



# JET SET

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## Paradise Found

We are lucky to live in a country with an abundance of lakes. Recreational opportunities abound. With the popularity of on-the-water activities never higher, the weekend rush at the boat ramp and gas pumps can mean long waits. Furthermore, unless you or a friend or family has a waterfront spot to dock, you will also need to find an appropriate place to tie up.

What if there was a place within easy driving distance of home, a place with crystal clear water, granite outcroppings, and township maintained access, a place seemingly undiscovered where you never wait at the boat ramp, a place with more than 180 sites to snuggle your boat up to for the day or even overnight? Well, paradise found!

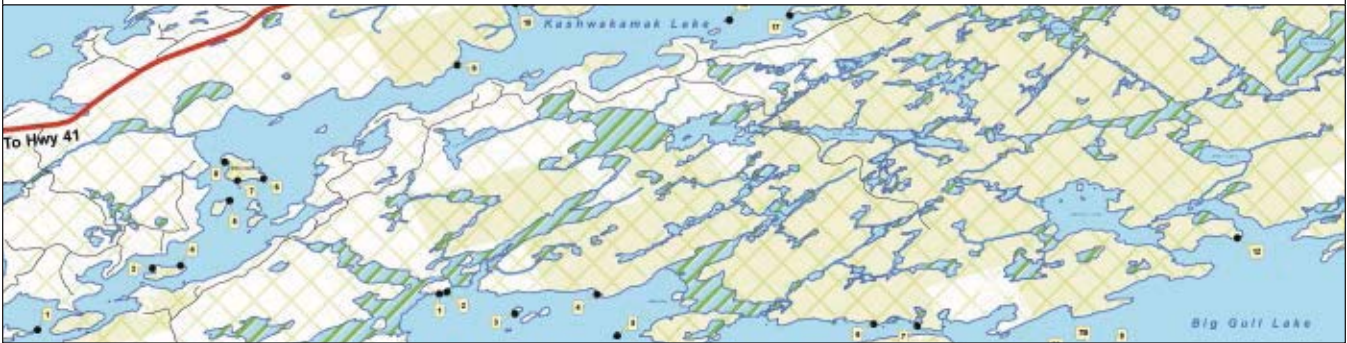
North Frontenac is located a 3-hour drive east of Toronto, two hours west of Ottawa. North Frontenac Parklands maintains 184 backcountry campsites on 12 lakes in the area. Many of the lakes are small, suited for small fishing boats or canoes. A few are larger, including Kashwakamak and Big Gull, which are both about 12 miles long and suitable for larger vessels. There are 18 campsites, mostly on

islands, on Kashwakamak. There are 30 on Big Gull. Each site is detailed on their online maps, and clearly marked with a bright white sign on-site. Most sites are equipped with a fire pit and privy. Some have been developed further with picnic tables and benches.

Finding the campsites was purely accidental in our case... We were on the water, looking for a place to take a swim when one of the campsites magically appeared. We beached the boat and enjoyed a lovely swim where the sun had warmed the water and the shallow granite below. Being an island, we had no worries about losing the dog, who was having a great time splashing and exploring. We have since rented a few sites when we knew we had friends visiting. It's a great home-base for a day on the water, or rent it for a week and set up camp!

Most of the sites have water access and some are accessible by road. Your campsite fee includes a road access permit where needed.

North Frontenac Parklands maintain an excellent website at [www.northfrontenacparklands.ca](http://www.northfrontenacparklands.ca) – view the maps and book your sites now! 🇨🇦



Kashwakamak Site #2  
Latitude 44.8220 Longitude -77.1055



Fishing near Kashwakamak #12  
Latitude 44.8692 Longitude -77.0520