

Recreation and Leisure in the Parry Sound Area

The Parry Sound Area's natural environment is saturated with lush wilderness, filled with inland lakes and borders on Georgian Bay, a UNESCO designated World Biosphere Reserve. Area recreational facilities capitalize on and support the beautiful natural environment that is present in the Area. Supported by a strong network of public, private and volunteer groups and organizations, the natural and built environments offer endless opportunities for year round recreation and leisure.

Outdoor Trails:

The community has extensive trail systems weaving throughout the renowned Precambrian geology covered in windswept pines. The backbone of the trail system is courtesy of the Park to Park Trail Association which maintains a 230km trail developed to link Algonquin National Park to Killbear Provincial Park. The trail system includes the 75 km Rose Point Trail and will soon incorporate Killbear Provincial Park's 6.5km recreational trail. Other trails in the Parry Sound Area include the Georgian Nordic Ski and Canoe Club's 25km trail navigating through rustic back country and the 6.5km Fitness Trail running through the Town of Parry Sound's urban area and along the Georgian Bay waterfront.

The trails provide a year round playground for outdoor activities including snowmobiling, ATVing, horseback riding, dog sledding, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, biking, and hiking.

Water Activities:

The Parry Sound Area has many lakes that are desirable for different water activities, and of course Georgian Bay. The waters are perfect for canoeing, kayaking, fishing, sailing, swimming, boating, and water sport activities. These activities are facilitated by multiple access areas, lessons and rentals offered locally. Residents can also enjoy the waters at one of the nine municipal beaches or while scuba diving at the area's 31 ship wrecks.

Recreational Organizations and Facilities:

The Parry Sound Area has a multitude of recreational facilities, including a skate park providing a structured space for youth, multiple golf courses catering to various skill levels and arenas for different events, such as hockey and skating in the winter months.