

Access Locations

Bowmanville Creek

1. Bowmanville Creek Valley

- Located off Roenigk Street and Hwy # 2, above the Goodyear Dam
- Parking for approximately 35 vehicles
- Paved walking path

2. Valleys 2000 South Parking Lot Baseline Road

- On the North side of Baseline Road just West of Liberty Street
- Parking for approximately 20 vehicles
- Paved walking path

3. Longworth Avenue

- Located on Longworth Avenue just East of Regional Rd 57
- Parking for 8 vehicles

4. Highway 57 About 2 Km North Of Highway # 2

- Must park on the side of the road by bridge
- Please be careful of traffic going by

5. Bowmanville Port Darlington Boat Ramp

- West Beach Road
- Parking for approximately 40 vehicles and boat trailers
- Double boat ramp for access to Lake Ontario
- Access to Soper and Bowmanville Creek

6. Bowmanville West Side Marsh Conservation Area

- On West Beach Road passed the boat ramp
- Paid parking coin machine: \$2.00 Min/\$5.00 Max
- Parking for approximately 15 vehicles

7. East Beach Parking Lot

- At the end of Port Darlington Rd
- Parking for approx 12 vehicles
- Access to East Pier on Lake Ontario and mouth of Bowmanville Creek

8. Port Darlington West Beach Parking Lot

- At the end of West Beach Rd
- Parking for 40 vehicles
- Access to West Pier on Lake Ontario and mouth of Bowmanville Creek

Soper Creek



9. Soper Creek Park

- Off Simpson Avenue. Can park at the Visual Arts Centre or at the Park parking lot
- Parking for 30 vehicles at the park and approximately 6 at the Visual Arts Centre
- Out-house at the Park parking lot

10. Stephen's Gulch Conservation Area

- Off Bethesda Road and Stephen's Mill Road
- Parking for approximately 20 vehicles
- Watch for dog walkers

Wilmot Creek

11. Samuel Wilmot Nature Area Parking Lot

- Off Toronto Street down by the Lake
- Access to the mouth of Wilmot Creek
- Parking for approximately 12 vehicles

12. Highway Two Parking Lot

- On the North side of Highway #2
- Parking for approximately 10 vehicles

13. 4th Concession Parking Lot

- On the South side on the 4th Concession before the bridge
- Parking for approximately 10 vehicles

14. 5th Concession

- Park on the road by the bridge on the 5th Concession
- Room for approximately 4 vehicles on the side of the road

Graham Creek

15. Bond Head Boat Ramp

- At the end of Mill Street in Newcastle
- Has boat ramp for launching to access Lake Ontario
- Parking for approximately 5 boat trailers and 10 vehicles

- Access to mouth of Graham Creek, the East Pier for Lake Ontario and East beach

- Out-house on location

Darlington Provincial Park

16. Park Boat Ramp (fees may apply)

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First-Rate Trout and Salmon Fishing

The Municipality of Clarington has 4 tributaries, Bowmanville Creek, Soper Creek, Wilmot Creek and Graham Creek that offer first-rate trout and salmon fishing that is second to none. We also have access to Lake Ontario's amazing fishery via the Port of Newcastle and Port Darlington.

Diehard and recreational anglers from all over Ontario and parts of the United States come to Clarington each year in search of that trophy trout or salmon. Numerous salmon over 30 pounds and trout over 10 pounds are caught each year by anglers.

Bowmanville Creek offers the most accessible waters to fish. Steelhead (Rainbow trout), Brown Trout, Lake Trout, Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, Atlantic Salmon and Pink Salmon all can be found in the creek at different times of the year. There is also a good population of Native Brown Trout further up the headwaters.

Soper Creek is not as accessible as Bowmanville Creek and sees a lot less angling pressure. The trout and salmon runs tend to be much smaller. Steelhead (Rainbow Trout), Brown

Trout, Chinook Salmon and Coho Salmon can be found in the creek at different times of the year. There is also a good population of Native Brown Trout further up the headwaters.

Wilmot Creek offers good accessible waters and gets a good run of trout and salmon. It is the cleanest of the 4 creeks and sees a lot of angling pressure. Steelhead (Rainbow Trout), Brown Trout, Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, and Atlantic Salmon can be found here at different times of the year. There is also a good population of Native Brown Trout further up the headwaters.

Graham Creek has very little anglers access to the creek. The only real access is at the mouth of Graham Creek at Bond Head in Newcastle. Steelhead (Rainbow Trout), Brown Trout, Chinook Salmon and Coho Salmon can be found in the creek at different times of the year.

Lake Ontario offers some of the best salmon and trout fishing in the world. The lake is loaded with Steelhead (Rainbow Trout), Brown Trout, Lake Trout, Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, some Atlantic Salmon and some Pink Salmon. You can access the lake with a boat by using either the boat ramp in Bowmanville at Port Darlington or in Newcastle at Bond Head.

Steelhead (Rainbow Trout) can be found in the creeks in spring from March to May and in the fall/winter from October to February. They can be found in Lake Ontario all year round but will stage at the river mouths in the fall and spring.
Identification: Mouth lining white. Black spots cover tail, dorsal fin, on the back and below lateral line.

Brown Trout can be found in the creeks in the fall from

September to December. They can be found in Lake Ontario all year but will stage at the river mouths in the fall.
Identification: Mouth lining white. Black spots on back, red or orange spots on side; Square tail.

Chinook Salmon can be found in the creeks in the fall from August to October. The best time to catch them in Lake Ontario is from June to August. They will start to stage at the river mouths in August.
Identification: Mouth and gums black. Black spots on back, tail and dorsal fin.

Coho Salmon can be found in the creeks in the fall from September to October. The best time to catch them in Lake Ontario is from June to August. They will start to stage at the river mouths in August.
Identification: Mouth lining black with grey gums. Black spots on the upper portion of the tail and above the lateral line.

Lake Trout can be found in Lake Ontario close to the shoreline during late fall.
Identification: Mouth lining white. Vermiculite-type markings on body. Deeply forked tail.

Panfish (Sunfishes, Crappies and Rockbass)
Identification: Sunfish have red breasts. Rock bass have red eyes.

Northern Pike
Identification: Scales on entire gill cover. Yellow bean-shaped marks running horizontally along sides.

Smallmouth Bass
Identification: Vertical bars on side. Mouth ends forward of eye line.

Largemouth Bass
Identification: Prominent lateral line. Jaw line behind eye line.

Fishing

All participants fishing must fish with a fishing license within the limits set out in the current Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary. With the exception of the licensing requirement, Ontario fishing regulations and limits continue to apply during license-free days. Copies of the regulations are posted on the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources website (see below) and are available in print at Service Ontario centres and other fishing license issuers, as well as a variety of other outlets.

Local Tackle Stores

Bowmanville Canadian Tire:
2401 Hwy # 2, Bowmanville
905-623-5000
(fishing licenses available)

Bowmanville Walmart:
2320 Hwy # 2, Bowmanville
905-623-0110

Gagnon Sports:
385 Bloor Street West, Oshawa
905-725-5798
(fishing licenses, worms/roe available)

Sail:
665 Laval Drive, Oshawa
905-448-1900
(fishing licenses available)

Report resource abuse of our natural resources: Tips Hot line:
1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)

More information about fishing can be found at the Ministry of Natural Resources website. All creeks in Clarington fall under **Zone 17** Fishing Regulations. Lake Ontario falls under **Zone 20** Fishing Regulations
www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/LetsFish/index.html



Tips for Fishing Lake Ontario for Salmon

- ✓ Utilize technology-quality sonar to mark fish, and accurate GPS to stay on the fish.
- ✓ Baitfish - capitalize on the food chain. Find the baitfish and you will find the fish.
- ✓ Find the right trolling speed. Can be different each trip. Keeping trolling speeds between 2 and 3.5 mph as a rule of thumb.
- ✓ Cover the water column - spread lures vertically to find the day's most productive depth.
- ✓ Repetition - utilize line-counter reels to ensure accurate presentations.
- ✓ Use fluorocarbon leaders - virtually invisible underwater, it will increase the amount of strikes you get.
- ✓ Avoid crowds - un-pressured fish are more likely to strike your bait than pressured fish.
- ✓ Fall migration - in August and September salmon can be found within sight of river mouths.

Salmon Trolling Equipment Checklist

- ✓ 8 to 9.5 foot medium-heavy trolling rods cover most applications.
- ✓ Line-counter reels with large line capacities.
- ✓ 20 to 30lb monofilament line is required to handle these big and powerful fish.
- ✓ Fluorocarbon line in 15 to 50lb test for leaders and rigs.
- ✓ Copper and lead-core lines can be utilized in conjunction with in-line planner boards.
- ✓ Downriggers, manual or electric systems are accurate, controlled depth fishing tools.
- ✓ Directional-diver rods are becoming the norm on the Great Lakes.
- ✓ 4 to 6 inch trolling spoons are the "tried and true" salmon trolling bait for decades.
- ✓ Flasher/Fly combos are now available in endless colour patterns.
- ✓ Meat rigs loaded with herring, anchovy and alewife are consistent salmon catchers.

Tips For River Fishing

Float Fishing



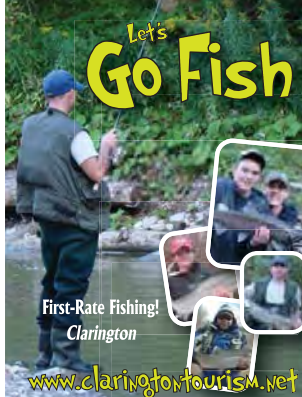
- ✓ Use a 9 to 13 foot float rod (noodle rod) with a good quality spinning reel spooled with 6 to 8 lb monofilament line with a 4 to 6 lb fluorocarbon leader.
- ✓ Use small 2 to 3 gram floats with enough split shot to hold the float upright with the top of the float visible above the water.
- ✓ Using a float allows better coverage of the area you are fishing, allows you to adjust the depths you are fishing and indicates when you get a hit.
- ✓ For roe bags or spawn sacks use small number, 12 or 14 wide gap or wide bend hooks.
- ✓ The best bait to use is trout or salmon roe (eggs) tied in white or peach dime sized bags for clear to slightly off coloured water and charrteuse or hot pink for coloured or dirty water conditions.
- ✓ Other baits do work well such as garden worms, red worms, dew worms, pink worms (plastic), flies, spinners in silver or black in size 1 to 2, small crankbaits, yarn flies, and yes, gummy bears.
- ✓ Have a good pair of polarized sunglasses to eliminate the glare from the water, allows you to see snags and structure in the water and allows you to spot fish in the pools.
- ✓ Other items to have would be pliers or haemostats for unhooking the fish, a glove or net for landing and handling the fish, waders or boots and a fishing vest or fanny pack for holding your tackle.



Lake Ontario Salmon Tips
Courtesy of:
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Fishing is a way to connect at any age. Take a friend or loved one fishing during **National Fishing Week** and the **Ontario Family Fishing Events**. For more information on these events go to:
www.ontariofamilyfishing.com
or to www.mnr.gov.on.ca



Local Fishing Clubs

Bowmanville Creek Angler Association
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