

LAKE OF BAYS

# Scenic Drive

EXPLORE LAKE OF BAYS ON THIS STUNNING SIGHTSEEING ROUTE!



## LAKE OF BAYS SCENIC DRIVE

You don't have to venture off the beaten path to find natural beauty in Lake of Bays. The Lake of Bays Scenic Drive is a self-guided 80 km driving loop that features the best this area has to offer—must-see attractions, culinary hot spots, eclectic artisan galleries and breathtaking views.

The Scenic Drive is best experienced on a motorcycle or by car. For those with an adventurous spirit or looking for a slower pace, you can also travel the loop by bicycle.

## THINGS TO SEE & DO

Drive the 80 km loop around the lake, with stops in the charming villages of Baysville, Dwight and Dorset to sample treats from decadent bakeries, dine at fabulous restaurants, tour Lake of Bays' own craft brewery, admire local artists' work during the Muskoka Autumn Studio Tour, cruise on a historical steamship or climb a former fire tower for 360° aerial views.

## EXPLOSIVE FALL COLOURS

Fall in Muskoka is a magnificent time to visit as brilliant autumn colours of yellow, red and orange ignite the senses. Travel the Lake of Bays Scenic Drive to experience the beauty of nature on this winding route that offers spectacular views of lakes, deep rock cuts and magnificent fall colours in September and October. Sometimes the journey can be as enjoyable as the destination.



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FOR MORE INFO, VISIT: [AROUNDLAKEOFBAYS.CA](http://AROUNDLAKEOFBAYS.CA)

## AROUND LAKE OF BAYS

### Algonquin Provincial Park

Lake of Bays is the western gateway to world-renowned Algonquin Park. Come for a day hike, an overnight camping trip or an extended canoe and portage excursion. Limerlost Forest and Wilderness Reserve, Ragged Falls and several other parks are also nearby. [ontarioparks.com/park/algonquin](http://ontarioparks.com/park/algonquin)



### Local Flavours

Tour Lake of Bays' own craft brewery, sample the treats at decadent bakeries, and dine at fabulous restaurants. Enjoy delicious homemade jams, local maple syrup or authentic wood-fired pizza. Farmers' Markets are open seasonally in Baysville and Dwight.

### Dwight Beach

This sandy public beach nestled in Dwight Bay is the perfect spot to swim or picnic in the summer sun. Launch your boat to enjoy some watersports or stay on land and explore the self-guided Dwight Heritage Tour. [lakeofbays.on.ca/heritagewalkingtours](http://lakeofbays.on.ca/heritagewalkingtours)

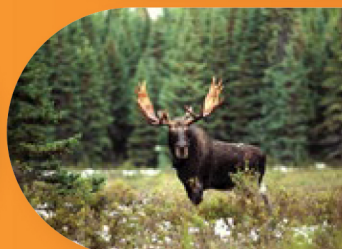


### Artists' Playground

Rich in culture, there are many galleries, artists' studios, and studio tours around Lake of Bays. The art of Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven is featured in a unique outdoor gallery with over 90 murals across Muskoka. [thegroupofsevenoutdoorgallery.com](http://thegroupofsevenoutdoorgallery.com) [lakeofbays.on.ca/artiststudios](http://lakeofbays.on.ca/artiststudios)

### SS Bigwin & Marine Museum

Cruise on Lake of Bays aboard a restored wooden steamship built in 1910. The SS Bigwin has carried historical guests such as Clark Gable, Winston Churchill and Greta Garbo. For cruise locations and departure times or to book online: [ssbigwin.com](http://ssbigwin.com)

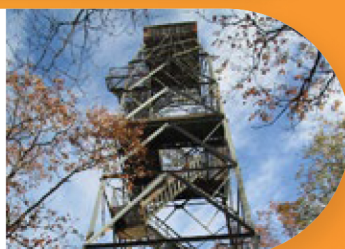


### Wildlife Spotting

Moose, deer, bears, wolves, beavers, ducks, loons, turtles and birds are common sights around Lake of Bays and Algonquin Park. Bring your camera to capture the beauty of wildlife in their natural habitat.

### Dorset Tower & Heritage Museum

Climb this former fire tower built in 1922 to experience a spectacular panoramic view from 142 metres (456 feet) above Lake of Bays. Don't miss the Heritage Museum's exhibits of early pioneer life or explore the self-guided Dorset Heritage Tour. [dorsetheritagemuseum.ca](http://dorsetheritagemuseum.ca)

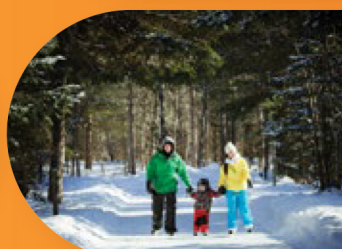


### Winter Wonderland

Groomed snowmobile trails, ice fishing, downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, skating, and snowshoeing make the winter months a fun time to visit. February is winter carnival month in Lake of Bays. See Events for details.

### Lake of Bays Scenic Drive

Sometimes the journey is as enjoyable as the destination. Travel the 80 km loop around Lake of Bays with stops in Baysville, Dorset and Dwight. This winding route offers spectacular views of lakes, rock cuts and magnificent fall colours in Sept. and Oct. For route see reverse or [lakeofbays.on.ca/scenicdrive](http://lakeofbays.on.ca/scenicdrive)



### Arrowhead Provincial Park & Ice Trail

Glide around a river of ice that winds through 1.3 kms of pristine Muskoka forest. Special "Fire and Ice" evening skates are illuminated by tiki torches. Skate, ski, snowshoe, canoe, kayak and mountain bike rentals are available. [ontarioparks.com/park/arrowhead](http://ontarioparks.com/park/arrowhead)





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**SCENIC DRIVE**

	Lake of Bays Scenic Drive	80 km / 1.5–3 hr
	Dwight to Algonquin Park	45 km / 30 min
	Dwight to Limberlost	30 km / 24 min

**DISTANCES / DRIVE TIMES**

Toronto	240 km / 2 hr 45 min
Ottawa	360 km / 3 hr 30 min
Baysville to Dwight	31 km / 40 min
Dwight to Dorset	19 km / 15 min
Dorset to Baysville	27 km / 25 min
Dwight to Algonquin Park	45 km / 30 min
Parry Sound to Dwight	100 km / 1.5 hr
Port Carling to Baysville	50 km / 40 min

This map is not a complete representation of all businesses and attractions in Lake of Bays. Some symbols represent more than one item in a category. Distances and locations are approximate.

**LINKS**

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**  
 Baysville: [baysvilleontario.com](http://baysvilleontario.com)  
 Dorset: [dorsetcanada.com](http://dorsetcanada.com)  
 Dwight, Hillside & Oxtongue Lake: [lakeofbaysalgonquin.com](http://lakeofbaysalgonquin.com)  
**OTHER LINKS**  
 Around Lake of Bays: [aroundlakeofbays.ca](http://aroundlakeofbays.ca)  
 Township of Lake of Bays: [lakeofbays.on.ca](http://lakeofbays.on.ca)  
 Township of Algonquin Highlands: [algonquinhighlands.ca](http://algonquinhighlands.ca)  
 Algonquin Park: [ontarioparks.com/park/algonquin](http://ontarioparks.com/park/algonquin)

**LEGEND**

	Accommodations		Library
	Art Studio/Gallery		Marina
	Attraction		Provincial Park
	Boat Launch		Public Lake Access
	Dining		Shopping
	Gas Station		Sightseeing
	Golf Course		Winter Activity