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Ontario

SKOOTAMATTA LAKE

Counties of Lennox & Addington

Anglesea Township

PHYSICAL DATA

LATITUDE	44° 50'	LONGITUDE	77° 16'
SURFACE AREA	3178 acres	VOLUME	94,670 acre feet
HEIGHT ABOVE SEA LEVEL	1000 feet	PERIMETER	23.1 miles
MAXIMUM DEPTH	96 feet	MEAN DEPTH	27.5 feet

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The name, Skootamatta, is a European interpretation of the original Ojibway word representing the trail leading to the outlet of a big, open lake. From there further direction was obtained from the stars. Thus, Skootamatta conveys the meaning "The Star Spilling Lake" or "The River of Spilled Stars".

LAKE CHARACTERISTICS

This lake was thermally stratified at the time of the survey. Water temperatures ranged from 71°F at the surface to 44°F at the ninety-five foot depth. The fifteen degree temperature drop (71°F to 56°F) between the ten and thirty-five foot depths identified the thermocline, the water layer in which there was the most rapid decrease in temperature. The dissolved oxygen content dropped from 9.0 parts per million at the surface to 5.0 at the forty-five foot level and then increased to 8.0 at the eighty-five foot level. The mean 6.7 pH value showed an acidic characteristic in relation to the hydrogen ion composition in the water. A total dissolved solids concentration of 63 parts per million was determined from a conductivity reading. Clarity was indicated by the disappearance of the secchi disc from view, 11.0 feet below the surface.

FISH SPECIES PRESENT

Yellow pickerel, smallmouth bass, northern pike, largemouth bass, lake trout, lake whitefish, lake herring, rainbow smelt, white sucker, brown bullhead, black bullhead, American eel, burbot, pumpkinseed, rock bass, and fallfish.

FISHING

Yellow pickerel and smallmouth bass are found adjacent to most of the shoreline and shoals throughout the lake. Northern pike frequent shallow bays with heavy aquatic vegetation. Worms, minnows, and frogs, as well as many bright coloured artificial lures, are used effectively.

ACCESS AND FACILITIES

Skootamatta Lake is located approximately eighteen miles northwest of Kaladar. It may be reached by following Highway 41 north from Kaladar for sixteen miles; then west on a gravel road for two miles. A public access point with boat launching facilities is situated on the east shore of the lake. Several commercial tourist resorts have been established on the lake. Camping facilities are available in Bon Echo Provincial Park, five miles northeast on Highway 41.

SURVEY DATES

JUNE 18 - 24, 1971

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