

BITS AND PIECES FROM OUR EARLY HISTORY

First known as either Kasquashibook or Kashquashibook on early handwritten exploration maps, Drag Lake was later referred to as Porcupine Lake in the early 1800's. By the late 1850's, maps start to use the name Drag Lake. This was probably because logs were dragged over the shallow area, almost dividing the lake between what we now know as Sand Point and Harris Beach.

The first European resident of Drag Lake was Dave Sawyer, a hunter, trapper and fisherman in the 1860's, followed soon after by Tom Roberts in 1871.

By 1868, the Drag Lake Dam was built and logs were floated down the river.

Starting in 1903, the Drag River was being used as a source of power by the mills and conflicts were arising over water level fluctuations. The Trent - Severn Waterway Commission assumed Drag Lake as a reservoir lake in 1906.

Prior to 1928, William Laking had lumber camps for his mill on Art Lake, later called Spruce Lake, and on Drag Lake near Mrs. Jones' cottages. The last log drive for his company was in 1926, the same year a major fire swept through Drag Lake.

Cottages started to appear in the 1920's and in 1927 Dr. L.H. Carroll built a private hunting and fishing lodge. It is now the Domain of Killien and is run as a quiet, gracious Inn. From the early 1930's and for several decades thereafter, Drag Lake Lodge was a busy and popular resort for many tourists. Many present-day lake property owners started their Haliburton days at this lodge, run by Mr. Fred Jones and his family and early cottagers reached their water-access-only cottages from this lodge.

The lakes have always been prime fishing country and two highlights occurred close together, soon after the lake was stocked with large mouth bass in 1977. Lake Trout have always naturally flourished and in 1978 Robert Tirilis caught a 38 lb. 8 oz. lake trout and in 1980 Art Oulette caught a 38 lb. 4 oz. trout. Fish species, health and growth have long been monitored on the lake.

Drag Lake cottagers met in 1936 to submit a petition, stating their concerns over fluctuating water levels. The first cottage association meeting was held in 1949 for the purpose of discussing unreasonable tax assessments and an early name was Kennaway East Bay Property Owners. By 1976, the Drag Lake Property Owners' Association had a constitution and is still actively supporting lake activities and stewardship.

As you can read from these brief highlights, Drag and Spruce Lakes have long been appreciated and enjoyed for their beauty and the many activities they support.

HALIBURTON COUNTY EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police, Fire and Ambulance..... 911
Poison Control..... 1-800-268-9017

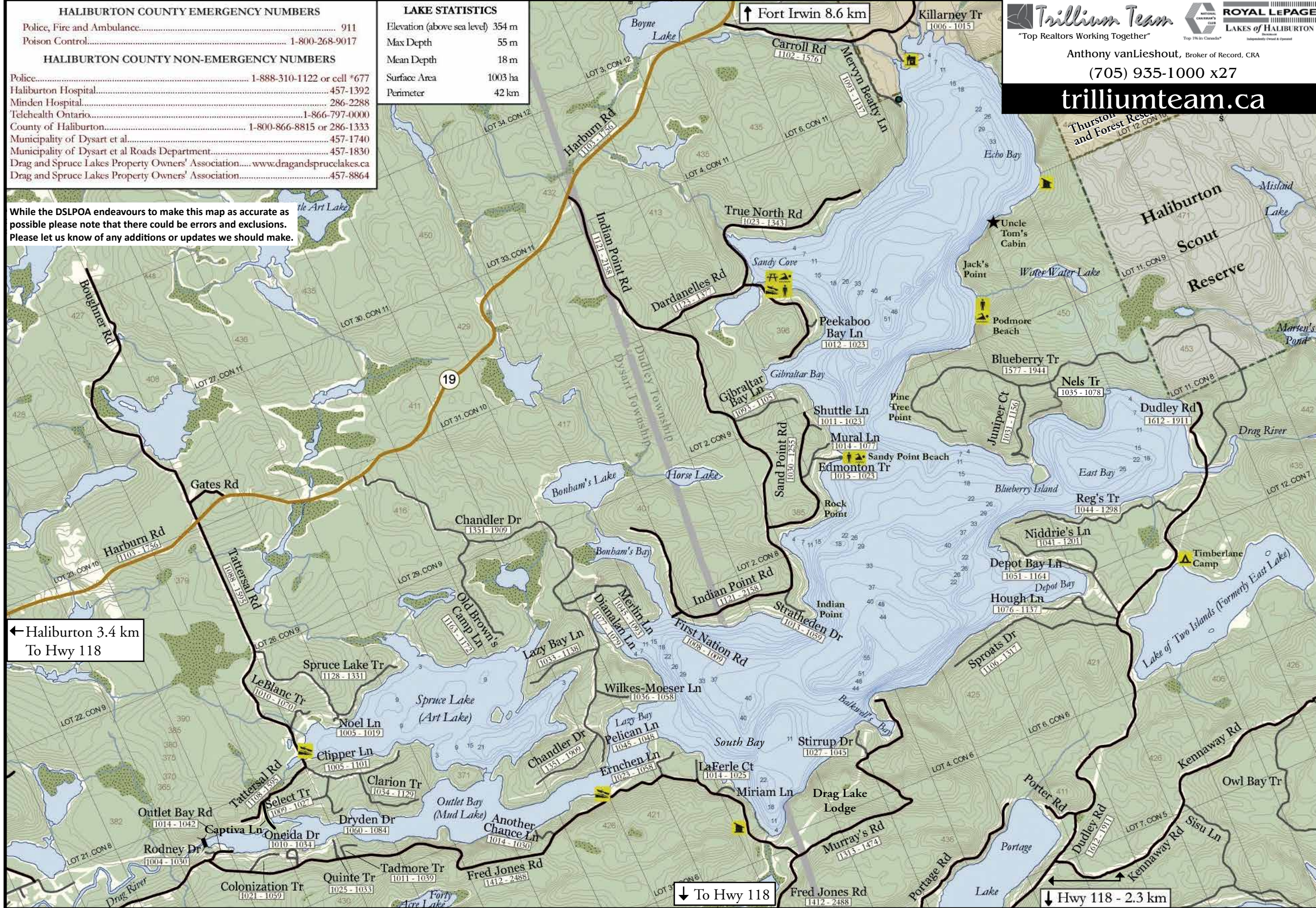
HALIBURTON COUNTY NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police..... 1-888-310-1122 or cell *677
Haliburton Hospital..... 457-1392
Minden Hospital..... 286-2288
Telehealth Ontario..... 1-866-797-0000
County of Haliburton..... 1-800-866-8815 or 286-1333
Municipality of Dysart et al..... 457-1740
Municipality of Dysart et al Roads Department..... 457-1830
Drag and Spruce Lakes Property Owners' Association..... www.dragandsprucelakes.ca
Drag and Spruce Lakes Property Owners' Association..... 457-8864

LAKE STATISTICS

Elevation (above sea level) 354 m
Max Depth 55 m
Mean Depth 18 m
Surface Area 1003 ha
Perimeter 42 km

While the DSLPOA endeavours to make this map as accurate as possible please note that there could be errors and exclusions. Please let us know of any additions or updates we should make.



← Haliburton 3.4 km
To Hwy 118

↑ Fort Irwin 8.6 km

↓ To Hwy 118

↓ Hwy 118 - 2.3 km

Community of
DRAG LAKE

LEGEND

Public Landing	Picnic Area	Priory	County Road	Stream	Lot & Concession
Early Logging Camp	Country Inn	Beach	Municipal Road	Bathymetric Contour (depth in metres)	Wooded Area
Snowmobile Access	Point of Interest	Dam	Private Road	Elevation Contour (5 metre interval)	Haliburton Scout Reserve
Property Address Range by Road	Camp	Municipal Boundary	Lake	Spot Elevation (in metres)	Domain of Killien
					Wetland

SCALE: 1 : 30,000

300 150 0 300 600 900 Metres 975 407.5 0 975 1,950 2,925 Feet

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