





In the Glacier's Wake

The Shield's rugged outcrops were covered with maple, pine, red oak, birch and hickories and its swampy hollows filled with cedar and black ash. Majestic white pines flourished on the many glacial deposits. Sugar maple, beech, basswood, and oak thrived in the rich Lovelandia soils. Remnant bogs, cattail marshes, and grassy plains created unique environments.

Black bears, white-tailed deer, and moose roamed the forests and swamps. Wild turkeys, ospreys and migrating waterfowl took to the skies. The warm waters of rivers and shallow lakes teemed with pickerel, bass and muskellunge. White-colder headwaters and deeper lakes supported brook and lake trout.

Visit Burnham Woods Provincial Park, Ecology Gardens, Jackson Park, Riverview Park & Zoo and Otonabee Conservation Lands.

Our Marine Heritage

The Peterborough area is generally regarded as the birth place of the modern day canoe. Inspired by the first Nation's rugged wooden dugouts and delicate birch bark canoes, several local inventors developed a light but sturdy craft made of basswood or cedar planks during the 1850's.

This and other adaptations launched a world-renowned canoe-building industry along the banks of the Otonabee for over a century. Ironically, technological change forced idyllic industries like the Peterborough Canoe Company to close in the early 1980's. Fortunately, Outboard Marine Corporation's former plant remains a tribute to our marine heritage as the home of the Canadian Canoe Museum.

Visit the Canadian Canoe Museum



