

Lake WahWashKesh

CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

– FALL 2015 NEWSLETTER –

President's Message

Much has happened since the AGM at the beginning of August. During the AGM, two new directors were elected and one current director agreed to stand again. Barb Cribbett was elected and will take over as Treasurer at the end of the calendar year and Norman Lock was also elected. Mike Lewis, the current Treasurer, agreed to stand again.

The week after the AGM, *The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (OMNR&F)*, had arranged to meet my brother George and myself at Bennett's Landing. After some lengthy discussions, the *OMNR&F* agreed that they still owned the dam where the water exits Lake WahWashKesh. They also agreed that they still own the log boom protecting boaters from going over the dam. The log boom (which had been there for approximately 30 years), had been broken by a combination of the spring ice and big logs that are washed off the shore in the high water and then moved downriver by the swift current. The *OMNR&F* had almost \$20,000⁰⁰ worth of flotation billets and hardware, which was used to make a new safety boom above the dam. The Municipality of Whitestone is still working to acquire ownership of the dam and boom. A letter of appreciation was sent from the Association to the *OMNR&F*.

It has been a beautiful fall at WahWashKesh! Days of sunshine, moderate temperatures, and almost no water level fluctuations allowed those of us with tasks to complete

before winter to get most of them done!

Please see inside the detailed report from Mike Maceina, the water quality director and tester, who spent many hours during the summer testing various sites on the lake. The results of those tests are included in his report.

Please also read the important article about the helipad.

The *OMNR&F*, who own the land on which the helipad would sit, have told me unofficially that it is very unlikely the Association will ever get



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approval for the greatly expanded helipad site now required by ORNGE. Added to this is the factor that, even if we did get approval, we would

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HELIPAD UPDATE

have to truck in countless loads of fill to level the area. This would be a huge cost and even then ORNGE might not land there.

If you agree that this is a government issue, then please print off the attached pdf letter and send it to the addresses included.

It is very important that as many people send in letters as possible.

This is not exclusively a Top Lake problem, but should concern all residents of both parts of the lake including members of hunt and fish camps and local residents.

Thanks for your support over the last five years for this project.

The Association is still looking for a webmaster to update the website and work with the Facebook page administrator to provide current updates to our readers. If interested, please contact Don Comrie.

The Association would also like to thank the many members who agreed to receive correspondence from the Association by e-mail. This enabled the Association to save over \$1,000⁰⁰ with the spring newsletter alone. Those wishing a hard copy of the newsletter will still receive one.

Best wishes to everyone for a healthy, happy, and safe winter as we all look forward to next year at WahWashKesh!

Don Comrie

As was explained at the Annual General Meeting in August, ORNGE, the company under contract to the provincial government to provide air ambulance service in Ontario, had sent us new space requirements for all uncertified new helipads in the province. Although we tried to meet with a representative of ORNGE on site in May of this year, that was unsuccessful. Essentially ORNGE quadrupled the size required for new helipads. This would require us to go deeply into the area that was thought to potentially be a rattlesnake winter habitat site. This would then require another inspection by OMNR&F (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry) biologists. It would also require many truckloads of fill. The fill was made available to us during the WahWashKesh Road relocation but that is no longer an option, except at considerable cost. The OMNR&F have unofficially advised me that it is very unlikely that we would ever get a permit to establish a helipad on that site and even if we did, there is no guarantee ORNGE would land there.

In view of this, the Executive have agreed to stop efforts to establish a helipad on the site down Indian Narrows' Road and turn the problem over to the provincial government where it always belonged.

Please find attached a sample letter with complete addresses. Either a pdf (if you receive the newsletter by e-mail) or a hard copy of the letter (if you receive the newsletter by mail).

Please either use this letter as a sample or write your own letter expressing the need for a helipad for the Top Lake.

It is vital that as many friends and members of the Association send a letter to the Premier and copies to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care Dr. E. Hoskins and our local MPP Mr. Miller as possible. The residents of Lake WahWashKesh are much more likely to benefit from a quantity of mail received by the Premier than just a few letters.

This is the proverbial "last kick at the cat" for the helipad project. I regret that we could not give a more positive result to our several years of work.

Thank you for your support of the Association in this endeavour.

Don Comrie

FISH ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

There has been little activity in this committee since the summer. We are still waiting for the *OMNR&F (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry)* to devise a monitoring system to measure the effects of spawning bed rehabilitation work. In the meantime, we have made an alliance with the *Whitestone Rod & Gun Club* so hopefully we can do some re-stocking in the spring. I have been told by several fishermen that fishing has improved in the lake over the last several years and more pickerel and lake trout are being caught.

The Eastern Georgian Bay Stewardship Council (EGBSC) has received \$225,000.00 to survey fish quantities, notable pickerel, lake sturgeon, and white sucker populations on several river systems that flow into Georgian Bay. Unfortunately, they will not be monitoring stocks beyond the first natural barrier at the Georgian Bay end of the watersheds since they are primarily interested in Georgian Bay fish stocks. The Association has offered to give the *EGBSC* any information we have on water quality or fish populations we may have.

Please also see the report in this newsletter from Tim Abbott, the Association representative to POWR MAG.

*Ken Taylor (Chairman), Ed Bennett Sr.,
Mike Maceina, Don Comrie*

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POWR MAG

On Saturday September 19, 2015 Don Comrie and I attended the Annual General Meeting of POWR MAG. For those of you who may not be familiar with this group they are a small organization located just outside of Kearney, on the mighty Magnetawan River. Their title statement is *“Preserving our Natural Environment and its Scenic Beauty and advancing our peaceful quality of life!”* They formed in response to several issues arising from a pit and quarry expansion application, on an existing quarry property, on land adjacent to the Magnetawan River. POWR MAG is currently a party to an OMB hearing regarding this application. As many of you will know OMB matters are usually lengthy and expensive. This one is no exception.

Don and I attended to try to better understand both the issues surrounding the application, as well as to explore the possibility of forming a wider Magnetawan River interest group. A gentleman from a group of cottagers from Ahmic Lake was present for similar reasons. Notably absent was any representation from the Kearney Watershed Environmental Association. POWR MAG, in my opinion, is solely focussed on their pressing, local issues and are not able, at this time, to look further afield.

This isolation of special interest watershed groups appears to be very typical. There does not appear to be any provincially managed watershed resources in Ontario. As with many cottager associations, ours included, participation in special interest groups is highest when there is a threat or perceived threat to the local community. Without that catalyst apathy sets in, membership often falls and interest lags.

When issues do occur it takes time to mobilize people and to get politically active. One suggestion that I have made to Don is that we encourage any and all Magnetawan River interest groups to speak to us either in person at our meetings or through our newsletter. We would ask the same courtesy of them in return. If our groups are known to each other it would make it much easier to mobilize large numbers of “voters” in times of need. It would also help make all of us aware of the many issues that affect the Mighty Mag.

Tim Abbott

Treasurer's Report

I will be passing on the Treasurer's duties to Barb Cribbett in the New Year and am pleased to report that she will find the association financially healthy. This happy circumstance is little to do with my own efforts but reflects prudent management by the Executive prior to my time.

As of the end of October, with most significant expenses accounted for, the association has continued to build its cash reserves. Membership fees and parking, and other revenue, have exceeded expenses by several thousand dollars, so far this year. Our cash position as of the start of November was roughly \$15,000.

The strong cash position has allowed our president, Don Comrie, to take care of emergency items that come up, which this year included stop gap repair of the boom above the dam, and dock repairs at Indian Narrows. It has also allowed us to pay Mike Maceina's expenses related to water quality sampling as they come up.

We have moved a significant portion of our newsletter distribution to email which is saving us several thousand dollars a year. This is a partially complete project as we continue to build our email database whilst being careful to respect the wishes of those who prefer to not receive the newsletter this way. We do appreciate the patience of association members as we inevitably get a few things wrong in compiling our email lists.

We have been attempting to move to electronic payment over the last year or so but the sad loss of our webmaster, Kathryn Cook, has slowed this project down. The web page to easily pay for membership associations and parking electronically still needs to be embedded into our website and we are still recruiting for a new webmaster to do this.



For those that are comfortable with interact electronic transfers or payment via PayPal, you can use these two approaches to transfer money to the association via treasurer@lakewwk.ca. However, you would need to also send an email to tell us you what specifically the money is for.



We have been helped out this year by a number of direct donations to the Association, in some cases in the name of a specific individual. While memberships and parking fees are the bread and butter of the Association's revenue, donations are very meaningful because they reflect a direct wish to preserve the beautiful natural environment of our lake for future generations.

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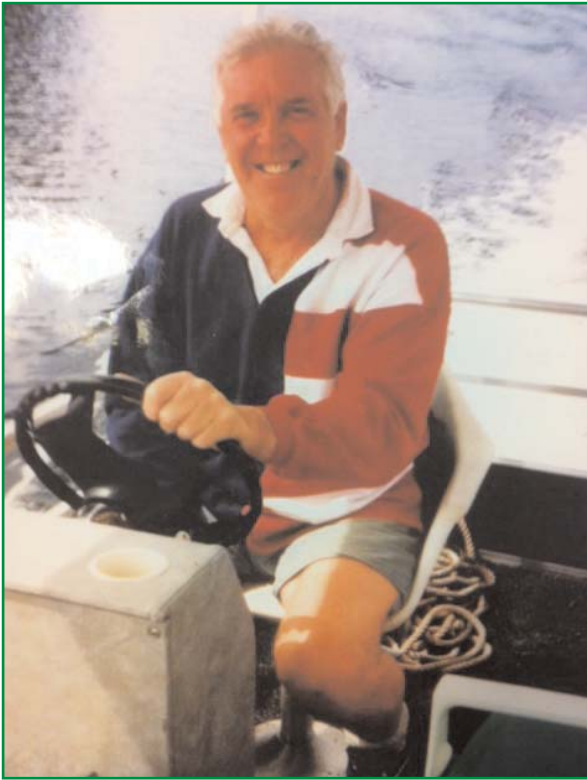


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This was well received and greatly appreciated.
Many thanks to Peter Disley for his generosity.

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Water Quality Update for Wahwashkesh Lake

Water quality monitoring continued on Wahwashkesh Lake during the summer in 2015 with the water quality meter. The lake was sampled three times June, July, and August and readings were taken throughout the lake. Terry Tweed joined me on all these sampling trips which really helped. Measurements were made at every meter of depth from the surface to the bottom of the lake unless the bottom exceeded 30 meters (98 feet).

On average, water temperatures down to 3 meters (10 feet) were about 2.5°C higher in summer 2015 compared to summer 2014 (**Figure 1**). Many of you recognized this past summer was much warmer than the previous year. Since 2013, the conductivity or the amount of dissolved ions has increased, the pH of the water has declined, but oxygen levels have increased over time in Wahwashkesh Lake (**Figure 1**). Similar to past years, the amount of dissolved ions was about 10-20% higher in the Top Lake compared to the Big Lake in 2015. In the upper 3 meters of the water column, oxygen levels were higher in the Top Lake than in the Big Lake, and may reflect greater productivity (microscopic plant growth) in the Top Lake.

In Wahwashkesh Lake, water quality was also measured in the thermocline, which is the water depths where temperatures change and are much lower than near the surface. **Figure 2** shows the thermocline off of Straub's Point. From 2013 to 2015 at water depths of 8 to 15 meters (26

to 49 feet), average oxygen levels were 11-12 parts per million (ppm) or higher throughout the open portions of the Top and Big Lakes. These high oxygen levels indicate good water quality. If oxygen levels are low, this indicates degraded water quality and eutrophic conditions (too much phosphorus and/or nitrogen in the water). These high oxygen concentrations in deep water are excellent for lake trout which require cold water (lake trout prefer water temperatures less than 8°C) and oxygen concentrations above 5 ppm. Because the Big

Lake is so much deeper than the Top Lake, thermocline water temperatures averaged 8°C in the Big Lake compared to 11°C in the Top Lake, a 3°C difference.

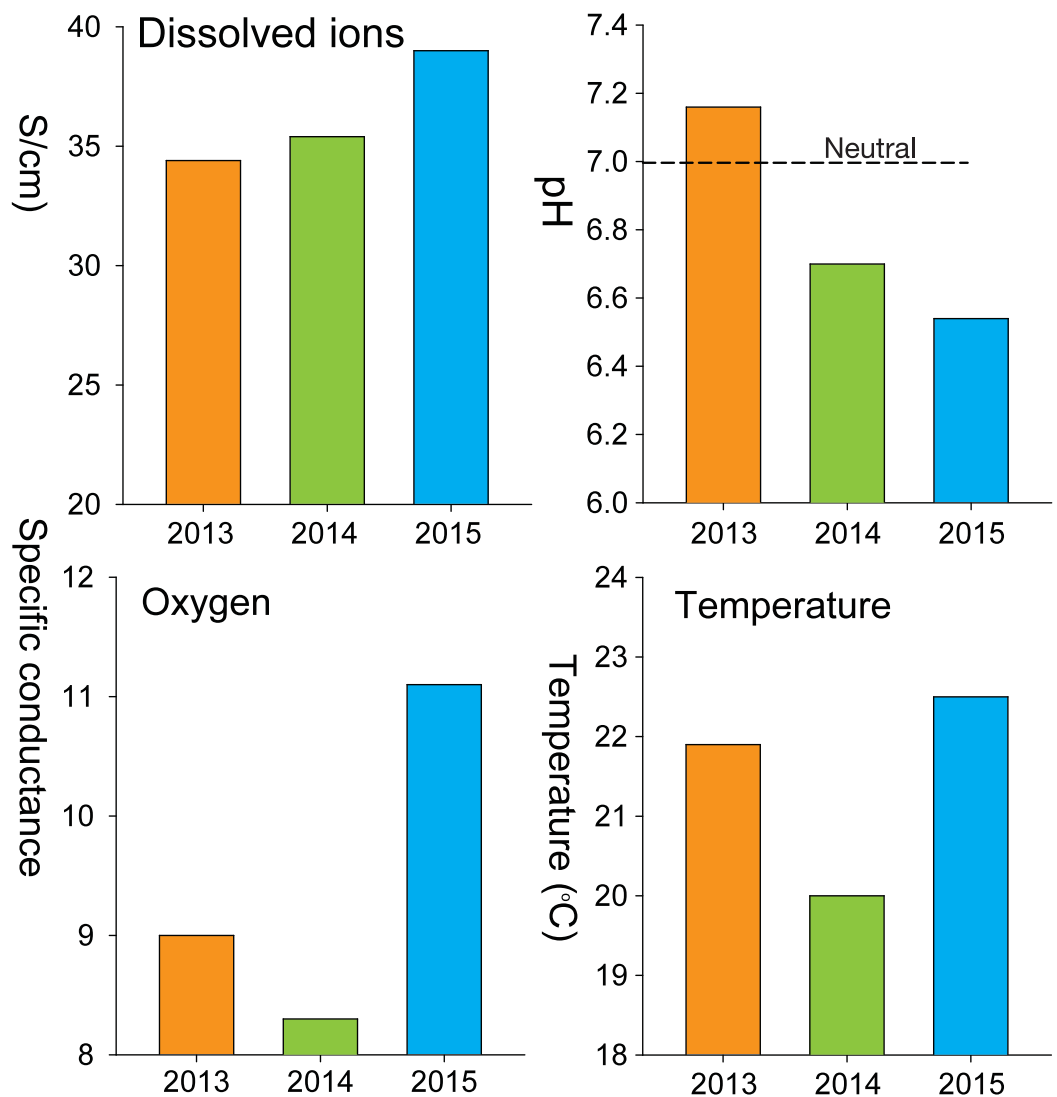


Figure 1. Average dissolved ions, pH, oxygen, and temperature levels in Wahwashkesh Lake from 2013 to 2015. Measurements were taken at 1 to 3 meters (3 to 10 feet) below the surface.

Similar to conditions in 2013, lower oxygen levels were measured in August 2015 at deeper depths where the Magnetawan River enters the lake below Lovesick Rapids (**Figure 2**). At depths greater than 9 meters (30 feet), oxygen concentrations were 2 ppm or less all the way to the bottom. Most fish need at least 2 ppm of oxygen to survive. In the Top Lake off of Straub's Point, oxygen levels were 6 ppm or higher from the surface all the way to the bottom at 19 meters deep (62 feet, see **Figure 2**). Low oxygen levels where the Magnetawan River enters the lake was likely due to reduce flows coming into the lake. In summer 2014, Magnetawan River flows were much higher, which allowed oxygenated surface water to mix through the entire water column. I suspect these low oxygen levels are unique to this location in Wahwashkesh Lake, as a very deep trough exists just below Lovesick Rapid, before this bay becomes shallow again. Moving downstream, oxygen levels are normal. Notice how water temperatures from the surface to the bottom did not change very much at this site where the Magnetawan River enters the Lake (**Figure 2**).

In Shanty Bay, lower oxygen levels were also measured in August 2015, but concentrations did not dip below 2 ppm until water depths exceeded 13 meters (43 feet, see **Figure 2**). Very cold (about 4°C) ground water enters from the bottom into Shanty Bay and water temperatures rapidly dropped at depths of 4 meters (13 feet) and more (**Figure 2**). Off of Straub's Point, water temperatures also declined, but this decline was not

as rapid and the decline started about 8 meters (26 feet) below the surface (**Figure 2**). For this time of the year, this is the normal condition throughout the open portions of the Top and Big Lakes where the thermocline (temperature decline) was at 8 to 15 meters in depth. In addition, water temperatures

were about 1.5°C colder at the bottom of Shanty Bay compared to bottom temperatures throughout the open portions of Wahwashkesh Lake.

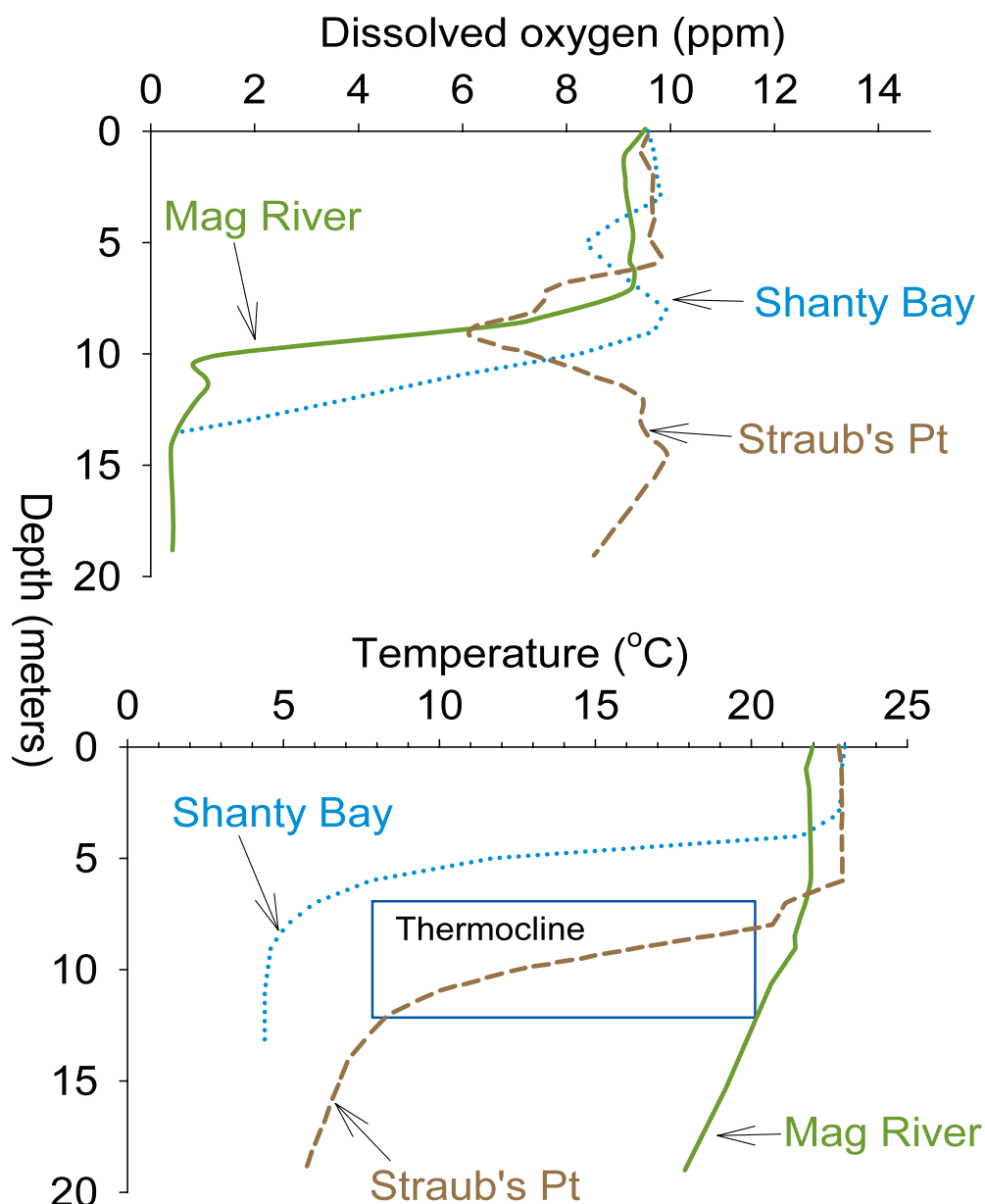


Figure 2. Oxygen concentrations (top graph) and water temperature (bottom graph) profiles over water depths at three sites in WahWashKesh Lake taken on August 24, 2015.

The Mag River site is where the Magnetawan River enters WahWashKesh Lake below Lovesick Rapids, Straub's Pt is in open water west of Straub's Point, and the Shanty Bay site is in the middle of the bay. In the bottom graph, the normal thermocline off of Straub's Point is shown.

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In August 2015, we made a trip into Parker's Bay to sample the water. Similar to Shanty and Toronto Bays, cold ground water appears to be entering this bay from the bottom. Conductivity, pH, and oxidation-reduction-potential readings in the upper water column were normal, but at depths greater than 4 meters (13 feet) water temperatures and oxygen levels dropped rapidly. From 5 to 8 meters (16-26 feet) down, oxygen levels dropped below the critical concentration of 2 ppm. At a depth of 5 meters, the water temperature was 13°C compared to 22°C throughout the main body of the Big Lake. Overall, the water quality in WWK Lake remains very good. In 2016, sampling will continue with the Yellow Springs Instrument water quality meter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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It was 33 years, almost to the day, between buying my first canoe and our latest, a **Legend Prospector 16.7** from the **Alchemist Canoe Company** in Muskoka. I was introduced to canoeing at our family's cottage where I would borrow my brother's cedar strip and canvas canoe (by the Lakefield Canoe Company), almost daily, to explore the bays and islands of Georgian Bay near Parry Sound.

While in university in 1982 I bought my first canoe, a Sundance, from Muskoka Canoe Ltd. in Gravenhurst. The 15' 3" cedar canvas canoe weighs only 45 pounds. When my wife Lynn and I came to Lake Wahwashkesh we bought a used aluminum canoe which has served our purposes well at the cottage.

Recently we decided to get a canoe that would be good for large lakes, but light enough to easily carry as we get older. Our journey to a new canoe took us to the **Alchemist Canoe Company** in Muskoka. We spoke to Jay who designs canoes including those in the "Alchemist Family". After narrowing down the search we drove to their Muskoka Paddleshack location in Bala on Lake Muskoka where we tried out a couple of canoes. We chose the **Legend Prospector 16.7**.

The **Legend Prospector 16.7** features "...great volume for gear, a deep bow and stern for dryness in rough water..." We were certainly impressed with it when we took it for a paddle. The canoe can be made of fibreglass (64 lbs.), expedition kevlar (49 lbs.) or carbon/kevlar (44 lbs.) Since the expedition kevlar is durable and 49 lbs is still light for a 16' 7" canoe we opted

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The **Cherry Chieftain** that we have features a 34" shaft and a 26" long blade that is 5 7/16" wide. The paddle can be used comfortably for a long time as it only weighs approximately 26.5 oz. The paddle was finished with a "high gloss exterior polyurethane with a UV block" but you can opt for a boiled linseed oil finish as well.

Another quality paddle is their **Cherry Sagamore** which features a longer and narrower blade compared to the **Chieftain**. The paddle that we have has a 30.5" shaft with a 27.5" long blade. The blade width is approximately 4 7/8". This pad-



dle weighs only 24 oz. and it too features the polyurethane finish. This style of paddle is similar to the ones used by the Voyageurs.

Both the **Cherry Chieftain** and the **Cherry Sagamore** paddles are a joy to use. If you are looking for a quality paddle check out those offered by **Grey Owl Paddles**.

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weighs 2 kilograms when empty. This case is available in six colours and features a powerclaw latching system.

There are numerous accessories with this case that I really like including the comfortable "neoprene" shoulder strap. Padded dividers offer protective organization of your equipment and feature "repositionable hook and loop fasteners." And if security is an issue you can get a TSA padlock as an accessory.

While I didn't doubt the protection this Canadian-made case affords equipment stored inside, I did submerge the case in a tub of water for 30 seconds and the inside remained completely dry. Not only that, but the case floats well and required significant effort to maintain below water.

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Book Reviews by N. Glenn Perrett

Canoe Country: The Making of Canada

Roy MacGregor

Random House Canada, 2015,
300 pages, ISBN:9780307361417

I love canoes for a variety of reasons many of which Roy MacGregor cites in the introduction to his latest book *Canoe Country: The Making of Canada*.

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The chapters in this interesting book cover canoeing experiences as well as looking at the importance of the canoe in developing Canada. Chapter one describes MacGregor's family's association with Algonquin Park and the importance of the canoe to them.

Chapter two, "Songs along the Dumoine", is an entertaining chapter about the author, his friend Phil Chester and several others as they paddle the Dumoine River.

Other topics covered in the fascinating read about canoes include the friendship between Pierre Trudeau and Bill Mason, the Voyageurs, Canada's military expedition up the Nile River in 1884, women and canoeing and David Thompson's and Charlotte Small's experiences paddling and exploring Canada. There is a chapter on a family's return to the spot on the Petawawa River to restore a memorial where a loved one lost his life and another chapter on how the canoe was made and continues to be constructed. And then there is the final chapter, "Lost on James Bay", that describes the author and

three others encountering a storm on James Bay while testing a redesigned Hudson's Bay freighter canoe. The four men ended up marooned on a small island for several days.

Written by one of Canada's most talented writers, *Canoe Country* is one of those rare "must reads" – at least if you love the canoe! Highly recommended.

Barefoot at the Lake: A Boyhood Summer in Cottage Country

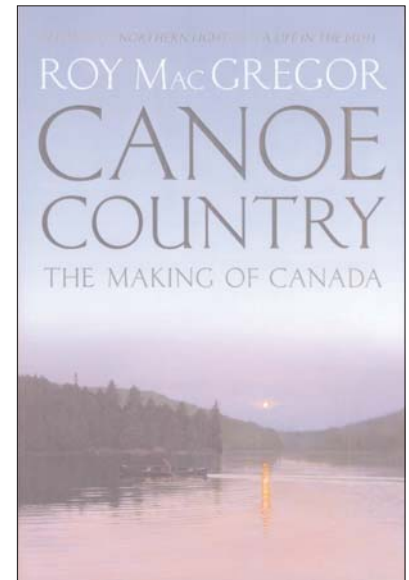
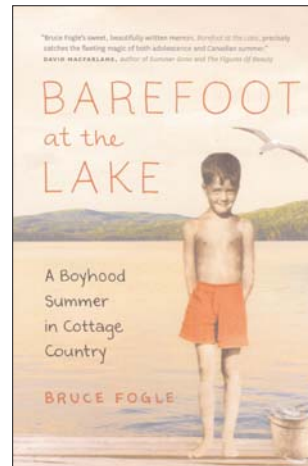
Bruce Fogle

Greystone Books, 2015, 248 pages,
ISBN: 9781771641555

Want to extend summer a little? You can with *Barefoot at the Lake: A Boyhood Summer in Cottage Country* by Bruce Fogle. This entertaining memoir recalls a summer the author spent at the family cottage in the 1950s when he was 10 years old. The year was 1954 and the cottage was located at Long Point on Lake Chemong in the Kawartha Lakes area. The book covers the cottage season from opening the cottage in the spring to closing it at the end of summer. In between are numerous adventures the author spent with his family and friends.

Joining the author at the cottage during the summer of 1954 are his parents, his Uncle Reub, his brother and their friends, including Grace, and the family dog Angus. And of course there were all the nearby cottagers and those who worked in the area.

If you spent time at a cottage as a child you will be able to relate to many of the chapters in the book where the author includes many



stories about interesting people and animals. Topics include swimming lessons, fishing, bonfires, monopoly games, catching crayfish and boats.

Beautifully written,

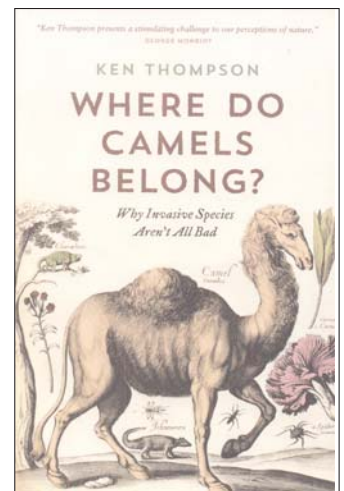
Barefoot at the Lake: A Boyhood Summer in Cottage Country is an ideal book to read at the end of summer – or anytime.

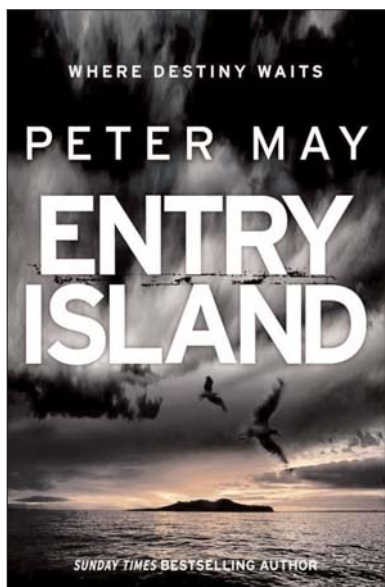
Where Do Camels Belong? Why Invasive Species Aren't All Bad

Ken Thompson, Greystone Books

2014, 262 pages, ISBN: 9781771640961

Where Do Camels Belong? Why Invasive Species Aren't All Bad is an interesting, refreshing and optimistic look at invasive species by Ken Thompson. While we have been brought up to hate alien species and told how terrible they all are, Thompson provides numerous examples where the negative impacts of invasive species have not only been greatly exaggerated but are in fact inaccurate. He even cites many examples where non-native species either benefitted the community in which they have taken up residence or at least didn't harm it.



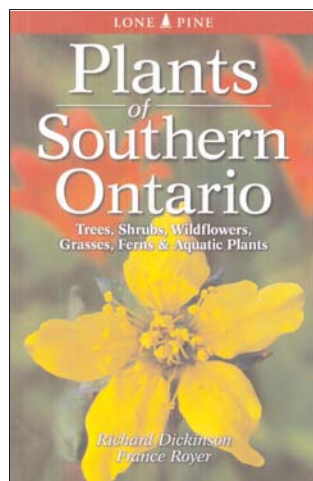


One example involves the plant purple loosestrife. One study of this plant showed that purple loosestrife did not adversely affect the biodiversity of the area the plant was in or reduce the likelihood of any native species occurring there. While Thompson isn't advocating that areas are better off with invasive species, he does warn that methods to try and rid or control them are incredibly costly and often make the situation much worse. And these controls rarely solve the problem and can include the use of biological controls or herbicides.

Thompson also states that while considerable attention is given to alien species there are many other considerably larger threats to native species including habitat loss, pollution and over-exploitation.

Besides showing that alien species do things that are beneficial and that attempting to eradicate them is expensive and can cause more serious problems, Thompson also shows how eradication in the vast number of cases is impossible.

"The world has been permanently changed by the establishment of thousands of introduced species, and except in a tiny minority of cases (mainly on small islands), eradication is not a realistic option. The aliens are here to stay. Given that, the best option in many cases



may be to shift the focus away from eradication and restoration, and move to a more conciliatory approach that recognizes that many alien species perform useful functions."

While you likely won't welcome invasive species with open arms after reading *Where Do Camels Belong?* you will likely see them in a different, and not so negative, light. Anyone with a concern for the environment should have this book on their "to read" list.

Entry Island

Peter May, Quercus, 2014, 2015, 452 pgs
ISBN: 9781623656638

I was looking forward to Peter May's book *Entry Island*, but I also wondered if it could be as good as his The Lewis Trilogy (The Blackhouse, The Lewis Man, The Chessmen) which were all exceptional mystery novels. *Entry Island* is also a very good murder mystery. I was not disappointed.

The murder takes place on Entry Island located 850 miles from the mainland in the Magdalen Islands. Detective Sime Mackenzie is part of a team sent from Montreal to investigate the murder. The victim's wife is the prime suspect. When Sime meets her he believes that he knows her even though they have never met.

Sime dreams about his distant Scottish past (his great-great-great grandfather arrived in Quebec City from Scotland). As he investigates the murder he also learns of his ancestors' past

that included being cleared off of their land in the Outer Hebrides. The quarantine island of Grosse Ile in the St. Lawrence River is also included in May's very entertaining novel.

Interesting characters and plot combined with some fascinating history make *Entry Island* an exceptional read.

Plants of Southern Ontario: Trees, Shrubs, Wildflowers, Grasses, Ferns & Aquatic Plants

Richard Dickinson, France Royer
Lone Pine Publishing

2014, 528 pages, ISBN: 9781551059068

I admit that when it comes to identifying wildflowers and shrubs I'm not very good. I'm pretty good with trees, but terrible with wildflowers and aquatic plants. Fortunately, I have a copy of *Plants of Southern Ontario* which features "760 species in 138 plant families". The plant profiles include colour photographs, common and scientific names, and information on habitat, leaves, flowers and fruit. The book also features colour photo keys and is divided into sections for: trees; shrubs & woody vines; wildflowers; aquatic plants; grasses, sedges & rushes; ferns & fern allies.

Plants of Southern Ontario is a valuable reference guide for those with an interest in identifying plants in Southern Ontario.

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