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EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival
Dwight Winter Carnival
Baysville Winterfest

MARCH

Oxtongue Lake Fishing Derby
Muskoka Maple Trail

MAY

Dwight Archery Tournament
Spin the Lakes Cycle Tour

JUNE

SS Bigwin Community BBQ

JULY

Canada Day Celebrations
Dorset Heritage Day
Baysville Walkabout
Ironman 70.3
Dorset Kids Fishing Derby
The Limberlost Challenge
Dwight Trivia Night

AUGUST

Artists of the Limberlost Studio Tour
Baysville Arts & Crafts Festival
Dorset LoveFest
Lake of Bays Antique & Classic Boat & Car Show

SEPTEMBER

Muskoka Autumn Studio Tour
Muskoka River X
Culture Days
Enjoy the Fall Colours!

OCTOBER

Enjoy the Fall Colours!

NOVEMBER

Girlfriends' Getaway Weekend
Dorset Tree Lighting

DECEMBER

Light Up Dwight Night
Shopping Night in Dwight
Baysville Santa Claus Parade



SEE FOR YOURSELF WHY MUSKOKA IS RANKED

#1 Best Summer Trip in the World, National Geographic
Best of the World: 20 Must See Places, National Geographic
10 Greatest Canadian Road Trips, Reader's Digest
Where to Go in 2017, WestJet Magazine



HISTORY

For most of its history, the Lake of Bays area was a hunting ground for the Anishinaabeg peoples. Europeans arrived in the early 1800s, following the fur trade. Although opened for farming settlement with free land grants, the rocky land of the Canadian Shield was difficult to cultivate. The timber industry proved to be very lucrative and loggers arrived in the mid-1800s. As transportation access improved, trains and steamships delivered wealthy city visitors to resorts and hunt camps around the lake.

Algonquin Park was established in 1893 as a forest and wildlife reserve. Frequent by iconic Canadian artists Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven in the early 1900s, it has become a world-famous destination that draws hundreds of thousands of visitors every year and continues to inspire contemporary artists in the region.

Today Lake of Bays is known for its natural beauty, charming villages, inviting accommodations and talented artisans.



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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. Limberlost Forest and Wilderness Reserve, Ragged Falls and several other parks are also nearby. ontarioparks.com/park/algonquin



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



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



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



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



MUST-SEE ATTRACTIONS

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.



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
lakeofbays.on.ca/artiststudios



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.



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.



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





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10 KM



LEGEND

- Accommodations
- Dining
- Gas Station
- Golf Course
- Library
- Marina
- Provincial Park
- Public Lake Access
- Shopping
- Sightseeing
- Winter Activity
- Lake of Bays Scenic Drive

DISTANCES / DRIVE TIMES

Toronto	240 km / 2 hr 45 min
Ottawa	360 km / 3 hr 30 min
Lake of Bays Scenic Drive	80 km / 1.5–3 hr
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	100km / 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
 Dorset: dorsetcanada.com
 Dwight, Hillside & Oxtongue Lake: lakeofbaysalgonquin.com
- OTHER LINKS**
 Around Lake of Bays: aroundlakeofbays.ca
 Township of Lake of Bays: lakeofbays.on.ca
 Township of Algonquin Highlands: algonquinhighlands.ca
 Algonquin Park: ontarioparks.com/park/algonquin