

## Fishing Charters

### Action Fishing Adventures & Boat Cruises

348 24th St. West, Owen Sound N4K 4H6  
 Tel: 519-372-9366 Fax: 519-372-9366  
 Email: captain@fishingaction.com  
 Web: www.fishingaction.com

### Fish 'n' Lodge Charters & Accommodations

109 Old Beach Drive  
 R.R. #2, Owen Sound (Balmy Beach) N4K 5N4  
 Tel: 519-371-6442 Cell: 519-373-6962  
 Email: fishnlodge@rogers.com  
 Web: www.fishnlodge.com

### NOTICE

Charter boat operators are listed for your information only. The City of Owen Sound does not assume responsibility or liability for any incident that may arise as a result of you hiring a charter boat.

## Fishing Licences

Most Canadian residents between 18 and 65 need an Outdoors Card to fish in Ontario. Applications are available from the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011, and cards are valid for three calendar years. If you want to fish right away, you can buy a "Resident Fishing Licence and Outdoors Card Application" from one of more than 2,000 licence issuers across the province. A temporary paper licence is effective immediately and valid until December of the year it is purchased.

## Free Fishing

Ontario's Family Fishing Weekend, July 10-12, is an opportunity for people to try fishing for the first time (or the first time in a long time), free of charge, and without a licence. The program is for Canadian residents only. For more information, visit [www.catchfishing.com](http://www.catchfishing.com), or call 705-748-6324.



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## Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular Fishing Derby

August 28 to September 7, 2009

The Sydenham Sportsmen's Association organizes a 10-day derby and festival on the waters of Owen Sound Bay and Colpoys Bay each year. Thousands of dollars in prizes are up for grabs. Entrants must register one day before angling. The Derby also features two Saturday fish fries under a large tent with entertainment and activities for the whole family. Tickets are available from Owen Sound and area tackle outlets.

For more information call: 519-376-7177  
[www.sydenhamsportsmen.com](http://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com)



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The Sydenham Sportsmen's Association operates a fish hatchery at Weaver's Creek, and last year released more than 178,000 Chinook Salmon fingerlings and close to 100,000 trout into Georgian Bay. Members are also involved in river clean-up efforts, stream enhancement projects, tree planting and other measures to preserve to fish habitats.



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Owen Sound

### Owen Sound Tourism

1155 1st Avenue West

Owen Sound, Ontario, N4K 4K8

Call: 1-888-675-5555 or 519-371-9833

Fax: 519-371-8628

[www.tourism.owensound.ca](http://www.tourism.owensound.ca)

e-mail: [vacation@e-owensound.com](mailto:vacation@e-owensound.com)

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## Outstanding Fishing Year-round

The Owen Sound area has outstanding fishing throughout the year. If you are looking for large Chinook Salmon, Brown Trout or Rainbow Trout, you can troll the Owen Sound Bay or work the harbour walls. The Sydenham Sportsmen's Association has maintained an active stocking program that makes Owen Sound a favourite destination for fisherman.

**Harbour Wall:** In the heart of Owen Sound with thousands of metres of harbour wall, you can pick your favourite spot. Chinook Salmon run in late summer and fall and are best caught in late evening or at night. Rainbow trout are best caught in spring and late fall from the harbour walls.

**Spring:** The hottest salmon fishing in Owen Sound Bay can be experienced over Thompson's Hole from ice-out until early July. Here the big kings are found in 80-120' depths of water. Slow trolling and down-riggers are the only method to catch them.



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**Summer:** Thompson's Hole is a likely location to pick up Chinook Salmon but most of the angling pressure begins to shift to Squaw Point and the west shore from the mouth of Indian River to Cape Comodore. Approximately six miles from the inner harbour, watch for Cobble Beach Golf Links along the west shore. Here, excellent trout and salmon fishing can be found.

**Autumn:** Plenty of Chinook Salmon are still present in the outer bay until mid-October. There are excellent drifting opportunities for Chinook and Rainbow in the lower stretches of the Sydenham and Pottawatomi Rivers.

**Winter:** Depending on the weather conditions, ice usually forms in the last two weeks of February and may last until the end of March. The best ice fishing can be found approximately three miles from the inner harbour across from the Goodyear plant located on the east shoreline. Parking is available at the East Side Boat Launch.

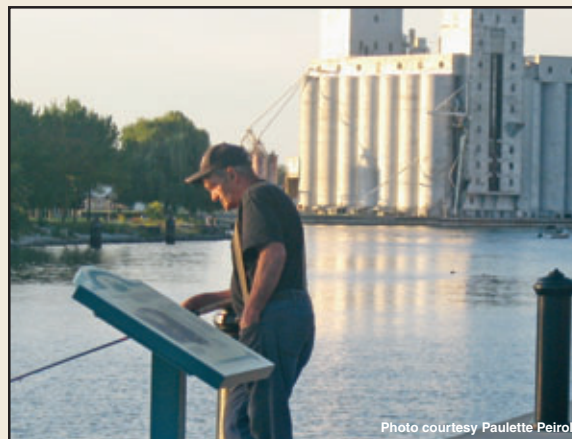


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## Catch the Fish Migration

Each spring and fall, salmon and trout embark on a strenuous and fascinating journey up the Sydenham River to spawn. They're given a little help at the Mill Dam, where a fish ladder – the first to be built in Ontario – helps them arrive at their destination. The best time to view the fish at the Mill Dam is the third week in April and from mid-September to the second week in October. Water temperature plays an important role as to when the fish will be jumping, therefore the fish may move up the ladder a week or two earlier. The Grey Sauble Conservation Authority monitors the fish migration and if you wish an accurate time to view the fish we suggest you contact their office at 519-376-3076.

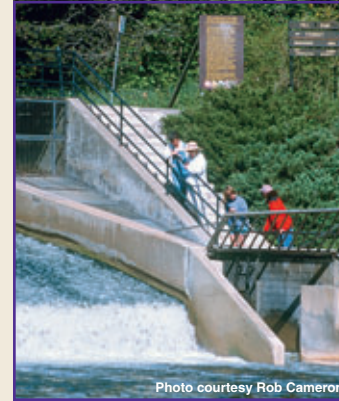
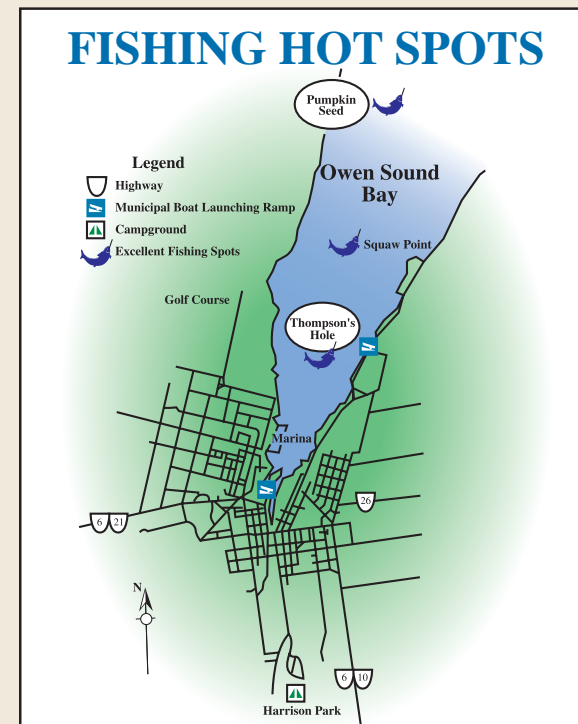


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## Tackle Shops

- Canadian Tire Sporting Goods Dept.**  
1605 16th St. E., Owen Sound N4K 5N3 519-376-5220  
www.canadiantire.ca
- Fletcher Sports** 519-371-8587  
R.R.#5, Owen Sound N4K 5N7 Fax: 519-371-2096  
www.anglersinternational.com
- Something's Fishy** 519-376-7400  
1299 16th St. E., Owen Sound N4K 1C4
- Wal-Mart** 519-371-6900  
1555 18th Ave. E., Owen Sound N4K 6Y3  
www.walmart.com
- Watson's Tackle House** 519-371-0090  
125B 14th St. W., Owen Sound N4K 3X6

## Boat Launch Facilities

- East Side Boat Launch**  
1900 3rd Avenue East
- West Side Boat Launch** 519-371-1988  
1455 1st Avenue West
- Facilities:** Both venues offer daily passes (\$8/day), season passes (\$80), extended parking (\$10) and overnight docking. In addition, the West Side Boat Launch includes a coffee shop, live bait and tackle, parking, fish cleaning station, ice, washrooms and picnic area.)

- Owen Sound Marina** 1-888-565-2628  
195 24th Street West N4K 6H6 or 519-371-3999  
www.owensoundmarina.com Fax: 519-371-3024  
Email: admin@owensoundmarina.com
- Facilities:** Well protected harbour with 450 slips, gas and diesel, sewage pump out, fish cleaning station, ice, washrooms, laundromat, nautical charts, complete line of boat accessories, repairs to all makes and models of marine engines, boat sales and restaurant.

Owen Sound Marina Dockage Rates		
	DOCK RATES	USE OF LAUNCH RAMP
Daily	\$ 1.30/ft (min \$25/day)	Per Use (in & out) \$ 10.00
Weekly	\$ 6.50/ft	Summer Season \$100.00
Monthly	\$18.00/ft	*5% G.S.T. must be added to prices*
Season	\$44.00 - \$48.00/ft	