Welcome to Gould Lake Conservation Area

Gould Lake Conservation Area is 589 hectares (1455 acres) of wilderness located in the Canadian Shield. It is also the headwaters of the Millhaven Creek system. Gould Lake and the surrounding lands are not only important for water management reasons, they also provide excellent wildlife habitat, and offer many opportunities for nature appreciation and recreation in all seasons.

Gould Lake is a day-use area. The Limestone District School Board operates its outdoor education programs on this property using the barn adjacent to the beach as its headquarters. The main Rideau Trail and several side loops are located within the Conservation Area. The Rideau Trail Association (RTA) does most of the trail maintenance and trail development at Gould Lake.

To help protect the environment of the Conservation Area and to make sure that all visitors have an enjoyable experience, please:

- Keep dogs and other pets on a leash no more than two metres in length. Don’t forget to stoop and scoop. Dogs are not permitted in the beach area.
- Do not litter.
- Do not damage, disturb or remove any structure, rock, plant, animal or other property, living or dead.
- Remember that alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

These rules are made under The Conservation Authorities Act Ontario Regulation 99/90. A copy of the regulation is available from the CRCA office.

Seasonal Activities and Facilities

Hiking and Cross-Country Skiing
- 20 km of trails cross rolling and rugged terrain
- the Rideau Trail crosses the property — orange triangles mark the main trail, blue triangles mark the side loops

Picnicking
- picnic tables, change rooms and privies are available in the day use area adjacent to the beach
- permits are required for group picnics and may be obtained by calling the CRCA office at (613) 546-4228 ext. 222

Fishing
- is permitted in accordance with current Ministry of Natural Resources regulations

Canoeing and Kayaking
- canoes and other car-top boats can be launched at the beach area; boat ramp facilities are not available
- canoe, kayak and pedal boat rentals are available during the summer months, for more information call the CRCA office or visit our website

Swimming
- the beach provides an excellent unsupervised swimming area
- change rooms are available in the day use area

Wildlife Viewing and Nature Appreciation
- the wetlands, woods and shoreline areas provide many opportunities for wildlife viewing and nature appreciation

How to Get There

- Gould Lake Conservation Area

- Entrance
- Wheatley St.
- George St.
- Bradford St. (County Rd. 19)
- Abere Rd.
- Rosedale Rd.
- Freemen Rd.
- Gould Lake Rd.
- County Rd. S.
- To Hornsby ( Hwy. 38) Sydenham Rd.
- To Kingston (19 km from Hwy. 401)

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