

Just a short drive from Toronto awaits a spectacular fisherman's paradise.

Our unique mix of urban and rural areas provide world-class fishing opportunities for family fishing trips and seasoned anglers alike. This map was designed to assist you in exploring Durham's large and welcoming fishing community.

Plan your fishing adventure today!

With about 20 varieties of Ontario's favourite fish available in Durham Region, you can count on making a catch to be proud of, any day of the year!



Fishing Locations:

25 Rouge River, Pickering

Fish: Brown Bullhead, Rock Bass, Common Carp, Northern Pike, Bluegill, Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Coho Salmon, Rainbow Trout, Chinook Salmon, Yellow Perch, Black Crappie and Brown Trout
Spring, Fall and Winter: Rainbow Trout
Fall: Brown Trout, Coho and Chinook Salmon

26 Frenchman's Bay, Pickering

Fish: Common Carp, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, Largemouth Bass, Rainbow Trout, Yellow Perch, Brown Trout, Lake Trout, Brown Bullhead and Black Crappie
Summer: Bass, Walleye, Carp and Pike
Fall and Winter: Pike
Spring: Carp, Pike and Panfish

27 Duffins Creek, Ajax & Pickering

Fish: Brown Bullhead, Channel Catfish, Pumpkinseed, Largemouth Bass, Coho Salmon, Rainbow Trout, Chinook Salmon, Yellow Perch, Brown Trout, Brook Trout, Bluegill and Smallmouth Bass
Fall: Brown Trout, Coho and Chinook Salmon
Spring, Fall and Winter: Rainbow Trout

28 Lake Ontario, Durham Region

Fish: Coho Salmon, Chinook Salmon and Rainbow Trout
Summer: Bass, Pike, Rainbow Trout and Salmon
Spring: Rainbow Trout
Fall: Salmon and Trout

29 Oshawa Harbour, Oshawa

Fish: Brown Bullhead, Northern Pike, Rainbow Trout, Chinook Salmon, Yellow Perch, Brook Trout, Lake Trout and Pumpkinseed
Spring, Fall and Winter: Rainbow Trout
Fall: Brown Trout, Coho and Chinook Salmon

30 Oshawa Creek, Oshawa

Fish: Rock Bass, Pumpkinseed, Smallmouth Bass, Rainbow Trout, Chinook Salmon and Brown Trout
Spring, Fall and Winter: Rainbow Trout
Fall: Brown Trout, Coho and Chinook Salmon

31 Bowmanville Creek, Clarington

Fish: Common Carp, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, Coho Salmon, Rainbow Trout, Chinook Salmon, Yellow Perch, Black Crappie, Atlantic Salmon, Brown Trout, Brown Bullhead and Largemouth Bass
Fall: Brown Trout, Coho and Chinook Salmon
Spring, Fall and Winter: Rainbow Trout

32 Wilmot Creek, Clarington

Fish: Coho Salmon, Rainbow Trout, Chinook Salmon, Atlantic Salmon, Brown Trout, Brook Trout, Rock Bass, Common Carp, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, Smallmouth Bass, Brown Bullhead and Yellow Perch
Spring, Fall and Winter: Rainbow Trout
Fall: Brown Trout, Coho and Chinook Salmon

33 Lake Scugog, Scugog

Fish: Common Carp, Brown Bullhead, Muskellunge, Pumpkinseed, Largemouth Bass, Black Crappie, Smallmouth Bass, Rock Bass, Yellow Perch and Bluegill
Winter Ice Fishing: Crappie and Perch
Spring: Crappie
Spring, Summer, and Fall: Bass, Muskellunge, Panfish and Crappie
NOTE: Walleye fishing on Lake Scugog is currently closed.

34 Lake Simcoe, Brock

Fish: Perch, Lake Trout, Whitefish, Herring, Pike, Walleye, Crappie and Smallmouth Bass
Winter Ice Fishing: Lake Trout, Whitefish and Perch
Spring, Summer, and Fall: All other species

35 Beaver River, Brock

Fish: Brook Trout, Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass

NOTE: Fish sanctuary. No fishing from March 1 to the Friday before the second Saturday in May.



Marinas

- 1 Frenchman's Bay Marina**
591 Liverpool Rd., Pickering • 905-839-5036
www.frenchmansbaymarina.com
• Parking, laundromat, supply store, engine repair and restrooms
- 2 Whitby Yacht Club**
701 Gordon St., Whitby • 905-668-1391
www.wyc.ca
- 3 Port Whitby Marina**
301 Watson St. W., Whitby • 905-668-1900
www.whitby.ca
• Parking, fuel, engine repair, waste pump outs, salmon/trout fishing charters, restrooms, showers, water, supply store, ice cream, coffee and ice
- 4 Port Darlington Marina Hotel**
44 Port Darlington Rd., Clarington • 905-623-4925
www.bobbycs.com
• Fuel, engine repair, restrooms, showers, water, restaurant, ice, laundromat, boat rentals and motel
- 5 Port of Newcastle Marina**
160 Lakebreeze Dr., Newcastle • 905-987-5251
www.admiralswalkclub.ca
• Water, restaurant, laundromat and ice
- 6 Port Perry Marina**
215 Water St., Port Perry • 905-985-3236
www.portperymarina.ca
• Fuel, engine repair, restrooms, showers, water, supply store, restaurant, ice and boat rentals
- 7 West Shore Marina**
2175 Whitfield Rd., Port Perry • 905-985-2658
• Fuel, engine repair, supply store, restaurant, restrooms, showers, ice, water and boat rentals
- 8 Goreski's Landing Campground, Marina**
225 Platten Blvd., Port Perry • 905-985-9763
www.parkbridge.com
• Parking, fuel, engine repair, restrooms, showers, water, supply store, restaurant, ice and boat rentals
- 9 Scugog Island Marina**
495 Carnegie Beach Rd., Port Perry
905-985-8200 • www.scugogislandmarina.ca
• Parking, engine repair, boat rentals, garbage, restrooms, telephones, fuel, ice, water and supply store
- 10 Beacon Marina Caesarea**
3 Marina Dr., Caesarea • 905-435-3907
www.lakescugogmarinasailing.com
• Fuel, parking, restrooms, water, ice, boat rentals, picnic sites, campsite and restaurant
- 11 Beaverton Yacht Club**
69 Victoria Ave., Beaverton • 705-426-7309
• Fuel, engine repair, restrooms, showers, ice and water
- 12 Trent Talbot Marina**
B1267 Thorah Concession Rd. 9, Beaverton
705-426-7343 • www.trenttalbotmarina.com
• Parking, engine repair, boat rentals, garbage, restrooms, showers, telephones, fuel, ice, water, supply store and bait

Additional Launch Sites

- 13 Rotary Frenchman's Bay West Park**
Beachpoint Promenade, Pickering
Public boat launch
• Informal launch; sandy beach
- 14 Progress Frenchman's Bay East Park**
668 Front Rd., Pickering
Public boat launch (small craft only)
• Informal launch; walk canoe or kayak to dock
- 15 Rotary Park Public Boat Launch (at Duffins Creek)**
177 Lake Driveway W., Ajax
Public boat launch (small craft only)
- 16 Port Whitby Boat Ramp**
650 Gordon St., Whitby
905-668-1900
Public boat launch
- 17 Bowmanville/Port Darlington Boat Launch**
285 West Beach Rd., Bowmanville
Public boat launch
- 18 Bond Head Boat Launch**
5 Boulton St., Newcastle
Public boat launch
- 19 Port Perry Boat Launch**
Old Rail Lane, Port Perry
Public boat launch
- 20 Scugog Island Crown Land Boat Launch**
Crozier Lane, Port Perry
Public boat launch
- 21 Caesarea Boat Launch**
Pier Street, Caesarea
Public boat launch
- 22 Thorah Park Boulevard Boat Launch**
B23955 Thorah Park Blvd., Beaverton
Public boat launch
• Informal launch
- 23 Beaverton Harbour Boat Ramp**
Harbour Park Crescent, Beaverton
Public boat launch
- 24 Centennial Park/Farm Forum Boat Ramp**
32000 Lakeshore Rd., Beaverton
Public boat ramp
• Informal boat ramp

For all recreational and consumption of Ontario fish regulations, please refer to the Ministry of Natural Resources online at www.ontario.ca/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry

Durham Region Fishing Map



Users of this map are responsible for their own safety.



Licensing Requirements

A fishing license is typically required for those between the ages of 18 and 64. For more details, visit www.ontario.ca.

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Fishing

IN THE REGION OF DURHAM

Whether you're looking for a fun day of fishing for the whole family, or that legendary catch of a lifetime, Durham Region boasts some of the best shore and boat fishing opportunities in the country.

A four-season fishing destination with world-class bodies of water, such as Lake Simcoe, Lake Ontario, Lake Scugog, and a variety of rivers and creeks, you'll be sure to find exciting fishing opportunities all year round.

Prime time is all the time in Durham Region!

COME TO FISH Grab a bite · Stay the night

After a day of fishing, head out to a local restaurant for a cool drink and a hot meal. Treat yourself to an overnight stay and take advantage of many other outdoor activities in Durham Region.



Chinook Salmon



Identification: Black mouth and black gums; tail entirely spotted; leading ray on anal fin extends one-third the length of the fin; short, narrow caudal peduncle.
Habitat: Lake Ontario. Shallow water in spring and fall, and deep water during summer. Streams in fall during spawning.
Favourite Baits: Lake: spoons, dodger and flies. Creek: spinners, spoons, worms, flies and roe.

Atlantic Salmon



Identification: White mouth and gums; few large, black spots on gill cover; no spots on tail; leading ray on anal fin extends the length of the fin; long, narrow caudal peduncle; dark-coloured pectoral fins.
Habitat: Lake Ontario. May ascend cold-water streams in fall.
Favourite Baits: Lake: spoons, dodger and flies. Creek: spinners, spoons, worms and flies.

Coho Salmon



Identification: Dark mouth and light grey gums; tail spotted on upper lobe only; leading ray on anal fin extends one-third to two-thirds the length of the fin; short, narrow caudal peduncle.
Habitat: Lake Ontario in summer. River mouths and upstream in fall during spawning.
Favourite Baits: Lake: spoons, dodger and flies. Creeks: spinners, worms, flies and roe.

Smallmouth Bass



Identification: Upper jaw does not extend beyond eye; shallow notch between dorsal fins; body often has dark, broken bars.
Habitat: Clear, rocky waters with little vegetation.
Favourite Baits: Jigs, spinners, crank baits, minnows and crayfish.

Largemouth Bass



Identification: Upper jaw extends beyond eye; deep notch between dorsal fins; body often has a broken horizontal stripe.
Habitat: Warm, weedy, slow or still waters.
Favourite Baits: Spinners, crank baits, plastic worms, minnows and plastic frogs.

Rock Bass



Identification: Large, red eye; six anal fin spines; adults have regular rows of spots on the side.
Habitat: Warm, slow or still, shallow waters with rocky bottoms.
Favourite Baits: Small jigs, small minnows, small minnows and worms.

Brook Trout



Identification: Light worm-like markings and spots on a dark background, some red and blue; square tail; white leading edge on lower fins, set off by a black line.
Habitat: Cold, clear streams and small lakes.
Favourite Baits: Spinners, spoons, worms, flies and roe.

Brown Trout



Identification: White mouth and gums; silvery with dark spots on body; only occasional, vague spots on tail; only salmon or trout with orange on adipose fin; leading anal fin ray extends the length of the fin; short, stocky caudal peduncle; light-coloured pectoral fins.
Favourite Baits: Spinners, spoons, worms, flies and roe.

Lake Trout



Identification: Light worm-like markings and spots on a dark background; deeply forked tail; white leading edge on lower fins, but no black line.
Habitat: Cold waters of deep lakes.
Favourite Baits: Spoons, jigs, crank baits and lake trolls.

Rainbow Trout



Identification: White mouth and gums; silver body with dark spots; spots all over tail in radiating rows; leading anal fin ray extends the length of the fin; long, stocky caudal peduncle.
Favourite Baits: Lake: spoons, dodger and flies. Creeks: worms, flies and roe.

Black Crappie



Identification: Seven to eight dorsal fin spines; six or seven anal fin spines; irregular mosaic of distinct black blotches.
Habitat: Clear, weedy lakes and slow rivers.
Favourite Baits: Small jigs, small minnows and worms.

Pumpkinseed



Identification: Three anal fin spines; wavy, blue-green stripes on sides of the head; ear flap with orange or red spot.
Habitat: Clear, shallow, weedy waters.
Favourite Baits: Small jigs and worms.

Common Carp



Identification: Broad bodied, heavily scaled, and barbels or whiskers at the mouth.
Favourite Baits: Corn and worms.

Bluegill



Identification: Three anal fin spines; black spot at rear end of dorsal fin; ear flap is black.
Habitat: Warm, vegetated, still waters.
Favourite Baits: Small jigs and worms.

Muskellunge



Identification: Dark, vertical bands on a light background, at times spotted or clear; tips of tail fin more pointed than northern pike. See head close-up above.
Favourite Baits: Large bucktail spinners, large body baits and sucker minnows.

Channel Catfish



Identification: Deeply forked tail.
Habitat: Larger lakes.
Favourite Baits: Worms, corn and minnows.

Check out the fish you can catch in Durham Region waters. Identify what the fish look like, where their habitat is and what their favourite baits are.

Yellow Perch



Identification: Six to eight dark, vertical bands on sides, alternating with light yellow to yellow-green in colour.
Habitat: Clear waters with some vegetation; often school.
Favourite Baits: Small jigs, small spoons, small minnows and worms.

Northern Pike

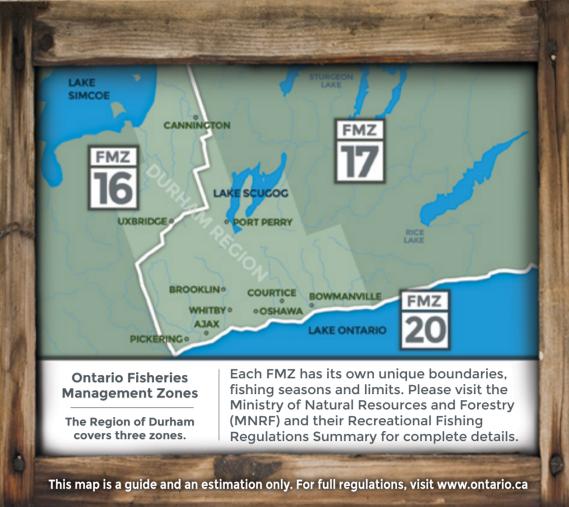


Identification: Light yellow spots on a dark green background; tips of tail fin more rounded than the muskellunge.
Habitat: Quiet, vegetated waters.
Favourite Baits: Spoons, spinners and jerkbaits.

Brown Bullhead



Identification: Square tail.
Habitat: Warmer, slow waters.
Favourite Baits: Worms, corn and minnows.



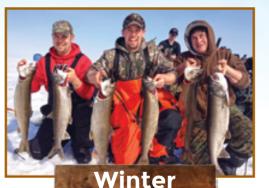
Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

As the warmer weather approaches, it's open season on Durham Region's three world-class bodies of water—Lake Simcoe, Lake Scugog and Lake Ontario. Various species of fish can be found this time of year, including some of the best Black Crappie fishing in Canada, on Lake Scugog. For a successfully crappie day on the water, the pros recommend using small jigs and soft plastics under a float.

Every summer starting in June, thousands of boats converge on Lake Ontario to experience some of the finest Salmon fishing in the world. It's not uncommon for anglers to catch dozens of Salmon on an average day, weighing upwards of 40 pounds!

Once September arrives, most fish are known to go on a feeding frenzy in order to prepare for the cold winter ahead. Lake Simcoe produces some of the largest Smallmouth Bass in the world this time of year, making it one of Ontario's prime bass fishing destinations. For best results, the pros say to use jerkbaits, spinners and tubes.

Every winter, Lake Simcoe becomes an ice fisherman's dream. With a massive ice fishing village housing thousands of portable and permanent huts, this favourite Canadian pastime is enjoyed recreationally by families and skilled anglers. Anglers have been known to consistently catch large numbers of Lake Trout, Whitefish and Perch out on the frozen waters.

Other stars of the season include: Walleye, found right here in Durham, and considered by most to be the tastiest fish in Ontario; great numbers and sizes of Muskies found all summer long on Lake Scugog; and you can't beat the Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass fishing on all of Durham's world-class lakes.

Other stars of the season include: the largest run of Chinook and Coho Salmon in Ontario can be found in the Bowmanville Creek; world-class Steelhead fishing on creeks and rivers; and Big Brown Trout can be found migrating up creeks and rivers annually during early fall.



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