Groups	No. of Anglers	Rod Hours	Total BT		Total LT		Hours per Trout
					Caught	Kept	Caught	Kept	
Lavieille	103	42	136	1615.3	677	267	234	100	1.8
Louisa	87	38	115	731.5	1	1	388	124	1.9
Dickson	83	33	112	1298.7	297	154	6	2	4.3
Ralph Bice	74	28	97	855.0	3	3	345	137	2.5
Big Trout	62	27	84	430.4	6	6	172	60	2.4
Merchant	53	23	86	644.0	4	3	270	103	2.4
Pen	53	21	63	396.0	82	24	26	14	3.7
Big Crow	48	32	100	504.0	126	48	16	10	3.5
Happy Isle	46	24	78	311.5	0	0	141	49	2.2
Burnt Island	42	14	43	360.2	0	0	91	43	4.0
Nipissing River	39	21	57	239.7	399	46	0	0	0.6
North Depot	36	14	32	235.0	54	25	14	12	3.5
Tim	36	14	48	556.5	6	5	42	36	11.6
Crow River	35	26	72	206.8	271	68	0	0	0.8
Hogan	32	14	46	551.0	305	144	17	11	1.7
Kioshkokwi	32	14	36	238.0	3	0	28	17	7.7
Petawawa River	30	15	42	167.5	174	83	2	2	1.0
Catfish	28	14	40	349.0	62	31	47	14	3.2
Rock	27	17	50	187.6	16	2	8	5	7.8
La Muir	26	12	32	335.0	43	31	172	39	1.6
Little Trout	26	13	53	209.0	47	28	10	2	3.7
Big Porcupine	25	11	35	126.8	11	6	28	21	3.3
North Tea	25	12	28	216.5	4	1	4	2	27.1
Cauliflower	24	8	44	426.5	5	5	39	31	9.7
Redrock	24	9	29	237.8	96	42	4	0	2.4
Welcome	24	10	31	204.5	115	38	0	0	1.8
Burntroot	23	12	34	166.0	45	23	9	2	3.1
North River Lake	23	8	25	353.0	35	21	16	6	6.9
Ragged	23	12	19	70.3	0	0	12	9	5.9
Booth	21	11	29	166.0	0	0	11	7	15.1
Cedar	21	11	43	577.0	47	23	43	33	6.4

Summary Table 2 of 3.

Waterbody	No. of Reports	No. of Groups	No. of Anglers	Rod Hours	Total BT		Total LT		Hours per Trout
					Caught	Kept	Caught	Kept	
Lavieille	103	42	136	1615.3	677	267	234	100	1.8
Dickson	83	33	112	1298.7	297	154	6	2	4.3
Ralph Bice	74	28	97	855.0	3	3	345	137	2.5
Louisa	87	38	115	731.5	1	1	388	124	1.9
Merchant	53	23	86	644.0	4	3	270	103	2.4
Cedar	21	11	43	577.0	47	23	43	33	6.4
Tim	36	14	48	556.5	6	5	42	36	11.6
Hogan	32	14	46	551.0	305	144	17	11	1.7
Big Crow	48	32	100	504.0	126	48	16	10	3.5
Big Trout	62	27	84	430.4	6	6	172	60	2.4
Cauliflower	24	8	44	426.5	5	5	39	31	9.7
White Partridge	10	3	18	398.5	32	26	117	54	2.7
Pen	53	21	63	396.0	82	24	26	14	3.7
Burnt Island	42	14	43	360.2	0	0	91	43	4.0
North River Lake	23	8	25	353.0	35	21	16	6	6.9
Catfish	28	14	40	349.0	62	31	47	14	3.2
La Muir	26	12	32	335.0	43	31	172	39	1.6
Happy Isle	46	24	78	311.5	0	0	141	49	2.2
Nipissing River	39	21	57	239.7	399	46	0	0	0.6
Kioshkokwi	32	14	36	238.0	3	0	28	17	7.7
Redrock	24	9	29	237.8	96	42	4	0	2.4
North Depot	36	14	32	235.0	54	25	14	12	3.5
North Tea	25	12	28	216.5	4	1	4	2	27.1
Little Trout	26	13	53	209.0	47	28	10	2	3.7
Crow River	35	26	72	206.8	271	68	0	0	0.8
Welcome	24	10	31	204.5	115	38	0	0	1.8
Biggar	18	5	10	199.0	31	2	43	6	2.7
Rock	27	17	50	187.6	16	2	8	5	7.8
Petawawa River	30	15	42	167.5	174	83	2	2	1.0
Booth	21	11	29	166.0	0	0	11	7	15.1
Burntroot	23	12	34	166.0	45	23	9	2	3.1

We had to apply a reasonable filter for the table below, as it makes little sense to include reports with only one or two hours of effort. As a minimum, we used 15 rod hours of effort from at least 2 different groups. The 'Hours per Trout' indicates the time required, on average to catch a trout, and it includes both first-timers and seasoned veteran anglers. Once again, the highest success rate was from rivers where brook trout are smaller, tend to be more concentrated and are obviously easier to catch than lake-dwelling fish..

Summary Table 3 of 3.

Waterbody	No. of Reports	No. of Groups	No. of Anglers	Rod Hours	Total BT		Total LT		Hours per Trout
					Caught	Kept	Caught	Kept	
Little Madawaska River	2	2	6	18.0	43	6			0.4
Nipissing River	39	21	57	239.7	399	46			0.6
Crow River	35	26	72	206.8	271	68			0.8
Tim River	9	9	20	34.0	41	22			0.8
Petawawa River	30	15	42	167.5	174	83	2	2	1.0
North River	10	7	25	80.0	80	42			1.0
Harness	11	5	20	88.0			77	17	1.1
Blackfox	7	2	5	70.0	54	23			1.3
Philip	4	3	10	72.0	52	24			1.4
Little Crooked	8	7	22	66.0	47	24			1.4
McCraney	13	5	17	109.5	11	0	64	37	1.5
Rence	9	5	20	68.0	44	13			1.5
La Muir	26	12	32	335.0	43	31	172	39	1.6
Wilkins	4	2	8	63.0			40	11	1.6
Marie	8	6	14	75.5	46	27			1.6
Longer	9	8	29	39.0	16	8	7	4	1.7
Chickaree	14	12	39	70.0			41	26	1.7
Galipo River	6	3	9	32.5	19	2			1.7
Hogan	32	14	46	551.0	305	144	17	11	1.7
Lavieille	103	42	136	1615.3	677	267	234	100	1.8
Welcome	24	10	31	204.5	115	38			1.8
Bonnechere	19	11	26	105.7			59	23	1.8
Gull	5	2	4	27.5	15	5			1.8
Louisa	87	38	115	731.5	1	1	388	124	1.9
Allan	19	11	25	104.0	51	16	3	2	1.9
Harry	14	7	28	83.5	41	23			2.0
Little Island	6	3	12	15.0			7	1	2.1
Happy Isle	46	24	78	311.5			141	49	2.2
Club	12	6	17	100.0	44	34			2.3
Merchant	53	23	86	644.0	4	3	270	103	2.4