



**CARP**  
Photo: Duane Raver



**CATFISH (MUDCAT)**  
Photo: US Fish and Wildlife Service



**CRAPPIE**



**MOONEYE**



**PIKE**  
Photo: Timothy Knepp



**RAINBOW TROUT**  
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**SHEEPSHEAD**



**SMALLMOUTH BASS**



**WALLEYE**  
Photo: Virgil Beck



**YELLOW PERCH**



**GETTING HERE**

In under one hour your fishing crew can reach Haldimand County from Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara or Buffalo.

On the shores of Lake Erie, with easy connections via Highways 3 & 6 in Fisheries Zone 16 - the fishing in Haldimand is a Grand Experience.

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# HALDIMAND COUNTY Fishing Spots

TOP 10



Angler's Atlas 

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# HALDIMAND COUNTY Fish Species

**CARP** – Carp love to be in shallow water, making them perfect for fly-fishing. Try a large rubber legged nymph in a crayfish pattern while wading the muddy areas.

**CATFISH (MUDCAT)** – The Grand River is a hub for channel catfish. Try drifting with a float or cut bait. They eat sucker species, so this works well, or you can try with a worm.

**CRAPPIE** – Crappie prefer cold water and can be found in both the Grand River and Lake Erie. Head out during spring and fall, looking in weedy areas close to shore, especially at dusk as they are nocturnal feeders.

**MOONEYE** – Described as a fun fish to catch, they prefer to live in moving water. Use a float with crickets, worms, or trout bait.

**PIKE** – During early Spring and late Fall they can be found in dense weeds. Mohawk Marina suggests using crank or jerkbaits when casting.

**RAINBOW TROUT** – The main steelhead run in the Grand River starts in August and goes until December 31. Preferring colder water, try using a downrigger or a dipsy diver in Lake Erie with a silver spoon.

**SHEEPSHEAD** – Hooked4Life Fly Fishing suggests using a soft bait with a crayfish pattern and head out to deep, still water.

**SMALLMOUTH BASS** – Sticking close to the weeded areas along shore, rocky shoals, and submerged islands, use soft plastics in a crayfish pattern. Use your soft plastics in a Carolina rig and bounce along the bottom.

**WALLEYE** – As the water heats up, Envious Sport Fishing suggests using lead core lines with dipsy divers and downriggers. Light coloured baits work best in shallow water, while dark colours are best in deeper areas.

**YELLOW PERCH** – Found mostly in Lake Erie, try using a small jig with a maggot. Or, in the summer months when targeting in deep water use a sinker and two hooks with minnows.

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- 1 BOB BAIGENT MEMORIAL PARK**  
There is also a free, municipal ramp here and deeper water to launch your boat into.
- 2 DUNNVILLE BRIDGE**  
Both Upper and Lower Grand River can be accessed. Because of the dam, it is a hub for carp.
- 3 KINSMEN PARK**  
Fish from the shore or fishing platform. Easy to access the other side of the bridge.
- 4 LAFORTUNE PARK**  
The water slows down quite a bit here, launch your boat from Harrison Landing next door and do some fishing! Great for perch.
- 5 MOULTON BAY**  
The wind on the lake can get pretty rough, but in the Bay the wind is much more controlled making an easier launch from Mohawk Marina.
- 6 NANTICOKE HARBOUR**  
A favourite fishing location for perch and walleye. Launch your boat with ease from Hoover's Marina.
- 7 PORT MAITLAND EAST**  
Much less windy on the eastern side, there is a free municipal boat ramp located here. Caledonia Bait & Tackle says to target perch or walleye in this area.
- 8 PORT MAITLAND ESPLANADE & PIER**  
A highly recommended spot for entering Lake Erie. There is a boat ramp available and shoreline fishing is good.
- 9 SENECA PARK**  
Not too busy, and is a great spot to do some fly fishing. It's fairly shallow, meaning you can wade out quite far.
- 10 YORK PARK**  
Shoreline and fly-fishing are very popular here. Hooked4Life Fly Fishing calls this their "Carp Hole".

## Lake Erie

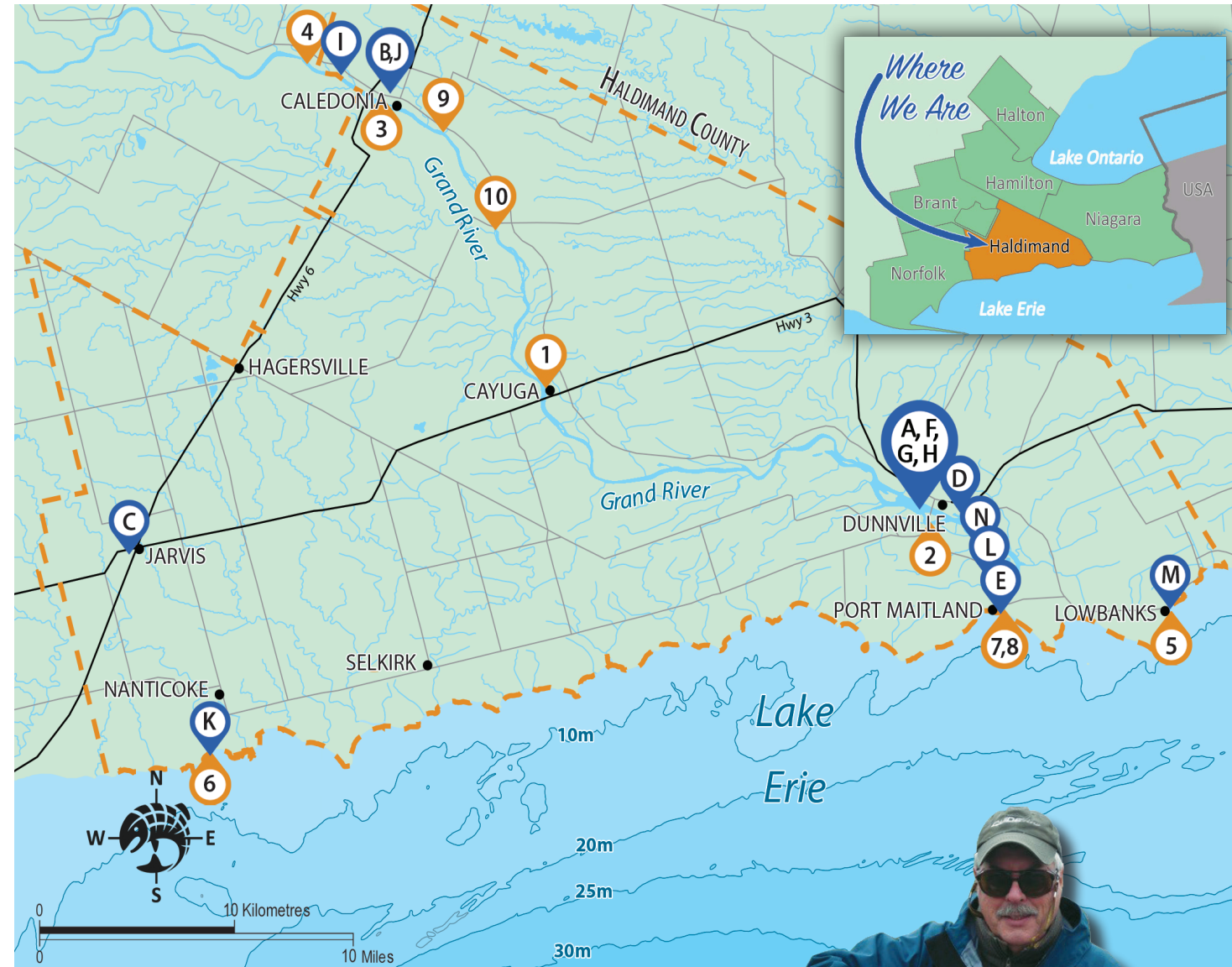
There is a reason why Lake Erie is known as one of the Great Lakes. Not only is it huge - over 25,000 km<sup>2</sup>, but it has ample trophy sized walleye, yellow perch, and small and largemouth bass. However, this doesn't begin to capture how many species call Lake Erie home. Dubbed "Lake Excellent" by Envious Sport Fishing, Lake Erie is one of the most exciting lakes for anglers. Ensure you take caution. With all that open space the weather can change quickly. Be prepared and know the signs for when it isn't safe to be on the open water.

## The Grand River

The Grand River most definitely lives up to its name. Bordered by the area's Carolinian forest it contains 80 different species of fish. In fact, over half of the fish species in Canada can be found in the Grand River watershed.

The diversity in the structure of the river varies greatly from place to place, guaranteeing that no two fishing trips will be the same. The heritage river spans 280 km, providing many options for both novice and expert anglers. During times of regular flow, fly-fishermen can wade clear across the river along the stretch from Caledonia to York. The river deepens and widens from Cayuga to the Dunnville dam and south of the Dunnville dam to Port Maitland making it more suitable for powerboats.

One of the best parts of the river is the fact that you're never quite sure what species you're going to get. While targeting channel catfish you may pull out a trophy walleye instead!



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Visit [Canada.ca](http://Canada.ca) for water safety facts and tips.

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Visit [Ontario.ca](http://Ontario.ca) for information pertaining to fishing licenses and Zone 16 fishing regulations.

	BUSINESS	PHONE	WEBSITE	TYPE
A	BAER Fishing Adventures	519.718.8113	BaerFishingAdventures.com	
B	Caledonia Bait & Tackle	905.765.3215	CaledoniaBaitandTackle.com	
C	Envious Sport Fishing	905.981.7341	EnviousSportFishing.com	
D	Fishmasters Ultimate Charters	905.701.6874	FishmastersUltimateCharters.com	
E	Flatt's Live Bait & Tackle	905.774.4577		
F	Grand River Kayak	1.888.529.2515	GrandRiverKayak.ca	
G	Grand River Marina & Café	647.588.9032	GrandRiverMarina.com	
H	Hall'em In Sport Fishing	905.308.7313	HalleInSportFishing.ca	
I	Harrison Landing	905.765.9708	HarrisonLanding.webs.com	
J	Hooked4Life Fly Fishing	905.741.1900	Hooked4Life.ca	
K	Hoover's Marina & Wharfside Restaurant	519.587.2776	HooversMarina.ca	
L	Maitland Shores Trailer Park and Marina Resort	905.774.8751	MaitlandRV.ca	
M	Mohawk Marina & Hippos Fish and Chips	905.774.1229	MohawkMarina.com	
N	Port Maitland Marina & Thirsty Mate Patio Bar	905.774.7500	MinorFisheries.net	

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