

Lake Picnic Guidelines

The first Patterson Lake Picnic, sponsored and funded by the Patterson Lake Association, was held in August 2009. It was organized by a Committee made up of representatives from all five road associations around the Lake. The Committee examined a number of possibilities and in the end decided to hold a picnic on Purdon's Beach, with the blessing and support of Rhodena and Brian Bell. It was a success. Rhodena and Brian offered the facilities for future picnics.

The 2010 picnic was held on Labour Day Sunday because of the late decision to organize the picnic again. It built on the success and careful planning of the 2009 Committee.

The 2009 and 2010 reports are available through the Picnic button on the Patterson Lake website.

The address of Purdon's Beach is 500 Joes Crescent, Lanark Highlands, ON. It is off the 8th Concession Dalhousie Rd. It is accessible by water or roads. The Beach area lends itself to lawn chairs and visiting. The grounds are not suitable for races or running games. The area has ample shade trees, an 8' picnic table, a BBQ (but bring an igniter and all BBQ tools), access for cars, and ample parking near the Beach area. It has an excellent play structure for children. There are outhouse facilities part way down the Joes Crescent access road. A large barrel is available for garbage. Rhodena keeps the paper separate for recycling purposes. Those attending the picnic should keep in mind that it is a commercial property and the cottages are rented. There is no electricity available for the picnic functions.

Anyone organizing the picnic should look over the property before deciding on a program.

In 2011, the Board decided to take on the task of organizing the Picnic instead of trying to have the different road associations do it. Help is still required at picnic time, but one person from the Board will buy the food and set the focus to the Picnic. It is hoped as well that a fixed date of the second Saturday in August will be set at the Picnic date.

In the present format, it is not difficult to organize and stage.

The shopping list and check list are below. The Patterson Lake Association has budgeted \$300 to cover the costs.

Lake Picnic Shopping List

Basic planning is for 96 with 20 kids

Menu: hot dogs, slab cake, and water (to supplement their own picnic lunches)

Hot dogs – 96 (at least one chicken hot dog for those who do not eat regular hot dogs)

Hot dog rolls – 96 (48 white and 48 whole wheat)

250 ml mustard, 750 mL relish, and 500 or 750 mL bottle of ketchup

200 serviettes

100 – 7 or 8 oz cups – plastic glasses, foam cups, or paper cups. (Foam cannot be recycled.)

2 ¼ slab cakes – one chocolate and one white (ordered from Independent in Almonte in 2010 – \$20.90 each)

About 100 plastic forks for cake – serve on a serviette

About 20 candy bars, or small bags of chips, or something for participation prizes for games

A \$50 gift certificate from Tim Hortons as a thank you to Rhodena for using Purdon's Beach

One 5 kg bag of ice cubes for drinking urn

Lake Picnic Check List

The items on the shopping list.

Propane tank – Rhodenna has a BBQ that can be used, but bring our own propane. **CHECK OUT THE BBQ AHEAD OF PICNIC.**

Tongs, scissors, and a BBQ lighter if case the igniter does not work.

100 labels for name badges, or something, and a marking pen

Two knives to cut cake, and two cake servers or something to serve the cake

One dessert spoon for relish

Some rags to wipe tables

An 8' table cloth or sheet to cover the picnic table at the beach

A small 4' table for the cakes (or a card table) and a table cloth

Drink dispenser for water (Lorne has a 5 US gallon (18 litre) one that can be used)