

Little Lake Canoe Trip Guide

A canoe or kayak trip is a great way to explore Little Lake and the Otonabee River for a few hours during your visit to Beavermead Campground!

① You can rent one of our canoes or kayaks by visiting our gatehouse. Fill out a rental agreement and get keys for the boat lock and equipment storage. A credit card or driver's licence must be left for deposit.

① Make your way to the canoe launch and you will find your canoe/kayak on the rack and equipment in the marked storage locker. Assemble your gear and take it down to the water's edge. Before you begin your trip, check your gear:

✓ make sure your paddles and life jackets are in good condition

✓ check the contents of your marine safety kit which should contain a whistle and floating rope inside a container which can be used as a bailing bucket

✓ **WEAR YOUR LIFEJACKET!**

✓ your life jacket should fit securely while still allowing freedom of movement for paddling

✓ inspect the canoe/kayak to ensure it is also in good condition

✓ make sure you have drinking water

✓ dress appropriately – bring a jacket if it is cool and on warm sunny days make sure you have a hat and sun screen

✗ the use of alcohol is not permitted

If you find problems with any of your equipment, return to the gatehouse where we will remedy the situation.

② Once you hit the water you can follow Meade Creek either to the left of the canoe launch (the most direct route to Little Lake) or to the right (a calm and meandering route following the shoreline of the campground). Meade Creek is shallow, still and a great habitat for wildlife.

③ Beavermead Loop:(about 2 km, 1 hour trip)
Paddle around the campground in either direction! Clockwise, keep the campground to your right. Counterclockwise, keep the campground to your left. Watch for the railway and foot bridges you will travel under that are marked on the map. Meade Creek offers great opportunities for viewing wildlife and birds. This is an easy loop that is well sheltered.

④ Lift Lock Loop: (3.2 km, 2 hour trip)
Follow Meade Creek left from the canoe launch. Make your way to Little Lake following the shoreline to Lock #20. Purchase a lock pass or use the portage (200m) located left of the lock. Continue along the canal approximately 850 m to the Lift Lock. With a lock pass you can take your canoe up the Lift Lock. Return using the route in reverse.

⑤ Millennium Park Loop: (4.6 km, 2 hour trip)
Follow Meade Creek left from the canoe launch. Make your way to Little Lake and follow the north shoreline. Follow the shoreline around the Point and paddle under the railway bridge. Make your way across to the west shore of the Otonabee River. Follow the west shore to the docks at Millennium Park. Return using the route in reverse.

⑥ Little Lake Fountain Loop (3 km, 1.5 hour trip)
Follow Meade Creek left from the canoe launch. Make your way to Little Lake and head across the Otonabee River. Follow the south shore of Little Lake to the fountain. The Centennial Fountain was built in 1967 and is the highest jet fountain in Canada (76 m) Return using the route in reverse.

⑦ Hunter St. Bridge Loop (5.5 km, 2.5 hour trip)
Follow Meade Creek left from the canoe launch. Make your way to Little Lake and follow the north shoreline. Follow the shoreline around the Point and paddle under the railway bridge. Make your way across to the west shore of the Otonabee River. Follow the west shore to the Hunter St. bridge. This bridge, constructed in 1920, has one of the longest unreinforced concrete spans in the country. Return using the route in reverse.

Fees 2017

Canoe rental, per hour \$12.00 (2 hr. minimum)
Canoe rental, per day
(all equipment must be returned by 7 pm or as otherwise posted) 48.00

Current to April 2017. Fees include applicable taxes and may be subject to change without notice. Fees are used to support the operation of this facility.



Beavermead Campground is located at 2011 Ashburnham Drive in the heart of Peterborough.

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GPS = Peterborough N 44.296580, W -78.300560

From Toronto

Take Hwy. 401 east to Hwy. 115 north (Exit 436). Take Hwy. 115 to Ashburnham Drive (Exit 56). Follow Ashburnham Drive across Lansdowne Street to the traffic lights at Marsdale Drive. Turn left and follow the signs to the campground.

From Ottawa

Take Hwy. 417 west to Hwy 7 (Exit 145). Take Hwy. 7 west (towards Toronto) to Peterborough. Follow Lansdowne Street to Ashburnham Drive. Turn right onto Ashburnham Drive and travel north to the traffic lights at Marsdale Drive. Turn left and follow the signs to the campground.

Watch for and follow these signs.



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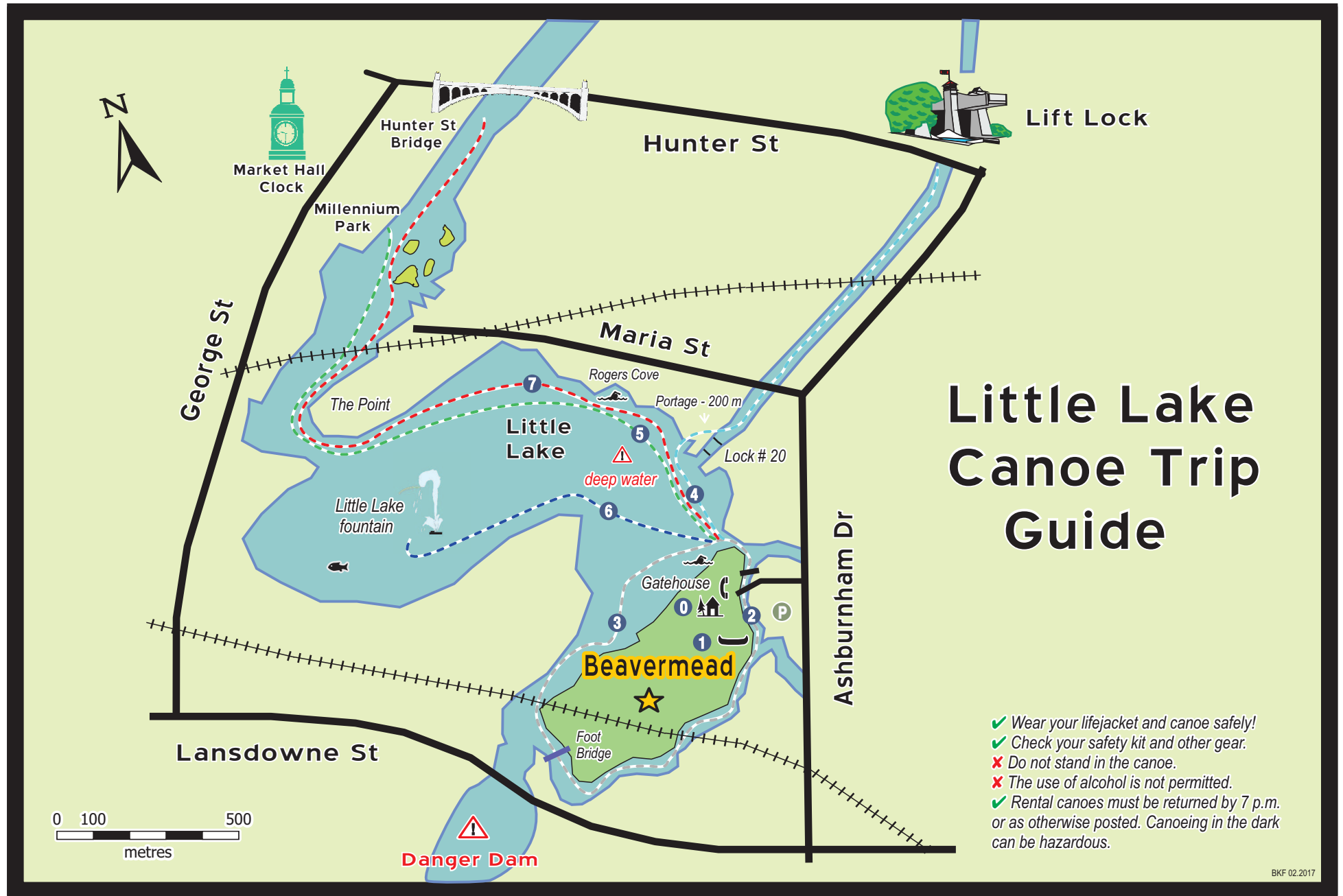
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Legend

- Gatehouse
- Parking
- Swimming Area and Beach
- Public Phone
- Canoe Launch
- Fishing

Suggested Routes

- Beavermead Loop (2km)
- Lift Lock Loop (3.2 km)
- Millennium Park Loop (4.6 km)
- Little Lake Fountain Loop (3 km)
- Hunter St. Bridge Loop (5.5 km)



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- ✓ Wear your lifejacket and canoe safely!
- ✓ Check your safety kit and other gear.
- ✗ Do not stand in the canoe.
- ✗ The use of alcohol is not permitted.
- ✓ Rental canoes must be returned by 7 p.m. or as otherwise posted. Canoeing in the dark can be hazardous.

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Little Lake and the Otonabee River afford many opportunities to enjoy a short canoe/kayak trip with Beavermead Campground as the perfect location to launch your adventure. Bring your own canoe/kayak or stop into the gatehouse to arrange a rental.

This canoe trip guide has been prepared to provide you with some useful background information and to help you get the most out of your exploration of Little Lake. Enjoy yourself and always remember to be safe on the water!

Little Lake and the Otonabee River are placid and offer fairly easy canoeing. Try one of the suggested canoe trip loops and have fun exploring!