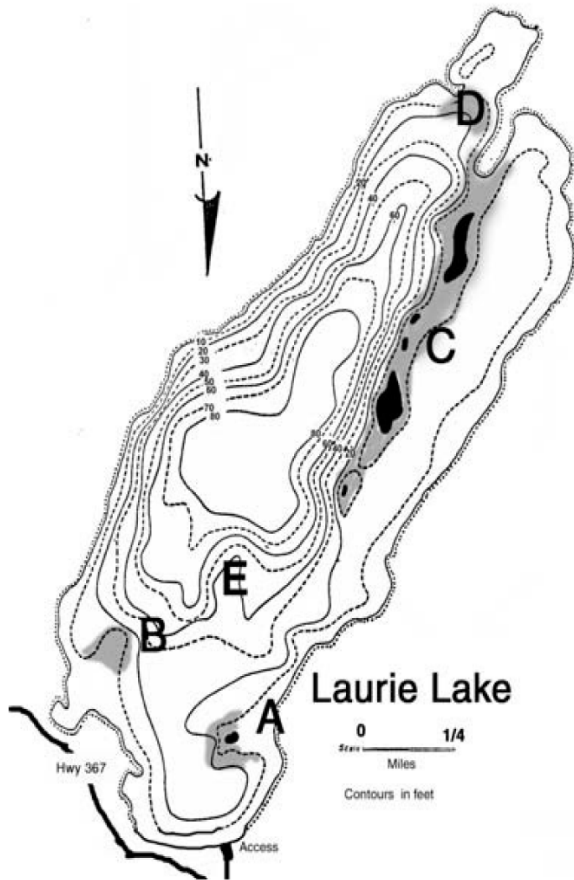


Laurie Lake



LOCATION:

Approximately 3 miles past Child's Lake Lodge and on South side of road. Like all Duck Mountain Lakes, the signage is excellent.

MORPHOLOGY:

Max. Depth: 85 ft.

Surface Area: 934 Acres

Length: 2.25 miles

Width: .8 miles

Sechi: variable to 4 metres – 15 feet.

Max Thermocline: N/A

Big 7 Status

This is a huge lake, largely avoided by fly fishers, but hosts huge browns and splake. Water clarity is always high, but can vary according to season and extent of the blue-green algae that is prominent in many Duck Mountain lakes. Most fish are taken by trolling at dusk, but deep techniques with fast sinking, deep-running fly lines have proven far more effective. Most stomach contents reveal bloodworms and gammarus scuds.

Not a windy day lake, especially when from the south, but the home of 28-inch plus splake and browns.

STARTING AREAS:

- A – The north island. Fish the structures as they drop into the lake. In low light periods or during a moderate chop, the at to the south of the island can be excellent for prowling browns and splake.
- B – A sunken point. Cover both the point nose and inside turns using deep water techniques .
- C – The "Island Chain". This is a gigantic saddle. We tend to favor the eastern flank and fish longitudinally along the break.
- D – An inside turn. The zone truncates both the lake and the deeper basin. During periods of lower light it can be very favorable as can be the bay that hosts the south end of the lake.
- E – A very deep sunken point. Cover both the point and the resultant inside turns. The trout tend to pin forage fish in the turns and ambush across the nose.

STARTING PATTERNS:

Beadhead Beaver and Tan, Royal Coachmen streamers, huge Tokaryk's Specials, backswimmers, chironomids and bloodworm patterns are best.

We often fish gammarus scud patters such as Mark Olinger's Scud Missile and Bob Sheedy's Shamu Scud immediately along cleaner bottoms

At certain times of the year, when many insects are hatching, the P-Quad family can be very good. Try a Psychedelic P-Quad in spring and late autumn.

For deeper work, we favor the olive Marabou Muddler and a white Muddler with dumbbell eyes for bottom work – "mud-sucking" techniques.