



# CECEBE LAKE

District of Parry Sound

Chapman and Rymson Townships

## PHYSICAL DATA

LATITUDE	45°38'	LONGITUDE	79°33'
SURFACE AREA	1,932 acres	VOLUME	30,699 acre feet
HEIGHT ABOVE SEA LEVEL	628 feet	PERIMETER	20 miles
MAXIMUM DEPTH	64 feet	MEAN DEPTH	16.1 feet

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Cecebe is Ojibway meaning "duck" — presumably it was attractive to wild ducks. Cecebe Lake and the Magnetawan River were a convenient means of winter travel from Burk's Falls to Magnetawan. From Magnetawan settlers went north on the Nipissing settlement road or onto the lands around Ahmic Lake and Dunchurch. The first steamer on the lake for many years, the "Pioneer", began service in 1879. She was the forerunner of a number which plied Cecebe and, eventually, Ahmic Lakes. The last steamer left Cecebe in 1932. The remains of the 94 foot "Wanamah" may still be seen although it burnt in 1906. The water levels are controlled by a dam at Magnetawan. Locks allow boat travel between Cecebe and Ahmic Lakes.

## LAKE CHARACTERISTICS

Thermal stratification was evident at the time of survey. Water temperatures dropped from 68°F. at the surface to 43°F. near the bottom. The eighteen degree temperature drop (68°F. to 47°F.) between the twenty-five and forty foot depths identified the thermocline, the water layer in which there was the most rapid decrease in temperature. The dissolved oxygen content ranged between 7.8 parts per million near the surface and 6.2 at the fifty-five foot depth. The mean 6.4 pH value showed an acidic characteristic in relation to the hydrogen ion composition in the water. A total dissolved solids concentration of 24 parts per million was determined from conductivity readings. Light penetration in this colourless water was indicated by the disappearance of the Secchi disc from view, 9.5 feet below the surface.

## FISH SPECIES PRESENT

Yellow pickerel, northern pike, smallmouth bass, sauger, yellow perch, brown bullhead, largemouth bass, whitefish, lake herring, white sucker, rainbow smelt, and burtnose minnow.

## FISHING

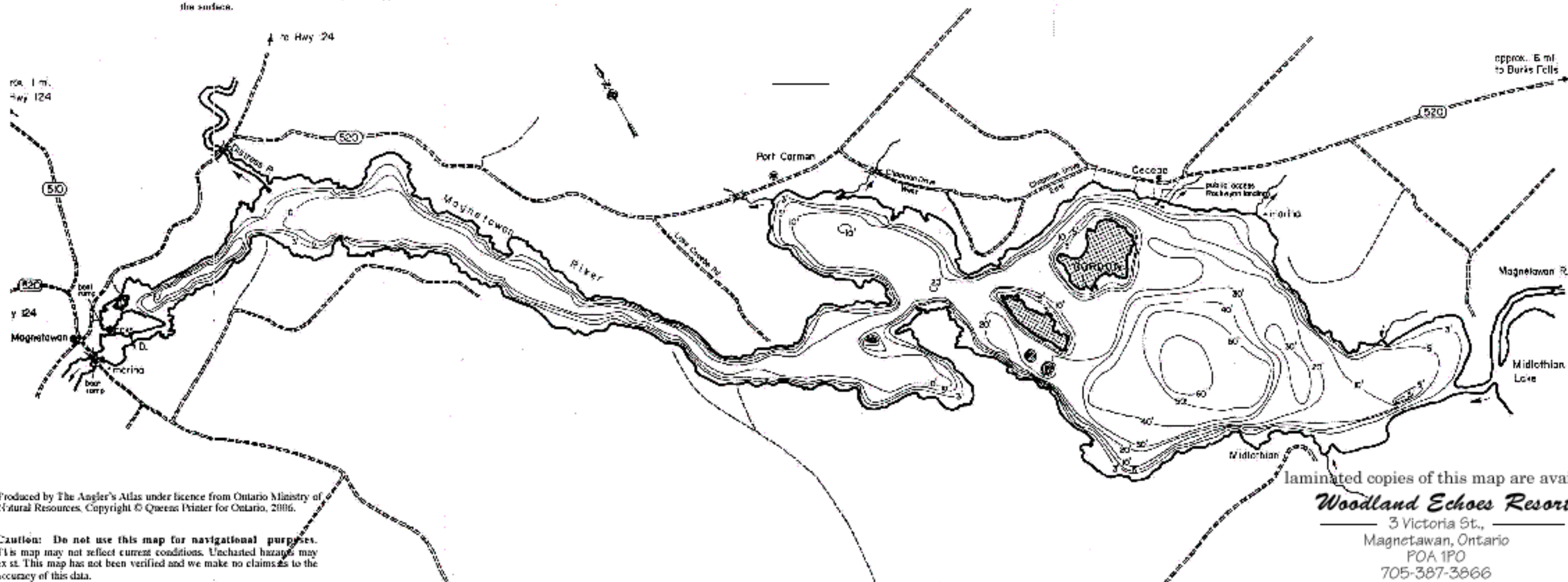
Yellow pickerel and smallmouth bass are the most sought after species in the lake. Some saugers may be mistakenly taken as yellow pickerel. Both the popular species are captured with live bait: frogs, crayfish and worms for smallmouth bass and live minnows for yellow pickerel. The evening is the best time to fish and the Magnetawan River itself has a number of popular fishing spots. Northern pike are taken on live bait and artificial lures around the weed beds, although they are not prominent.

## ACCESS AND FACILITIES

Cecebe Lake may be reached by river from Burk's Falls on Highway 11. There are several public access points in Cecebe Lake. Access may be attained in the village of Magnetawan, directly above the locks in the Magnetawan River — there is also a small trailer park where a boat may be launched. Further south west on Highway 520, towards Burk's Falls, public access may be made at Lake Cecebe Road 3 miles from Magnetawan. Highway 520 proceeding east leads to a small trailer camp off Chapman Drive East and Rockway Landing (where Highway 124 passes close to the lake). These access points are approximately 6 miles from Magnetawan. There is rental accommodation on Cecebe Lake. Motel, hotel and cottage facilities are available in and around Magnetawan and Burk's Falls.

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