





Central Ontario

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Introduction

North of the heavily populated areas of Southern Ontario lies a band of almost unparalleled natural beauty.

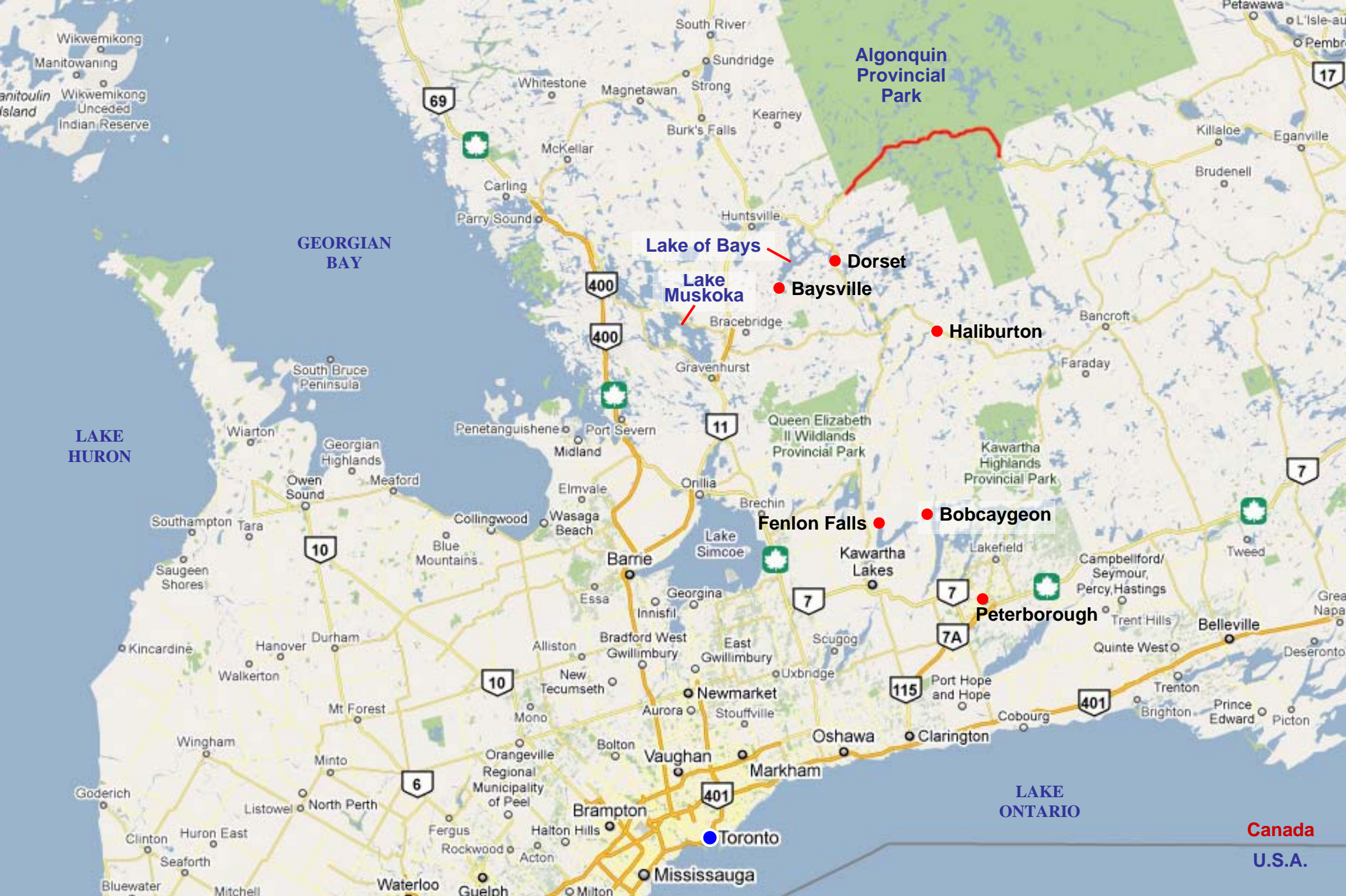
Little of the land here is suitable for agriculture, but the mix of lakes, rivers, and forest offers the perfect escape from the urban jungle.

Once automobiles and new highways made travel easy, the Muskoka and Haliburton areas became Ontario's "cottage country".

Algonquin Provincial Park lies north of cottage country, and forms an informal buffer between Northern and Southern Ontario. Over 2,400 lakes are located within this huge park. It features a unique mix of hardwood and softwood forest, and consequently supports a wide variety of plant and animal species.

The beauty of Algonquin Park sparked the development of the first distinctively Canadian tradition in painting. Most of the first works of the "Group of Seven" depict scenes from Algonquin.

– Bruce McKay



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Ontario**

**Part One photos are of Algonquin Provincial Park in autumn.
The southern entrance to the park is 250 km / 155 miles north of Toronto.**



Algonquin Park

Algonquin Park is huge.
2,955 square miles / 7,655 square kilometres.



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Established in 1893, Algonquin was the first provincial park in Canada and the forerunner of Ontario's extensive park system. Many methods now used across Canada to administer multi-purpose parks and explain nature to the public were developed here. Algonquin also became a focus for discussion of seemingly conflicting objectives, such as wilderness protection versus recreation promotion; forest conservation versus logging activity. Its rugged lakeshores and wooded slopes have long attracted many artists and outdoor enthusiasts, fostering intense affection for the Park across the province and the nation.



**Algonquin
Park**

The southern portion of the
park is accessible by road.



Algonquin
Park

October 2, 2007



Algonquin
Park



Beaver Trail
Algonquin Park

Beaver Pond Trail is a 2 km loop near the east sides of the park that leads to close-up views of two beaver ponds, dams, and beaver lodges.



Beaver Trail
Algonquin Park



Beaver Trail
Algonquin Park

Beaver pond



Beaver Trail
Algonquin Park



Beaver Trail
Algonquin Park

Beaver lodge



Beaver Trail
Algonquin Park

Beaver dam



Beaver Trail
Algonquin Park



Beaver Trail
Algonquin Park



Beaver Trail
Algonquin Park



Beaver Trail
Algonquin Park

Beaver Pond seen from vantage point



**Algonquin
Park**

View from balcony of Visitor Centre



**Algonquin
Park**

View from Visitor Centre



Lookout Trail
Algonquin Park

This 1.9 km loop is a fairly steep and rugged trail that leads to magnificent views of several hundred square kilometres of Algonquin.



Lookout Trail
Algonquin Park



Lookout Trail
Algonquin Park



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Algonquin Park



**Algonquin
Park**

Tea Lake, south-western sector



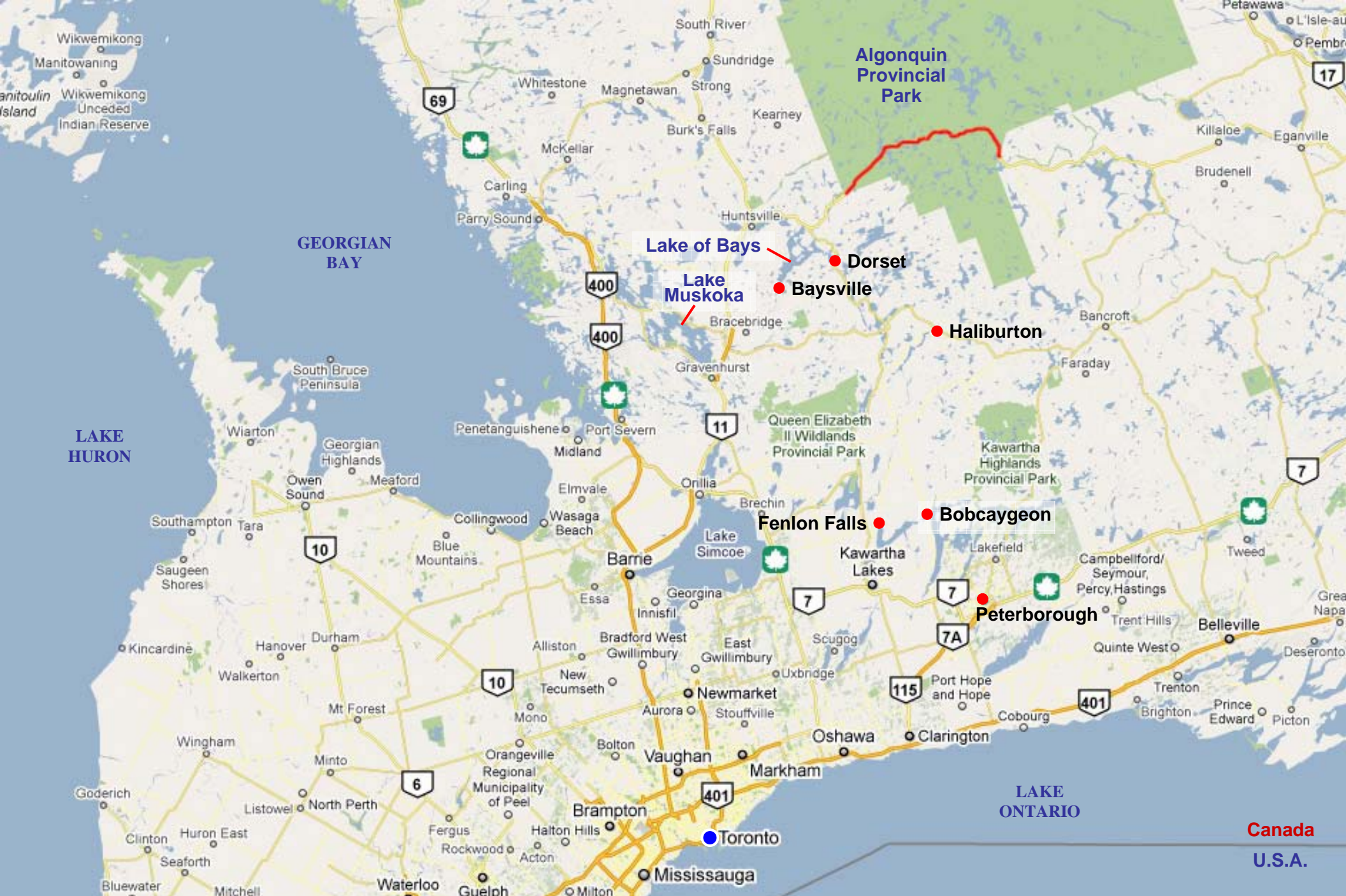
Algonquin
Park

Whiskey Rapids, south-west



Algonquin
Park

Algonquin in autumn



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**Part Two begins at Dorset and heads south.
All photos in this section were also taken in autumn.**



Dorset

The observation tower at Dorset, once a fire lookout, is now open for adventurous tourists to survey the surrounding countryside.



Dorset

These stairs weren't for me ...



Dorset

... but the lookout point at the base of the tower provides excellent views of the village of Dorset.



Dorset



Dorset

The eastern end of the Lake of Bays, seen
from the "Peek-a-Boo Rock" lookout point



Dorset

Lake of Bays, seen from Dorset lookout



Dorset

Lake of Bays, seen from Dorset lookout



Dorset

"Downtown" Dorset



Dorset

View from Dorset



Lake of Bays



Lake of Bays



Lake of Bays



Lake of Bays



Baysville

Baysville is at the south-western
end of Lake of Bays



Baysville



Baysville



**Lake
Muskoka**

Along the north shore of Lake Muskoka



Lake
Muskoka



Lake
Muskoka



**Lake
Muskoka**

**South shore of Lake
Muskoka, at Bala**



**Lake
Muskoka**

**Ships built in the style of 1907 Muskoka steamers
ply the waters of Lake Muskoka for sightseers.**



Lake
Muskoka



Lake
Muskoka



**Lake
Muskoka**

**Lake Muskoka is in the heart of
Ontario's "cottage country".**



Lake
Muskoka



Lake
Muskoka



Haliburton

**View from Skyline Park
above the town of Haliburton**



Haliburton



Bobcaygeon

The Trent-Severn Waterway is a 386 km / 240 mile canal system which connects Lake Ontario to Lake Huron, bypassing Niagara Falls and Lake Erie.



Bobcaygeon

Construction began in 1833
with this lock at Bobcaygeon.



Bobcaygeon

Although originally intended for commercial purposes, by the time it was completed railways and larger boats made it largely obsolete.



Bobcaygeon

But the Trent-Severn waterway has been a boon for tourism, and is used by a wide variety of recreational boaters.



Bobcaygeon



Bobcaygeon

The Trent-Severn travel experience is usually more important than any destination.



Fenlon Falls

Locks at Fenlon Falls lift or lower
boats 7.2 metres / 24 feet.



Fenlon Falls

The Fenlon Falls control structure helps regulate water levels in the canal system ...



Fenlon Falls

... and generates electricity for
the provincial power grid.



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**Trent–Severn
Waterway**

National Historic Site
of Canada

**Peterborough
Lift Lock**

**Voie-Navigable-
Trent–Severn**

Lieu historique national
du Canada

**Ascenseur hydraulique
de Peterborough**

Canada

**Peterborough
Lift Lock**

The most spectacular of the 44 locks
in the system is at Peterborough.



**Peterborough
Lift Lock**

**Lock 21 lifts or lowers boats
20 metres / 65 feet.**



**Peterborough
Lift Lock**

The Peterborough Lift Lock
was completed in 1904 ...



**Peterborough
Lift Lock**

... but it remains the highest
hydraulic lift lock in the world.



**Peterborough
Lift Lock**

A trip through this lock is a favourite
for recreational boaters.



Peterborough Have a good trip.
Lift Lock

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