

KENNEBEC LAKE - OUR TREASURE TODAY, OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR TOMORROW

ALL USERS OF KENNEBEC LAKE WATERSHED RESOURCES ARE ENCOURAGED TO PRACTISE BEING GOOD NEIGHBOURS AND GOOD LAKE STEWARDS

Respectful Use

- Preserve and maintain a minimum 15-metre shoreline buffer of native vegetation as a “ribbon of life” – the tangle of roots and vegetation will filter impure runoff and slow erosion
- Avoid draining or filling wetlands or clear-cutting bush and woodlots
- Never disturb wildlife – turtles, songbirds, fish, waterfowl
- Teach children to respect nature and all creatures such as toads, frogs, crayfish, dragonflies and snakes
- Avoid fuelling algal growth and depleting oxygen in the lake – **KEEP NUTRIENTS OUT!**
 - by keeping your septic system in good working order and regularly pumped out
 - by keeping construction materials such as sand, gravel or dirt away from and out of the water
 - by using only low-phosphorus soaps, cleaners and shampoos that readily biodegrade
 - by using native plants that do not need fertilizers
- Kick the lawn habit
 - turf lets up to half the rainfall wash away before being absorbed into the soil
 - use more environmentally friendly landscaping that will slow runoff
- Swear off pesticides and herbicides – they end up in the water and are bad news for aquatic life
- Compost and recycle
- Properly store and dispose of waste and refuse

Courteous Use

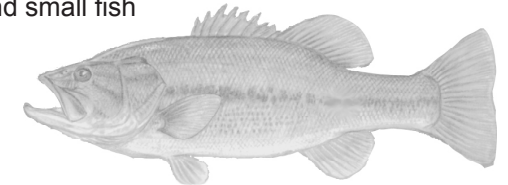
- Remember that noise from motorized vehicles can be intrusive to others
- Be discrete – noise carries over water – radios, stereos, partying and even simple conversations can disturb others
- Limit noise from construction or other projects to reasonable times
- Protect our night sky environment – limit types and levels of exterior illumination
- Control your pets – they can seriously affect other people, wildlife and the environment
- Drive carefully and courteously – recognize that country back roads need to be shared

Safe Use

- Observe recreational safety regulations, guidelines and practices
- Ensure boats, snowmobiles and ATVs are mechanically fit and equipped with safety gear
- Help others by marking hazards
- Remember that alcohol and motorized vehicles don't mix
- Ensure no one swims alone – accompany offshore swimmers by boat
- Check fire regulations and burning restrictions before lighting any outdoor fires

Good Fishing Etiquette

- **KEEP LEAD OUT!**
 - Lead sinkers and jigs are fatal to waterfowl if ingested – always use safe alternatives
- Respect the rights of property owners – keep lures away from shorelines and stay clear of shore areas being used by others
- Use electric motors for trolling – they are environmentally non-intrusive
- Clean boat hulls thoroughly before moving from one lake to another to avoid transporting harmful invasive elements such as Eurasian milfoil or the invisible larvae of Zebra mussels
- Empty bait buckets, live wells and bilges on shore well away from the water
- Future good fishing depends on our actions today – comply with Ontario Fishing Regulations
- To protect bass, do not cast into or troll along shorelines or shoal waters less than 6 feet deep when bass are nesting – usually between mid-October and late June
- Leave fallen trees and branches in the shallows – wood provides cover for fish and nourishes all sorts of aquatic life
- Don't leave fish hooks where children swim
- Ensure that you collect unwanted fishing line. Do not discard where wildlife can be entangled
- Protect the water portion of shoreline “ribbon of life” to maintain the habitat of fish fry and small fish



Share your waterfront wisdom with neighbours - tread lightly today to preserve our environment for tomorrow

Responsible Boating

- Use canoes, kayaks and sailboats that provide pleasant boating with little impact on others or the environment
- Minimize environmental damage from exhaust pollution by keeping motors properly serviced and tuned
- **KEEP GASOLINE OUT!** Upgrade to 4-stroke or newer 2-stroke fuel-injected motors that emit less gas into the water and less volatile gas into the air
- Exercise care to avoid spillage when filling motors and gas tanks
- Prevent wave damage to shorelines from boat wakes
- Observe the legal speed limit of 10km/hr within 30 metres (100 feet) of shore and under the bridge
- Adhere to other speed restrictions as posted
- If you use a Personal Watercraft, protect yourself and others by operating it safely and responsibly – be courteous and respectful of other people and the environment
- Extend courtesy when near non-powered craft by acknowledging their right-of-way and by reducing speed

KENNEBEC LAKE ASSOCIATION

Committed to preserve and enhance:

- Water Quality
- Air Quality
- Peace and Tranquillity
- Nature and Wildlife
- Lifestyle

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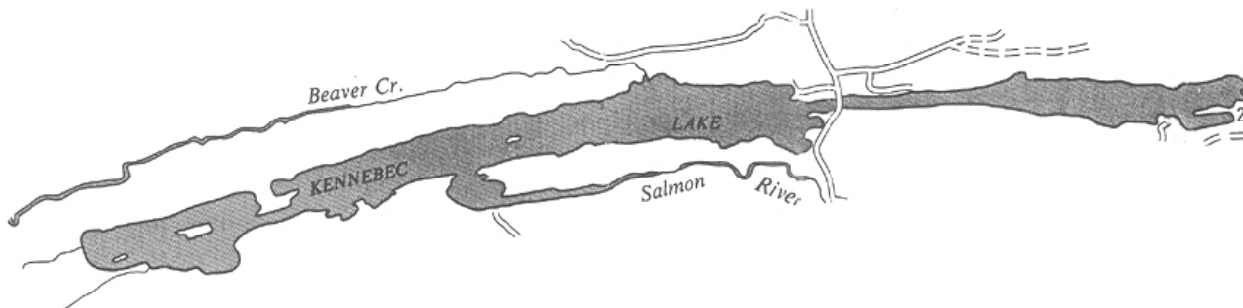
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KENNEBEC LAKE FACTS

Watershed area: 286.3 square kilometres
Lake surface area: approx. 500 hectares
Average depth: 7.9 metres
Maximum depth: 30.5 metres
Volume: 43.6 million cubic metres
Shoreline: 30.6 kilometres
Cottages/Residences: 240
Resorts/Camps: 3



**Guidelines for Responsible
Living by Water**