

Water Trivia Challenge



1. What year was the first recorded swim across Georgian Bay?

- A) 1946
- B) 1976
- C) 1996
- D) No one has been able to swim across Georgian Bay

2. What is the name of the ship that sank off the shore of Craigeleith in 1872?

- A) Mary Ward
- B) Waubuno
- C) JH Jones
- D) S.S. Asia

3. What is the name of the creek system that flows through the Town of Collingwood?

- A) Silver Creek
- B) Black Ash Creek
- C) Batteaux Creek
- D) All of the above

4. Where is the new floating dock and accessible boat launch located in Collingwood?

- A) Sunset Point Park
- B) Millennium Park
- C) Harbourview Park
- D) Side Launch Way

5. In which year did Collingwood experience a significant flood over the Victoria Day weekend?

- A) 2020
- B) 1954
- C) 1936
- D) 1912

6. How many lakes are located within Canada?

- A) 800,000
- B) 1,000,000
- C) 1,800,000
- D) 2,000,000

7. On average, what percentage of the human body is made up of water?

- A) 40%
- B) 50%
- C) 60%
- D) 70%

8. How deep is Georgian Bay?

- A) 244 m (800 ft)
- B) 165 m (540 ft)
- C) 229 m (751 ft)
- D) 41 m (134 ft)

9. What is the Guinness World Record for the longest time for breath being held underwater?

- A) 24 minutes
- B) 20 minutes
- C) 14 minutes
- D) 10 minutes

10. According to the Canadian Red Cross, what is the leading cause of drowning in Canada?

- A) Boating activities (motorboats, fishing, canoeing)
- B) Swimming activities (swimming, wading in water)
- C) Land activities (snowmobiles, ATVs)
- D) Home activities (bathing)

Answer Key

1. What year was the first recorded swim across Georgian Bay?

Answer C: 1996. On August 31, 1996, John Scott became the first person to swim across Georgian Bay. Scott entered the water at Lighthouse Point on Christian Island arriving at Collingwood's Harbourview Park in 10 hours, 12 minutes. In total, Scott swam 31 km.

2. What is the name of the ship that sank off the shore of Craigeith in 1872?

Answer A: The Mary Ward ran aground on a reef on November 24, 1872 and sunk shortly after during a fierce storm. The sunken vessel remains a popular snorkeling and diving spot.

3. What is the name of the creek system that flows through the Town of Collingwood?

Answer D: All of the above. Silver Creek, Black Ash Creek, Batteaux Creek and the Pretty River all flow through the Town of Collingwood before discharging into Georgian Bay.

4. Where is the new floating dock and accessible boat launch located in Collingwood?

Answer C: Harbourview Park. The new accessible boat launch, installed this summer at Harbourview Park, is the result of a partnership between the Town of Collingwood, the Collingwood Dragon Boat and Canoe Club, and the Collingwood Rowing Club, support through the Federal Government's Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) Community Accessibility Funding Stream.

5. In which year did Collingwood experience a significant flood over the Victoria Day weekend?

Answer D: On May 24, 1912, many Collingwood streets were underwater. The train station grounds were completely flooded, as were the shipyards. Photographs in the Collingwood Museum's collection also document the floodwaters on Market Lane, Huron Street, Oak Street, Fifth Street, and Birch Street.

6. How many lakes are located within Canada?

Answer D: 2,000,000. According to the Canadian Encyclopedia there are as many as 2 million lakes located within Canada which covers 7.6% of the total country.

7. On average, what percentage of the human body is made up of water?

Answer C: 60%. Most of the human body is water, with an average of roughly 60%. The amount of water in the body changes slightly with age, sex, and hydration levels.

8. How deep is Georgian Bay?

Answer B: 165 m (540 ft). Georgian Bay reaches a maximum of 165 m near the Main Channel, which leads to Lake Huron.

9. What is the Guinness World Record for the longest time for breath being held underwater?

Answer A: 24 minutes (and 3 seconds). The record was broken by Aleix Segura Vendrell, a professional freediver. The attempt took place at the 17th Mediterranean Dive Show.

10. According to the Canadian Red Cross, what is the leading cause of drowning in Canada?

Answer A: Boating activities. Accidents relating to boating activities are the leading cause of drowning deaths in Canada.