



# Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park

Hidden Gem of the Kawartha's

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## About

Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park is the second biggest park in Southern Ontario only after Algonquin Provincial Park. The park has a rich history of hunting, fishing, trapping, logging, canoeing and camping. In 1989 the original Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park was only 1,861 hectares that surrounded Sucker and Bottle lake. In 2005 the park expanded to the current size of 37,587 hectares after incorporating most of the crown land that surrounded the original park.



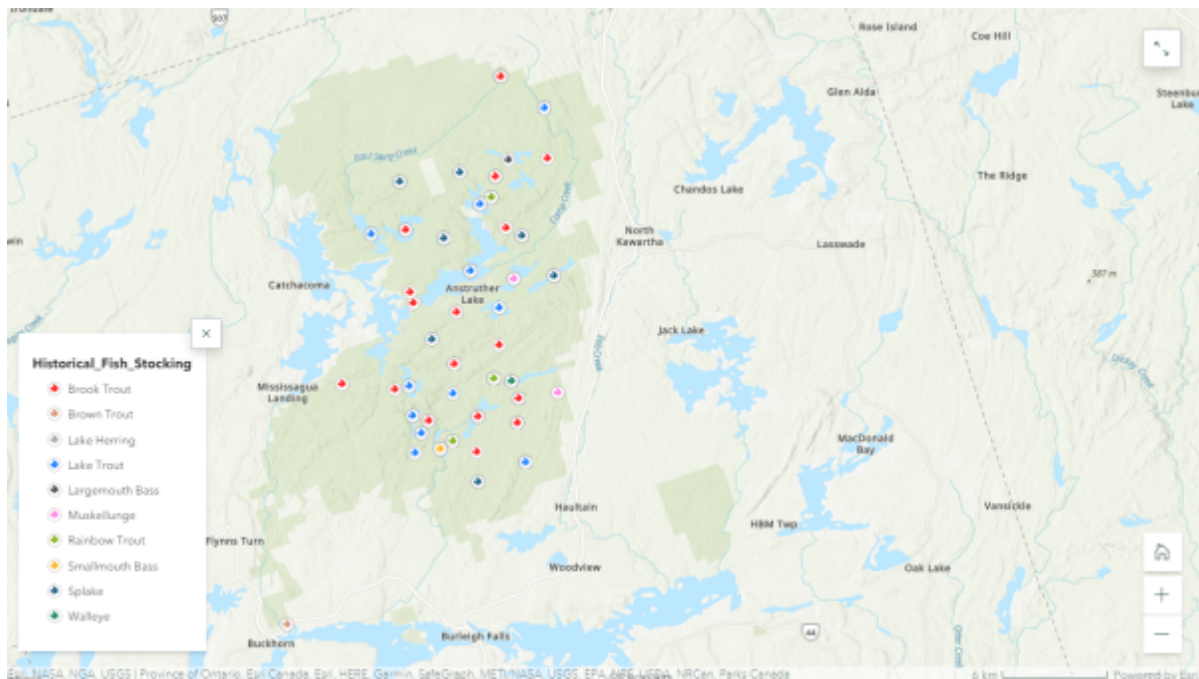
Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park size from 1989 to now

## Hunting

There are currently 57 recreation camps (hunting camps) in the park. Many of these camps have a long history of hunting in areas that can go back hundreds of years and even pre date the park's existence. Popular big game hunting species in the area include whitetail deer, moose and bear. Also, small game hunting occurs for many species such as grouse, duck and rabbits.

## Fishing

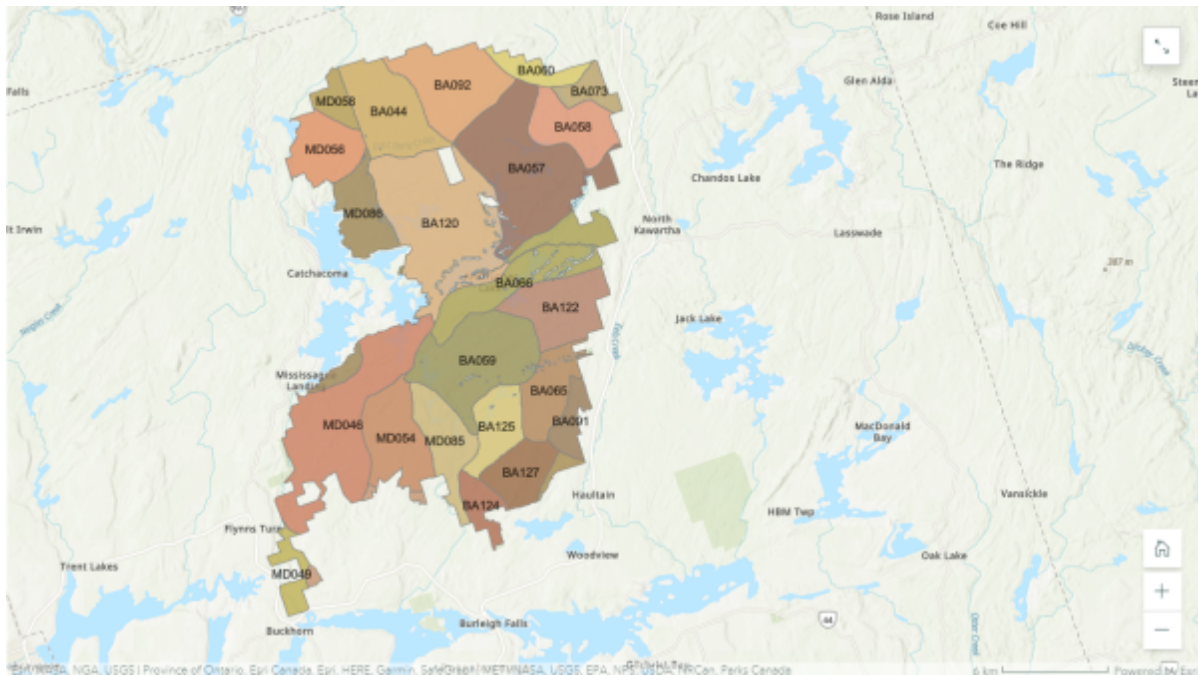
Fishing has occurred within the many lakes and rivers of Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park for hundreds of years. Historically 42 waterbodies have been stocked in the park with a variety of species including largemouth bass, rainbow trout, splake, brook trout, lake trout and more. The provincial governments fish stocking initiatives has led to a world class fishery in Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park.



Historic Fish Stocking for Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park

## Trapping

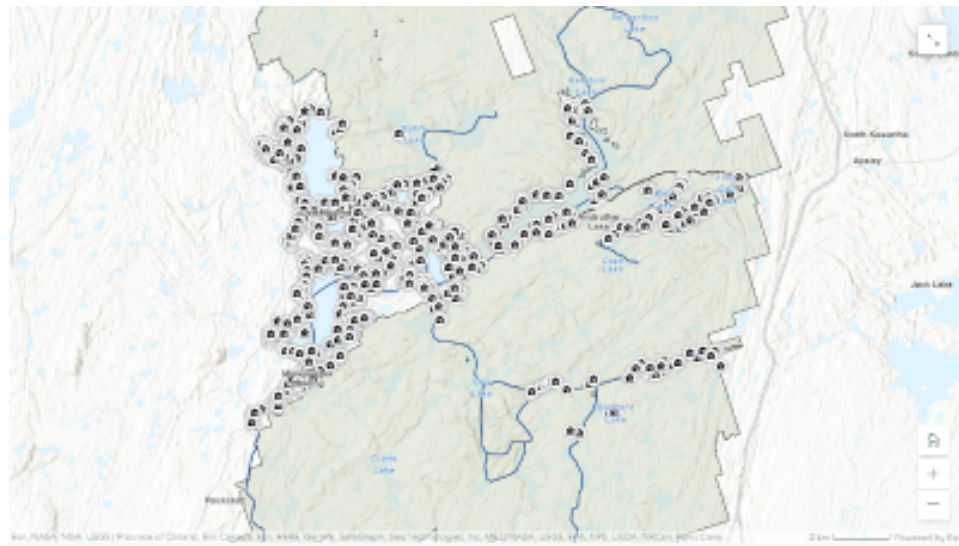
Trapping has been going on in Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park for generations and continues to this day. Popular fur harvesting animals found in the park include mink, beaver, fisher, otter and muskrat. Currently there are 24 registered trap line areas within the park. The map below displays all 24 trap line areas with their identification number.



Trapline Areas

## Canoeing and Camping

Canoeing, cottaging and backcountry camping have been a staple of the Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park since the 1960s. There are several canoe routes and portages that connect the main waterbodies in the park. Furthermore, there are approximately 117 backcountry campsites in Kawartha Highlands, most of which were developed in the 1960s. Also there are over 500 private properties within the park that contain significant cottage development. Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park is a desirable location for recreation as it offers solitude, adventure and natural beauty.



Cottage and Canoe Route Map