



Picnic Sites



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Picnic sites are available on a “first come, first serve” basis at the following Conservation Areas:

- Depot Lakes
- H.J. McFarland
- Little Bluff
- Macaulay Mountain
- Massassauga Point
- Portland

Washrooms with running water are available at Depot Lakes. All other Conservation Areas with picnic sites are equipped with “porta potties” from the May long weekend until Thanksgiving weekend.

PICNIC SITE RULES

- No alcoholic beverages.
- Groups are responsible for collecting and removing their own garbage. Garbage cans are not provided in any of the Conservation Areas.
- Please clean up after your pet. All pets must be leashed.
- Overnight camping is not permitted at our picnic sites.
- Portable BBQs are permitted.

Available Picnic Sites

DEPOT LAKES

- *One picnic shelter with seating for 60*
- *Washrooms with running water*

To get here - turn west off Hwy. 38, 3 km north of Verona onto Snider Road. Travel 8 km on Snider Road. Watch for Conservation Area signs.

Depot Lakes Conservation Area is nestled in the heart of the Land o' Lakes tourist region, just north of the village of Verona. Second, Third and Fourth Depot Lakes make up this Conservation Area, and offer some of the best fishing in eastern Ontario.

H.J. MCFARLAND

- *One picnic shelter with seating for 24*

To get here - this area is located 2 km east of Picton on Highway 33 (Glenora Road).

This area provides a panoramic view of the Bay of Quinte and the escarpments and bluffs that grace its shoreline. A boat launch with docking facilities is available for your use.

LITTLE BLUFF

- *One picnic shelter with seating for 12*

To get here - from Picton, take County Road 10 (Lake Street) south to County Road 13. Turn right and follow County Road 13.

Rich in natural features, this conservation area, located atop a 20 metre high limestone bluff, commands a panoramic view of Prince Edward Bay. Take the pathway to the cobblestone beach below and view the high bluff from a different perspective.

MACAULAY MOUNTAIN

- *One picnic shelter with seating for 18*

To get here - from Picton, take County Road 10 (Lake Street) south to County Road 13. Turn right and follow County Road 13.

Macaulay Mountain is a favourite destination for hikers and picnickers. There is plenty to see here from famed Birdhouse City with its over 100 miniature reproductions of local buildings, to the Whattam's Memorial Walkway. There are 20 km of trails, including biking trails maintained by the Bloomfield Bicycle Club.

MASSASSAUGA POINT

- *One picnic shelter with seating for 24*

To get here - from Highway 62 south of Belleville, take County Road 28 from either Rossmore or

Fenwood Gardens to Massassauga Road. Follow Massassauga Road for nine kilometers to the Conservation Area.

A project is underway to rehabilitate the globally rare Bur Oak Savannah at Massassauga Point. This rehabilitation will also return some of the unique and very important Alvar and prairie species, such as Prairie Smoke and Early Buttercup.

PORTLAND

- *One picnic shelter with seating for 12*

To get here - this scenic Conservation Area is located on the east side of Highway 38, about 2 km south of Verona.

Conveniently located just off Hwy. 38 south of Verona, Portland Conservation Area offers almost 23 hectares (56 acres) for picnics and relaxation. An open stand of mature Maple trees provides a backdrop to the picnic area, which includes tables and a large shelter.

QUINTE

- *Nine tables with seating for 54*

To get here - Quinte Conservation Area is at 2061 Old Highway 2 in Belleville, just west of Wallbridge-Loyalist Road. Parking is available north and south of Highway 2

The home base for Quinte Conservation, this area offers an abundance of recreational opportunities. Trails wind through this former farm, past fragrant orchards, open meadows and scenic woodlands. Dog lovers have the "Pooch Path", an area to let their pets walk unleashed. The park area at the mouth of Potter's Creek overlooking the Bay of Quinte provides a great starting point for canoeists, kayakers and windsurfers.

VANDERWATER

- *six picnic areas with 1-2 tables each*
- *Picnic Area # 4, seating for 66*
- *Picnic Area # 5, seating for 108 with shelter*

To get here - Vanderwater Conservation Area is located 3 km east of Thomasburg off Highway 37, at 512 Vanderwater Road.

This lovely outdoor spot is picturesquely located along the banks of the Moira River, where the water cascades over a series of limestone steps. The 15 km of trails explore a wide range of natural environments from mature cedar forests in the low lying areas to hardwood and coniferous forests that cover the slopes and high ground.