

BayLoft

Big Hawk Lake

Guest Manual



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BayLoft on Big Hawk Lake

The BayLoft is on Hawk Island, which requires crossing Big Hawk lake. The journey is about 4 km, across open water. This location is extremely private and isolated. There are neighboring cottages approximately 300 ft along the shore line. The Hawk island is very large, approximately 4 km across. This is a very isolated location, you should act accordingly, it's a long way to the store, doctor, etc.

What to bring - sleeping - eating - activities

- Sleeping - bed sheets, pillow cases
- Life Jackets
- Towels - for shower and swimming, dish towels, dish cloths.
- Food - foods for BBQ, baking, fire cooking and all manner of kitchen cooking.
- Water - if you prefer bottled water for drinking
- Beverages - it's a long walk to the beer store
- Activities - Water toys, fishing gear, hiking gear, books, games...

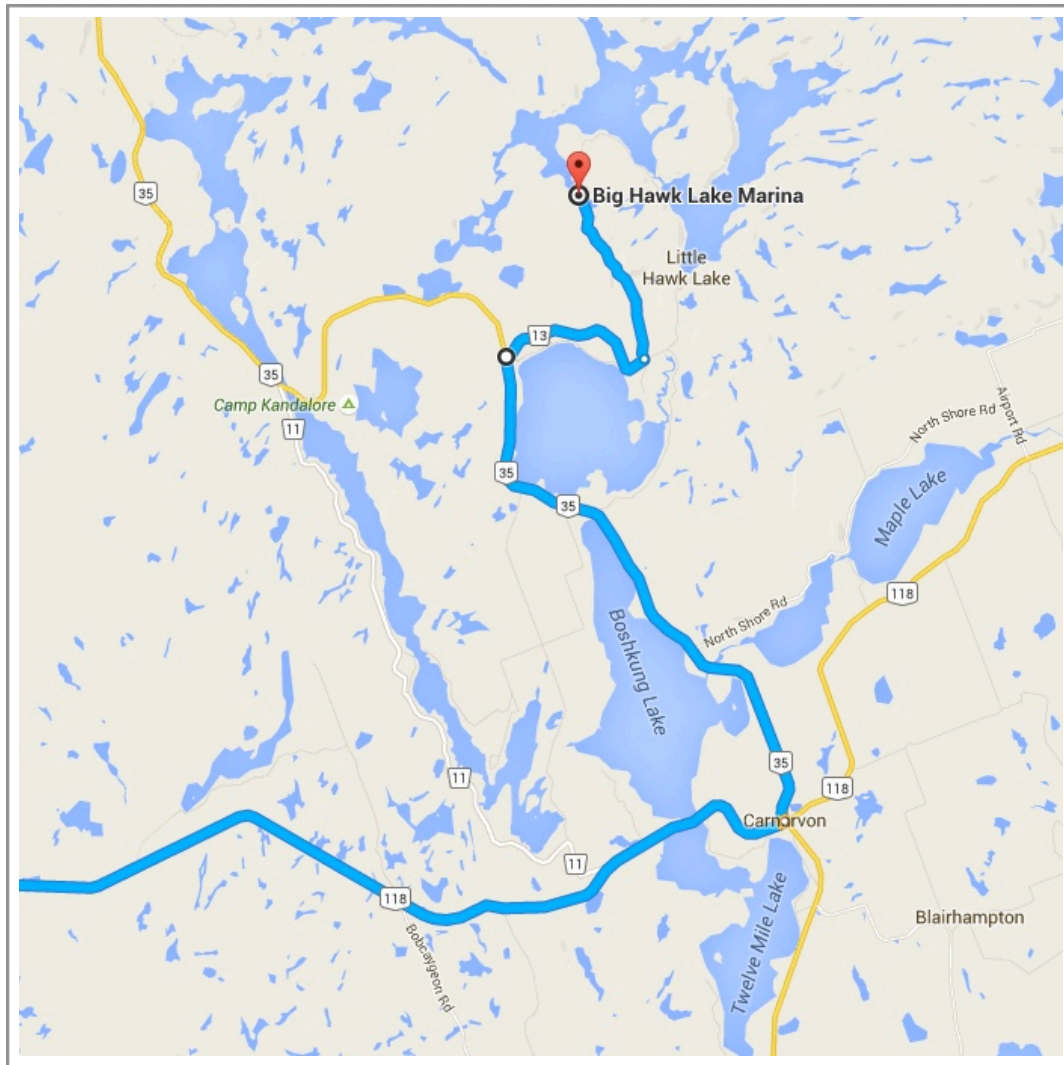
How to get to Big Hawk Lake

From Toronto..... Drive north on hwy 400,
After Barrie take hwy 11 at the split.
Stay on hwy 11 North for 73.7 km to Bracebridge.
Turn right on Hwy 118 East for 51.8 km to the village of Carnarvon.
Turn left on Hwy 35 North for 10.7 km
Turn right Little Hawk Lake rd (Rd 13) for 2.9 km,
Turn left on Big Hawk Lake rd for 3.2 km

[Google map 2 Big Hawk Lake](#)

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If you cross a bridge on Little or Big Hawk Lake Rd....you have gone too far.
TIP: last gas is on hwy 11. Just before the 118 turn off at Bracebridge.
TIP: Last LCBO / Beer / Variety store is in Carnarvon.



What Not to bring

- Hunting is not encouraged in any form.
- No FireWorks in any shape, form or size.
- Your cat, if left off leash will probably be supper for someone.

Arrival - checking in

If you've arranged a ride across the lake with us, please call to confirm your arrival. We will be there to meet you at the Marina. When arriving at the Marina, please drive SLOWLY. There is a small beach just to the left of the bridge, You can unload there. If you are crossing the Lake with the Marina water Taxi please check with the Marina which boat you will be loading your gear into. If you have rented and are are crossing with the Bayloft Tinny unload there.



Baggage

You will be crossing open water to arrive at the BayLoft so please ensure that all of your baggage is closed tight. No open bags should be loaded into a boat. Food stuff should be packed in Coolers, or boxes. No open grocery bags should be loaded into any boat. Before walking onto the docks, secure your keys and wallet. Dropped gear into the water is expensive to retrieve.

Departure - requirements

Please ensure that you take all of your belongings and all trash. You are responsible for taking all trash to the nearest dump (see the dump section). You are expected to leave the BayLoft as you found it, clean and in good repair. Ensure that the spare propane tank is full.

Parking at the Marina

You may notice numerous vehicles along the side of the road leading into the marina. Once you have unloaded your bags, there is a turn around to go back along the road where you can park for free.

Marina Services

Big Hake lake Marina serves gas, propane, an assortment of food products, souvenirs, fishing gear, water toys, they also rent and sell water toys, boats and motors. www.bighawk.ca (705) 489 2429. Ron and Kathy Socha.

Boat Launch

There is a public boat launch just beside the marina and before the bridge.

Launched boats will have to clear under the bridge to access the lake.

There is also a trailer parking lot back down the Big Hawk Lake road just past the Damn/ log chute on the right.

Crossing the lake

Once you have arrived at the marina you will still need to travel the last 4 kilometers to the BayLoft. Large parties with lots of gear may require two trips across the lake. You have an assortment of options.

- Marina Taxi, (705) 489 2429 - 24 hour notice is advised.
- Marina Rented boat, (705) 489 2429 - inquire.
- BayLoft rented Tin Boat, if you have rented this boat it is at the BayLoft marina slip and should be left there when leaving.
- BayLoft Taxi, (647 646 8055 or 226 868 3299) this must be pre arranged.
- Your Personal boat, see boat launch and Lake Map to BayLoft.

Lake Map to Bayloft

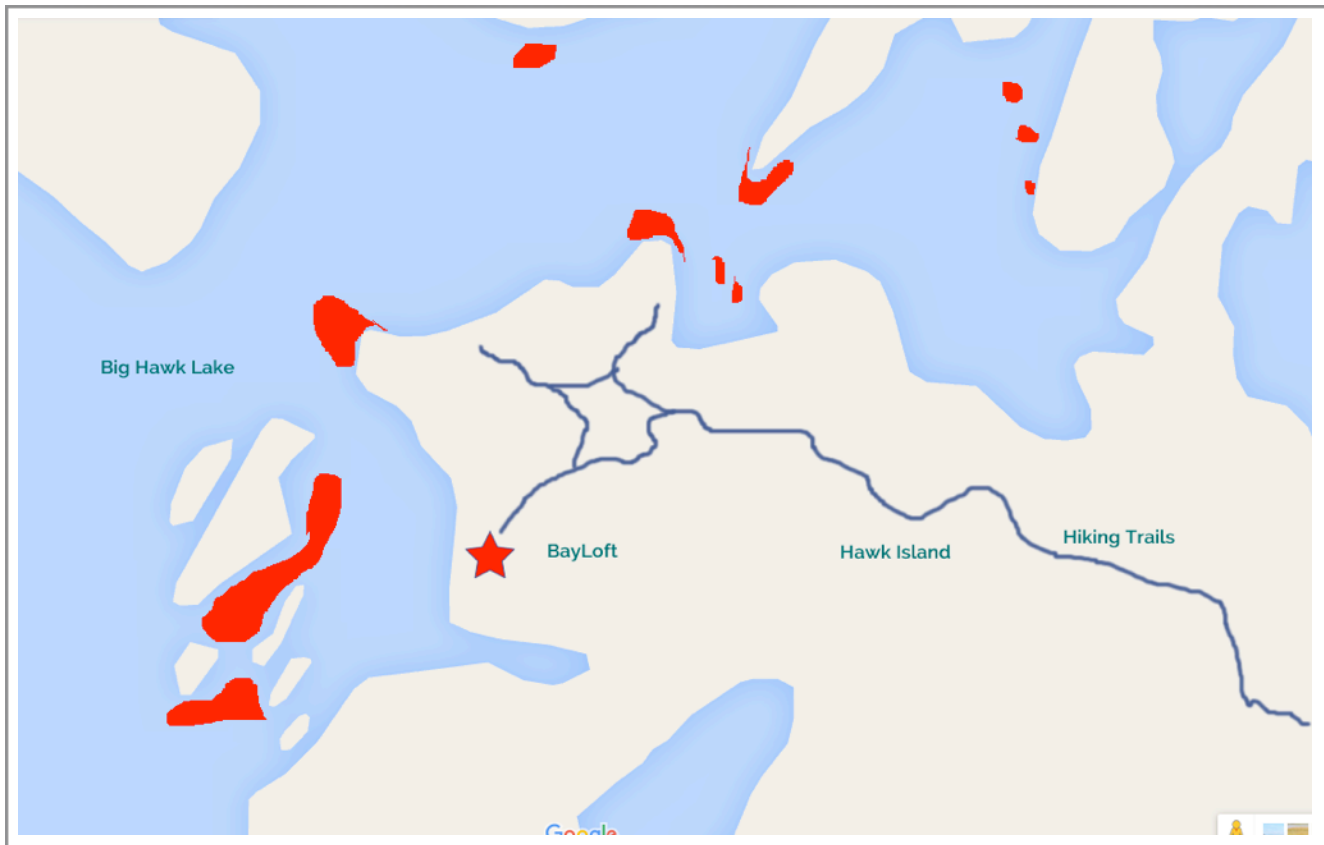


Boats - options - usage - rules - waterways

If you have a boat or have rented a boat please consider the following:
Big Hawk lake is a family friendly lake. Please show respect and consideration for other cottagers. You are expected to follow the rules of the water. You should have a boating license. Do not drink and drive. Avoid lake driving after sunset. This lake is patrolled by the OPP. If you wish to dock your boat or our boat at the marina for shopping at the marina or gas, use the "store" dock. If you are leaving your boat to get into your car to go into town for any length of time, you should speak with the marina as they have daily dockage rentals and fees. All mooring slots are private. If you are leaving for any length of time, you may moor the Bayloft Tin boat in Bayloft slip or ask at the marina which slip you can rent for the day. ALL boat slips are assigned to someone. Please do not park in someone else's slip.

Tin fishing boat - usage - fuel - (40 - 1)

If you have rented the BayLoft Tin fishing boat please consider the following. Refill the tanks at the marina, ask for 40-1 (gas to oil ratio mix). Please ensure that there are adequate life jackets and all required equipment. If you wish to dock your boat or our boat at the marina for shopping at the marina or gas, use the "store" dock. If you are leaving your boat to get into your car to go into town for any length of time, you should speak with the marina as they have daily dockage rentals and fees. Avoid hitting submerged rocks, land points tend to have extended stone arms under water. Some of the danger spots:



The BayLoft Cottage

- Beds: There is a maximum capacity for 10 people. The bed sizes are: 1 bed@ 6'2"x60"(queen), 1 bed@ 6'x53"(xl double), 1 bed@ 6'2"x48"(double), 2 beds@ 6'x52" (double in loft), 2 beds@ 6'2"x30(singles bunk bed)

- Kitchen Equipment: fridge, stove, oven, freezer, microwave, toaster, coffee maker(built in bean grinder), kettle, bread-baker, food mincer, blender, pots, pans, dishes, cutlery, mugs, glasses.
- Bathrooms: There are two bathrooms, a 3 piece and a 4 piece. The bathtub is a small size.
- Toilets: This is a septic system, please DO NOT dispose of any sanitary pads, nor latex products into the toilets. The system will shut down if mis-used. ONLY flush toilet paper. The system can clog and incur very high repair bills.

Camp fires - firewood

There is one site for campfires and a wood stove in the cottage. You are welcome to split some logs if you'd like.

Extinguish any outdoor fire completely with water.

Do not leave any fire unattended at any time.

Do not dispose of fire ash anywhere anytime.

Lumber tools, axe, can be found in the tin work shed .

Drinking the Water

All of the water in the BayLoft comes from the lake. You can safely drink this water as is. Many people prefer to drink bottled water. There is fresh spring water on the lake. Finding it may be a challenge.

Hiking on the Island

There are about 5 kilometers of hiking trail through the island. You will need to put your A game on as these trails are poorly marked and mainly followed by memory. Take your compass and drinking water. 5 points to anyone who can find the lake inside of the island.

Shore line

There is a stone walk in for swimming. Do not dive from the shore until you have studied the underwater rock formations. Wet rocks can be slippery, be careful.

Fishing

There are lake trout deep in the lake, and bass in the bass holes, let us know how it goes. If you'd like an expert guide to take you to the hot spots you could call Ron at the marina.

Swimming

Swimming in Big Hawk lake is encouraged. You can dive off of the dock away from the shore. The rocks can be slippery, use caution climbing in and out of the water.

Cliff Diving

There are a few cliffs which are ideal for jumping. Please ensure to test the depth and clearance before jumping into the lake.

Lake Routes - Destinations

There are numerous rivers, waterfalls, canoe routes, hiking trails and portages into other lakes. Hike the portage to Clear lake, or walk along the river towards Nunikani Lake where you can watch the falls. Take the canoe for a paddle around the island, or do a day trip into Clear lake then into Red Pine lake then into Nunikani lake and back into Big Hawk Lake. If you would like a guide, please ask for Alex @ (226) 868 3299.

Garbage - dump schedule

Please do not put any trash of any kind into the lake or the surrounding forrest. Do not store trash outside of the buildings. You are responsible for removing all trash when you leave the BayLoft. There are numerous Dumps in the area. The

closest is on Little Hawk Lake Road east of big Hawk Lake Road. There is a schedule for the Dumps on the office desk. Open Saturdays from 8 to 5 pm. All trash and recycled must be in clear plastic bags.

BBQ - propane

If you have been using the bbq, you are responsible for cleaning the grill and refilling the spare tank. Please ensure that the spare is full before leaving.

Pets on the Lake

Urban pets left to run freely on this island can easily find themselves in trouble, either lost or encountering with other wild animals. Use discretion and keep an eye on your pet. If you are able, please collect any dog doodo.

Power Outage

Summer storms can knock out the electrical service. If this happens during your stay, there are candles and flashlights in the dining room cupboard. There are oil lamps and a refill bottle of lamp oil. The Electrical company will fix the outage as soon as possible. This could be anywhere from 1 hour to a few days.

Smoking

This is a no smoking property. There is no smoking in the buildings or anywhere on the property nor in the forrest. You could smoke on the dock, on the water or at the waters edge.

Alcohol

Drinking alcohol does not mix well with lake water. Please use extreme caution and refrain from traveling on the lake or in the forrest if you are drinking.

Music System

Brand new high def. sound system plays CDs (of which there is a collection at BayLoft). And also plays via blue tooth from any personal Bluetooth capable device, or connect with your usb cable. To use, power on button then remote for all functions.

Noise

Sound travels across water extremely well. Please be considerate of the other cottagers. You may enjoy the silence between the hours of 10pm and 8am, please allow others to do so as well.

Wild Life - Animals

There are deer, moose, bears, raccoons, skunk, beaver, mink, snapping turtles, chipmunks, squirrels, fox, wolves, etc. The raccoons have been known to walk right in the front door and help themselves to the fridge contents. Please do not feed any of the animals in any way.

Emergency

First Aid. There is a first aid box in the dining room cupboard.

Fire. There is a garden hose at the front center of the front deck.

Call 911 from your cell if you need emergency services brought to the BayLoft. The location id number for the BayLoft is **#54399**

Contact

Daiv Mowbray - property manager, taxi	(226) 868 3299
Paul Mowbray - property owner	(416) 930 4714
Ron Socha - marina owner, taxi	(705) 489 2429

