Metadata for: Inland Lakes and Streams – Water Chemistry

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Title	Inland Lakes and Streams – Water Chemistry
Alternative Title	na
	This data set includes information on water quality for lakes and streams across Ontario, since 1976 to present. Data were collected as part of routine monitoring of water quality of inland waters and for scientific and research purposes.
	Chemistry data for water samples collected from lakes and streams in Ontario, includes major anions and cations, nutrients, chlorophyll and metals. All samples were analyzed at Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' laboratories in Dorset and Toronto.
	Details on sampling methods, study design and laboratory analysis, as well as guidance on interpretation of these data are available upon request.
	There are 3 data files in this dataset, they include:
Description	Inland Lakes Chemistry Muskoka Area: data collected from 10 inland lakes in south-central Ontario that were sampled bi-weekly to monthly during the ice-free season (i.e. typically April to November) and 24 inland lakes in this area that were sampled once per year in spring
	Inland Streams Chemistry Muskoka Area: data collected at a single monitoring location within a headwater stream. Data were collected weekly, biweekly or monthly from 25 small streams connected to inland lakes in south-central Ontario. The lakes that the streams connect to are monitored for water flow discharge.
	Inland Lakes Annual Chemistry Sudbury Area: data for samples collected once per year from 44 lakes in the Sudbury area. Samples were collected from a midpoint on the lake, during mid-summer (i.e. late June through early August). Method of collection was a non-volume weighted tube composite up to 1994, and a surface grab sample from 1995 to present. This is known as the Sudbury Extensive Lake Monitoring program.
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Cited Responsible Parties	See the Open Government Licence - Ontario
Keywords	Nutrients, Chlorophyll, Muskoka, Sudbury, Algae, Phytoplankon
Tags	Lake, Stream, Water, Water Quality, Chemistry, Environmental Monitoring
Use Limitations	na
Legal Constraints	See the Open Government Licence - Ontario

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