

**CAWAJA**  
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# Cawaja Guests Guide

## A Guide to Our Shared Community

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# About Cawaja Beach:

Cawaja Beach is in the Township of Tiny, on the shore of Nottawasaga Bay. Cawaja Beach is managed by the Cawaja Property Owners Association (CPOA) (2/3 ownership) in partnership with the Township of Tiny (1/3 ownership). Our common goal is to protect our natural resources and ensure safe use of our beach and owned property.



## By-laws and regulations

Cawaja Beach is subject to rules and regulations enforced in partnership with the Township of Tiny. These rules and regulations, which must be abided by, combined with common sense and public courtesy, will protect you and the community. A few of the most relevant issues for renters are included within this guide. Further details on any of these rules and regulations can be obtained from the Municipality of Tiny Township or from their website <http://www.township.tiny.on.ca>

# Beach rules:

Cawaja Beach is used for the enjoyment of our community and their guests. The following rules are supported by our enforced by-laws in partnership with the Township of Tiny.

## Do:

- Enjoy the beach and keep it clean.
- Watch your children to ensure they are always safe.
- Play safe and respect other members and their guests.
- Always keep dogs on leash, roads are busy, and cars may not slow down.
- Always pick up after your pet – discarding waste at your own property with organics if in paper or biodegradable bags. Pet waste is harmful to wildlife and nasty to step in or swim in.
- Respect these rules and the by-laws of the Township.

## Do not:

- Bring pets (including dogs) on the beach from 10am to 6pm during the period, June 15 to September 15. Outside of these times, dogs must be on a leash and owners must pick up after their pet and discard waste back at their own property.
- Build fires or cook food on the beach—at any time.
- Drive any motorized vehicle on the beach. (See “Beach Access” below.)
- Erect a tent/shelter/canopy larger than 30 square feet (i.e., 6’x5’) or leave the tent/shelter/canopy set up overnight.
- Leave unattended or unsecured recreational sports equipment.
- Leave objects overnight such as surfboards, umbrellas, chairs, etc.
- Camp on the beach.
- Use alcohol or illicit drugs on the beach.

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# Do not: (continued)

- Use profane language or cause a disturbance.
- Feed the birds or other wildlife nor leave any food uncovered where the wildlife may eat it.
- Play a radio, music player, or other electronic equipment that will disturb another person beyond a radius of 3 metres.
- Physically change the beach, plant trees/shrubs or post advertisements/notices etc. to any trees or structure. (Sandcastles are okay but at the end of the day the beach needs to be back to its original state.)
- Urinate or defecate on the beach or any surrounding private property.

## Fire bans:

Fire is a major threat to any wooded area and significant precautions need to be taken to prevent loss of life and property. The Township has passed a burning by-law to protect people, property, and natural resources.

Everyone is required to obtain a burning permit before starting fires on their property. Some of the key features of the by-law include:

- No open fire is allowed when a fire ban is in effect. (Check Township hotline listed below for status.)
- Fires must be constantly supervised with tools and equipment readily available to put out the fire.
- No fires are permitted between 2 AM and 8 AM.
- The maximum size of the fire must be less than 1 metre in diameter.
- No fire is permitted if winds are greater than 20 kilometres per hour.
- Fires must be 3 metres back from any building, roadway, or combustible material.
- Fires must be put out before leaving (smoldering fires can re-ignite and cause considerable damage). For further details, visit the municipal website or call the Township regarding the Burning By-Law 10-015.

# Noise restrictions:

Noise can be very disturbing to those not participating in your festivities. Noise means a sound that is of such volume or nature at a point of reception that it disturbs or is likely to disturb the inhabitants of the Township. Good cottage etiquette dictates that excessive noise should always be avoided and by-laws require quiet between the hours of 11 PM to 8 AM. For further details, visit the municipal website or call the Township regarding the Noise Control By-Law 12-056.

# Fireworks

Fireworks can only be discharged in the Township on New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Victoria Day, and Canada Day, subject to any fire bans in effect on those dates. They may only be used between dusk and 11 PM on those permitted dates. Firecrackers are always prohibited. Display fireworks—which include bombshells, aerial shells, large wheels, and bombardons—may only be used if a permit has been obtained from the municipality. For further details, visit the municipal website or call the Township regarding the Fireworks By-Law 07-054.

# Dumping and littering

Garbage and recycling pickup are alternate weeks; organics/green bins are picked up weekly. Please check [Simcoe.ca](http://Simcoe.ca) Waste Management to determine which week you are on, and what materials are acceptable. Pickup is on Monday and items must be at the curb by 7 AM.

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# Dumping and littering: (continued)

The Township prohibits the throwing, placing, or depositing of refuse or debris on private property or on property of the municipality without authority from the owner or occupant of such property. Items that are improperly disposed of become a real problem given the wildlife population in the area.

Do not dispose of your trash on someone else's property or in their garbage bin. You should check with the landlord about proper garbage disposal and the options for getting rid of excess debris.

## Dogs

Dogs are often our best friends, but they can cause danger and become nuisances to the community if not properly supervised and cared for. Dogs must be kept leashed (maximum 1.5 metres in length) and under the control of a capable person when the dog is on land in the municipality other than that of the owner, unless prior consent is given by the person owning the land on which the dog is found. Per Tiny Township by-laws, a dog running at large may be seized by any person and taken to an Animal Control Officer or the Poundkeeper. A dog shall be deemed to be running at large when found in any place other than the premises of the owner of the dog and not under the control of a capable person.

Every dog owner is also responsible for immediately removing excrement left by the dog anywhere in the municipality other than their own property. Dog barking is subject to the rules under the noise control by-law discussed above. The woods and forest around cottages are inhabited by animals which could harm your pet or be harmed by your pet. Please always keep your dog close. For further details, visit the municipal website or call the township regarding the Dog By-Law 02-015.

# Boating/watercraft safety:

All operators of motorboats used for recreational purposes in Canadian waters must have a boating license. Boating licenses are mandatory, regardless of age or the type of motor used.

Boaters of any kind are responsible for the safe passage of swimmers. Swimmers always have the right of way.

Only operate powered watercraft in depths over 1.5 metres to avoid disturbing and destroying fish habitat. Waves created close to docks and shorelines are very destructive. Transport Canada has expanded the '10/30' rule along Tiny's beaches (including Cawaja) to 10/300 due to shallow water and must be followed: within 300 meters of shore your speed should be less than 10 km/hr. It is the law. When traveling at high speed or when involved in water skiing, wakeboarding, or tubing head for the centre of the bay; do not travel parallel to the shoreline. Avoid spilling gas and oil in the water during refueling and clean your boat and trailer before launching and after removal to avoid transporting invasive aquatic species.

Safe, responsible operation is key to enjoyable pleasure boating. If something goes wrong, having the appropriate safety equipment can save a life. Depending on the size of your pleasure craft, you must carry some or all the safety equipment listed below. Know which safety equipment is required for your vessel and have it onboard. Make sure your equipment is easy to reach and that everyone onboard knows how to use it. Remember, ensuring that all equipment is in good working order is not only common sense, but also the law.

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# Boating/watercraft safety: (continued)

Examples of safety equipment include:

- personal protection equipment such as personal flotation devices (PFDs) or lifejackets
- boat safety equipment such as buoyant heaving lines, lifebuoys, lifting harnesses, re-boarding devices, oars or paddles, anchors, bailers and manual water pumps, and fire extinguishers.
- distress equipment such as watertight flashlights and flares
- navigation equipment such as navigation lights, sound-signaling devices and appliances, towing equipment.
- other suggested items such as tool kits, first aid kits, and cellular phones where applicable.

*REMEMBER THAT DRINKING AND BOATING IS  
DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL.*

To learn more about safety equipment requirements and how they apply to you, visit the [Office of Boating Safety](#) website, or contact Transport Canada.

## Wildlife

Please do not feed wildlife. Feeding waterfowl—or any wild animal—is harmful to their digestive system. Waterfowl, such as Canada Geese and Mallards, will become nuisance wildlife by defecating on docks and along the shoreline. Do not leave food on your deck, on the beach or at your barbecue. It can attract raccoons, skunks, and the occasional bear who will make a real racket at night and may leave a mess for you in the morning. In some instances, considerable damage to the cottage property may occur.

# Environment/septic:

Our water and beach are fragile ecosystems that require care and the use of common sense to preserve. Here are a few rules we encourage you to follow.

- Do not use soap or shampoo in the bay (incl. biodegradable).
- Do not pour toxic liquids down the drain including paints, solvents, oil, grease, etc.
- Do not flush sanitary napkins, diapers, paper towels, condoms, or cigarette butts down the toilet. These items will cause plumbing problems and will impact the septic system.
- Do not contribute to light pollution. Minimize night lighting so everyone can enjoy the night sky.
- If your property has a septic system, ensure your guests have emergency contacts for any septic issues.

# Local points of interest:

Awenda Provincial Park

670 Concession 18 East Tiny, Ontario, L9M 2H7

Phone: (705) 549-2231

Website: [www.ontarioparks.com](http://www.ontarioparks.com)

Sainte-Marie among the Hurons

16164, Highway 12 East, Midland, Ontario, L4R 4K8

Phone: (705) 526-7838

Website: [www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca](http://www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca)

Penetanguishene Centennial Museum

13 Burke Street, Penetanguishene, Ontario, L9M 1C1

Phone: (705) 549- 2150

Website: [www.pencenmuseum.com/](http://www.pencenmuseum.com/)

Huronia Museum

549 Little Lake Park, P.O. box 638, Midland, Ontario, L4R 4P4

Phone: (705) 526-2844

Website: [www.huroniamuseum.com](http://www.huroniamuseum.com)

King's Wharf Theatre

97 Jury Drive, Penetanguishene, Ontario, L9M 1G1

Discovery Harbour: Phone: Local: (705) 549-5555,

Tollfree: 1 (888) 449- 4463

Website: [www.kingswharftheatre.com](http://www.kingswharftheatre.com)

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# Local points of interest: (continued)

Midland Cultural Centre  
333 King Street, Midland, Ontario, L4R 3M7  
Phone: (705) 527-4420  
Website: [www.midlandculturalcentre.com](http://www.midlandculturalcentre.com)

Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre  
16160 Highway 12 East, Midland, Ontario, L4R 4K6  
Phone: (705) 526-7809  
Website: [www.wyemarsh.com](http://www.wyemarsh.com)

Penetanguishene 30,000 Island Cruises  
PO Box 5205, Penetanguishene, Ontario, L9M 2G4  
Phone: (705) 549- 7795  
Website: [www.georgianbaycruises.com](http://www.georgianbaycruises.com)

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# About this cottage:

Address:

Phone number:

Additional information:

# Cottage owner information:

Name:

Phone:

Alternative phone:

Email:

Additional information:

# Key contacts:

Emergency: 911

OPP non-emergency: (705) 526-3761

Georgian Bay General Hospital: (705) 526-3751

Tiny Township: (705) 526-4204

Fire Ban information: (705) 526-4204

Huronia Animal Control: (705) 549-2289

Enbridge for gas leaks: (866) 763-5427

Bell 24-hour repair service: 611

Hydro One power outage: (800) 434-1235

Veterinarians:

Midland Veterinary Services (705) 526-6411

Heritage Animal Hospital (705) 526-8002

Penetang Vet Hospital (705) 549-8296